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Sheila Wallace (Dublin Camogie Captain) talks about

THE ALL-IRELAND

It was my honour and privilege to lead Dublin on to Croke Park for the 1976 All Ireland final. It was unbelievably nine years since Dublin had been in the Senior final and its little wonder then that excitement was high and nerves were taut. Since the panel got together in early July training was always demanding and strenuous but every player gave her all - an All Ireland medal is very elusive and very, very precious.

From the time we got together we seemed to combine rather well something which has been the trade mark of all Dublin teams. Our first match was against Wexford in the Leinster Championship. We had to give our very best to achieve a narrow win but our confidence was greatly boosted with that victory. Our next game was against Antrim and we prepared very thoroughly for that. Of all the matches we played I think this is the one I enjoyed most. There has always been a healthy and great rivalry between ourselves and Antrim and of course many of the older, and maybe not so old followers of the game claim that the Dublin/Antrim encounters produced the greatest camogie of all time. Antrim put up a great show but their obvious lack of fitness let them down. We won the match but let me also say that we in Dublin fully realise how



together in Pitch No. 2 in the Phoenix Park. Antrim, unfortunately, have very many obstacles to overcome and we admire them in their great endeavour and perseverance.

We met Wexford again, this time on our way to the All Ireland through the Open Draw. We won and now all of us felt that we were in with a great chance. Kilkenny were there of course too and they made their presence felt in quite a big way. We met them first of all in the Leinster final. They beat us by a single point but we weren't too disappointed since we all felt we didn't play as well as we could have.

Following that set-back, training and work-rate were stepped up considerably and we all knew we were facing stern opposition from the West in the All Ireland semi-final. We travelled to Ballinasloe and Galway were ready for us. We were not at all confident because Galway always produce a very talented team. However, on the day everything went our way and we

The week before the All Ireland was hectic. Publicity was never so good and camogie was featured every single day in the national papers. Radio mention was given to us regularly and the Kilkenny captain - Mary Fennelly - and myself were invited to appear on Saturday Sport on R.T.E. For both of us this was a wonderful experience since neither of us had been on television before. I was very nervous but thankfully we were put completely at ease and we managed to get through it without fainting!

The Sunday came. I thought I'd never get to Croke Park soon enough. The nerves were dreadful but I felt if I got as far as Croke Park they might go. All my family and friends were there wishing me the best of luck and giving plenty of vocal support to the Dubs. Marching behind the Artane Boys Band was a wonderful experience even though the butterflies were having a party at that stage.

The game itself is history. We lost and naturally I was very disappointed. Dublin camogie teams have always been great losers and we were determined to keep smiling. There can only be one winner and on the day Kilkenny got the scores that mattered. Scores were indeed very low but both teams were equally fit and as a result the marking was close. As well as

of net minding. Her counterpart, Teresa O'Neill, is also an excellent keeper which made life that bit more difficult for us.

The reception in the Clare Manor was a great success. Meeting our friends and rivals in a friendly atmosphere afforded us all the chance to hold a good humoured post mortem on the match. We sang and danced until the small hours and by the time we got back to our homes we were so pleasantly exhausted that losing didn't matter a whit.

I would love to see the All Ireland televised live. The crowds just aren't coming to see us and maybe if they once watched our All Ireland on telly they might realise what they are missing. We got wonderful publicity last year but the attendance was pitiful. Of course as far as I can see there is no effort being made by schools or clubs to organise excursions to Croke Park on that day. Every county can't be playing in the All Ireland but surely if kids experienced the sense of occasion that is Croke Park on that day then they would really want to get right in there and savour it all.

Finally let me say I always enjoy camogie. It has been very good to me and while I have never been lucky enough to get that elusive Senior All Ireland medal I have



KILKENNY: All-Ireland Senior Camogie Champions

Back Row (L. to R.): Ann Carroll, Hanora Fogarty, Bernie Larkin, Ann Holden, Ann Downey, Liz Neary, Angela Downey, Margaret Coady. Front Row (L. to R.): Ann Dreelin, Jo Dunne, Helena O'Neill, Carmel Doyle, Mary Fennelly (Capt.), Bridie Martin, Teresa O'Neill, Mary Canavan.



TIPPERARY: National Camogie League Champions

The Tipperary Camogie team who beat Wexford in the final of the National Camogie League. Back Row (from left): Willie Kelly (chairman), Libby Howard, Bernie Feehan, Mary O'Brien, Deirdre Lane, Maolmuire Tynan, Patricia Quigley (sub.), Margaret Hayes (sub.), Noeleen Harkins (sub.) and Patricia O'Brien (secretary). Front Row (from left): Nuala Bonner, Mary Kelly (sub.), Marion Troy, Siobhan Tynan, Monica Butler, Josie Quigley (sub.), Maura Hogan, Kathleen Tynan, Geraldine Feehan.

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Clare Again Fail to Galway

IN its first outing of the season the Clare Senior camogie team was beaten by a fitter and more determined Galway team in Roslevan on Sunday last. Galway thus exerted their last season's superiority though the margin of defeat for Clare was reduced. Clare were forced to line out without M. Kelly, owing to a family bereavement, and E. Fitzgibbon, R. McGill (injury) and many changes were forced on the county trainer, Michael Brennan.

The game opened briskly but it was obvious before long that Clare was fighting a losing battle at midfield in spite of the efforts of M. Davoren, K. Saunders and E. Condon to a lesser extent. The fast moving forwards and midfielders were posing many threats for the Clare defence. C. Harrington did most in defence and she got some support from Margaret O'Toole and A. M. O'Loughlin. The Clare forwards were not getting a supply of ball so Clare must count themselves very lucky to have been but two points in arrears at half time. Scorers for Clare in the first half were M. Davoren, Mgt. O'Toole and C. McNicholas. The home side opened well in the second half and succeeded in keeping Galway in check. The scores did not come though Clare should have goaled, but M. Davoren and A. Harrington were

foiled by the Galway goalkeeper. The Clare forwards, short the services of E. Fitzgibbon, lacked understanding and flair and were unable to get the upper hand of their respective tight-marking backs. M. Saunders and C. McNicholas did most in this sector for Clare. Gradually Clare faded midway through the second half and Galway sealed the issue with two points, thus giving them a comfortable four point lead which they never looked in danger of losing. The game highlighted the lack of fitness in many sectors of the Clare team, but a strict course of training will solve this problem for the Championship, in which Down will be Clare's opponent. Clare played well and with their absences back and greater fitness, must feel reasonably confident of a victory in the next round of the league.

U/16 FINAL

Wolfe Tones na Sionna had an unexpectedly easy win over Cranny in the U/16 final recently in the Fairgreen. Cranny were short six of their panel and were clearly playing second fiddle to their stronger opponents throughout. Best for Shannon were E. Condon, C. Jones and Boisin Browne. Best for Cranny were E. Coffey, M. Browne, the O'Connells and the O'Connor sisters.

U.C.C. FACE TOUGH TEST

Big game of the coming week is the senior County Championship semi final between U.C.C. and South Presentation Past Pupils which will be played at the Mardyke on tomorrow evening at 7.30 p.m.

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The girls of U.C.C. will not find this the easiest of times to play a Co. Championship tie. Most of them are at present sitting for examinations and so they can hardly be at their best, camogie-wise. But they have a number of very talented players in their line up, including Margo Twomey, Val O'Dwyer, Mary Walsh, Mary Roche and Carmel Lucey and even if not at peak fitness they will still be formidable enough. In the first round tie they defeated a youthful Glen Rovers team rather easily.

For their part South Presentation Past Pupils had to meet Muskerry twice before advancing. They have a nucleus of very experienced players including Mel Clinton, Mary Whelton, Betty McCarthy, Marion McCarthy and Annette O'Donovan, but even though they may not be meeting U.C.C. at their best, they could find it difficult enough to reach the decider. In any case I expect this to be keenly contested affair, with victory at all times in the balance.

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FIXTURES

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Saturday: at U.C.C. grounds, S.C.C. semi final, South Presentation P.P. v U.C.C. 7.30 p.m. Ref. Old Aloysians. At Ballymacoda: U-14L Sarsfields v Fr. O'Neills, 7.30 p.m. Ref. Youghal.

SUNDAY

At Ovens: S.L. Old Aloysians v Eire Og, 11.30 a.m. ref. Canovee.

SURPRISED

Eire Og in their first senior year have really hit the high spots with a successful passage to the Senior County Final. And when they take the field on Sunday morning in the senior league against Old Aloysians I cannot see them being deprived of two valuable points. But it will not be all one way traffic just the same as Old Aloysians

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Antrim 0-2

DUBLIN came North and scored a rather easy win over Antrim in the first round of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship at Shaws Road, Belfast. Dublin were a well balanced side. They had a strong defence and a spectacular goalkeeper in Sheila Murray who brought off many fine saves.

Their attack was very alert and took their opportunities well. Norah Fleming was brilliant in the attack and scored two goals.

Antrim were disappointing. Their defence was very weak and their attack could never make any headway against the Dublin rearguard.

However, Antrim had a brilliant player in Maura O'Sullivan.

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Wexford GALWAY

South Pres. Past in Final

By Joan Morley
South Presentation Past Pupils 2-5; U.C.C. 0-2.

THE experienced South Presentation Past Pupils have won their way to the final of the Cork Senior County Championship in which they meet Eire Og. At the Mardyke on Saturday they had a good win over U.C.C. in the semi-final.

U.C.C. obviously suffering from examination fatigue, were not at their best in this tie. They did score first but from an early stage it was obvious they were struggling against the big-hitting South Pres girls.

Marion McCarthy was in splendid form for the winners, scoring one of the finest points seen in camogie this season, and adding four more to her side's tally. Hannah Cotter was a tower of strength in defence, while Betty McCarthy gave little away, and Mary Whelton and Anne O'Donovan constantly harassed the College backs.

U.C.C. for their part had their best players in Mary Roche, Margo Twomey and Mary Walsh, but they are certainly capable of better performances and must be disappointed at having to play the semi-final at this time.

So South Presentation see through. They are a side who

have improved with each outing in the championship, so the stage now seems set for a thriller with South Pres. meeting last year's Intermediate champions Eire Og, who have been most impressive in the championship so far. Scorers: South Presentation P.P. — A. O'Donovan 1-1; M. McCarthy 0-4; J. Maher 1-0. U.C.C. — M. Twomey 0-1, M. Murphy 0-1.

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Immaculate Heart win first senior trophy

Immaculate Heart 4-1
St. Aloysius 2-1

Immaculate Heart won their first senior trophy at the Mardyke last evening when they defeated St. Aloysius in the final of the Cork Schools championship by an impressive 4-1 to 2-1.

The sides were level at half-time 1-1 each but early in the second period Immaculate Heart came into their own and three quick goals put them in a very strong position. St. Aloysius did make a gallant comeback bid in the last quarter, but although they reduced the arrears by a goal the winners replied with yet another major to put the issue beyond doubt.

For the winners Gay Desmond was a tower of strength and last evening's winner's medal gives her a unique hat-trick of junior, intermediate and senior championship medals. Goalie Martina Flood, Elizabeth Donnelly, Eileen McGregor, Ronnie Dorney and Majella Walsh were others to impress for Immaculate Heart.

Inter-county player Clare Cronin was in brilliant form for St. Aloysius while others to play well for the losers were Geraldine O'Donovan, Eithne Barry, Margaret Murphy and Catherine McCarthy.

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St. Pauls, the All-Ireland Club champions, travel to Castleconnell on Sunday next to play Buttevant in the first semi-final of a Camogie Tournament in conjunction with the Abane Club Golden Jubilee celebrations.

CELTICS DOUBLE UP

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LIMERICK 5-3
LIMERICK already defeated at the hands of Galway by a last minute goal, suffered the same fate at Mallow on Thursday evening when Cork robbed them of victory in the National Camogie League.

This was a rousing tie with Limerick maintaining their recent good form. They looked all set for a surprise win, but with time running out, Cork snatched victory from the jaws of defeat with a goal from a close in free.

Geraldine O'Brien at centre half back was Limerick's outstanding player. Others to impress were Marion Doyle, Liz Hayes, Breed Stokes, Bridgid Darcy and Carrie Clancy.

LIMERICK SCORERS: B. Darcy 2-0, M. Doyle 1-3, B. Stokes 2-0.

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EXAM WORRIES NO HELP TO GALWAY GIRLS

WEXFORD 1-11
GALWAY 1-8

WEXFORD sent their strongest team to the heartland of County Galway camogie, Ballindereen on Sunday for the All Ireland senior camogie championship game with Galway and the home side, seriously disadvantaged by the fact that a number of their players were doing summer examinations conceded a victory that meant *au revoir* to their hopes of taking the national title.

Wexford qualified to play Cork in the next round on July 3 and typical of the enterprise of Corkmen and Corkwomen, there was a representative from that county at Ballindereen to evaluate the teams.

The attendance would have been many times greater were it not for the coincidence of county senior hurling games. Local fans turned out to see the game and were thrilled to see their own stalwart, Philo Foy of Killeenavara, excel in this encounter. Philo, in fact, was the outstanding Galway player.

Wexford fielded a big team, big hitters and big girls. Some of them bore names which are better known on hurling fields. Mrs. Bridie Doran for instance, her maiden name was Jacob and these two names alone were enough to recall the All Ireland semi final in Pairc Ui Caoimh last August. Kathleen Tonks, the goalie, could easily enter

a puck fada contest, because her clearances generally reached the Galway fifteen yard line.

Elsie Walshe and Margaret Hearne took command for Wexford in the centrefield area and they lorded it over all comers. This, in fact, was Wexford's advantage: they believed they were better and from convictions came the urgency to make the breaks. The team as a whole got the breaks, but there was a discernible emphasis on physical superiority. They were clean but also robust.

On the other hand the Galway team included several players not attuned to inter county play. On the day, it looked as if there had been little or no training and stamina (or the lack of it) was a key factor. Some of the players tried for all their might but for others there was only a vague approach towards patterned play. The build up for an important game such as this had not been formulated beforehand. Wexford were blessed in having a free taken of exceptional merit in Maggie Hearne.

How then did Galway do so well in holding this stronger team to three points? Simply it was the latent hurling ability of several players whose untiring efforts offset the onward march of Wexford.

Margaret Kileen let a soft goal slip by in the first half but she improved immensely and thenceforth played a blinder. Anne Duane and Bernie Larkin were the best defenders. Catherine Warde, Josie Kelly, who substituted for Maura Armstrong, Philo Foy and Teresa Duane were others to catch the eye. True, Mary Daly missed two open goals in the second half but these lapses were quite uncharacteristic of this fine player. Later in the summer, long after the pressure of exams has subsided, she will revel in scoring.

Galway, aided by the breeze and playing towards the main road goals, slammed in a goal and three points in the opening ten minutes. Two things happened then simultaneously, Galway lay back on their oars and Wexford applied determined pressure.

Wexford levelled and with the last stroke of the ball got in front to leave them ahead by 1-5 to 1-4

Scorers for Wexford were Eileen O'Gorman 1-1, Maggie Hearne 0-6, five from frees, Kitt Codd 0-2, Elsie Walshe 0-1 and Breda Murphy 0-1.

Scorers for Galway were Philo Foy 1-3 and Teresa Duane 0-5 four from frees.

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Galway: Margaret Kileen, Kathleen Quinn, Bernie Larkin, Anne Duane, Bernie Linnane, Oliver Cody, Catherine Warde, Anne Delaney, Maura Armstrong, Teresa Duane, Philo Foy, Mary Daly.

Referee: Mary Davoren, New Quay, County Clare.

Cork Juniors Start Their Campaign

CORK juniors make their first appearance of the season on tomorrow evening when they meet Clare in the first round of the Munster Championship at Douglas. There are junior championship ties on this Friday evening, while on Sunday one of the under-16 league semi-finals will be decided when Na Piarsaigh meet Killeagh.

The Cork team for Saturday's Munster championship had not been selected at the time of writing, although a panel was available. And this panel contains a number of players the senior selectors have been using in the National League in recent weeks. These players may, of course, play junior until they play in the senior championship, and no doubt the experience gained in their senior outings so far will prove invaluable when they line out with the juniors.

Orla Harrington is almost certain to be between the posts for Cork, while Gretta

Aberne, who has won a position on the senior panel should be in the defence with clubmate Nora O'Brien.

U.C.C. star Val O'Dwyer and Glen Rovers' Claire Hackett should win places at Centrefield, while Rose Desmond, who did so much for Sacred Heart in the Colleges earlier in the season, and Claire Cronin, who played well for the seniors in a recent league tie, must be expected to line out.

The remainder of the panel is made up of very good players from which the selectors should be able to select a formidable side.

At this stage of the season it is difficult to judge the strength of any side and particularly junior or minor teams. So Cork's opponents are a rather unknown quantity. But it should be remembered that Clare won the Junior All-Ireland two seasons ago and since then there has been a resurgence in the game in that county. So Cork can expect a tough game, but with a home venue and a strong panel the Cork girls should advance.

Cork panel: Orla Harrington, Marie Coughlan, Gretta Abern, Nora O'Brien, Jane O'Brien, Eileen Ring, Val O'Dwyer, Claire Hackett, Marie Power, Helen O'Callaghan, Rose Desmond, Eileen Kavanagh, Mary Geaney, Anne O'Shea, Noelle O'Driscoll, Ger Butler, Claire Cronin.

Killeagh and Na Piarsaigh are two clubs who have greatly encouraged young players and on Sunday they meet in the under-16 league semi-final at Killeagh when followers should see a very fine game indeed, with victory at all times in the balance.

On this evening two Junior 'B' Championship ties will be decided when Eire Og meet Ballinora at Ovens and Carrigtwohill meet Cobh at Carrigtwohill and here again there should be plenty to shout about.

The under-16 league also takes over next week with Redmonds meeting Bishopstown at the latter's ground on Tuesday; Douglas and Blackrock in opposition on

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WEXFORD TIPPED FOR LAST FOUR

Since the long Dublin supremacy in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship was ended when Antrim defeated the Dublin girls on a replay in the final of 1967, it is interesting to note the distribution of the titles. Antrim were succeeded in 1968 by Wexford, who retained the honours in 1969.

Then we had a great four in a row run by Cork, who compensated for long years of disappointment by ruling supreme in 1970, 71, 72, and 73. They lost to Kilkenny after a thrilling drawn final and equally thrilling replay in 1974, and in 1975, on their sixth successive final appearance, went down to Wexford.

Indeed last season was the first occasion that both Cork and Wexford were missing from the senior final since 1968, Kilkenny taking title and trophy at the expense of Dublin, who were making their first final appearance since 1967.

On Sunday next at Monamolin (3.0), Cork will meet Wexford in the quarter-final of this year's competition, a pairing that is

could be counted very unlucky to lose their previous games to Cork and Galway respectively, and on that form, could run Tipperary very close indeed.

On Sunday last, Dublin came through to the championship semi-final with a reasonably comfortable win over Antrim at Belfast, and now await the outcome of the meeting of Kilkenny and Tipperary before they know their next opponents. Meanwhile, Kilkenny got back to something like top form when accounting for Wexford on Sunday last in the Leinster semi-final. They meet Dublin in the final.

In the South, Cork qualified to meet holders, Limerick, in the Munster junior final with a good

It's Going To Be Tough For Cork

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SUNDAY is a vital day for Cork camogie. Fielding a much changed side from that which failed to Kilkenny last August, Cork will strive to get back into the big time when they meet Wexford at Monamolin in the quarter finals of this season's Senior All-Ireland Championship.

On the home scene the various leagues continue.

Cork, who got a bye in the first round of the All-Ireland (it is an open draw in this competition) now face the formidable task of meeting Wexford in their first championship outing. Every player on the Wexford side holds an All-Ireland medal so Cork face a vastly experienced, very strong and hard striking side. Wexford have the advantage of a championship outing against Galway behind them, and while slow to settle down in this game, Wexford looked in command once they got in front.

Margaret Lacey (nee O'Leary), Brigid Doyle (Kehoe), Elsie Walsh, Maggie Hearne and Bridie Doran are really fine players who need no introduction to Cork followers, and on home soil, they must start as firm favourites to lead Wexford into the semi-final.

What have Cork to offer in reply? Mary Whelton, who served Cork so well at corner back during their four in a row is in the unusual position, for her, of goalie. But Mary has been playing between the posts in recent National League games and has been doing an adequate job. Marie Costine fills her usual position at full back and her long clearances will be badly needed on Sunday to relieve pressure. Patricia Riordan and Margo Twomey have played under 16 and under 18 together and now make their championship debut in the defence, and they, with Kathleen Doherty will form a vital line for Cork.

HARD WORK

Clare Hackett is another newcomer. Clare is not afraid of hard work and she and her midfield partners of Catherine Landers and Cally Riordan can expect plenty of that on Sunday as Wexford look very strong in this sector.

Captain Pat Moloney lines out as centre forward — a problem spot for Cork for the past few years. Cork will look to Pat to open up the Wexford defence. Clare Cronin has scored five goals in her three outings with the senior string this season. If the ball runs for this young player she can be very good indeed, as she proved in the junior outing only last Saturday. Marion Sweeney returns to her corner forward position and Marion McCarthy, who has fitted in so well at full forward, completes the attack.

A good start will be vital for Cork on Sunday. They must get the ball moving and take command at an early stage. They tend to play in spasms which will not be good enough against Wexford.

It will not be easy on Sunday. But Cork have always relished a challenge and have come out on top when the odds have been stacked against them. So with that same grim determination which brought them four successive titles not so long ago, they could advance on Sunday, but Wexford must be favourites. Teams:—

Cork: Mary Whelton, Marie

Costine, Patricia Riordan, Catherine Landers, Clare Cronin, Margo Twomey, Cally Riordan, Pat Moloney (captain), Marion McCarthy, Kathleen Doherty, Claire Hackett, Marion Sweeney.

Subs.: Kathleen Costine, Gretta Ahern, Eileen Kavanagh, Mary O'Leary and Nancy O'Driscoll.

Wexford: Kathleen Tonks, Margaret Lacey, Mairead Darcy, Maggie Hearne, Kit Codd, Brigid Doyle, Breda Murphy, Bridie Doran, Eileen O'Gorman, Dorothy Walsh, Elsie Walsh, Bernie Murphy.

WEXFORD REACH CAMOGIE FINAL

WEXFORD 3-8
CORK 1-5

WEXFORD advanced to the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi-final when they scored a deserved win over Cork at Monamolin yesterday.

Cork were in the lead twice in the early stages but fell behind when Wexford hit them for 1-3 without reply in the second quarter to open up a lead of seven points. This was reduced to four just on half-time when Marian McCarthy, who had all of Cork's scores, added a goal.

Wexford scored 1-2 after the interval while Cork failed to raise another flag.

Best for the winners were Kay Tonks, in goal, Margaret Lacey, Brigid Doyle and Dorothy Walsh in defence, Elsie Walsh, Bernie Murphy and Irene O'Gorman in

For Cork newcomers Claire Hackett, Claire Cronin and Patricia O'Gorman acquitted themselves well.

Scorers — Wexford — B. Murphy (2-2), E. O'Gorman (1-2), M. Hearne (0-3), B. Doran (0-1). Cork — M. McCarthy (1-5).

LIMERICK 2-7
TIPPERARY 3-2

Limerick, the only junior county competing in the National League, dashed Tipperary's hopes of retaining the title when they defeated the champions at Bruff on Saturday evening.

The winners led 1-4 to 1-0 at half time. They were fast and well-drilled and wasted few chances. Tipperary missed their centre-back Siobhan Tynan, who is on holiday.

Scorers — Limerick — B. Stokes, P. McCarthy (1-0 each), C. Clancy (0-5), M. Doyle, B. Darcy (0-1 each). Tipperary — L. Howard (2-0), M. Troy (1-1), D. Lane (0-1).

ACTIVITY IN AMERICA

WITH all the championships in progress as I write, there is little point in forecasting how the Camogie counties will have fared by the time these words appear in print, but it is comforting to see the enthusiasm shown in all provinces and especially in the vastly increased interest this season in the National League which is already building up towards an intriguing climax later in the season.

However, this month I take leave to write not about the home scene but about the remarkable amount of interest I found in Camogie when I travelled to the United States in the early part of the season with the G.A.A. touring party. I was particularly amazed at the number of teams competing under the auspices of the North American Board where there is plenty of activity in Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. For financial reasons they play their matches in conjunction with the football and hurling games organised by the North American Board to which, peculiarly enough they are affiliated.

I found the girls out there very anxious to obtain some coaching aids from home, and of course they share a problem, a far more acute one for them, of obtaining a supply of sticks.

The position was far different on the West Coast. In Los Angeles and San Francisco, they had a couple of Camogie teams some twelve or fifteen years ago, but the decline in emigration has ended the supply of new players, while the effort to keep the game alive has also suffered from the

fact that sticks are just not available. In any case, since Gaelic football has almost completely taken over from hurling in California, Camogie has not the support from hurlers that our game has in other U.S. Irish centres.

New York, too, has one Camogie team, Young Irelands and they hope to play in competition with the other teams this summer. Everywhere they felt that a Camogie revival would be a great help in keeping the Irish cultural ideas alive among the daughters of the Irish Exiles.

And everywhere, too, they felt that if a Camogie team could go on tour with the All Star hurlers and footballers, this would give a tremendous fillip to our game right across the United States.

I thoroughly agree that this would be a great idea, but it seems to be precluded by the enormous expense that would be involved in financing such a trip. Perhaps sponsors could be found who would be willing to help, and it is evident of course that it would be cheaper for Camogie teams to travel on the All Stars charter than in any other way. In addition, camogie matches could be easily fitted in to the hurling and football programmes in the various cities. Nor should there be all that difficulty in finding host-families to put up the players. But the question of expense would still be almost insuperable.

What might be more feasible is a short trip by a club side. This has been done before by some enterprising clubs, usually in conjunction with a trip by an associated G.A.A. club. However, I do think that a strong Camogie

club, should, by starting to plan say twelve months in advance, be able to organise such a trip.

Certainly there can be no question of the warmth of the welcome that would await them, and just as certainly costs could be cut down by limiting the tour to the Eastern cities where Camogie is already very much alive.

Moreover, I believe the players would be put up by the teams they visit which would further reduce the expense to travel costs alone, still formidable but not insuperable, and a sufficiently interested club might be able to dig up sufficient sponsorship to make it all possible. Certainly it is a feasible proposition, although of course the ideal would be to be able to send the All Ireland Camogie champions out with the hurling and football champions, but I am afraid that must remain a pipe dream unless somebody finds a fairy-godmother to provide the wherewithall.

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Thriller In Store At Mardyke

THE scene is set for what could be one of the most exciting Cork Senior Co. Championship finals for some years at the Mardyke tomorrow night. The contestants are last season's intermediate champions Eire Og and the experienced South Presentation who meet at 7.30 p.m.

On Saturday Watergrass-hill and Churchtown clash in the Intermediate Co. Championship at Carrigtwohill while on Tuesday next Eire Og meet Na Piar-saig in the u-16 county final. Eire Og were promoted to senior ranks this season following their Intermediate Championship win last year. And they have more than proved their worth in the higher grade this season. They were most impressive in the championship campaign so far, and were particularly good in their win over the fancied Killeagh side.

They are tough and determined and will not give an inch to their opponents and they have some very good players to call on.

Rose O'Leary has been sound in goal throughout the campaign while Marion McCarthy, who captains the side, Breda O'Leary, Regina

O'Brien, and Eileen Dineen have worked well in defence. Eileen Kavanagh, who played well for Cork juniors recently will be at centrefield and here she should receive good support from Mary and Aileen O'Driscoll.

Senior Gork player Nancy O'Driscoll is always effective in the attack and she should get plenty of assistance from Grainne Mackey, Noelle O'Driscoll and Mary Geaney, all very good opportunists.

The actual team was not available at the time of writing so the side may be slightly changed from the above line up.

Against this what have South Presentation Past Pupils to offer. Well, they have been around a long time and have a number of county championship titles to their credit. Experience is their main asset and this they showed to such good

effect when they defeated Muskerry and U.C.C.

Their actual side was not available at the time of writing either but no doubt it will be along the usual lines. Mel Clinton, who played for Cork seniors so often, will be between the posts while Hannah Cotter, another ex Cork senior can again be expected in the defence with her massive clearances.

Mary Whelton, so often in the Cork colours at corner back and the present county goalkeeper, has been marvellous outfielded for South Pres this season and she could give the Eire Og girls a lot of trouble around the centre of the field.

Annette O'Donovan is a great opportunist in front of goal while in recent games Jean Maher and Rose McCarthy have also been in form.

The Bohane sisters, Eleanor and Mary, Mary Breen, Bernadette Lyne, and of course Betty McCarthy, Breen, Bernadette Lyne, and of course Betty McCarthy, are others who have been impressive for South Pres this season, and must be included in their line up tomorrow evening.

I would not care to make forecasts at this stage. The sides are so different in style with South Pres relying mainly on their big hitters, while Eire Og rely more on team performance. It should be a most entertaining game, fought in true championship spirit. There have been a number of first class ties in the championship this season so far and I expect tomorrow's game to live up to, if not surpass any of the previous classics this season.

SELECTIONS

South Presentation Past Pupils: M. Clinton, M. Bohane, E. Bohane, A. O'Neill, M. Breen, B. McCarthy, H. Cotter, B. Lyne, M. Whelton (Capt), A.

O'Donovan, J. Maher, I. O'Halloran, R. McCarthy, M. O'Leary, D. Jones, A. Phelan, F. Breen, P. McNally.

Eire Og: R. O'Leary, M. McCarthy (capt), B. O'Leary, R. O'Brien, E. Dineen, M. O'Driscoll, E. Kavanagh, A. O'Driscoll, N. O'Driscoll, G. Mackey, M. Geaney, N. O'Driscoll, H. Horgan, M. O'Brien, P. O'Reilly, M. Lombard, S. O'Brien, P. Lucey, E. Galvin.

In the only other championship game listed Watergrass-hill and Churchtown can be expected to produce another highly entertaining game in the intermediate campaign, on Saturday evening at Carrigtwohill.

Eire Og will also be involved in a second final on Tuesday evening next when their under 16 string will be meeting Na Piar-saig in the County League Final at the latter's grounds at 8 p.m. Na Piar-saig became the first Cork club to win Feile na nGael last season, and they have always been very prominent in under age camogie in recent years. But Eire Og have also given great attention to their youngsters in recent years and they are hoping to reap the rewards of their efforts on Tuesday next. Camogie in this age group is lovely to watch and Tuesday's game should be a grand tie.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Friday): at Mardyke: S.C.C. Final: Eire Og v S.P.P.P., 7.30 (Ref. Mary Nott, Glen Rovers).

Saturday: At Glen Rovers: U-16 L.: Glen Rovers v Old Aloysians, 7.30 (Ref. Na Piar-saig). At Carrigtwohill: I.C.C.: Watergrass-hill v Churchtown, 6.30 p.m. At Ballinure: U 16L.: Ballinlough v Ballymartle, 7.30 (Ref. Ballyphehane).

Tuesday: At Na Piar-saig: U 16 County League Final: Na Piar-saig v Eire Og, 8 p.m. (Ref. A. O'Donovan, S.P.P.P.)

Wednesday: At Douglas: U-16 L.: Douglas v Blackrock, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Ballinlough). At Ballincollig: J.B.L.: Ballincollig v Ballinora, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Inniscarra).

Thursday: at Ballinure: U 14L.: Old Aloysians v Redmonds, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Ballyphehane).

Wexford fancied to stay unbeaten

THE ONLY senior Camogie game down for decision tomorrow is in the National League competition which is making steady progress concurrently with the Open Draw senior Championship.

Wexford, who will be in action for the fourth consecutive Sunday and who qualified for the All-Ireland senior championship semi-final, defeating Cork on Sunday last, entertain Dublin at Monamolin.

This should be a very keen and entertaining game as both counties are unbeaten in the League campaign thus far. On last Sunday's form at the same venue Wexford must be the favourites to take the points, but Dublin, who will be very conscious of the fact that they had total success in all their three encounters with the Wexford girls last season, will not be easily conquered.

The Junior and Under-16 competitions are also reaching the concluding stages in all provinces. Connacht will stage their junior final in unusual circumstances on Sunday next, as this game, between Galway and Roscommon will follow the Connacht senior football final between the same counties at Hyde Park in Roscommon.

ARMAGH HOPEFUL

In Ulster, where Monaghan are already through to both the junior and minor finals, the second junior semi-final will be staged tomorrow when Armagh act as hosts to their Antrim neighbours. This should be a game well worth seeing, but

Armagh, who welcome back two stars, Patricia Crangle and Angela Toal, to their line-out, will be more than hopeful of getting the better of their visitors.

The minor final between Cavan and Monaghan is scheduled for Sunday next. Down Munster way, holders Limerick, in great form just now as they proved by defeating the Tipperary senior side in the National League last weekend, will meet Cork in the junior final on July 24. The Munster minor final will be played today at Boherlann where new Southern champions will be crowned.

Cork, the 1976 All-Ireland champions in this grade, were defeated by Limerick while Tipperary, narrowly pipped by Cork in the finals of 1975 and '76, are hoping that this will be a case of third time lucky for them.

Ten teams will participate in the Feile na nGael Camogie competition due to be staged at Waterford over the weekend of July 15-17.

Five Waterford clubs — Roanmore, Clashmore, Portlaw, Erins Own and Gaultier — will act as hosts, respectively, to teams from Armagh, Cork, Fermanagh Clare and Galway. The final will be played in Waterford's Walsh Park in conjunction with the Feile hurling finals on July 17.

Codd's point the winner

Wexford 0-7; Dublin 1-3

WEXFORD snatched victory in the closing stages of the keenly contested National League Camogie game against Dublin in Wexford yesterday.

The visitors opened the scoring with a point which Wexford quickly balanced. Dublin then goaled, and two points from Wexford left Dublin leading by 1-1 to 0-3 at half-time. The game was very skilfully contested and was very close with never more than a couple of points between the sides.

Eight minutes into the second half Maggie Herrne equalised for Wexford. Orla Ui Rian, after

coming on for Evelyn Sweeney, pointed for Dublin. The lead was shortlived, however, and the sides were soon level again at 1-3 to 0-6.

It was in the last five minutes that a point from Kit Codd secured victory for Wexford.

Scorers: Wexford—M. Herrne, D. Walshe (0-2 each), E. O'Gorman, E. Hawkins, K. Codd (1-0 each). Dublin—A. Byrne (1-0), A. Tamlin (0-2), O. Ui Rian (0-1).

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Eire Og are new champions

Eire Og 3-10
South Presentation 2-1

A new name has been inscribed on the Cork Senior County Camogie Championship trophy. At the Mardyke last night Eire Og won the title in their first senior season, when they defeated South Presentation Past Pupils in an exciting final.

From the outset Eire Og — intermediate champions last season — looked good and in the first quarter they were ahead by 2-1 to nil. South Presentation failed to score in the first period but on the resumption they staged a gallant though short comeback effort. In a ten minute period they snatched two great goals, one from Annette O'Donovan and another from a mighty 60 yards free from Hannah Cotter.

But Eire Og were not to be deprived of their first title and before South Pres could establish their superiority the winners came back with a scoring spree which left the losers reeling.

In this period Nancy O'Driscoll came into her own, scoring 1-4 and setting up a number of fine chances.

Noelle O'Driscoll, Eileen Kavanagh, Mary Geaney, Marion McCarthy, Rose O'Leary, and Grainne Mackey, were others who were most effective throughout for Eire Og.

South Pres once again relied on their experienced players, with Mary Whelton, Hannah Cotter, Marion McCarthy, Betty McCarthy and Annette O'Donovan in top form, but they could not match the teamwork and greater fitness of the Eire Og girls.

Scorers: Eire Og — Noelle O'Driscoll 2-2, Nancy O'Driscoll 1-4, M. Geaney 0-3, E. Kavanagh 0-1. South Pres. P.P. — A. O'Donovan 1-0, H. Cotter 1-0, M. McCarthy 0-1.

Eire Og: R. O'Leary, M. McCarthy, B. O'Leary, R. O'Brien, E. Dineen, M. O'Driscoll, E. Kavanagh, A. O'Driscoll, Nancy O'Driscoll, G. Mackey, M. Geaney, Noelle O'Driscoll.

South Pres — M. Clinton, M. Bohane, E. Bohane, M. Breen, B. McCarthy, H. Cotter, B. Lyne, M. Whelton, A. O'Donovan, J. Maher, M. McCarthy, R. McCarthy. Sub: P. McNally for M. Breen.
Referee: M. Nott (Glen Rovers).



South Pres. P.P. captain, Mary Whelton (left of pictures) as she battles fearlessly to get her side into the game against Eire Og in the Cork Co. Camogie Championship final at the Mardyke on Friday night. ("Examiner")



South Presentation P.P. forward, Rose McCarthy, keeping the ball in play as she is challenged by Eire Og defender Rose O'Brien during the Cork County Camogie Championship final at the Mardyke last night. Eire Og won 3-10 to 2-1.

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Killeagh Have Come A Long Way

FEILE NA nGAEL time is with us again and after Na Piarraigh's success at Pairc Uí Chaoimh last year, Cork followers will be keenly interested in the performance of Cork's sole representatives, Killeagh in this year's event, which will be staged in Waterford, over the coming weekend. On the home front there are League games in a number of grades listed for the coming week.

Killeagh have emerged as a most successful club since their formation only four years ago. Since then they have taken part in county finals in junior and intermediate as well as under-16 and under-18 Leagues and Community Games under-14. Many of their players were on the championship winning Imokilly team, and since their promotion to senior ranks this season they have been most impressive.

Now they take another big step as they represent the county in Feile na nGael. Their panel for the event has a number of names already well-known in camogie circles and as Killeagh have always worked at the promotion of underage camogie, a good run in the competition would be just reward for all the effort.

The Killeagh panel is Bernie Landers (goal-keeper) a younger sister of Cork senior Catherine, sisters Vera and Monica, Motherway, Mary Lee Patricia Keniry, Bernie Clifford, Ann Marie Landers, a cousin of Catherine's, Barbara Kirby, Colette Fitzgibbon, a sister of senior goalkeeper Patricia, Marie Kelly, Shelley and Mary Spillane, Ann Murphy, a sister of senior players Mary and Breda, Fiona O'Loughlin, Monica Keniry.

There are two Intermediate League games down for decision this week. Inniscarra meet Watergrasshill at the former's venue on Wednesday next, and Blarney and Aghabullogue clash at Blarney on Sunday next.

There are Junior 'B' League games listed at two venues also. On Sunday Blackwater meet Carrigtwohill at Mallow and on Saturday Glen Rovers are at home to Blackrock.

No less than seven under-18 games will be decided during the coming week, beginning this evening when St. Finbarr's are hosts to

Ballinlough and Watergrasshill and Churchtown meet at Middleton. On tomorrow it will be Ballincollig's turn to entertain Inniscarra, while on Sunday Bishopstown is the venue for that side's clash with Na Piarraigh.

On Tuesday the Barrs will be in action again when they will be at home to Glen Rovers, while on Wednesday, Eire Og meet Ballincollig at the latter's venue and Ballyphehane are at home to Douglas.

In the under-16 campaign there is only one game listed and this is at Coachford where Canovee meet Aghabullogue.

SHIP OUTING

With Cork out of the Senior and Minor Championships in their initial outings, interest must now be concentrated on the performances of the Junior and Underage Cork teams. Cork's next championship outing will be on Sunday week when the juniors travel to meet Limerick in the Munster final. And although Cork seniors are out of the All-Ireland their interest in the National League is still very much alive, and there should

be keen interest shown in their clash with Galway at Bishopstown on Sunday week next.

FIXTURES

Tonight—At Coachford: U-16 L. Canovee v. Aghabullogue, 7.30 p.m. Ref. Eire Og; At St. Finbarr's: U-18 L., St. Finbarr's v. Ballinlough, 7.30 (Ref. Bishopstown); At Middleton: U-18 L., Watergrasshill v. Churchtown, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Carrigtwohill).

Saturday—At Glen Rovers: J.B.L., Glen Rovers v. Blackrock (Ref. Na Piarraigh); At Ballinlough: U-18 L., Ballincollig v. Inniscarra, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Ballinora).

Sunday—At Mallow: J.B.L., Blackwater v. Carrigtwohill, 3.30 (Ref. Buttevant); At Bishopstown: U-18 L., Bishopstown v. Na Piarraigh, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. SPPP); At Blarney: I.L., Blarney v. Aghabullogue, 3.30 (Ref. Ballincollig).

Tuesday—At St. Finbarr's: U-18 L., St. Finbarr's v. Glen Rovers, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Douglas).

Wednesday—At Ballincollig: U-18 L., Eire Og v. Ballincollig, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Canovee); At Ballyphehane—U-18 L., Douglas v. Ballyphehane, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Nemo Rangers); At Inniscarra: I.L., Inniscarra v. Watergrasshill, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Blarney).

I PICK CORK TO STAY UNBEATEN

CORK AND Galway, both defeated by Wexford in the opening rounds of the All-Ireland senior Camogie National League. Both have full points to date and at the moment stand level at the top of their section. But that position will not hold after Sunday next when these two counties clash at the Bishopstown grounds in Cork.

Galway, after a narrow squeak against Limerick, had something to spare over Clare in their League game, but fell away in the closing stages of their championship meeting with Wexford.

Cork, who did not compete in the League last season, the first year of the competition, got off to a flying start this time, when they defeated holders Tipperary in their very first game. But then they only snatched victory from Limerick, thanks to a last minute goal, and, like Galway, faded in the second half of their championship quarter-final against Wexford.

However, Cork are very hard to beat on home soil, and should take both points and thus all but assure themselves of ultimate victory in the section.

TWO FINALS

There are two provincial championship finals down for decision this weekend. On Saturday evening Kilkenny travel to Monamolin to take on Wexford in the Leinster junior decider. This is a grade in which Wexford have been consistently strong, and Kilkenny rarely impressive.

But this season, the Kilkenny girls have been the more effective. However, Wexford are as hard to beat at Monamolin as Cork are at The Mardyke, and

that advantage may mean that the title will again go to Wexford.

On Sunday, in the Ulster minor final, Cavan, who have not won through to the inter-provincial stages of any camogie championship for more than 30 years, will be more than hopeful of capturing the Northern minor crown at the expense of their Monaghan neighbours.

Last weekend was very important for the game from a long-term viewpoint. The National Coaching Course at Gormanston attracted more than 80 candidates for Coaching Certificates.

Most of these were seeking the primary qualification, the Grade C Certificate, but there were quite a number who were seeking to graduate from the C to the B grade.

FEILE NA nGAEL

Down in Waterford, the under-14 Camogie teams competing in the Feile na nGael competition provided plenty of excitement and a high standard of skill. The winners, from Killeish in Co. Cork, were a very promising lot of youngsters indeed, but the beaten finalists from Enniskillen possessed plenty of skill, and were unlucky not to finish far closer to the winners in the final.

COACHING 'FIRST' AT GORMANSTON

THIS will be a very busy, and varied, week-end in the Camogie world. Tomorrow evening the annual National Coaching Course commences in the Franciscan College Gormanston. There, this year for the first time, there will be a course for Coaches who have already gained the C certificate and wish to advance to the B category.

The courses commence with the official opening to-morrow evening, will continue through Saturday, and will conclude on Sunday evening. The National Coaches, Mary Moran (Cork), and Ann Carroll (Kilkenny), will again be in charge and this weekend will also be marked by the publication of the book they have written and compiled between them "Coaching for Camogie."

A comprehensive and well illustrated manual, this book covered not alone the basic skills, but also the methods of coaching, team-work and positional play.

This book fills a great need, and will be invaluable to all PE teachers, especially at post-primary level, as no such aid to coaching the game had hitherto been available.

The joint-authors could not be better qualified for their task. Mary Moran was at one time on a winning victorious Cork all-Ireland team herself, but trained her county's senior sides to four successive all-Ireland victories. Anne Carroll has won every honour in the game, two senior all-Ireland, inter-provincial (with both Leinster and Munster), club championships, county championships and Ashbourne Cups.

FEILE NA nGAEL

The second significant Camogie event of the weekend is concerned with youth. Ten Camogie teams, five from Waterford with five guest teams, one each from Galway, Armagh, Fermanagh, Cork, and Clare, will

National Festival of Juvenile Hurling, which opens in Waterford City to-morrow night, when there will be a Civic reception for the visiting teams.

The preliminary games will be played on Saturday, and the finals will be staged at Walsh Park on Sunday. There will be a special trophy this year for the Camogie competition, which will be presented after the final to the winners.

On Sunday, in the West, Galway and Roscommon meet in the final of the Connacht minor championship. Last Sunday the same counties met in the junior final, with Galway staging a great second half rally to win after being in arrears at the interval, and the Galway girls will be hoping to complete the double now.

Limerick won the Munster minor crown for the first time last weekend by defeating Tipperary in the final, Dublin have already qualified in Leinster due to clash in the Ulster final while Monaghan and Cavan are in a week's time.

Wexford's victory over Dublin in the National League last week-end gives them a clear lead in the Eastern zone and the vital game remaining to be between Wexford and Kilkenny.

Meanwhile, congratulations to Eire Og, who by their victory over South Presentation in the final, brought the senior county title to mid-Cork for the first time in 40 years. There were four O'Driscoll sisters on the

Mixed fortune for Cork

Cork had mixed fortune over the weekend with the seniors taking over as clear leaders of the Western Division of the National League yesterday, with a win over joint leaders Galway, while the juniors crashed to Limerick in the Munster championship final on Saturday.

Cork 2-10; Galway 3-3

This vital National League tie played at Bishopstown yesterday was a game of two halves, dominated by the wind. In the opening period, with the strong breeze in their favour Cork were very much on top and at the interval led by 2-7 to a single point.

But on the resumption Galway came right into it, and in the first quarter two quick goals from Mary Daly put them well in the running. It was a ding-dong struggle at this stage with Galway looking good. But even though they only added three further points in this half Cork gradually came back in the game, and did enough to win.

Mary O'Leary was in brilliant scoring form for Cork while Pat Moloney, Patricia O'Riordan and Mary Whelton also played well, and for the losers Anne Burke, Mary Daly and Phil Foye impressed.

Scorers — Cork: Mary O'Leary 1-7, Nancy O'Driscoll, Eileen Kavanagh and Clare Hackett 0-1 each. Galway: Mary Daly 2-1, Phil Foye 1-1, and Anne Burke 0-1.

GALWAY: M. Killeen, K. Quinn, B. Larkin, A. Duane, N. Treacy, O. Coady, A. Burke, B. Linnane, M. Daly, T. Duane, P. Foye, C. Ward. Subs: B. Glynn for A. Burke, M. Freaney for T. Duane.

Limerick 6-4; Cork 1-2

Limerick's greater experience and teamwork told at Croom on Saturday night when they had a comfortable win over Cork in the Munster junior final. Opportunist Brid Stokes had the full-forward in the Cork net twice in the fifth minute. Limerick went ahead to lead by 3-3 to nil at half-time.

Cork made a better game of it than the score suggests. Their defence and midfield played well under constant pressure but the forward division was very poor. Marie Coughlan, Betty Joyce, Eileen Kavanagh, Eileen Dineen and Val O'Dwyer turned in good performances. For Limerick, Brid Stokes, H. Mulcaire, Geraldine O'Brien, Vera Mackey and Marion Doyle showed good form.

Scorers — Limerick: B. Stokes 4-0, B. Darcy 1-2, and C. Clancy 1-2.

Cork: A. O'Donovan 1-2. LIMERICK: H. Butler, A. Meaney, M. Neville, G. O'Brien, E. Hayes, V. Mackey, M. Doyle, H. Mulcaire, B. O'Brien, C. Clancy, B. Darcy and B. Stokes.

CORK: O. Harrington, G. Ahern, E. Dineen, B. Joyce, M. Coughlan, V. O'Dwyer, A. Delaney, E. Kavanagh, G. Butler, R. Desmond, H. Power and N. O'Driscoll. Subs: A. O'Donovan for G. Butler, H. O'Brien for R. Desmond and E. Ring for N. O'Driscoll.

Ten-year-old earns Eire Og U-16 title

EIRE OG 2-6 NA PIARSAIGH 2-5

A last minute goal by 10-year-old substitute Teresa Murray, saw Eire Og snatch victory from the jaws of defeat, and take the Under-16 County title by a single point from Na Piarraigh last evening.

Played at Na Piarraigh Grounds, this was a ding-dong struggle but the only time that Eire Og led after that dramatic late goal. The O'Brien sisters Mairead and Regina, Dolores Crowley and Clare Kelleher played well for Eire Og while Na Piarraigh were best served by Paula Goggins, Imelda Cronin, Jackie Tormey, and

Cork Face Difficult Task

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TWO COUNTY teams will be in action over the weekend with the juniors travelling to Croom on tomorrow evening, where they meet Limerick in the Munster final, and the seniors meeting Galway in the National League at Bishopstown on Sunday. There are two club games also listed for the coming week.

Limerick, the holders, on home ground, will present Cork with a formidable task at Croom on tomorrow evening, when these sides meet in the Munster junior final. Graded senior for the National League, Limerick have pushed Cork seniors on their two meetings this season — Cork winning by only a goal on each occasion. They have many players of senior standard and have been playing together for so long that they are a very closely knit unit. Cary Clancy, Margie Neville, and Brid Stokes need no introduction to Cork followers and this trio will have to be watched if Cork are to take their first Munster Championship title of the current season.

Cork have made a disastrous start to the inter-county campaigns so far with both Minors and Seniors out in their first outing. So now followers must look to the juniors for a place at Croke Park on All-Ireland Sunday. It will not be easy task. However, Cork have always been known for their fighting spirit when the chips are down and if they can play with the determination and will to win which one has come to expect from county teams then they could cause an upset.

IMPRESSIVE

There is plenty of fine young talent in the line-up. Against Clare in the first game they were most impressive although since then they have lost Clare Cronin and Patricia Riordan, who have won promotion to the senior twelve. However, Betty Joyce, who had to cry off the senior team due to injury is eligible for the minors, and her presence must be a big asset.

The team had not been selected at the time of writing but the panel includes grand defenders in Gretta Aherne and Marie Coughlan, stylist centre fielders Eileen Kavanagh and Val O'Dwyer, and opportunist forwards Rose Desmond, Marie Power and Ger Butler.

The full panel is: O. Harrington, K. Costine, G. Aherne, E. Dineen, M. Coughlan, B. Joyce, V. O'Dwyer, E. Kavanagh, R. Desmond, M. Power, G. Butler, N. O'Driscoll, E. Ring, N. O'Brien, J. O'Brien, A. O'Dohovan and A. Delaney.

Cork seniors were most disappointing against Wexford in the first round of the All-Ireland Championship. Now all their hopes lie in the National League, and on Sunday they have a chance to pick up the pieces with a good win over Galway before their own following in Bishopstown's new pitch.

Against Wexford Cork were completely lacking in spirit and only the newcomers to the side gave any satisfaction. Now many of the senior players must realise that their places on the team are in jeopardy and only a couple of first class performances will keep them on the side.

Pride in the county is something which every player must have and surely players must realise that it is an honour to wear the red and white. For any girl to give less than her best and fail to do as she is instructed by her selectors is an insult to Cork. Cork seniors seem to have lost all their will to win and their tremendous fighting spirit which brought the four All-Ireland titles in

a row not so long ago. Now they seem to have the wrong mental approach to the game and one must begin to wonder if the time has come for sweeping changes. Certainly unless they can have a good run in the National League, changes must be inevitable.

DETERMINED

And on Sunday Cork's task won't be an easy one as Galway, even in Cork's best days, have always given them problems. They are a determined side who will not admit defeat easily and when one considers players of the calibre of Kathleen Quinn, Teresa Dwane, Catherine Ward, Margaret Killeen, Mary Daly and Phil Foye, then one realises what Cork are up against. Also like Cork, Galway are undefeated so far and the outcome of this game might well decide the section. So the stakes are high, but in front of their home followers Cork can make amends for their exit from the All-Ireland by chalking up an impressive win over Galway and keeping their winning sequence in the League intact.

Like the juniors, the senior team has not been selected but with so many well-known camogie names in the panel there is plenty of talent at the selector's disposal. Marion McCarthy, Cork's only scorer against Wexford, is on holiday and Kay Doherty is still injured so these two will not be available. But the selectors can call on such established players as Marie Costine, Hannah Cotter, Pat Moloney, Catherine Landers, Marion Sweeney as well as promising newcomers Patricia Riordan, Margo Twomey, Clare Hackett and Clare Cronin and should be in a position to field a more than useful side.

The panel is: M. Whelton, K. Costine, M. Costine, B. Joyce, H. Cotter, P. Riordan, M. Twomey, E. Dineen, P. Moloney, C. Landers, E. Kavanagh, M. Sweeney, C. Hackett, C. Cronin, M. O'Leary, N. O'Driscoll, G. Aherne, M. Mackey, C. Riordan.

With two and sometimes three games now played in the National League it is interesting to see how the table now stands:

WESTERN ZONE

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Cork	2	2	0	0	4
Galway	2	2	0	0	4
Tipperary	3	1	0	2	2
Limerick	3	7	0	2	2
Clare	2	0	0	2	0

EASTERN ZONE

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Wexford	2	2	0	0	4
Dublin	2	1	0	1	2
Kilkenny	2	1	0	1	2
Antrim	2	1	0	1	2
Down	2	0	0	2	0

Last weekend Killeagh, displaying their excellent talent and attractive camogie won Felle na nGael in Waterford. In the final they defeated Enniskillen by an impressive 7-0 and on tomorrow (Saturday) evening they will be in action again when they oppose Eire Og in the semi-final of the 1976 Under-14 League. Eire Og have already won the under 16 county title so this promises to be an exciting under-age clash.

At Killeagh: Under 14 League semi-final, Killeagh v Eire Og. 7.30 p.m. Ref. Youghal.

Sunday

At Bishopstown: National League, Cork v Galway, 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday

At Ballinure: J.B.L., Ballinlough v Eire Og, 8 p.m.

CORK GIRLS SURVIVE AT BISHOPSTOWN

Cork 2-10; Galway 3-3

CORK, who are now the only unbeaten side in the Western Zone of the National Camogie League, put themselves in a very strong position when they defeated Galway at Bishopstown yesterday. The home side, who had wind advantage in the opening half were completely on top and seemed to be in a unassailable position at half time, when they led 2-7 to 0-1.

Galway, however, with the wind behind them, struck back quickly in the second half, and narrowed the gap with two goals from Mary Daly, followed quickly by a very well taken goal from Phil Foye to reduce the Cork lead to four points. The winners, however, held on to this lead despite a spirited Galway attack.

Best for the winners were M. Costine and M. Twomey in defence, Pat Moloney, at mid-field, while M. O'Leary, who had a 2-8 personal score was the star of the attack. The Duane sisters, Ann and Teresa, together with Ann Burke, were the most impressive in the Galway lineout.

Scorers — Cork — M. O'Leary (2-8), E. Cavanagh, and C. Hackett (0-1 each).

Galway—M. Daly (2-0), P. Foye (1-1), A. Burke and K. Ward (0-1 each).

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

- Leinster Junior — Wexford 6-2; Kilkenny 2-3.
- Munster Junior — Limerick 6-4; Cork 1-2.
- Ulster Minor — Monaghan 2-0; Cavan 1-0.

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Jean Morley, P.R.O., Cork County Camogie Board, attended the launching of "Camogie Coaching Book" yesterday.



A new ball game

AT Croke Park last week the talk ran on striking the lofting ball, marking one's opponent not too deeply, one hopes, dribbling, the stationary ball and that sort of thing. We had gathered with Agnes Purcell, President of Cumann nGael and her merry girls for the launching of "The Camogie Coaching Book" by Ann Carroll and Mary Moran, National Coaches of the Cumann and two of the greatest stars ever to adorn the constellation of the sport (like that?).

Mary Moran does a spot of Allied Irish Banking in Cork and Ann Carroll, once an architect, is now teaching in Lettickeny the Irish centre of folk music. We met Libby Howard as well, another Napoleoneess of the camogie stick. Libby's father was a noted footballer and she toils with Aer Lingus.

We met too with Lily Spence

of Belfast who is treasurer of the Cumann and talked with Iney O'Kelly-Leonard, Official badges were distributed to all who recently qualified as first Grade C Coaches under the National Coaching Scheme. The importance of camogie in the tranquil life of the GAA was emphasised by the presence of Con Murphy, President of the Association. Con was up from Cork and there was something we wanted to ask him about the Cork team but we couldn't think of it. We weren't drinking, of course, but even with a couple of Irish shorts we doubt if the topic would have occurred to us.

Camogie

Valuable new coaching manual on game

By PADDY DOWNEY

THE Camogie Association's new coaching manual, launched last evening, is a concise yet comprehensive guide for coaches, trainers, and teachers. Beginning with instruction in the basic skills of the game, the manual goes on to deal with physical fitness, positional play and teamwork. The section on skills, profusely illustrated, will be particularly helpful to beginners.

There is a short but important section containing a resume of the playing rules and regulations governing administration and the eligibility of players.

The manual, which has been published with the help of the Department of Education, was written and edited by Ann Carroll and Mary Moran, both of whom have been in charge of the Camogie Association's annual coaching course at Gormans-ton for the past five years.

Mary Moran played camogie for her native Cork and won county championship medals with Old Aloysians (Cork) and Celtic (Dublin). She coached Cork to win four All-Ireland senior titles. She is chairwoman of the Munster Council and the Cork Co. Board and also secretary of the All-Ireland Colleges Council. Ann Carroll won two All-Ireland medals with Kilkenny interprovincial medals with Leinster and Munster and several Ashbourne Cup trophies with UCD. She holds a master's degree in sports management and has coached successfully at club, college and county levels.

The Camogie Association awarded the official badges to 30 coaches—the first to qualify under the national coaching scheme—at the launching of the coaching manual in Croke Park last evening.

At the reception were above (left to right): Lily Spence, treasurer, Camogie Association; Iney O'Duffy, national organiser and founder of the association in 1994; the authors of the manual, Mary Moran and Ann Carroll; and Agnes Purcell, president of the association.



Ann Carroll, left, and Mary Moran, right, discussing their new book on camogie.

Mary's Big Part In Camogie Revival

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By
BILL GEORGE
QUIETLY, unobtrusively, the sport of camogie has been revolutionised in the past decade. That is particularly true of Cork where the number playing the game has been doubled in that time.

Ten years ago in Cork there were 19 clubs playing in three grades of camogie. Now there are 37 clubs playing in seven grades of camogie in the county, and that does not include schools camogie.

Chairman of the Cork County Board in that time was Mary Moran. And while she is too modest to claim much responsibility for the advancement of the game, the facts speak for themselves. In truth, the softly-spoken Cork bank official is at the core of the camogie movement, in every sense.

Miss Moran played camogie with St. Als., then with Old Als., and Cork's Inter-County team. She graduated to the Chairmanship of the Cork County Board by accident . . . "There were four other nominations so I left my name go forward in the belief I had no chance" she said, "before I knew it, the others had withdrawn and I was Chairman".

The game in Cork has known outstanding success in her time. Cork won four All-Ireland titles in a row from 1970-'73 and their previous win as far back as 1941. They also won two minor and one Junior Championship.

"I would attribute the success of Cork to the development in the schools" she said, "from 1969 an All-Ireland Championship for schools was organised and with Cork schools competing at junior and senior level the standard improved."

St. Als. won the Senior All-Ireland in 1976 for the first time and Cork could claim to be in the forefront of competition at all levels.

"The success of the game in the schools and of the Cork senior team led to the spread in the number of new clubs", said Mary. What she did not mention is that she is Secretary of the All-Ireland Colleges' Board.

Camogie has developed

in other directions as well. "It's a game for the future, a modern game" said Mary, "it has to be because there is such a turnover of personnel from year to year."

"So many girls get married and leave the game every year that there is always an influx of new people. And with new people you get new ideas."

One of the new ideas that has been implemented and advanced in recent years is the establishment of a coaching structure. Mary is, with Ann Carroll, one of two National coaches. They, with a coaching committee of the National Council, have drawn up the system.

Ann Carroll is a teacher in Donegal. Like Mary she played senior Inter-County camogie. She was a member of the Kilkenny team for several years.

Twice every year they hold National coaching courses in Gormanston for players and another for teachers. Apart from coaching the skills of the game, they also deal with physical education by bringing in a qualified P.E. instructor. Also a course is organised at Provincial level for schools.

The coaching structure is built of three levels. Grade "C" qualification means people are qualified to coach club and school teams; Grade "B" means they are qualified to coach at Inter-County level and Grade "A" is the full qualification.

"This may not yet be the ideal system" she said, "the system is evolving as we go along. But we have studied coaching systems in other sports, notably rugby, and Ann has been

to Loughborough on a course. We have studied a lot, but we are learning all the time."

"I believe coaching is very important," she added, "more important for girls than boys . . . girls do not have the same natural ability as boys and it is important they learn the correct methods while they are learning to play the game."

"As well, proper coaching can help avoid injuries and help girls reach their full potential. A skilful game is a more enjoyable game for everybody . . . players and spectators".

Mary Moran's life revolves around camogie; practically all her off-duty hours are spent in serving the game. The work she is putting in for the sport covers such a wide field that it seems un-ending. Only last week she and Ann Carroll had a joint-production on coaching published . . . the first book of its kind in camogie.

She does it all because she loves the game, and the people associated with it. "Camogie to me means meeting new people, working in co-operation with a great number of friends" she said, "I enjoy their company and the work . . . particularly the people in the North."

"Maybe it is because they have to work harder than we do to keep the game alive up there, but I have found Northern people very kind and generous in giving of their time. Sometimes I think they give even more than we do".

In view of what Mary Moran is doing, that is hard to imagine.



Libby Howard, Tipperary, at the reception in Croke Park yesterday.

Coaching Book In Camogie

In a compact 88 pages the camogie coaching book presents a concise yet entirely comprehensive guide for coaches, teachers and trainers. Starting with the basic skills, the book goes on to deal with physical fitness, positional play and the team aspect of camogie. The basic skills section is graphically illustrated—this will be particularly helpful to learners.

There is a short but vital section giving a resume of the playing rules and regulations governing registration and eligibility of players. In addition there is full information on such aspects as the playing area, duties of match officials and proper equipment for the game.

The coaching book has been compiled and written by the two national coaches, the Misses Mary Moran and Ann Carroll. They have been in charge of the annual national coaching course at Gormanston for several seasons past, with great success. Each has vast experience both as player



● Mary Moran (left) and Ann Carroll, joint authors of the camogie coaching book, pictured at the reception in Croke Park to launch the book.

TIPP OUT OF ALL-IRELAND

KILKENNY 7-5 TIPPERARY 1-4

The last dreams of an All-Ireland trophy coming to Tipperary this year died last Sunday evening in Thomastown when Kilkenny dashed through to the All-Ireland semi-final on the score 7-5 to 1-4.

The pitch was in perfect condition for play, the evening was dry, and with both teams at the peak of fitness, the game had all the ingredients for excitement. Though the final score indicates otherwise, the match was not totally one-sided and the first half, especially, provided great camogie.

From the throw-in, Kilkenny looked the better side. In the first moments, Tipperary lost at least three chances of goals, and had they grabbed early scores, the outcome might have been different. At the 15th minute, despite persistent pressure, Kilkenny only led by two points to nil. The Tipperary backs held out well, with Siobhan Tynan making relieving clearances which set up attacks. But Tipp. failed to get the goal they needed so badly, especially when Angela Downey crashed a free to the back of the Tipperary net.

Shortly afterwards, a pass from Mary Fennelly was well used again by Angela Downey when she scored her second goal. She was a constant danger to the Tipp backline, and Mary O'Brien in goal could do nothing to stop her deadly accurate shots. Deirdre Lane pointed two frees to leave Tipperary trailing by seven points at the interval.

Not disheartened, the Tipp. girls went out again determined to fight for their place in the semi-final. Anne Graham took a point at once, but another goal from the indomitable Angela Downey robbed them of any chance of a comeback.

Siobhan Tynan ran through for a goal, and then scored a point, but Kilkenny had built up a lead that could not be pulled back. Carmel Doyle, Mary Purcell and Angela Downey had established 7-5 between them, and when the final whistle blew, Tipperary had only 1-4.

But despite this, the game was enjoyable, and saw determination and skill from both sides. Tipperary never stopped trying, but they simply could not match a most impressive Kilkenny side.

Monica Butler, at fullback, proved her durability in the defence, and with Maura Hogan's long ground shots and Rosie Ryan's lively play, the constant pressure was borne well. Siobhan Tynan moved deep into the forward line at times to press for much needed scores, and Deirdre Lane, Marian Troy and Kathleen Tynan contested every ball at centrefield.

Though the Tipperary girls were unable to match the reigning All-Ireland champions, they showed heart and promise which may prove fruitful in future years. Their forwards erred several times and, with more coolness, they may have picked off more

scores. But Maureen Maher played with her usual steadiness, while Maol Mhuire Tynan, Libby Howard and Sheila Delaney all worked for scores that never came.

In the immediate future, they must think of the Munster final, and that title would provide some comfort for Saturday's disheartening defeat.

Scorers for Tipperary: S. Tynan (1-1); D. Lane (0-2); and A. Graham (0-1).

Kilkenny scorers: A. Downey (6-3); M. Purcell (1-0); and C. Doyle (0-2).

Tipperary: M. O'Brien, M. Butler, M. Hogan, R. Ryan, S. Tynan, D. Lane, M. Troy, K. Tynan, S. Delaney, M. Maher, M. M. Tynan, L. Howard, A. Graham (For K. Tynan).

Subs: M. Hayes and B. Wright.

KILKENNY THROUGH

Kilkenny 7-5; Tipperary 1-4

KILKENNY, the reigning All-Ireland champions, qualified for the All-Ireland camogie semi-final when they defeated Tipperary, at Thomastown yesterday.

In a keenly contested first half Kilkenny looked the stronger side but good defence work by Tipperary foiled them of scores.

Midway through the period Kilkenny led by 0-2 to no score, Angela Downey then finished a close in free to the net. Soon after she goaled a Mary Fennelly pass. Two points from frees by Deirdre Lane left Tipperary trailing by seven points at the interval.

Maura Maher pointed for Tipperary early in the second half but this was Tipperary's last score for some time. The next twenty minutes saw Angela Downey score four goals and one point to clinch the game for Tipperary.

Siobhan Tynan had a goal and a point for Tipperary but Mary Purcell answered this with a Kilkenny goal and it was Angela Downey who closed the scoring with a point.

Scorers — Kilkenny — A. Downey (6-3), M. Purcell (1-0), C. Doyle (0-2). Tipperary — S. Tynan (1-1), D. Lane (0-2), M. Maher (0-1).

Clare 6-6; Down 1-3

CLARE QUALIFIED for the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final when they scored a convincing victory over Down at Ennis yesterday.

Eleece Fitzgibbon goaled for Clare after five minutes and from this score to half time they were always in control.

Anne Marie O'Loughlin and Eleece Harrington were strongest in a very sound defence, while

Margaret O Toole and Maureen Daveron were in control up front.

Clare led by 5-2 to 0-3 at half time.

Scorers, Clare, E. Fitzgibbon (3-1), A. Harrington (1-1), T. Moroney (1-0), A. O'Connor (1-0), M. Daverin (0-3), M. O'Toole (0-1). Down, K. Rice (1-1), J. Hamilton (0-2).

Camogie coaching book launched

By JOAN MORLEY

It was an unique occasion for the Camogie Association at Croke Park last evening when at their first ever press conference a new coaching book was launched — called simply "Camogie Coaching Book." The authors are Mrs. Moran and Anne Carroll, the Association's national coaches.

Mrs. Agnes Purcell, President of the Association, paid glowing tribute to Misses Moran and Carroll and said that the Association must be justly proud of their book. Mrs. Purcell also praised Mrs. Rosina McManus, and Angela Rodgers for their contribution to the publication.

Special guest, Mr. Con Murphy, President of the G.A.A., said that on behalf of the G.A.A. he was glad to be there and associated with such a fine book on coaching. He said it was good to see players who showed such prowess on the field putting something back into the game. He was delighted with this trend in games generally and said that the coaching book was a striking example.

Mr. Murphy added that he hoped and trusted that both the G.A.A. and Camogie Association will continue to work together to contribute to the welfare, not only of our games, but of the people and the country as a whole.

Also in attendance were the officials of Central Council and Mr. Sean O'Duffy, National Organiser Camogie Association.

The occasion was rounded off with the presentation of the first ever coaching badges to 33 Grade 'C' coaches, including three men. The coaches honoured were Ide Ni She, Cork; Brid Stokes, Limerick; Anne Walsh, Limerick; Sr. Patricia, Kilfinane; Mary Dunworth, Croom.

KILKENNY'S CRAFT TO MASTER TIPP

ALL - IRELAND Camogie champions, Kilkenny, will be making their first appearance in defence of their title when they face National League winners Tipperary at Thomastown on Sunday (7.30). Kilkenny had a early set-back when they were heavily defeated by Dublin in their first National League appearance. They recovered, however, to defeat Down in their next game and were again successful against Wexford in the Leinster Championship semi-final.

As for Tipperary, they too had a disastrous opening game in the National League, losing the points to Cork. They recovered to defeat Clare but they had their greatest disappointment when they went under to Limerick, the only Junior side competing in the National League.

If both sides are fit, and each has a full turn-out of players, a keen game is expected but Kilkenny's greater strength and experience should bring them to the All-Ireland semi-final against Dublin.

In the second quarter-final game down for decision at Ennis on Sunday next, Clare will entertain Down, last year's Junior champions. As is customary, Down are struggling still to make the grade in senior ranks.

They lost to Antrim and Kilkenny in the National League when they had to field without last year's star player, Marian McGarvey, who is not available to play on Sunday either, but Liz Gibson, Joan Hamilton, Ann Rooney and Eileen Hamill will not give up easily.

NO ROSY PASSAGE

Clare have not had a rosy passage either in their section of the League. They lost to Galway and Tipperary, but they have

very experienced players in Ann Marie O'Loughlin, Catherine McNicholls, Margart O'Toole, Claire Harrington and Eleece Fitzgibbon, who should, on home soil, be capable of putting Clare into the All-Ireland semi-final against Wexford.

All four provincial winners for the semi-finals of the Willwood Tailteann All-Ireland minor championship are now known.

In the first semi-final on August 7, Dublin will travel to play Monaghan. On August 14, Galway will be at home to Limerick.

The Junior Championship is also well advanced. On August 7, Limerick will entertain Galway and Wexford will play the winners of next Sunday's Ulster Final game between Armagh and Monaghan on August 21.

Cork established themselves as clear leaders in the Western Zone of the National League when they defeated Galway at Cork. They are now the only unbeaten side with only one county still to play — Clare.

Galway, who trailed 2-8 to 0-1 at half-time, made a great recovery in the third quarter when they came within a goal of the winners. However, Cork rallied sufficiently to hold out.

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Wexford To Strengthen League Bid

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Wexford, already through to the semi-final of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship, are also clear leaders in the Eastern zone of the National League, and will be expected to further strengthen their bid for League honours on Sunday when they travel to Newcastle to take on Down.

Down, last year's junior champions, find themselves in the position this season that a couple of their best players are not available, and they have failed thus far to win a League game. In addition, though they put up a good display, they were beaten at Ennis on Sunday last by Clare in the opening round of the championship.

They will be stronger now on home ground, but are unlikely to be able to match the star-powered Wexford side, who have been playing very well indeed of late and must get the vote to collect two further League points.

CAMOGIE ROUND-UP

The first of the junior All-Ireland semi-finals should provide plenty of entertainment on Sunday at Adare when Limerick entertain Gaway.

Limerick have gained a great deal in experience and confidence through playing against senior sides in the National League and retained their Munster title in most convincing fashion. However Galway always field useful teams, so, though Limerick will start favourites, led by such outstanding players as Carrie Clancy, Brid Stokes, Margie Neville, Geraldine O'Brien and Vera Mackey, they will not need to underestimate the Western challenge.

In the minor semi-final, Leinster champions Dublin travel North to Carrickmacross to face Monaghan who caused something of a surprise in the

Ulster final by defeating Cavan. On home ground, the Monaghan girls are always formidable, but so well did Dublin play when coming through against stiff opposition in Leinster that they must be fancied to come through to the final and thus earn a set of Willwood Tailteann medals.

Last week-end saw the remaining semi-finals of the All-Ireland senior championship decided and resulted in good wins for Clare and Kilkenny. Clare were not unduly pressed when accounting for Down at Ennis, and now advance to meet Wexford in one semi-final.

The other quarter-final, in which holders Kilkenny took on the National League winners Tipperary at Thomastown, produced some brilliant passages of play which were

thoroughly enjoyed by one of the biggest crowds I have ever seen at a provincial venue for so early a stage in the camogie championships.

Tipperary contained the home side quite well in a lively first half but, after the interval, the holders were in top form with Angela Downey sweeping through for a whole succession of well-taken scores.

Considering that they were short Peggy Carey who was on her honeymoon, and Anne Downey, recuperating after an appendicitis operation, this performance shows that Kilkenny will make a brave bid to retain the title. Angela Downey ran up the remarkable personal tally of seven goals and three points.

Kilkenny's next engagement will be against Dublin in the semi-final, a clash that is all the more intriguing because Dublin have already beaten the All-Ireland champions in the National League.

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Limerick Look To Decider

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Limerick and Dublin are the first two teams to qualify for this year's All-Ireland camogie finals.

Limerick, Munster champions for the past four years, finally reached the decider for the first time when they scored a decisive victory over alway at Adare last Sunday.

The experience gained by competing in the League undoubtedly helped the winners and on this display they can look forward to the final against Wexford or Monaghan with a fair share of confidence.

And Dublin are through to their first final in the minor grade—but only just, for Monaghan were most unlucky to lose last week's semi-final.

The Monaghan ump, however, can still figure in the finals if they can overcome Wexford in the other junior semi-final at Monamolin on August 21.

Meanwhile, the senior semi-finals down for decision this Sunday. Clare take on Wexford and Galway entertain Limerick.

Clare, who are still struggling to consolidate their position in Senior ranks, scored a good victory over Down but have not been so impressive in their National League game. They face a real test against the experienced Wexford girls.

However, Wexford will no doubt be mindful of their opening game against Clare in the 197 seniors when at Ennis the home side, playing their first senior championship game, held the Leinster girls to a draw.

In the replay at Wexford Clare put up a tremendous fight and were only conquered in the closing minutes. But on this season's form the vote must go to Wexford, who have had a great run in the National League and are the only unbeaten side in the Eastern zone.

Limerick and Galway also clash on Sunday in the Willwood Tailteann Minor All-Ireland Semi-final at Ballindereen.

The Galway mentors are hoping for a successful outing on this occasion as they believe they have a very strong side. Drawn mainly from the junior all-Ireland Bollenes side, Presentation Convent Athenry, they are sure to give a good account of themselves.

But Limerick are not daunted by the opposition. They are confident that their minors, who defeated the two in a row champions, Cork, will test the best.

They certainly have a tireless and brilliant winger in Christina Mulcaire, but she will face a real test against Athenry star Ann Burke.

Strong Limerick Side To Get Through

LIMERICK have been "knocking on the door" of the All-Ireland junior title for a number of years now.

Graded junior for the All-Ireland, they have played quite well in the National Senior League in recent years and have always impressed in the Munster section of the Championship. Again this year they marched through Munster without difficulty and now face Galway on Sunday in the All-Ireland semi-final at Adare. And they are more than hopeful that this will be their big year. Limerick have a very strong side with a great deal of experience. Players like Geraldine O'Brien, Vera Mackey, Brid Stokes, Brigid Darcy, Margie Neville and Helen Mulcaire are all playing very well this season and as the side has been playing together for some time they are a most impressive combination.

Against them Galway can call on such players as Anne Burke, Noreen Treacy and M. Freaney, who played in a recent National League game against Cork. But overall they can hardly match Limerick for experience and so I expect the Munster girls to represent the province in this grade at Croke Park on All-Ireland Sunday.

Locally, Cork under 18's were due to meet Tipperary in the Munster under 18 championship at St. Finbarr's Grounds on Saturday evening next, but a mid-week phone call from Tipperary gave the news that they would not be travelling and were giving Cork a walk-over. This is a great pity for camogie in Tipperary as just when it seemed that a revival was on the way in that county following the

Colleges successes of Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, they now withdraw their under 18 side from the championship. It appears that a big number of the players were not available to travel, so the mentors decided that they could not field a side worthy of the competition and so withdrew.

This means that holders, Cork, now advance to the second round without a game.

LEAGUE TIES

The remaining fixtures are all league ties. On tomorrow (Saturday) Glanworth meet St. Fanahan's in the under 18 campaign at Mitchelstown, while on Sunday Youghal meet Buttevant in the Junior League at Youghal.

In the only mid-week game listed Na Piarsaigh ad Ballinlough will be in action in the under 16 campaign.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday), at Mitchelstown: Under 18, Glanworth v. St. Fanahans, 7.30 p.m.
Sunday — At Youghal: J.L. Youghal v. Buttevant, 7.30 p.m.
At Adare: All-Ireland J.C. Semi-final, Limerick v. Galway, 3 p.m.
Wednesday—At Ballinlough: Under 16, Na Piarsaigh v. Ballinlough, 7.30 p.m.

Limerick in first All-Ireland

Limerick 7-7 Galway 1-3

At halftime in the All-Ireland Camogie Junior Championship semi-final at Adare, Co. Limerick, yesterday, Galway led Limerick by 1-3 to 0-2. However, on the resumption Limerick were a vastly improved side and with Brid Stokes and Bridget Darcy getting vital scores Limerick gradually took complete control and ran out the easiest of winners to qualify for the county's first ever All-Ireland final.

In the first half Limerick were a big disappointment and but for a sound display by Helen Mulcaire they would have been in even greater trouble. Galway, with Marian Freaney, Brid Murphy, Mary Kelly and Ann Donoghue in lively form, deserved their lead but subsequently Marie Neville, Geraldine O'Brien, Cary Clancy as well as Bridget Darcy and Brid Stokes put Limerick clearly on top.

Scorers—Limerick: B. Stokes 4-0, B. Darcy 1-4, C. Clancy 1-2, P. McCarthy 1-0, M. Doyle 0-1. Galway: M. Kelly 1-0, A. Donoghue 0-2, B. Cunniffe 0-1.

Limerick: H. Butler, A. Meaney, E. Hayes, G. O'Brien, M. Neville, M. Doyle, H. Mulcaire, V. Mackey, B. Darcy, C. Clancy, B. O'Brien, B. Stokes, Sub. P. McCarthy for M. Doyle.

Galway: B. Coady, M. Freaney, A. Morris, A. Burke, B. Glynn, B. Murphy, B. Cunniffe, M. Kelly, B. Barrett, U. Jordan, E. Howley, A. O'Donoghue.
Referee: A. Downey (Kilkenny).

DUBLIN, 2-4; MONAGHAN, 2-1

THE DUBLIN minor camogie team were fortunate to beat Co. Monaghan 2-4 to 2-1 in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Minor Camogie Championship at Carrickmacross yesterday.

A goal in the closing minutes of the game from a free by Edell Murphy sealed Monaghan's fate although the home side had been pressing hard in the closing stages after leading by 2-1 to 1-3 at the interval.

Edell Murphy in the forward line was the star Dublin player and others to capture the limelight were Nora Maguire at centre field and Deirdre Hogan in defence.

Best for Monaghan were Rita Finn in the forward line, Deirdre Finnegan at centre field and Mary Lennon in defence.

Scorers — Dublin — E. Murphy (1-1), J. Gormley (1-0), N. Maguire and E. Edmond (0-1 each).

Monaghan — M. Vernon and N. Thornton (1-0 each), D. Finnegan (0-1).

Referee — Mary Cribben (Kilkenny).

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FORM FAVOURS WEXFORD GIRLS

THE FIRST of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi-finals between Wexford and Clare takes place at Monamolin (2.0) on Sunday.

If one were to judge on National League form the verdict must sway heavily in Wexford's favour. In six competitive games, two in the Senior Championship three in the National League and one in the Leinster Championship, they suffered only one defeat.

They were hard pressed in their opening Championship game against Galway but had a comfortable victory over Cork.

Their closest League match was with Dublin which they only won by a single point while their one defeat was by Kilkenny.

With all these games behind them the Slaneiders must be strong favourites to reach the All-Ireland final.

SECOND "SEMI"

Though Clare have not been very successful in their League campaign they were very impressive against Down in the Championship quarter final and could run Wexford close.

Also down for decision on Sunday is the second semi-final of the Willwood Tailteann All-Ireland Minor Competition between Galway and Limerick.

Galway went down heavily to

Limerick in the Junior semi-final last weekend but are very hopeful of reversing the result next time.

Powered by the Junior All-Ireland Colleges Champion side from Athenry, Galway mentors feel that they can master any opposition.

Limerick girls, trained by Carrie Clancy and her committee are not daunted by Galway's confidence in their side. They have a useful outfit which defeated the champions, Cork, and will not give up the opportunity to complete the double for Limerick easily.

The winners of the Minor game will advance to meet Dublin in the Final which is now part of the Tailteann Games on August 28. If Limerick win the final will be played in Limerick, while if Galway succeed the venue will be in Dublin.

Dublin, who travelled to Carrickmacross last Sunday, were hard-pressed by Monaghan and it was a late free which was goaled by Edel Murphy that gave them their passports to the final.

Monaghan will have another chance, however, to make their first appearance in an All-Ireland final as they are due to play Wexford in the Junior semi-final on August 21.

Cork Will Not Give In Easily

CORK seniors will be at home on Saturday in the Munster Championship when they meet Tipperary at Douglas. Munster's remaining representatives in the All-Ireland championship, Clare, will be in action on Sunday when they meet Wexford at Monamolin in the All-Ireland semi-final while Limerick and Galway meet at Galway in the All-Ireland minor semi-final. On the home front there are a number of interesting league fixtures.

Tipperary in their championship outing with Kilkenny, looked fitter than when Cork took two points from them in the league in May and Cork can expect a tougher tie this time.

Mary O'Brien in goal is a fine keeper, while Monica Butler, Siobhan Tynan, Deirdre Lane, Marian Troy, Libby Howard, and Maura Hogan are all very capable performers. Tipperary caught Angela Downey in brilliant mood in their game with Kilkenny. Otherwise they seemed to match their opponents in other positions. And now with the championship and league gone Tipperary will be hoping to salvage something from the season and the Munster championship would be a nice consolation at this stage.

Cork, still very much involved in the National League, are Munster champions and determined to stay that way. For tomorrow's game they will be without Pat Moloney, Patricia Riordan and Kay Doherty, and this will be a blow, but Betty Joyce, is back in action after an injury and she will be a big asset to the side. As Cork have held this champ-

ionship since 1970 they will not admit defeat easily and if Mary Whelton, Marion McCarthy, Margo Twomey and Marion Sweeney can hit the high spots then they can take a vital step in defence of their title.

Wexford are at home to Clare in the All-Ireland semi-final on Sunday. On previous form, it must be Wexford for the final. Last Sunday they travelled to Down, minus six of their regulars and accounted for the Northern county by 5-3 to 2-0. So far Galway and Cork have failed to stop Wexford, while Clare had a good win over Down in the championship. This time the Munster girls will be without their top scorer, Eileen Fitzgibbon, who is in Spain, but still have very good players in Clare Harrington, Maureen Kelly, Margaret O'Toole and Maureen Davoren. But Wexford must start as favourites.

In the minor All-Ireland, Galway field seven of the side which failed to Limerick in the Junior semi-final last Sunday. These girls will, of course, make a greater impact at under age level, and might well gain revenge for that Junior defeat. Certainly the odds seem

stacked in Galway's favour against a Limerick side which depends so much on centrefield star, Helen Mulcaire.

Big game on the home front is the Under-14 League final in which Killeagh meet old rivals Na Piarasigh at the latter's venue on Sunday.

Killeagh, 1977 Feile na nGael champions, and also Munster's representatives in the Community Games finals at Butlins are on the crest of a wave at the moment and determined to add the under-14 title to their trophies for the year. They have grand young players in Vera Motherway, Patsy Kenry, Barbara Kirby, Ann Marie Landers and the Spillane sisters and will probably start as favourites.

But Na Piarasigh, who won the Feile title last season, are a very attractive young side with fine players in Martha Kearney, Imelda Cronin, Jackie Twomey and Helena Fox who will not give up the under-14 title easily. So the game has all the ingredients of a thriller.

The remaining games are all in league ties. Last week at Croke Park the national coaches, Mary Moran and Anne Carroll launched their new coaching book at a press conference. This was a gigantic step for the Association and our congratulations must go to the two girls who went to so much trouble to produce this very comprehensive book. For any coach at any level this is a most informative publication which includes all aspects of training a team. This is a book which would be worthwhile not only to coaches but to any player, official or follower anxious to know the finer points of the game.

Wexford wear down Clare

WEXFORD 6-4; CLARE 1-3

WEXFORD EARNED a place in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final when they beat Clare by 6-4 to 1-3 in yesterday's semi-final at Monamolin. Clare were rarely in the game and but for Maureen Kelly, their goalkeeper, they would have suffered an even heavier defeat.

An early point of Wexford was quickly matched with a Clare point from Margaret O'Toole. A goal from Kit Codd in the tenth minute put Wexford into a lead which they never relinquished and increased by 3-1 to 0-2 at half-time.

GOAL RUSH

Clare rallied in the second half and after challenging strongly for fifteen minutes were rewarded by a fine goal from Margaret O'Toole, but the experience of the Wexford girls was evident as they took control and finished strongly with three goals in the last five minutes to leave the final score at 6-4 to 1-3.

Kit Codd, Bernie Murphy and sisters Elsie and Dorothy Walsh were best for the winners while Clare was best served by Maureen Kelly, Margaret O'Toole and Maureen Davoren. Wexford will now meet the winners of the Dublin-Kilkenny semi-final in September's all Ireland final.

Scorers — Wexford — K. Codd (2-0), B. Murphy (2-0), E. O'Gorman (2-0), B. Doran (0-2), M. Hearne (0-2). Clare — M. O'Toole (1-1), E. Condon (0-1), M. Davoren (0-1).

Wexford—K. Tonks, M. Lacey, M. Darcy, D. Walsh, M. Hearne, E. Walsh, B. Doyle, B. Murphy, K. Codd, B. Murphy, B. Doran, E. O'Gorman. Sub—J. Murphy for B. O'Gorman.

Clare—M. Kelly, A. O'Loughlin, C. O'Connell, R. Kelleher, B. McGil, O'Toole, M. Davoren, C. O'Connell, A. O'Connor, A. Harrington, M. Sweeney, E. Condon, E. O'Sullivan (Kilkenny).

Galway, 1-5; Limerick, 1-1

Galway earned a place in the All-Ireland Minor Camogie final when they beat Limerick by 1-5 to 1-1 at Ballaghaderreen yesterday.

Galway started well but Limerick's good work in defence kept them scoreless until Midge Hammond pointed a 30 yards free after 17 minutes.

Mary Kelly increased Galway's lead with a goal a minute later. Limerick failed to score in the first half.

STILL ON TOP

The winners maintained their superiority on the second half. Una Jordan, Anne Delaney and Anne Burke controlled the centre Bridie Cuniffe impressed at centreback in this period, while Anne Morris at side forward always looked dangerous.

Galway had added two points to their interval score when Limerick goaled midway through this half. Galway now exerted greater pressure on the Limerick defence and only good goalkeeping and courageous defence by full back Ita Gannon foiled them of scores.

They added only one point before the final whistle, while Galway had points from Anne Burke and Anne Morris.

Scorers — Galway: M. Kenny (1-0), M. Hobbins (0-2), B. Cuniffe, A. Morris, A. Burke (0-1 each); Limerick: N. Quaid, 1-0, H. Mulcaire (0-1).



Tipperary keeper Mary O'Brien making a good save from Cork forward Mary O'Leary during the Munster senior camogie championship semi-final at Douglas.

TIPP TOPPLE CHAMPIONS

By NOEL SPILLANE

Cork 3-2, Tipperary 5-0

MUNSTER champions Cork were dethroned at Douglas, Cork, on Saturday night in the semi-final of the Munster senior camogie championship as Tipperary reversed a defeat they suffered in the League back in May to qualify for the Munster final against either Limerick or Clare.

In a match played in driving rain all through, and which started 20 minutes behind scheduled, because of the late arrival of Limerick referee K. Clancy, Tipperary were first to show with a fine goal in the first minute from Ann Graham. It was a tonic start and one that spurred Tipperary on to greater things. After 20 minutes, Tipp increased their advantage through a second Graham goal, and two minutes later, Maolmhuire Tynan made it 3-0 to send Cork reeling in the opening half.

On the restart, Cork came roaring back and had a goal within a minute through Mary O'Leary and suddenly Cork had everything to play for. They continued to apply the pressure and had a point from play by Cally Riordan to make it 3-0 to 1-1. Their superiority was short-lived, however, as Tipp shattered

any chance of a Cork rally with a fourth goal as Sheila Delaney palmed the ball home from close range.

After 35 minutes, Clare Cronin goaled for Cork, but the visitors equalled it with a fifth score from Ann Graham to leave Tipperary ahead 5-0 to 2-1 mid-way through the second half. In the closing minutes, Cork added a point through Margo Twomey and a second goal for Mary O'Leary as the match finished in fading light.

Scorers for Tipperary: A. Graham (3-0), M. Tynan (1-0), and S. Delaney (1-0). Scorers for Cork: M. O'Leary (2-0), C. Cronin (1-0), Cally Riordan and M. Twomey (0-1 each).

Tipperary—M. O'Brien, M. Hogan, M. Butler, R. Ryan, S. Tynan, M. Troy, M. Tynan, D. Lane, L. Howard, S. Delaney, G. Feehan, and A. Graham. Subs.: B. Wright, M. Hayes, and C. Tynan.

Cork — O. Harrington, M. Sweeney, H. Cotter, G. Ahern, M. Twomey, C. Landers, B. Joyce, C. Hackett, E. Kavanagh, M. O'Leary, C. Cronin, M. McCarthy. Subs.: C. Riordan, and N. O'Driscoll.

Referee: K. Clancy (Limerick).



Action from the Cork (dark vest) and Cavan under-14 camogie final, which Cavan won.

COMMUNITY GAMES FINAL
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Cork forward Mary O'Leary (right) whipping past Tipperary's Mary Hogan during the Munster senior camogie championship semi-final at Douglas on Saturday night.

Killeagh Camogie Club

From a small beginning to All-Ireland champions in the space of four seasons is the proud achievement of Killeagh Camogie Club who recently won Feile na nGael at Waterford.

On the side were two girls, ANNE MARIE LANDERS and SHELLY SPILLANE, who have carved their own special niche in camogie circles.

Both girls at the early age of ten played on the losing side in the final of the Cork

Community Games in 1974 and in the following year were again on the losing side.

In 1976, however, the title came to Killeagh and the same year the East Cork village side qualified for the final of the intermediate championship.

This year Anne Marie and Shelly were again on the team that won the Community Games and then came the great Feile na nGael success.

Two people who have played a big part in the success of the Killeagh side are TONY O'NEILL who has devoted a lot of time to the club, and MRS. SHEILA SPILLANE, of Burgess, where the club currently play their games.

Anne Marie is a cousin of CATHERINE LANDERS, well-known Cork player, while Shelly's brother, CON, won a Harty Cup and All-Ireland Colleges title with St Colman's this year.



Shella Spillane, Anne Maria Landers, Shelly Spillane and Tony O'Neill.

Dublin could go into decider

CAMOGIE by TAOBH LINE

DUBLIN, who lost the All-Ireland camogie title to Kilkenny by a single point last September will be very keen to prove themselves when they face the same opposition at Russell Park, Blanchardstown (3.0) on Sunday next.

This time the counties meet in the semi-final and which ever county wins it will for the second year in succession, be an All-Leinster decider as Wexford who scored a decisive victory over Clare last Sunday are already in the final.

was played last May. At that time the Metropolitans were in the middle of their championship season while Kilkenny were then not as fit or as fast.

Both counties have, since then, been very impressive in the championship. Kilkenny scored an unexpectedly easy victory over League champions, Tipperary and Dublin travelled to Belfast where they readily defeated Antrim.

Most of the champions side had won All Ireland medals in 1974 and contested the finals of 1971 so therefore they are the more experienced players. The challengers side is built mainly from their 1973 junior champion side which surprised all-comers last year by reaching the final.

They too, will take courage from their fine performance last year and from their earlier league victory.

Kilkenny have on their side such stars as Bridie Martin who won the "Player of the Year" award last year, Angela Downey, the captain who is the strongest forward in the game and her twin Anne, who is recovering from an appendix.

CLASSIC

This should be a classic game. On paper Kilkenny looks the stronger side but if the Dublins can master Angela Downey they could sneak home by a narrow margin.

Sunday next at Roslevin Park (1.30), have been having a rough time recently.

Dismissed from the championship by Wexford they lost their Munster crown last Saturday when they had to give best to Tipperary. Short several of their regular players they had no answers to the Tipperary girls business-like approach.

Also down for decision on Sunday is the last of the All-Ireland semi-finals between Wexford and Monaghan at Monaghan (2.0).

Monaghan, who lost the Minor semi-final to Dublin will be most anxious to succeed this time. They were very impressive when they overcame the favourites Armagh in the Ulster decider and should give a good account of themselves.

Galway, who scored a narrow but well deserved victory over Limerick in the Minor semi-final last Sunday at Ballindereen, will with Dublin, make history on August 28.

They will play in the first Willwood Tailteann All-Ireland Minor Camogie Final and to add to their glory the game will be played before the All-Ireland Senior Football semi-final replay between Roscommon and Armagh.

Camogie row

A MAJOR row has developed in Monaghan camogie circles over last Sunday's county senior championship final in which Castleblayney defeated Monaghan. The Monaghan girls have sent a protest to the County Board.

Michael Davoren, who coaches the Monaghan team, said the referee's attitude was intimidatory.

He alleged that Monaghan's players were whistled up in the early stages for technical fouls that could not be found in the rule book and the team became confused and disheartened.

The referee, Mrs. Mary Lynch, would not comment yesterday.

Angela leads champs into final

Kilkenny	5-3
Dublin	2-4

THE Kilkenny camogie girls are on the All-Ireland trail again as a result of their convincing eight points win over last year's runners-up Dublin, at Russell Park, Dublin on Sunday.

A two minute goal rush by star forward, Angela Downey was enough to sink Dublin and win the Noreiders the final spot against Wexford who beat Cork in the other semi-final.

Three goals in 120 seconds by the dashing Downey twin turned this game right around. Dublin never recovered from that body blow and Kilkenny marched on in impressive style to confirm their one point victory over the Metropolitans in the 1976 decider.

The game was always lively and the winners got a good start when Miss Downey shot over a point. But Dublin settled in and had a goal shortly after by Noreen Fleming. The losers most impressive player, Orla Ni Riain then added a point to add fuel to the burning for victory Dublin machine.

Points for the winners by Helena O'Neill and Bridie Martin was followed by Kilkenny's worst spell in the game. The losers moved Orla Ni Riain into midfield and then gained control of the match.

Poor finish by the losers' forwards left a number of good scoring chances slip. But

during the winners unsteady spell centre back Bridie Martin played the proverbial 'blinder' and kept the Kilkenny defence together.

Dublin had two more points through Orla Ni Riain and retired with 1-3 to 0-3 in hand at the interval. The lead was slim but Dublin looked good enough to hold it in the early stages of the new half when Noreen Fleming added on another point.

Then Angela Downey had the first of her four goals to bring Kilkenny back into the match. Understandably the score lifted the champions and they rose their game considerably. They gradually got on top at midfield and then came Angela's goal rush.

Three times she cracked the ball past the helpless Sheila Murray in the Dublin goal. The first was from play and the second was from a 30 yard free which she hit with terrific force.

Dublin tried desperately to win back the initiative but Kilkenny were playing too well to lose control in the time remaining. Orla Ni Riain had a goal for the losers in the dying minutes but even at that Kilkenny came back for Mary Purcell to goal.

Star

No doubt this very fine win will install Kilkenny as favourites to retain their title

in the all Leinster final in the middle of September.

Needless to add, Angela Downey was the star of the afternoon and her goal scoring feats, in this match and in the previous round, will make her a marked lady in the decider. Luck will need to be with the person charged with holding the lively St. Paul's player.

Others to stand out for the winners were blonde Bridie Martin, Helena O'Neill and Mary Fennelly. The best of the losers were Orla Ni Riain, Sheila Wall, Sheila Murray and Bernadette Coway.

The scorers

Kilkenny - Angela Downey (4-1); M. Purcell (1-0); H. O'Neill and B. Martin (0-1 each).

Dublin - O. Ni Riain (1-3); N. Fleming (1-1).

The teams

Kilkenny: T. O'Neill, L. Neary, A. Holden, M. Canavan, B. Martin, H. O'Neill, M. O'Neill, M. Fennelly, C. Doyle, M. Purcell, A. Downey, J. Dunne. Subs: Ann Downey for M. O'Neill.

Dublin: S. Murray, M. Brennan, S. Wallace, M. Murphy, B. Conway, M. Mernagh, B. Redmond, A. Mcanus, M. Fleming, E. Sweeney, O. Uí Riain, H. Darling. Subs: M. Higgins for M. Murphy, F. Sutton for M. Mernagh.

Referee: E. Walsh (Wexford).

Kilkenny get through again

Kilkenny 5-3; Dublin 2-4

KILKENNY, the reigning All-Ireland senior champion defeated Dublin by eight points at Russell Park, Na Road, yesterday. The game began at a lively pace, and only three minutes, Angela Downey scored Kilkenny's first point. Dublin, however, replied quickly with a goal from Noreen Fleming, after a goalmouth scramble. Orla Ni Riain at side forward was very impressive at this stage and some great solo running, pointed. Helena O'Neill and B. Martin added points for Kilkenny.

Orla Ni Riain moved to centre-field and Dublin gained control for a long spell. Poor finishing by the Dublin forwards left them without further goals, but Orla Ni Riain added two more points. Bridie Martin was outstanding at centre-back for Kilkenny, while Dublin backs were very sound. Kilkenny failed to score in this second quarter, to leave them trailing by 1-3 to 0-3 at half-time.

This lead was not enough for Dublin. Though they started well, they failed to score until Noreen Fleming added a point after five minutes. Angela Downey goaled from the puck-out to bring Kilkenny back into the game. They gradually gained control at the centre of the field, and Angela Downey showed her true form when, within the space of two minutes, she scored three brilliant goals.

The first was from play, then almost immediately she took a thirty yards free, which she hit with great force to the back of the net, leaving Dublin's goalie Sheila Murray with no chance.

TRIED HARD

Dublin tried hard from here on, but Kilkenny were superior throughout. Orla Ni Riain scored a goal in the closing minutes, but even then Kilkenny replied

with another goal on the whistle, this one from Mary cell.

The final score at 5-3 to Kilkenny was a reflection of Kilkenny's superior strength and particularly in the second half.

With Angela Downey in superb form, Wexford, the finalists, will have their full if they are to take Kilkenny from Kilkenny. Other Kilkenny players to impress were Bridie Martin, Helena O'Neill and Mary Fennelly. In addition to Orla Ni Riain, Sheila Wallace, Sheila Murray, Bernadette Coway and Noreen Fleming were ineffective for Dublin.

Scorers, Kilkenny: Angela Downey (4-1), Mary Purcell (1-0), Helena O'Neill (0-1), B. Martin (0-1), Orla Ni Riain (1-3), Noreen Fleming (1-1).

KILKENNY-T. O'Neill, L. Neary, A. Holden, B. Martin, M. G. Holden, B. Martin, M. H. O'Neill, M. O'Neill, M. Purcell, C. Doyle, M. Fennelly, C. Doyle, M. Purcell, A. Downey, J. Dunne. Subs: Ann Downey for M. O'Neill.

DUBLIN-S. Murray, M. Brennan, S. Wallace, M. Murphy, B. Conway, M. Mernagh, B. Redmond, A. Mcanus, M. Fleming, E. Sweeney, O. Uí Riain, H. Darling. Subs: M. Higgins for M. Murphy, F. Sutton for M. Mernagh.

Referee-P. Gorman (Wexford 34, Monaghan 3-0).

Good Victory For Cork Girls

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IN an entertaining game at Roslevin last Sunday, Cork had a narrow but deserving win over Clare. This victory leaves Cork with full points on top of the western section of the National League. There was little or nothing between the sides. Scores were even at half-time but Cork were ahead at the finish by 3-9 to 4-4.

continues. Na Piarsaigh, who have a wealth of young talent, should take the points from Douglas. Later in the week Douglas should come out on top. With their Cork minor Liz Lynch in good form, they should collect the points from Blackrock. Killeagh would seem to carry too many young stars for Watergrasshill. Eire Og and Ballincollig should come out best in the Mid-Cork games.

On their display Clare deserve to be better placed in the league. They are currently pointless at the bottom of the section.

Cork showed greater commitment and will to win than in their previous outing. Betty Joyce, Marie Costine, Cally Riordan, Marion Sweeney and Mary O'Leary worked hard. Marion and Mary were the chief scorers.

Cork now await the final matches in the eastern section before their opponents will be known. Wexford lead the table but have a match in hand with Kilkenny. It is by no means certain that Wexford can overcome their neighbours and a three way play-off bringing back Dublin is possible.

The first of the 1977 All-Ireland finals will be decided on Sunday when Galway face Dublin for the minor trophy, Corn Tailteann. Only Down and Cork have their names on the cup so far.

Galway deserve the role of favourites. Their side contains many from the Presentation College, Athenry teams which have been so successful in All-Ireland colleges championships in the past few seasons. This experience should stand to them on Sunday when they play as a curtain-raiser to the All-Ireland football semi-final replay between Armagh and Roscommon.

Anne Burke, Una Jordan, Anne Morris and Anne Delaney have lined out for Galway seniors in the National League games. The Dublin players are not as well known, with the exception of the Presentation, Terenure, forward Edel Murphy. Dublin had not much to spare over Monaghan in the semi-final. It looks like a win for Galway.

At home, St. Finbarrs, last year's defeated finalists, tackle Ballyphehane for the right to contest the 1977 final. St. Finbarrs easily accounted for Glanworth but will find Ballyphehane much more difficult to defeat. Anne O'Sullivan, Cecilia Ahern, Mary Walsh and goalkeeper M. O'Sullivan are amongst St. Finbarrs best. But they may find the inform Ballyphehane side too much to cope with.

Ballyphehane had an encouraging win over last year's junior championship winners Inniscarra recently. If Ber Byrne, Nuala Trindles, Clare Cronin, Margo Sugrue and Gay Desmond play well, Ballyphehane could reach their first championship final.

Sarsfields are in the running for both intermediate and junior 'B' honours. They meet Watergrasshill later in the month in the intermediate final. On Sunday their second string take on Ballinora in the junior 'B' semi-final. To advance in either game Sarsfields will have to show better form than they displayed in the final of the Courtbrack Festival.

The under-age league

National League—Only Remaining Title Hope

ONE by one, Cork's chances of making the 1977 honours list are dwindling. Last Saturday night the Munster Senior Championship was surrendered. All that remains for the senior side is the National League. On Sunday Cork travel to play Clare. A win or a draw would secure a place in the final of the competition against the winners of the Eastern Section.

Clare fell to Wexford last weekend in the All-Ireland Senior semi-final. They were in the game until the last quarter when Wexford broke through for a couple of goals. Eleece Fitzgibbon, who missed the Wexford game, will be back in the side for the Cork match. She is the top scorer of the Clare side and made scoring look very easy in their outing against Down.

Clare are out of the running for League honours. They possess a good goalkeeper in Maureen Kelly, an experienced full-back in Anne-Marie O'Loughlin and established players in Margaret O'Toole, Maureen Davoren, Claire Harrington and Kitty McNicholas. Fresh from their championship outing, Clare are very fit at the moment.

Cork were short six of their panel for the Tipperary clash. The experience of Pat Moloney, Marie Costine and Mary Whelton was sorely missed. All three should be back in action on Sunday. Despite fielding short many regulars, if Cork had played in the first half with the same commitment which they showed in the second period, the result would probably have been different. Mary O'Leary, Cally O'Donovan, Marion Sweeney, Margo Twomey and Betty Joyce worked hard to bring Cork back into the game but the damage had been done.

Let us hope that we will see a Cork team going forward from the throw-in at Roslevin. With a goalkeeper like Maureen Kelly in front of them, they will need to take their points and make every chance count.

The second All-Ireland semi-final in the senior grade takes place in Dublin on

Sunday. This game will be a repeat of last year's All-Ireland Final. There has been very little between these sides on the scoreboard in recent outings. Dublin have won on some occasions but Kilkenny have come out on top in the more vital games. The Dublin goalkeeper Sheila Murray is in America. Without Sheila, Dublin would appear to have no chance. It is little wonder, therefore, that the Dublin officials are trying very hard to get her back by the weekend.

Dublin have much the same team as last year with the exception of Rita White, who has retired. Kilkenny are without Ann Carroll, now living in Donegal, and Ursula Grace. Anne Downey is recovering from an appendix operation and may feel it too soon to risk playing. Kilkenny have Teresa O'Neill, Bridie Martin, Helena O'Neill and Angela Downey who must be rated as four of the best players in the game. If Angela Downey hits the form she did against Tipperary, the game will be over and done with. It looks like a Wexford v Kilkenny All-Ireland Final.

Cork panel: M. Whelton, O. Harrington, M. Costine, H. Cotter, G. Ahern, B. Joyce, M. Twomey, E. Dineen, M. Mackey, C. Landers, P. Moloney (captain), C. Hackett, M. Sweeney, E. Kavanagh, C. O'Donovan, M. O'Leary, C. Cronin, M. McCarthy and N. O'Driscoll.

FIXTURES

Sunday, August 21: National League at Roslevin (Ennis) at 1.30, Cork v Clare (Ref. Margaret Killeen, Galway); All-Ireland senior semi-final at Blachardstown at 3.00, Dublin v Kilkenny. (Ref. Elsie Walsh, Wexford).

CLARE NARROWLY BEATEN IN LEAGUE

CORK 3-9

CLARE 4-4

CORK qualified for the final of the camogie league when they recorded a two point victory over Clare in the final game of the Western zone league. Clare had lost all their games in the competition and a win in this game would not have given them a place in the play-off stages. However they entered Sunday's game, determined to win following their defeat at the hands of Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final on the previous Sunday.

This was a fine game with some very good camogie played and Cork's ability to pick off points was the deciding factor. Star of the Clare side was stand-in goalie Ann Harrington, who deputised for the injured Maureen Kelly.

After a first half which produced some fine scores the teams retired on level terms on the score of 1-6 to 2-3 for Clare. The home side should have been ahead at this point but they missed some good scoring chances.

In the second half the Cork defence tightened up while their midfield came more into the game. The visitors were enjoying most of

the play and added 1-3 without reply. Clare came back into the game towards the finish but they could not get that winning goal.

Ann and Claire Harrington and Bridie McGirl were the pick of the Clare defence while up front Liz Condron, Maureen Davoren and Maureen Saunders were best. The team is continuing its training sessions twice weekly in preparation for the Munster championship semi-final against Limerick.

The Clare minor panel has been training for the past two months at the Church field in Shannon in preparation for their Munster semi-final with Limerick. Amongst those eligible to play in this team are Liz Condron, Patricia Moroney and Ann Foley of the senior panel and they will be helped by L. Fox, G. McNamara, C. Wall and R. Connell.

The U/14 and U/18 competitions are now in full swing. The Bridge defeated the U/18 title holders Ruan and are now favourites to meet Shannon in the final. The junior championship commences shortly and amongst the favourites here are Shannon, Sixmiles bridge and Cranny.

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Corn Tailteann may cross the Shannon

GALWAY ROMP TO FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP

DUBLIN AND GALWAY Minors are opponents for the first time on Sunday next at Croke Park, where they will decide the destiny of Corn Tailteann and the Willwood Tailteann All-Ireland (under sixteen) Minor Championship title. This is the first time camogie has participated in the revived Tailteann Games, although the Tailteann Games of 1924, '28 and '32 were largely responsible for the setting up of the All-Ireland Championship.

Galway 5-4; Dublin 2-1
GALWAY captured the Corn Tailteann for the first time when they defeated Dublin at Croke Park yesterday in the all-Ireland Minor Camogie final. During the first half, both teams played with enthusiasm, and there were many keen exchanges. An Aileen Redmond point from a thirty gave Dublin the lead. A minute later Galway levelled when Madje Hobbins pointed.

goalie Cathy Hickey was again outstanding for Dublin; she was well supported by Melinda Lambert and Deirdre Hogan. Iora Maguire worked tirelessly on the wing. Edel Murphy, always closely marked by the Galway defence, was most effective of the Dublin attack throughout, however, as a unit, they lacked finishing power.

Neither of the participants on Sunday has previously won the minor title but Galway featured in the final in 1975 in Cork. This championship was inaugurated in 1974 and Down, who have made a habit of winning the first — they also won the first junior championship in 1968 — were the first holders. Cork held the title for the past two seasons and this year the minor competition is part of the Tailteann Games.

performed players on their side. The team is built mainly around the All-Ireland junior colleges side, Athenry, whose well-known players are Ann Burke, Ann Morris, the captain, and Una Jordan.

majority and could come out on top again. Kilkenny, the reigning champions, qualified for the All-Ireland senior final on Sunday last when they put in a storming finish to beat Dublin 5-3 to 1-4. They will take on their greatest Leinster rivals, Wexford, in what should be a classic game.

There followed a period when neither side scored, although Galway were gradually coming to exert more and more pressure on the Dublin defence; only two great saves by goalie Cathy Hickey foiled them of scores in the 15th and 17th minutes.

Scorers — Galway — Madje Hobbins (12-), M. Rooney (1-), A. Burke, Jannon, G. N. Jordan (1-0 each), M. Kelly (1-0), Dublin — A. Heavey, J. Gormley (1-0 each), A. Redmond (0-1).

Dublin sailed through Leinster, eliminating Kilkenny, Wicklow and Wexford, but were hard pressed to overcome the Ulster champions, Monaghan, at Carrickmacross. Indeed, the northern girls dominated for most of the game but did not succeed in registering the scores. Dublin were finally saved when Edel Murphy scored the winner from a free in the closing minutes.

Ann Burke, who plays at midfield, has played a few games with the Galway senior side, in the National League, and, indeed, was well up to that standard on those occasions.

Wexford juniors will also be in Croke Park on September 18. They scored a deserved victory over Monaghan at Monamolin last Sunday to qualify to meet Munster champions Limerick.

Three minutes later Anne Bushe took advantage of a short puck out to score Galway's first goal. Dublin replied with a goal from a long distance free by Anne Heavey, the sliothar eluding both backs and forwards.

Galway—K. Daly, E. Howley, P. O'Connor, B. Cunniffe, P. Creaven, A. Delaney, A. Burke, U. Jordan, M. Kelly, A. Morris, M. Hobbins, Gannon. Subs—M. Rooney, M. Creaven, M. Kelly for I. Gannon. Dublin—C. Hickey, D. Hogan, Lambert, A. Heavey, M. Kerr, Redmond, M. Crawford, N. Maguire, G. Hughes, E. Murphy, G. Reddy, Gormley. Subs—G. Brady, M. Kerr, N. Noone for A. Redmond. Referee—H. O'Neill, Kilkenny.

Edel Murphy, who played senior camogie with Presentation, is one of Dublin's most experienced players and she is a sister of Mary Murphy, of the senior side. Aileen Redmond, the right wing, has two sisters, Barbara and Ann on the Dublin panel. Deirdre Hogan, the full-back is a third generation to represent Dublin, her mother, Eileen and her grandmother Mrs. Cronin, both played for the Metropolitans.

A very important gathering will meet at Croke Park on Saturday next (10.30). The Ard Choiste has invited all inter-county referees to attend a seminar to discuss among other things, "The Referee and her Problems."

The interval gave the Galway girls a three-point lead at this stage, despite the fact that they had played against the breeze.

The superior skill and strength of the Galway side became evident in the second half. They added 2-3 in the first 15 minutes without reply from Dublin. Anne Morris, Anne Burke and Una Jordan were in control at centrefield.

HARD TEST
Galway, like Dublin, found little difficulty in the Connacht Championship but had little to spare against visitors Limerick, who had earlier beaten the champions, Cork in Munster. Though Dublin, because their Leinster competition was bigger, have more experience of playing together, Galway have very ex-

Forecasting the winners of an under 16 game is extremely difficult, especially when both sides look as evenly matched as Dublin and Galway. The home team could have an advantage over the travellers but then many of the Galway players have played in Croke Park in college finals and were successful in the

After lunch, aspects of the game will be treated by Mrs. Lynch and Misses Spence, Breslin and Rafferty.

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TEAMS FOR MINOR FINAL
Dublin—C. Hickey, D. Hogan, I. Lambert, A. Heavey, M. Kerr, A. Redmond, M. Crawford, N. Maguire (capt); G. Hughes, E. Murphy, G. Reddy, I. Gormley. Subs—E. Bockley, G. Brady, G. Byrne, N. Noone.
Galway—K. Daly, E. Howley, P. O'Connor, B. Cunniffe, P. Creaven, A. Delaney, A. Burke, U. Jordan, M. Kelly, A. Morris (capt), M. Hobbins, M. Rooney. Subs—J. Gannon, F. Faby, M. Croke, M. Kelly.

Galway always seemed to outnumber their opponents. Bridie Cunniffe was best of a strong defence, while their attack lost no opportunities. Madje Hobbins and Mary Rooney were most threatening. In this period



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By AGNES HOURIGAN

BREAKING NEW GROUND



ANN CARROLL

THE Camogie Association broke completely new ground early in August when, for the first time in history, it staged a press conference, and in Croke Park at that. The occasion served a two-fold purpose, to launch the Association's own publication, 'Coaching for Camogie', and to present their official badges to the coaches who have already qualified under the National Coaching Scheme.

These first batch of graduates are 'Grade C' Coaches, qualified to look after school and club sides. But many of those at the course this July entered for 'B' Certificate which will qualify them to take charge of teams at county level. Then, presumably, they will go on to the top — Grade A, and so be passed as competent to coach in any capacity and at any level.

The Coaching Book is in itself a tribute to the two National Coaches, Mary Moran and Ann Carroll, by whom it was compiled. It is completely comprehensive, extending from the basic skills to team preparation, equipment and management. It is superbly illustrated, and remarkably good value at £1.

No two people could have been better qualified to compile such a handbook than the two people concerned, but, even so, the book they have produced adds immensely to their prestige. But then they both have had the experience and the ability, and have long ago proved themselves not alone as players but as coaches.

I first saw Mary Moran win League and championship honours with Celtic when she was living and working in Dublin.

Then she returned to her native Cork, rejoined her former club Old Aloysians, and revived not only first Old AIs but then the entire Cork Camogie scene. Not alone as an administrator did she bring a new sense of purpose to the County Board, but, when she took over as coach, she sent out Cork to win four successive All-Irelands and was herself on the panel for one. Her training methods were proved in that string of victories and it may well be that if Cork have, in the last couple of seasons, faded somewhat from their senior championship glories, the main reason was that they had become surfeited by their own successes.

As for Ann Carroll, many of you knew her as a lively contributor to 'Gaelic Sport' until pressure of work forced her to desist.

Since her school days in the Mercy Convent, Callan, Ann has set the Camogie scene alight wherever she happened to live. First it was in Tipperary, then in Kilkenny, and, most recently of all in distant Donegal. Everywhere she has inspired others with her own spirit of dedication and her tremendous love of the game. With a post-graduate degree from Loughborough University she is an authority on the science of sport, and she, too, has proved the success of her coaching methods with teams at school, University and county level.

It was interesting indeed at the Croke Park Press Conference to have the sports-writers meet the two National Coaches and it was even more interesting to hear such comments as, "This book is far and away better as a coaching handbook than any pro-

duced for any other sport in Ireland."

The All-Ireland championships and the National League have continued together right through the summer. While the Eastern Zone of the league is still wide open, Cork, seeking speedy compensation for championship defeat, look all but certain to finish on top of the Western Zone in this, their first season of entering the competition.

The provincial championships in the lesser grades have all been completed. In junior ranks, Limerick, profiting greatly from their experience in the National League, came sailing through in Munster, Wexford looked good when winning in Leinster and Galway regained the Western title. In the North, Monaghan, seeking a double, sprang a surprise when defeating Armagh.

But what was most encouraging was the ever-improving standard in these lower grades, and this carries with it the promise that the battle in the Open Draw senior championship will become even more exciting in the future.

Dublin

must win
to keep
interest
alive

Dublin
girls —
easily!

DUBLIN 10-6; DOWN 2-1

DUBLIN convincingly beat Down in the National Camogie League, Eastern Zone at Belfield yesterday. The scoreline justly reflects the trend of the game, which Dublin dominated for lengthy spells. Down, in the senior grade for their first year, got no chance to settle down, when Evelyn Sweeney scored straight from the throw-in. This was only the start as before Down got the ball into the Dublin half, Dublin had scored 5-1 and this was within 8 minutes of the start!

Then Down got the ball to the forward line and Lil Kane scored a well-taken goal. For a short period, there was a suggestion of Down getting to grips with the situation but Dublin added another three goals and one point before half-time. So, after a most unexciting first half, Dublin led by 8-2 to 1-0.

Dublin restarted at a great pace when Noreen Fleming goaled. Down improved slightly but Dublin were still in control. Without playing brilliantly they were able to gain and keep possession. Some beautiful ball-play particularly from Orla Ni Riain, Evelyn Sweeney and Noreen Fleming, ensured Dublin of an easy victory. Orla Ni Riain was very sound adding a further three points to bring her personal total to 2-3.

Hard work by Down's Joan amilton and Kathleen Rice got a goal. Overall, it was a one-sided affair with Dublin in control in all sectors.

Down, who appeared to be quite strong, never got off the ground. This win means that Dublin are still in contention for the League title.

Dublin scorers were: Evelyn Sweeney (3-2), Noreen Fleming (3-1), Orla Ni Riain (2-3), Mary Mernagh, Ann Byrne (1-0 each).

By TAOBH LINE

TWO MATCHES in the National League take over the Camogie interest this weekend with Dublin entertaining Down and Galway at home to Tipperary. The latter game is of no significance as far as the League fortunes of the teams in opposition are concerned, since Cork have already won the Western section, but the points in the other match are of vital importance to Dublin.

The position in the Eastern Zone is that Wexford is the only county with full points. But the Wexford girls still have a vital match to play against Kilkenny, who lost to Dublin and are, therefore, two points down. Dublin have already lost to Wexford in the League, so must win on Sunday next, if they are to remain in contention.

However, victory should not be beyond the Dublin girls, who, despite their defeat by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final, have stayed on in training and should prove too good for Down who have found the transition from junior to senior grade a bit more difficult than they possibly anticipated but have been hampered by the unavailability of some of last year's stars.

If the National League has served no other purpose, it has provided competitive games through the summer for Counties that have been eliminated from the championships, so, though there is nothing at stake, Galway and Tipperary can still provide lively fare at Ballinaderreen.

The League has certainly served Galway well, as the experience gained by some of their young stars in League games paid off handsomely when these girls were able to turn that experience to good account in the recent minor championship campaign.

Tipperary, winners of the first National League series last spring, have already failed to retain that title, but they are still in contention for the Munster senior title, in which they have defeated long-term holders Cork. So they will be using this League game as a useful try-out, and their greater incentive may well carry them to victory.

The greatly increased interest in camogie at juvenile level was proved again last weekend when the semi-finals and finals of the Community Games provided four very entertaining games at Mosney. Killeagh from Cork, who had won through in the Feile na nGael competition at Waterford, had proved superior in Munster and were firm favourites to capture the Community title.

The Cork girls had to battle hard to get through to the final, as they had little to spare over Connacht champions Ballygar in the semi-final. Kingscourt from Cavan, a county which supplied last year's winners, Templeport, then had a narrow victory over the Community Games specialists, Marino, in the other semi-final.

The final was a real thriller as the Cavan girls kept the score level in Ulster, but they were able to score a single point to spare

Youghal captain hits the winner

YOUGHAL 1-7;
ST. FINBARR'S 3-0.

A POINT from Marie Power, their captain, in the 18th minute of the second half, gave Youghal the narrowest of victories over St. Finbarr's in the final of the Cork Junior Camogie "A" Championship at Riverstown.

This game produced an abundance of top class camogie with Cally O'Riordan, aided by Marie Power, Gloria White and Tiss Collins, playing outstandingly for the winners.

A feature of the game was the magnificent display by

Marie O'Sullivan in the St. Finbarr's goal. Time and again she deprived Youghal of certain scores. She was ably assisted by Josephine Hallahane, Marion O'Brien and Frances Barry-Murphy, a sister of Cork's star hurler, Jimmy.

St. Finbarr's got away to a tonic start with a goal inside four minutes, but Cally O'Riordan with a point from a "30" and a goal from a high dropping ball, saw Youghal go ahead. For the remainder of the first half it was all Youghal and with some good scores from Marie Power and Cally O'Riordan, aided by a stiff breeze, led at half time by 1-5 to 2-0.

Mary Frances Murphy, who came on during the interval for Ann O'Sullivan, had the "Barrs" ahead by a point inside 90 seconds, but Cally O'Riordan had the sides level one minute later. Then, in the 18th minute, Marie Power hit over the winning point.

Scorers for the winners: Cally O'Riordan 1-4; Marie Power 0-3.

Scorers for St. Finbarr's: Mary Walsh 2-0; Mary Frances Murphy 1-0.

Referee: A. O'Donovan (South Pres.).

SARSFIELDS 6-1;
CARRIGTWOHILL 4-1

Sarsfields won the Cork County Junior "B" camogie title but, in doing so, lived dangerously at their own grounds, as Carrigtwohill, fighting with spirit and determination, had every bit as much of the play, but made the fatal error of going for goals when points were there for the taking.

Lady luck also favoured the winners as Carrigtwohill piled on the pressure and the woodwork and bodies of the winners kept their goal intact.

Sarsfields, on the other hand, took advantage of the weakness in the Carrigtwohill defence and were "presented" with four goals. The winners led at half time by 4-0 to 2-1 but a free by Kay Spillane, the best player on view, saw Mary Terry hit home an opportunist goal to close the gap. Ann O'Sullivan put the winners further ahead with 1-1 before Mary Terry was on hand to score another great goal.

Substitute Stella Cherry scored her side's best goal and with it, victory. Overall, it was an outstanding game where both sides gave a delightful exhibition of camogie.

Scorers for the winners: Edna Barry 2-0, Ann O'Sullivan 1-1; Stella Cherry 1-0; Angela O'Keefe 1-0; Elizabeth O'Callaghan 1-0.

Great double bill at Riverstown

By JOAN MORLEY

The stage is set for an exciting double decker at Riverstown on Sunday next when the finals of the two new Cork County junior camogie championships will be decided.

This season the large junior grade was divided in two with "A" and "B" Divisions. There was a league and championship campaign for both and with the standard levelled off somewhat there were many exciting games during the various campaigns.

Now the juniors "big day" has arrived and the contenders on Sunday are: "A," Youghal and St. Finbarrs; "B", Sarsfields and Carrigtwohill.

Both finals promise to be closely contested. St. Finbarrs are contesting a junior final for the second successive year and having lost out last season are determined to go one better this time. But it will be tough against a Cally Riordan inspired Youghal twelve.

In the "B" decider Sarsfields will be attempting to bring off the first leg of a championship double as their intermediate team are through to the final of their campaign the following Sunday. But Sarsfields, although most impressive this season, will not find it easy as they will be up against Carrigtwohill's first string, who have also played very well in recent months.

Blackrock have been improving all season in the Under-14 League and are now playing so well that they look likely winners of their section. On Sunday they meet Bishopstown, who will hardly deprive them of two valuable points.

In the only other game listed Ballyphehane must be fancied to take both points from Douglas when the sides clash in the Junior League at Douglas.

FIXTURES (all on Sunday)

At Riverstown: Cork County Junior Championship finals: "B", Sarsfields v. Carrigtwohill, 2.15 p.m.; "A", Youghal v. St. Finbarrs, 3.30 p.m.

At Ballinure: Under-14 League, Bishopstown v. Blackrock, 12 noon.

At Douglas: J.L., Douglas v. Ballyphehane, 11.30 a.m.

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Girls trying for third title

WHETHER its right or wrong, Kilkenny's quest for All-Ireland senior camogie honours against Wexford at Croke Park on Sunday will be overshadowed by the domestic attraction . . . the two county senior hurling semi-finals.

A crowd in the region of 15,000 is expected to cram Nowlan Park, while a number greatly reduced will enthusiastically chant for the black and amber standard bearers at Headquarters.

It's a pity, really. But it's a sad reality. Still, if the attitude of the Kilkenny Camogie Board officials is anything to go by, they will do the county proud, even without support.

A confident, but cautious Beatrice Treacy, who played for 8 years with Kilkenny, predicted that the champions would win by at least four points.

"The girls have put in a lot of hard work", she said. "They deserve success. I feel they should win by perhaps four points. Since the county broke its final bogey in 1974, the standard of the game in Kilkenny has improved greatly."

When Pierce Malone steered Kilkenny to their first senior camogie All-Ireland win in 1974 he sparked off a wave of enthusiasm for the game on the Noreside. Then there was only one senior team (St. Paul's) in Kilkenny. Now there are three, and Thomastown will join the ranks next year.

In all there are now 12 camogie clubs in the county and as Kilkenny win all-Irelands that number is expected to grow. Seemingly the old adage of 'nothing breeds success like success' is appropriate. In this case success means growth by means of clubs.

Beatrice, who finds time to apply herself to the demanding work of a Board always battling against the odds, and despite having to look after 6 children, is certain the victories of '74 and '76 were the makings of the game in Kilkenny.

Exceptionally good

"Once we broke the All-Ireland final bogey I knew there had to be better days ahead", she said. "In the last match against Dublin the girls did exceptionally good in a game that was by no stretch of the imagination easy to win".

She recalled that Kilkenny teams had been beaten in All-Ireland finals in 1970 and '72 and both were against Cork.

By an unusual twist of fate it was a Corkonian who kept the fire started by Pierce Malone burning brightly. Pat Cronin, who was then chairman of the Camogie Board, prepared the team for

matches. He has now moved elsewhere and Thomastown's Brendan O'Sullivan is the new team trainer.

The active G.A.A. official took charge of the ship after the first round win over Clare last year. He had never trained or coached a ladies' team before, but the invaluable help he received from Kilkenny's 'queen of camogie', Ann Carroll, quickly pointed him in the right direction.

Even today he gets the odd tip from a camogie coaching book which Ann had written.

Settling tie

All that is not meant to suggest that Brendan is like a raw recruit as he prepares the 17 girls who hope to retain the all-Ireland trophy.

He knows the Wexford team and he is looking at this match as "an account settling tie". Last year the champions met the Slaneysiders in the League down in Wexford and were caught on the hop. But they gained revenge in this year's Leinster league championship semi-final. So this third tussle will put one or the other ahead in the field.

Of the styles of the two contestants Brendan said: "Wexford are very strong and their technique is more or less pick and hit compared to Kilkenny's ground hurling. I will be hoping the girls will get a good start. So far they have been slow starters and against Dublin they fell behind by 5 points early on. Only 10 minutes from time they drew level and then went on to win", he pointed out.

He remarked that the attitude of the girls was "great" and there was a full turnout every night. The players paid a nominal fee while training at St. Kieran's college. They have moved from that venue because of the opening of the school after the holidays and they completed their routine at Nowlan Park.

While some people pointed

an accusing finger at the Co. Board for fixing the two semi-finals to clash with Ladies Day at Croke Park, Brendan would have none of it.

"It wasn't all decided by the Co. Board", he said. "The Co. Board, as always, has taken care of us and the church gate collection we had helped keep the wolf from the door."

Experience

It is funny that the Wexford ladies will also be robbed of support because of a clash with the county semis on Sunday also.

Nonetheless, they will put it up to the champions. To date Kilkenny have accounted for the challenges of Tipperary, at Thomastown and Dublin up in the capital. Their slowness to get into their stride has been the only flaw in their play.

Experience they have in abundance and the 11 St. Paul's girls on the panel should add an extra bit of understanding to whatever selection the mentors come up with.

Bridie Martin, although only 22 is one of the most honoured girls in the game at the moment. Liz Neary, Teresa and Helena O'Neill along with Mary Conway, Peggy Carey and efficient P.R.O., Mary Fennelly were all part of the last two winning teams.

No doubt, Shem Muldowney's twins, Angela and Ann will receive special advice from their father who should have plenty of technical 'know-how' to pass on. His help has been of great value in the team preparations.

Perhaps a number - lets hope its a big number - at Nowlan Park on Sunday will spare a moment to inquire how the ladies are doing nearly 80 miles away. It is the least that can be done for them . . . to attend in spirit if not in body.

MEET THE CAMOGIE GIRLS

Mary Fennelly (27). St. Paul's. Secretary. 5'3". 8 st. 7 lbs. Single. Midfielder or defender.

Hobbies: Squash, music and theatre.

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Favourite entertainer: The Chieftains.

Peg Carey (27). Young Irelands (Gowran). 5'4". 10 st. Married. Midfielder.

Hobbies: All sports.

Favourite T.V. programme: The Brothers.

Favourite entertainer: None.

Mary Conway (26). St. Paul's. 5'7". 10 st. Secretary. Single. Forward.

Hobby: Swimming.

Favourite T.V. programme: Tom and Jerry.

Favourite entertainer: None.

Helena O'Neill (24). St. Paul's. 5'5". 8 st. 5 lbs. Single. Midfielder. Laboratory analyst.

Hobbies: All sports.

Favourite T.V. programme: The Brothers.

Favourite entertainer: Paul Newman.

Liz Neary (23). St. Paul's. 5'5". 9 st. Nurse. Single. Full-back.

Hobbies: Camogie and sport in general.

Favourite T.V. programme: Magoo.

Favourite entertainer: None.

Mary Purcell (18). Johnstown. 5'6". 8 st. 5 lbs. Single. Student. Forward.

Hobbies: Tennis and basketball.

Favourite T.V. programme: The Muppet Show.

Favourite entertainer: Rock Hudson.

Breda Coonan (18). St. Paul's. 5'4". 8 st. Single. Receptionist. Forward.

Hobbies: Badminton and basketball.

Favourite T.V. programme: The Muppet Show.

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Anne Holden (18). Shamrocks. 5'. 7½ st. Single. Student. Defender.

Hobbies: Basketball and badminton.

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Hobbies: Athletics and camogie.

Favourite T.V. programme: The Rockford Files.

Favourite entertainer: Sandy Duskey.

Majella O'Neill (17). Thomastown. 5'9". 9 st. Single. Book-keeper/typist. Forward.

Hobbies: Basketball and all sports.

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Favourite entertainer: Dick Emery.

Mary Canavan (25). St. Paul's. Married. 5'3". 8½ st. Left half-back.

Hobbies: All sports.

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Hobby: Swimming.

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Carmel Doyle (23). St. Paul's. 5'8". 10 st. Housewife. Centre-forward.

Hobbies: All sports.

Favourite T.V. programme: Road Runner.

Favourite entertainer: Niall Toibin.

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The selectors

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The married touch

TWO Kilkenny ladies who will be in action at Croke Park on Sunday have recently got married.

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This year Limerick have again come through in Munster with flying colours having comprehensively beaten old rivals, Cork, in the Munster final, played in Croom. They then accounted for Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final on a score-line of 7 goals 5 points to 1 goal and 2 points to qualify for their first national decider.

The Limerick team benefited enormously from the experience gained over these past few years and have matured into an efficient team machine under the guidance of trainer, Eithne Neville. The present team is an excellent blend of youth and experience and team spirit and morale are excellent also. They have trained earnestly and are eagerly awaiting their clash with Wexford.

I would like to pay a tribute to all those who have worked hard during the year to help the team in their quest of All-Ireland honours, especially trainer Eithne Neville, who is, of course, a selector also. Ann Board, who has done so much work to aid the cause; selector Vincent Hayes and anybody else who helped in any way during the year. I would like also to thank all the firms and individuals who have contributed to the fund to cover team expenses, etc. Lastly, but not least, I would like to thank all members of the panel who have made many sacrifices to reach the goal, which they are on the threshold of, I have the utmost confidence in them and I am sure that on Sunday next they will prove themselves worthy All-Ireland champions.

Some firsts for Limerick

Eithne Neville

team trainer



Eithne Neville, trainer of the Limerick team.

The team for next Sunday's game is coached and trained by Eithne Neville a member of a famous Killybegs family.

Back in the late 'fifties Eithne played club camogie with U.C.D. and helped Dublin to win an All-Ireland senior championship. She is also holder of an Ashbourne Cup and Gael Linn medals. She has won numerous senior championship leagues titles with Croagh/Kilfinny, as well as a Munster junior trophy. She is the present secretary of Munster Council.

Since taking over the county team four years ago she has done tremendous work, with results speaking for themselves. Victory on Sunday would be fitting reward for her unselfish endeavour.

Her summing up of the game:—

Limerick, at last, are on the way to Croke Park. After many years of endeavour, they have made the breakthrough. In recent times they have been knocking at the door, but, though they won the last three Munster finals in a row, they seemed unable to get past the All-Ireland semi-final stage. Now, for the first time ever, they have reached an All-Ireland final and I have no doubt they will do it county proud.

This present team has a n blend of youth and experience and during the recent Sen League campaign, in which they were allowed take part, showed determination and a confidence in their ability to mix it with their senior opponents. The league games, while providing invaluable experience, made the team aware of its potential. Wexford has a tradition and a reputation

First All-Ireland

her girls

Views at a glance

Fr. John Ryan, C.C., Bruff — Limerick's appearance in a final should certainly improve the image of camogie in the county. Schools in particular should sit up and take notice. Best of luck in Croke Park.

Hannie Carroll, County Board treasurer, is confident of a Limerick win. This is their year she says.

Christina Greensmyth, assistant secretary, County Board, an ex-Limerick and interprovincial player, is hoping that Limerick will get off to a good start. If they are in touch with Wexford at the break, she sees nothing to stop the championship from coming to the county.

Peggy Duffy, former secretary of the County Board — I wish the Limerick team the best of luck and ultimate victory in Croke Park. I have felt for some time that camogie in Limerick deserved a major reward for the efforts put into the game. This final seems to be the occasion of recompense for all the hard work and training by our juniors. Good luck, Limerick.

Mairtin Mac Caba, president, C.C.E. — Is ocaid mor e do mhuintir Luimni re alt in a bhfuilid go bhfuil fuireann camogulochta solser an chontae ag imirt so chraobh cheannais na hEireann. Molaim cad go mo ragas ta suil agam go sbeidh duals is acude acu ag dul abhaile dhoibh.

It is a source of great pride to all Limerick people wherever they may be that the Limerick junior team has reached the final of the All-Ireland championship. As one who was involved in the administration of camogie affairs in Limerick many years ago and is a Limerick president of a kindred organisation — Comhaltas Ceol-giri Eireann — I wish them well and I hope they will return with the All-Ireland trophy to the ancient city as many Limerick hurling teams have done in the past.

Dave Clancy, County Board chairman, is quietly confident that the All-Ireland will be Limerick's. He is full of praise for the hard work done by trainer Eithne Neville and the response to the training by the players.

Tommy Moynihan, Ballyagran — Limerick will win. If they produce their best form, there is nothing to stop them.

Vincent Hayes, selector, and father of left half-back Liz Hayes — Having seen Wexford play, I fancy Limerick. Their defence may have trouble with one or two of the Wexford forwards, but the midfielders and forwards should be well on top and pave the way for victory.



Margie Neville (Croagh/Kilfinny).



Pauline McCarthy (left), Elizabeth Hayes (centre), and Helen Buckley (Ballyagran).



Geraldine O'Brien (left) and Bernadette O'Brien (Ballyagran).

A dream fulfilled

Chris Ni Connal of St. Patrick's, a former chairman of the county board and the first Limerick woman to be elected president of the camogie association, views next Sunday's game as the fulfilment of a dream.

It is not given to many to have their dreams fulfilled she says, but the presence of a Limerick camogie team in an All-Ireland final is the fulfilment of a dream and the realization of a life ambition. Little did I think when I, as a schoolgirl, became interested in camogie, that one day I would have the privilege of watching a Limerick team do battle for one of the highest honours in the game. It is a result of many years dedication and service by many loyal hard working and enthusiastic members that we have now reached this goal.

Continuing, she says—When I first became connected with the game, it was being reorganised in the county and we had an uphill battle to put it on a sound basis. Despite having very good teams during this era, amongst whom would be numbered Ahane, St. Patrick's, Monagea, Croagh and Adare, we never succeeded in our quest for Munster and All-Ireland honours. With the establishment on the past decade of under age and school competitions within the county there has been a great upsurge in the game and this to my mind is one of the main reasons of having at last achieved our ambition. It is due in no small measure to the herculean efforts of persons like Eithne Neville, Peggy Duffy, Lizzie O'Dea, Sean McCabe, Harry Greensmyth, Carrie and Dave Clancy and many others too numerous to mention that the happy day has arrived.

Concluding, she appeals for support from former players and friends and also hopes they will be in Croke Park on Sunday.

Mar críoch, se mo guidh laidir go mbuidh an ta linn ar an la mor agus nuair a bhuidh an chuiche thart, go mbuidh an buadh ag Luimneach agus le cunamh De, is mar sinn a bhi an sceal.

Limerick owe it to themselves

—Says Cork's Mary Moran

"An All-Ireland winning team is a team apart. They will be remembered for life. To bring the first All-Ireland to one's native county, marks the side with very special recognition. This is the honour which lies ahead of the Limerick girls on Sunday.

"In return for this distinction, the twelve players will have to give an hour of their lives for Limerick. This means applying themselves to the task with every ounce of energy, complete concentration and a willingness to carry out each instruction to the letter.

"There is no doubt about the ability of the Limerick team. They have a good understanding of one another's play and at least six of the team are of senior inter-county standard. Marie-gie Neville and Geraldine O'Brien are fine defenders. New-comers Helen Mulcaire and Liz Hayes were an immediate success. Vera Mackey's good ground strokes should be very effective against the picking Wexford style. Marion Doyle, Brid Stokes and Brid Darcy are prolific scorers when in form.

"When an outsider thinks of Limerick camogie, the name Carrie Clancy come to mind. Carrie has given wonderful service to the game and her counsels over the years she has experienced many disappointments but always kept plugging away, encouraging those around her to do likewise. Followers all over the country would be pleased to see her collect a well deserved All-Ireland medal on Sunday.

"Wexford have the advantage of being through it all before. An All-Ireland defeat can make a side very determined when another chance presents itself. Limerick have the experience, know-how and players to win on Sunday. Whether they succeed or not, lies with their mental approach. This has been wrong before but they owe it to themselves to leave no room for error this time.

A MACKEY RETURNS TO CROKE PARK

By PADRAIG PURSEAL

It is 37 long years since the great Mackey brothers from Ahane, Mick and John, graced Croke Park in an All-Ireland final. That was when they played a major role in Limerick's victory over Kilkenny in 1940.

On Sunday an Ahane Mackey will return to Croke Park to play for Limerick in an All-Ireland final. She is Vera Mackey, daughter of John and niece of Mick, who will be at midfield on the Limerick Camogie team that will strive to bring the All-Ireland junior title to the county for the first time.

Her mother is one of the famed Herbert family. One of her uncles, Tony, recently elected a senator, came on as a substitute in that 1940 final, while another, Sean, subsequently won a national league medal with Limerick and Railway Cup medals with Munster.

And to maintain the Limerick hurling connection there are two sisters of present-day Limerick hurling star, Jim O'Brien, in the Limerick camogie line-out.

RELATIONS

In the senior final, Kilkenny will again have the Downey twins, Anne and Angela, daughters of Shem Downey, of Kilkenny's 1947 All-Ireland hurling champions, while, if the Wexford senior side can boast of Bridie Doran, who is a sister of Mick Jacob and sister-in-law of Tony and Colm Doran, their junior panel includes Mary O'Connor, who is a sister of senior hurling corner-back, Teddy, and Anne Butler, a sister of hurling forward, Mick.

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A toast to victory from five Kehoe sisters who will be playing in All-Ireland camogie finals on Sunday. From left Bernie, Kit, Brigid, Annie and Eileen. Bernie and Eileen will be playing in the junior final.

BE ASSURED THAT if you called out the names of Willie Rackard and Tom Ryan in any place where Wexford people gather you would have given the signal for a rush of reminiscences about the great centre-back and right-corner-forward of Wexford hurling teams.

Say the names Brigid Doyle and Kit Codd, and not so many will launch into a recall of the great games. But for the limited following that camogie has throughout the country, the latter two are among the great names. When they play for Wexford against Kilkenny in next Sunday's senior All-Ireland final they know, says Brigid, that "all the people there won't even fill the Hogan Stand."

"Wexford have to win on Sunday if the game is to have a future in the county", says Brigid. For her and her sister, Kit Codd, next Sunday's encounter takes on the aspect of the cliché game: "retiring stars hope to go out with a win."

At centre-back for Wexford since 1967, Mrs. Brigid Doyle has been lauded, amongst those who know, as a "camogie great". Her sister has gained like honours with, first, Dublin

Final farewell for camogie's star sisters

by Maire Crowe

and then her home county in later years.

In the institution that is hurling in Wexford, early instruction begins at home. Home for Brigid and Kit was on the Kehoe farm at Clonleigh near Enniscorthy. From a family of seventeen, they were never short of someone to give them tips in the use of the caman. Their younger sister, Anne, is also on the panel of

players for Sunday's final, and some of their brothers have "had a run with the Wexford hurling team."

But after next Sunday, they will hang up their boots, or lock up their camogie sticks or whatever camogie players do when their playing days are over.

The long and tiresome journeys that had to be made to

train with their club team twice a week, and the county team twice a week, and the fact that their children are getting older ("and harder to look after", says Brigid) finally decided them against continuing on for another season.

Brigid will now look for a game in which she will not have to run about so much—"maybe golf"—and just regrets that "I am getting too old to play camogie". At a super-fit 29, she should be worried?

Few counties produce camogie teams regularly. The same names crop up again and again — Wexford, Kilkenny, Dublin, Antrim, Galway, Cork, Tipperary, Limerick and Clare. Brigid Doyle who has won more in the game than most players, sees little chance of it becoming popular in many other counties. "I think that counties that never have had camogie, never will. I probably enjoyed it more than most, because I won everything there is to win".

That everything includes six-county titles with the Cloughbawn club, Leinster titles, and three All-Ireland titles in 1968, 1969 and 1975—and the hope that another will be added to the stock by Sunday evening.



SENIOR LINEOUT

Pictured left:
Team Captain
Margaret Leacy

Kathleen Tonks
(Buffers Alley)

Margaret Leacy,
(Buffers Alley)

Mairead Darcy
(St. Mary's, Enniscorthy)

Brigid Doyle
(Cloughbawn)

Dorothy Walsh
(Buffers Alley)

Breda Murphy
(Cloughbawn)

Elsie Walsh
(Buffers Alley)

Maggie Hearne
(Buffers Alley)

Kit Codd
(Cloughbawn)

Bridie Doran
(Buffers Alley)

Bernie Darcy
(St. John's Wexford)

Eileen O'Gorman
(St. Mary's)

Subs.: Teresa Kehoe (St. Ibar's, Castlebridge), goal; Joan Murphy (St. Mary's); Annie Kennedy (Cloughbawn); Peg Moore (St. Brigid's, Kilrush).



JUNIOR LINEOUT

Pictured right:
Team Captain
Eileen Kehoe

Margaret Kelly
(St. Mary's)

Mary Boggan
(St. Brigid's)

Geraldine Duggan
(Buffers Alley)

Deirdre Cousins
(Buffers Alley)

Fiona Cousins
(Buffers Alley)

Martina Cousins
(Buffers Alley)

Josephine Kehoe
(Cloughbawn)

Teresa Hobbs
(Buffers Alley)

Anne Butler
(Buffers Alley)

Subs.: Mary O'Connor, Carmel Higgins, Rita Flynn (all St. Anne's), Monica O'Leary, Caroline O'Leary, Terry Butler (all Buffers Alley.)



Brigid O'Connor
(St. Annes, Rathnure)

Bernie Doyle
(Cloughbawn)

Eileen Kehoe,
(Cloughbawn)

IT'S WEXFORD JUNIORS' TURN

THE ALL-IRELAND Junior Camogie Championship was inaugurated in 1968 and the New Ireland Cup has had six different homes in those nine years. Derry, Galway, Cork and Clare have won the trophy once each while Dublin has been victorious on three occasions. Down, who won the first also won last year.

Cork and Dublin contested the final four times and Down has appeared three times. Wexford will be appearing for the third time next Sunday with Limerick making a first bid for the honours.

Wexford, who only lost by a single point to Down last year have twelve of the 16 team panel available again this year. They also have three of the side that contested the county's first Junior final in 1972, Margaret Kelly goal, Mary Boggan full-back, and Geraldine Duggan right back.

Although this is Limerick's first time to reach the decider, they have practically the same team that won the Munster Junior Championship for the

last two seasons but lost the semi-finals to the All-Ireland winners, Dublin and Down.

EXPERIENCE

The Munster champions have gained great experience from playing in the National League and were very impressive in all their games in the Munster Championship.

They defeated Galway in the semi-final by a big score, and have outstanding players in Carrie Clancy, Brid Stokes, the O'Brien sisters and Vera Mackey.

Wexford, too, were not troubled in their path to the final, beating Kildare, Louth and Kilkenny and they had an unexpectedly facile victory over Monaghan in the semi-final.

Eileen Kehoe, who is the captain, is a sister to Brigid Doyle and Kit Codd on the senior team, while Monica and Caroline O'Leary are sisters of Margaret Leacy, the senior full-back.

Wexford have the three Cousins sisters on their team and Martina, the eldest, has managed to get senior experience in the League campaign.

If Limerick can reproduce the form they have displayed in their games to date they could take the cup to the Shannon County for the first time. Yet Wexford, who lost so narrowly last year, will not let their third bid slip away easily.

Tomorrow, there will be a preview of the Wexford-Kilkenny senior final.

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Ard Rúnaí*

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KILKENNY CAPTURE THEIR THIRD TITLE

KILKENNY 3-4; WEXFORD 1-3.

KILKENNY are still tops on the All-Ireland senior camogie ladder. They left no doubt of their skill and ability as they romped to their third All-Ireland title in four years when retaining the honours at the expense of Wexford whom they beat 3-4 to 1-3 at Croke Park yesterday.

Wexford sentiments afterwards must have been "leave Angela Downey out and we will play for the title all over again with an even chance."

Team captain, Angela, gave a display that even her father, the great Shem would have been proud to produce for Kilkenny's hurlers. Her twin sister, Ann, while not seemingly suited to the mid-field position, also contributed bravely for she was down injured twice in the second half.

Wexford had nobody to compare in their attack although a fair share of the ball was drifted towards the Kilkenny posts mainly by Margaret Leacy and Elsie Walsh.

Angela's best score by far came three minutes in the second half when she slipped by Dorothy and Elsie Walsh, on the right, and dashed on a diagonal run before sending a left handed blaster to the net. This put the side ahead 3-2 to 0-2 and within a minute she was just foiled for a third goal when Kathleen Tonks brilliantly anticipated the

hand pass to save.

Liz Neary, starred in the winners defence, and Helena O'Neill and Mary Fennelly, the Leinster Council secretary, who was playing her last game in the Kilkenny colours, moved cleverly around the middle while Jo Dunne and Mary Purcell consolidated the inspiring work of their captain.

Wexford opened the scoring with an early Margaret Hearne point but despite the best efforts of their captain, Margaret Leacy, Kathleen Tonks, the Walsh sisters, Elsie particularly, Eileen O'Gorman and Brigid Doyle, that they failed to match their keen rivals.

Brigid Doyle had a goal and a point for Wexford in the last quarter but fittingly Angela Downey had the last say with a Kilkenny point.

Scorers — Kilkenny — Angela Downey (2-3), J. Dunne (1-0), H. O'Neill (0-1). Wexford — B. Doyle (1-1), M. Hearne (0-1), K. Codd (0-1).

Kilkenny — T. O'Neill, Liz Neary, A. Holden, B. Martin, M. Canavan, H. O'Neill, Anne Downey, M. Fennelly, M. Purcell, C. Savage, Angela Downey (capt), J. Dunne.

Wexford — K. Tonks, M. Leacy (captain), M. Darcy, B. Doyle, D. Walsh, B. Murphy, E. Walsh, M. Hearne, K. Codd, B. Doran, Bernie Murphy, E. O'Gorman. Subs. A. Kennedy for B. Doran.

Referee — M. Lynch (Monaghan).

Limerick Juniors gain first title

LIMERICK 2-7 WEXFORD 3-1

IT WAS a momentous occasion for camogie in Limerick when their formidable side played very well to take home the first-ever inter-county title after they accounted for Wexford in the All-Ireland junior final at Croke Park yesterday. The Limerick girls showed ability to snap up their chances and in defence they had players of real character who could utilise excellent stick work to avert the danger without losing ground or conceding frees.

Although only one Wexford girl got into the score-sheet — the forceful Eileen Kehoe hit the 3-1 — they had a number of useful players in attack and it was to the credit of the Limerick defence that they were contained so effectively.

Limerick, with the supply laid on by Geraldine O'Brien, Helen Mulcaire, Brigid Darcy and Carrie Clancy, the team captain, sniped their scores with precision and composure, subsequently for a convincing victory. Playing her part, too, was Marian Doyle, who substituted for P. McCarthy in the second half. The winners led 2-4 to 2-0 at half-time.

SCORERS—Limerick: C. Clancy (0-1), B. Darcy (1-1), P. McCarthy (1-0), G. O'Brien, M. Doyle (0-1 each). Wexford: E. Kehoe (3-1).

LIMERICK—H. Butler; A. Meaney, M. Neville, G. O'Brien, E. Kehoe, B. O'Brien, V. Mackey, H. Mulcaire; B. Darcy, C. Clancy (capt), P. McCarthy, B. Stokes. Sub.—M. Doyle for P. McCarthy.

WEXFORD—M. Kelly; M. Boggan, G. Duggan, D. Cousins, B. O'Connell, F. Cousins, M. Cousins, B. Doyle; J. Kehoe, I. Hobbs, E. Kehoe (capt), A. Butler. Subs.—C. Higgins for B. O'Connell; M. O'Leary for F. Cousins. Referee—M. Higgins (Dublin).



Angela Downey (captain) holds aloft the O'Duffy Cup after Kilkenny's victory in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday. Other players in the picture are (from left): Liz Neary, Mary Purcell, Ann Downey and Mary Canavan.

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Angela Foils Wexford's Bid

By PADRAIG PURSEAL

KILKENNY 3-4; WEXFORD 1-3

For the second successive year, the Kilkenny camogie girls compensated for the defeat of their hurlers at Croke Park yesterday when the individual genius of their captain, Angela Downey, played a major part in shattering Wexford hopes and keeping the all-Ireland title and the O'Duffy Cup by the Nore for another season.

In a game that faded after an early promise of brilliance the younger of the Downey twins blasted home the vital goals that made all the difference on the scoreboard at the end.

Wexford, with the northeasterly breeze behind them, looked by far the livelier side at the start but, though they more or less dominated the outfield exchanges through the opening 15 minutes, they made surprisingly little impression on a Kilkenny defence in

which Liz Neary at full-back and Mary Canavan soaked up so much pressure that goalkeeper Teresa O'Neill was rarely in trouble.

Then, in the 17th minute, Angela Downey's high cross from the left was touched on by Carmel Savage to Joe Dunne who availed of a defensive error to goal.

Almost at once, Angela came racing back to notch a flyer point and then, from a close free, she crashed the sliothar past a packed goal-line to the net to put Kilkenny two goals clear, somewhat against the previous run of play.

A point from a free by Helena O'Neill, who had lined out in her customary position on the wing with Bridie Martin reverting to centreback, left the holders in front at half-time by 2-2 to 0-1, with wind advantage to come.

A neat point from Kit Codd in the opening minute of the second half briefly revived Slaneyside hopes, but two minutes later Angela Downey really knocked the bottom out of the game which she soloed through for a spectacular goal.

With Bridie Martin now playing magnificently at centre back, Kilkenny were in such complete control that Wexford took the desperate measure of moving key defender Bridget Doyle up to the attack.

But Angela Downey had tacked on another great point to her side's total before a Bridget Doyle goal momentarily promised to revive Wexford's fortunes.

Unyielding

But, though there were then 11 minutes still to play, the hoped for Wexford revival faded against that unyielding Kilkenny defence and even tough Bridget Doyle added a point to the losers' tally six minutes from the end, the winners were back in full control long before the close and could afford the luxury of a string of wides before Angela Downey, fittingly, notched the last point of the day.

Kilkenny excelled yesterday, not only in their strength in the really vital positions, but in the all-round efficiency of the entire side.

If Liz Neary was the bright star of the defence in the first half, Bridie Martin took over that role after the interval, while corner-backs, Anne Holden and Mary Canavan, gave nothing away.

If the elder Downey twin, Anne, looked slow at centre-field at times, she completely quenched the threat of Wexford's Elsie Walsh, while, if Helena O'Neill was, for her, somewhat subdued on Kilkenny's right wing, Mary Fennelly was very effective on the left.

Angela Downey was of course the outstanding player on the field, but she got plenty of help from the other forwards, Carmel Savage, Jo Dunne and Mary Purcell.

Tried Hard

Incidentally, though she started at left forward, Angela Downey switched to the right for the entire second half.

Goalkeeper Kathleen Tonks and sound full-back Margaret Leavy, saved the Wexford side from a heavier defeat, while Margaret Hearne and Breda Murphy toiled hard outfield for little reward.

The sisters, Bridget Doyle and Kit Codd, tried all they knew to turn the tide, as did the Walshs and Mairead Darcy but, on the day, Wexford just had not what it took of recapture an All-Ireland title from a well-balanced Kilkenny side, which has now won the title three times in the past four seasons and thus joins Wexford on camogie's Roll of Honour.

SCORERS: Kilkenny: Angela Downey (23); J. Dunne (1-0); H. O'Neill (0-1). Wexford: B. Doyle (1-1); M. Hearne, K. Codd (0 each).

Kilkenny hold ace in Angela Downey

KILKENNY 3-4 WEXFORD 1-3

THE TECHNIQUE and team-work of Kilkenny and the sheer brilliance of Angela Downey combined to present Wexford with unsurmountable problems in the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park yesterday and although Kilkenny had a margin of only seven points to spare at the end there was never any question of what the outcome would be.

Although the match itself could be described as one-sided, there were still many things to delight the inexperienced spectator. I had not seen camogie played for many years and yesterday I was pleasantly surprised to see the game played in a very fine spirit with players from both sides proving that this can be a spectacular and exciting game.

BY
SEAN KILFEATHER

Many of the players were adept at some of the finer techniques of hurling. Kathleen Tonks in the Wexford goal brought off at least two first-class saves and her distribution of the ball was exemplary. In the middle of the Wexford defence Margaret Leavy and Bridget Doyle showed skill and determination and Margaret Hearne, Bridie Doran and Eileen O'Gorman presented the Kilkenny defence with many problems.

But Kilkenny were always the better all-round team. Teresa O'Neill was a daring goalkeeper in the finest traditions of goalkeepers from that county; Liz Neary had a splendid match at centre full back and Anne Holden on her right was not far behind. Helena O'Neill played with dash and fire and Anne Downey made the most of her chances. Mary Purcell was determined to be always in the thick of things and Mary Fennelly made her last match a worth-while memory, but it was Angela Downey who really sparkled and

from whom practically every Kilkenny attack flowed.

Mary Lynch from Monaghan contributed greatly to the enjoyment of all by her calm approach to the duties of referee.

Margaret Hearne put Wexford ahead with a point from a free after four minutes and, after Jo Dunne whipped in a good goal for Kilkenny, the match took a major swing when Angela Downey scored a point from play and a goal from a free to give Kilkenny a six-point lead. Wexford were never really in the hunt after that and although they held Kilkenny to a score of 2-2 to 0-1 at half-time there did not seem much hope.

Another goal and a point from Angela Downey seemed to put the issue beyond all doubt early in the second half. However, Bridget Doyle raised Wexford hopes with a goal and sparked off an attempted revival. Due mainly to the efforts of Bridie Martin and Helena O'Neill, however, Kilkenny held firm and were worthy winners at the end.

KILKENNY — T. O'Neill; L. Neary; A. Holden; H. O'Neill (0-1); M. Canavan; B. Martin; Anne Downey; M. Fennelly; J. Dunne (1-0); M. Purcell; Angela Downey (2-3); C. Savage.

WEXFORD — K. Tonks; M. Leavy; M. Darcy; B. Doyle (1-1); D. Walsh; E. Murphy; E. Walsh; M. Hearne (0-2); K. Codd; B. Doran; B. Murphy; E. O'Gorman. Sub. — A. Kennedy for B. Doran.

Referee — M. Lynch (Monaghan).

LIMERICK 2-7

WEXFORD 3-1

Limerick took home their first inter-county title when they accounted for Wexford in the All-Ireland junior final at Croke Park yesterday.

The Limerick girls showed tremendous ability to snap up their chances in attack, while in defence they had players of real character who could utilise excellent stick-work to avert the danger without losing ground or conceding frees.

Although only one Wexford girl got into the score sheet — forceful Eileen Kehoe hit the 3-1 — they had a number of useful players in attack. But Limerick had the consistency that Wexford lacked and the ability to pace their game to a telling effect. The winners had a prolific opening quarter, notching up 2-3 in the first 15 minutes without reply.

LIMERICK — H. Butler; A. Meany; M. Neville; G. O'Brien (0-1); E. Hayes; B. O'Brien; V. Mackey; H. Mulcaire; B. Darcy (1-1); C. Clancy (capt.) (0-4); P. McCarthy (1-0); B. Staines. Sub. — M. Doyle (0-1) for P. McCarthy.

WEXFORD — M. Kelly; M. Hogan; D. Cousins; B. O'Connor; J. Cousins; M. Cousins; B. Doyle; E. Hobbs; E. Kehoe (capt.) (0-3); A. Butler. Sub. — C. Higgins for E. O'Connor.

Referee — M. Higgins (Dublin).

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A Wexford forward (left) and a Limerick defender tussle for the ball during the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final at Croke Park yesterday.



A Kilkenny defender clears from a Wexford attack during the All-Ireland senior Camogie Final at Croke Park.

ANGELA DOWNEY



LAST Sunday Kilkenny won their third All-Ireland camogie title in three years and while all the players deserve credit, the skillful and determined efforts of Angela Downey were a major factor in her side's success. As well as scoring an invaluable 2-3, her probing runs were a constant source of trouble for the Wexford defence.



● CAPTAINS CLASH . . . Kilkenny captain, Angela Downey (left), strikes the ball cleanly and gets a point, despite a blocking attempt by the Wexford captain Margaret Leacy.

KILKENNY'S CHAMPION TWINS



The champion twins . . . Mrs. Agnes Hourican (right), president of the Camogie Association, watches Kilkenny twin sisters Ann and Angela Downey hug each other after their team's victory over Wexford in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park yesterday. Below: twin Angela holds aloft the Cup.

SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

★ Team-work rather than individual brilliance is usually the hall-mark of victory in an All-Ireland final. On Sunday at Croke Park Kilkenny retained the O'Duffy Cup and the camogie crown with an unusual combination of dove-tailed team-work and individual effort.

The individuality was very fittingly provided by team-captain Angela Downey, whose remarkable personal tally of two goals and three points would, unaided, have been more than enough to beat Wexford.

But Angela, slightly the younger of the Downey twins, has been always an expert at crashing home winning scores, first with Presentation Castlecomer and then with Mercy Convent Callan in colleges competitions.

With her on Sunday last, as on last year's Kilkenny winning team, was twin sister Anne, just as they had marched to victory together with Castlecomer and with Callan, and with St. Paul's, their Kilkenny club-team in the All-Ireland championship in that grade.

By winning those All-Ireland senior medals together in 1976 the Downey pair set a record by becoming the first set of twins ever to gain such awards together in any senior Gaelle game.



● ANGELA DOWNEY

By repeating that feat on Sunday last, the Downeys have set a record that is unlikely ever to be beaten, except by themselves.

But then caman-craft, or should it be camog-craft, comes by nature to Angela and Anne for their father, Shem Downey was a Kilkenny All-Ireland hurling star of the first magnitude, though their trophies now outnumber his in their Ballyraggett home.

So, for an outstanding display, on an outstanding team, the nomination for our sports personality of the week goes to Maynooth student Angela.



Angela Downey, the Kilkenny captain, holds aloft the All-Ireland senior Camogie Cup at Croke Park yesterday. Kilkenny beat Wexford 3-4 to 1-3 in the final.

A DOUBLE DISASTER!

It's not often that Wexford are forced to give best to their great neighbouring rivals from Kilkenny on the Camogie fields, but in the All-Ireland Senior Open Draw final at Croke Park on Sunday one heard only the most untuneful notes as the Slaneysiders clearly played second fiddle to the reigning champions.

For there was no doubting the superiority of the Noresiders on the day, when they kept the O'Duffy Cup for the second successive season, after subduing every single aspect of the Wexford challenge.

Dreams turned to nightmares as far as Wexford were concerned. This was their one big chance to spell out the message loud and clear, and for all time, that their winning of the title in 1975 was no 'fluke' and that they were still equal to and better than the side that last year had succeeded them as the game's champions — Kilkenny.

Yet it was anything but this. I can honestly say that Wexford were hardly ever in with a chance especially when Kilkenny began to get a grip on the proceedings. It could be offered, as an excuse in defeat, that Kilkenny's line-out boasted of a player who almost single-handedly can dictate the trend of a match.

As expected, wing-forward Angela Downey, of the prolific scoring, played a crucial part in deciding the outcome — in fact, she more or less did decide it. Yet so unbelievably barren was the Wexford challenge for the crown that one was lost for words as to what really did happen.

In favour of Wexford is the fact that, Angela Downey apart, they gave as good as they got in the match; not so much so was the fact that looked to lack any real cohesive sense, and that the more the game went on, the more apparently their hopes dwindled.

Wexford's large following, already embittered by the loss of the Junior title in the curtain-raiser, were absolutely deflated by the trend of the senior final.

To see the extremely sharp-looking Noresiders outpace, out-think and out-play their county was a sinking sensation, unrelieved by any relatively respectable challenge on the Wexford team's part.

It was a disastrous affair more so than an anti-climax, coming as it did right on the heels of the Junior match. And in the

KILKENNY 3-4 (13)

WEXFORD 1-3 (6)



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stretched, but with Bridie Martin dominating the efforts of Bridie Doran there was little chance of Wexford's scoring improving, while Kilkenny were clearly on top in vital midfield.

A. Downey added another point before a goal by Brigid Doyle again flickered our fast-disappearing hopes (3-3 to 1-2), with ten minutes left. But the Noreside back-line were in masterly control, and the only other Wexford score was a point by Brigid Doyle, who had seconds earlier been denied another goal but her shot rose too high at the last minute.

Fittingly, it was Angela Downey and Kilkenny who had the final say, with a point, while they could also afford the luxury of a string of wides in the dying minutes.

Even in defeat, Wexford could point to their defence to choose their hero, and this was in Margaret Leacy, captain and full-back, who played with a spirit and a determination that, unfortunately, was not matched throughout the field by Wexford.

Kathleen Tonks in goal was caught out rarely, and made some great clearances, her saves including one particular goal-bound hand-pass by A. Downey. Mairead Darcy did well in both halves, the first when policing the dangerous A. Downey, and on the far wing Dorothy Walsh always tried her best.

Brigid Doyle played solidly, with some fine clearances at centre-back, but it was indicative of the trend of the match that she had to be moved into the attack. Elsie Walsh never reproduced her great individual style, and Breda Murphy, hard-trying to the last, was best in the middle.

Little worthwhile can be said of the forwards, not because they were poor, but because the inside-line in particular never got going as is customary when facing a very good defence, while in later stages they were often

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Barrington	Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Maudlin, Mountgarret
Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Southcook and Knockmalton
Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Oldcourt (E.D. Carrick)
Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Old Ross (E.D. Carrick)
Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Palace
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Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Rathmore
Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Saltinilla
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Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Sinnottstown
Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Taylorstown
Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Templedun
Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Tellerrough
Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Wexford environs of
Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Crosstown, Ferrybank
Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	New Line Road
Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Kerlogue, Co. Wick
Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Ballymore (E.D. Carrick)	Moorfields, Whitecross
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THE JUNIORS' JINX STRIKES AGAIN

Is there a 'jinx' on Wexford teams in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie championships? After a nerve-jangling 1977 final at Croke Park last Sunday, one can only conclude that the Model County's long-cherished ambition of lifting the New Ireland Trophy and Junior title may never, in fact, be realised.

Beaten by only one point in last year's final in somewhat controversial circumstances, they were given a great chance this year, in spite of the fact that they were opposing a very experienced Limerick combination in the decider.

But once more their hopes were rudely squashed when the Shannonsiders, with luck and just about everything else going for them, ended on the right side of a 2-7 to 3-1 (13 points to 10) scoreline to bring the first-ever All-Ireland Camogie crown to the Munster county.

Wexford were simply magnificent — there is no more apt a description — in this match, when they had to overcome a disastrous start, draw level, but then have their dreams of their first title shattered. Putting forward the 'jinx' theory might sound like an excuse for defeat but it is anything but.

When Wexford qualified for their first junior final in 1972, they had the misfortune to be pitted against a re-graded Galway team; last year through facing experienced Down (also fielding their first choice selection), they did everything but win the match; and now comes the sickening experience of 1977, when they had to give best to Limerick's "first" team.

Even though they are the county's 'second string,' the Wexford Juniors have shown in the past few years that they are worthy of the championship. They showed it during this year also, even if less convincingly. But even so, they had the winning of this match last Sunday: yet in the end even the old standby of 'third time lucky' failed to fulfill its clinched promise.

Lets face it: glory in defeat it may have been, but in stark reality it was unmitigated misery and disillusionment, so much so that the halving of the county's "double or nothing" motto for that day may well have somewhat sapped the expected — wrongly as it turned out — blood-and-thunder performance from the seniors.

But having said this, it is vitally important to quickly add this rider: these Wexford girls will be back again, and they will come back to win the championship.

The Wexford Junior team contains some of the cream of the game's exponents, players who, if they are helped maintain the momentum of the last few years, are going to cover themselves in glory at Croke Park in the Junior decider of 1978 or 1979.

To say that 'the potential is there' is not just a morale-boosting battle-cry. It is an obvious fact, and if there is the fullest co-operation and perseverance between Junior players and officials again next season, I fully believe that such an obvious fact will become a distinct reality — 'jinx' or no 'jinx.'

Limerick, beaten in the All-Ireland semi-finals for the last two seasons, showed no signs of expected 'nerves' in the opening stages of the match. In fact their first appearance at G.A.A. Headquarters seemed to have a clearly inspiring affect.

LIMERICK 2-7 (13)
WEXFORD 3-1 (10)

Full-back Mary O'Connor (nee Boggan) had to clear a Shannon-side raid right from the throw-in, but after three minutes Geraldine O'Brien put the Munster girls in front with a point from a 35 yard free. Brigid Darcy added another, and a defensive mistake let in captain Carrie Clancy for a third — all in the first six minutes.

Then came two hammer-blows to Wexford's hopes when Limerick wingers B. Darcy and Pauline McCarthy slapped in a goal apiece, which, at 2-3 to 0-0, seemed to completely subdue the Wexford challenge.

Then, out of nowhere, came typical 'comeback' scores by Wexford, and it was so fitting that their captain Eileen Kehoe should spearhead this fightback with a brace of inspiring goals, when she finished off some good moves by Teresa Hobbs, Josephine Kehoe and Fiona Cousins (2-4 to 2-0).

Suddenly, it didn't look as hopeless for Wexford and Carrie Clancy's point for Limerick just on half-time came at a time when the leaders, after their great opening burst, had clearly faded out of it when Wexford replied with that two-goal salvo.

Wexford looked to be in the driving seat for the last half, when they gained advantage of the strong breeze, and there was an air of delicious delight when Eileen Kehoe lofted a neat point after three minutes and then three minutes later was at the end of a Geraldine Duggan-Bernie Doyle-Teresa Hobbs move to lash home a great goal to put them on level terms (3-1 to 2-4).

Limerick, however, slowly regrouped their forces and a C. Clancy minor in the 12th minute regained the advantage.

Wexford goalie Margaret Kelly had to pull off some ice-cool saves around this stage, and Wexford were sent on numerous attacks by their determined back-line, which was considerably improved by the sheer class of substitute Carmel Higgins, while Monica O'Leary was brought in to plug the obvious gap in midfield.

However, the Limerick defence including players of long experience, was also to the fore, and withstood all Wexford pressure. I might add that, too, I was in full agreement with the Wexford following who were puzzled by some refereeing decisions around this period of the match.

One of these resulted in another Limerick point, but it was beyond me why a free-in against Wexford, which brought about the score, was awarded.

Wexford were now two points down, with time very much against them, and when substitute Marion Doyle had another minor, it looked 'curtains' for us.

Yet Wexford, even in the dying

seconds, had one last kick left, and it came in the shape of a thundering drive from all of 40 yards by defender Geraldine Duggan.

Her shot went with all the speed of a rocket and the certainty of a dart for what would have been a sensational and richly deserved goal, to bring the sides level, but somehow, somehow, Limerick netminder Helen Butler blocked it — and soon came that mournful, final whistle.

Losers had a lot of stars on view, and it was their mighty efforts in particular, made defeat all the more sorrowful. Mary O'Connor (nee Boggan), who was wed only the day before the match, had possibly her best-ever outing in her long years with the Juniors, and she, above all the rest, was a player who should have been honoured with a Wexford win — hard luck, Mary!

Another long-standing junior who also had one of her best outings with the side was corner-back Geraldine Duggan, who played with commanding authority and endless 'heart,' but who I thought was the victim of some unfair decisions by the match official.

And in the same category as the previous two were two more: goalkeeper, Margaret Kelly, faultless for the shots that beat her, and who pulled off some vital saves and gave some good clearances; midfielder Bernie Doyle, another to be recalled to the side this year, was her usual industrious self, and her contribution to the team's performances in the two games she played in must make her one of the pillars of our hopes for next season.

The 'newcomers' were well represented by excellent displays by Eileen Kehoe, the captain, and that youthful but so skillful Colleges' starlet Carmel Higgins.

Eileen continued her scoring feats by notching all the team's scores, and she looks set to follow in the tradition of her famed sisters for future greatness. Carmel, another product of the county minor side and also from a famous clan, has proved beyond doubt that she is here to stay with this team.

Josephine Kehoe and Anne Butler had good moments and the remainder notably Teresa Hobbs and Deirdre Cousins, gave everything they had, and as stated the side as a whole must even now fancy their title prospects for the near future.

—Scorers: winners — B. D'Arcy 1-1, C. Clancy 0-4, P. McCarthy 1-0, G. O'Brien, M. Doyle 0-1 each; losers — E. Kehoe 3-1.

Wexford — M. Kelly (St. Mary's); M. O'Connor (St. Brigid's, Kilrush); G. Duggan (Buffers Alley), D. Cousins (do.); B. O'Connor (St. Anne's, Rathnure); F. and M. Cousins (B. Alley), B. Doyle (Cloughbawn); J. Kehoe (do.), T. Hobbs (B. Alley), E. Kehoe, capt. (Cloughbawn); A. Butler (B. Alley).

Subs.: C. Higgins (St. Anne's) for B. O'Connor; M. O'Leary (B. Alley) for F. Cousins; M. O'Connor and R. Flynn (St. Anne's), C. O'Leary and T. Butler (B. Alley).

Referee — M. Higgins, Dublin.

Junior Title For Limerick

LIMERICK 2-7
WEXFORD 3-1

Limerick took the New Ireland Cup and the All-Ireland junior camogie title for the first time when they defeated Wexford in the final in Croke Park yesterday. Limerick started strongly and went into an early lead when Ger O'Brien pointed a free in the third minute.

Shortly afterwards Brigid Darcy sliced the ball over the bar to increase this lead. Wexford's attack was constantly foiled by Maggie Neville and Helen Butler in defence while Limerick with Helen Mulcaire and Bernadette O'Brien continued to dominate at midfield.

Limerick's captain, Carrie Clancy pointed the rebound of a Limerick free in the sixth minute and the Munster girls added two goals within 60 seconds to their tally before Wexford could raise a flag. Both of these followed from Carrie Clancy freed, the first by Pauline McCarthy in the 15th minute and the second by Brigid Darcy.

A great goal by Eileen Keogh from a Teresa Hobbs cross brought Wexford into the game and when she goaled again a minute later, they trailed by only three points. However, Carrie Clancy doubled on the ball in the air, sending it over the bar just on the half-time whistle to leave Limerick 2-4 to 2-0 in front.

Level

Eileen Keogh with a point in the third minute and a goal in the sixth put the sides level for the first and only time in the game. At this stage it was more decisive ground pulling by the Limerick girls that regained the edge.

Carrie Clancy, playing a true captain's role, pointed twice to put her side into the lead again while the Limerick defence did well to withstand the pressure of a Wexford attack in the closing stages of the game.

A point from substitute Marian Doyle in the 23rd minute put Limerick three points clear and, despite a spirited Wexford effort, the reliability of the Limerick defence and the ability of the forwards to pick off points that proved to be match winners ensured that All-Ireland honours went, for the first time ever, to the gallant Limerick side.

Scorers: Limerick: B. D'Arcy (1-1), C. Clancy (0-4), P. McCarthy (1-0), M. Doyle, G. O'Brien (0-1 each). Wexford: E. Kehoe (3-1).

LIMERICK—H. Butler; A. Meaney; M. Neville, G. O'Brien, E. Hayes; B. O'Brien, V. Mackey, H. Mulcaire; B. D'Arcy, C. Clancy, P. McCarthy, B. Stokes.

WEXFORD—M. Kelly; M. Boggan; D Cousins, G. Duggan, B. O'Connor; F. Cousins, M. Cousins; B. Doyle, J. Kehoe, T. Hobbs, E. Kehoe, A. Butler.

Subs. C. Higgins for B. O'Connor; M O'Leary for F. Cousins.

Referee — Miriam Higgins (Dublin).

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DETERMINATION . . . Kilkenny forward Mary Purcell in action against Wexford's Mairead Darcy.



MARTIN ON THE MOVE . . . Bridie Martin moves out with the ball with Wexford's Elsie Walsh as Ann Downey watches the outcome.

Kilkenny retain can

KILKENNY returned to Croke Park on Sunday to collect their second all-Ireland senior camogie final in successive years and their third in four years. They beat Wexford handsomely by 3-4 to 1-3 and left no doubt in any one's mind that they are now at the top of the camogie ladder.

Kilkenny broke a long losing spell in 1974 when they beat the then queens of the camogie world, Cork, and in the intervening few years they have been a predominant force.

A camogie revival in Kilkenny was long overdue. Kilkenny has its own camogie tradition but the latent skill of the Kilkenny girls never really surfaced until the last few years. Those who put so much into the revival effort in Kilkenny now see the fruits of their work though unfortunately some of them

did not live to see the dawn of the new era.

Kilkenny were fancied to retain their title even allowing for the fact that Wexford for long a strong citadel of the game enjoyed a top rating and had proved their worth.

Kilkenny's superior technique and their excellent teamwork left Wexford in a fairly hopeless situation and though they battled gamely to the end there was little doubt about the outcome when half

time was reached with Kilkenny 2-2 to 0-1 ahead.

Team captain Angela Downey gave an inspiring display and she did even much more than her personal contribution of two goals and three points would indicate. She completely upset the Wexford defence and her score might have been even greater had not Wexford goalie Kathleen Tonks cleverly anticipated her hand pass from near the goal.

Seven points

It was not Angela Downey alone that won the game, however. It was, generally speaking, a flawless Kilkenny display, each player having a hand in one way or another and though their winning margin in the end was only seven points there was never the slightest doubt that the all-Ireland cup was destined for the Noreside.

Kilkenny played with tremendous team work, obviously the result of much hard work in the training sessions.

In a sense that game was exceptionally pleasing. Both teams proved that camogie can be an attractive and exciting game and that the girls as well as the men of Kilkenny and Wexford can produce hurling thrill and spectacle.

Kilkenny were always the better all round team. Teresa O'Neill, a goalie of great experience upheld the fine tradition of goal keeping in the county and maintained her great record.

performance should go a long way towards the three in a row.

A team is as good as the opposition makes them and Wexford must be given full credit for providing a game

The defence in which Liz Neary, Anne Holden (incidentally making her first appearance in an all-Ireland senior final), Helena O'Neill who further enhanced her striking ability and Mary

score before Kilkenny's play enough to give seven scores reas

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Kilkenny 3-4 Wexford 1-3

worthy of the occasion. The best compliment that could be paid to their goalie, Kathleen Tonks is to say that Kilkenny would have had more goals but for her sterling work and she foiled several Kilkenny efforts. Her distribution was also excellent.

Cavanagh was very much on top and the Wexford forwards found it extremely difficult to get through.

St. Paul's trio

The St. Paul's trio, Bridie Martin, Ann Downey and Leinster Council secretary, Mary Fennelly (who, by the way, denies the rumour that she is about to retire), showed the class that has helped to make their club one of the leading clubs in the country.

Johnstown has a representative and a very worthy one in 18 year old Mary Purcell. She dovetailed with experienced Carmel Doyle and with Angela Downey completing this line there was little that could go wrong for Kilkenny.

The lone sharp shooter up front was Carrickshock's Jo Dunne. Her clever sense of positioning and distribution of the ball were vital factors.

This was a success which all the players are entitled to share. They combined excellently and on this



Shem Downey points the way to success.

Wexford had outstanding defenders in Mary Lacey and Brigid Doyle who showed no mean amount of skill and terrific determination.

Good defenders

The Kilkenny defence had to face Margaret Hearne, Bridie Doran and Eileen O'Gorman and to say they kept a fairly tight hold on this Model County trio was an achievement in itself. Each time any of these players found space danger always threatened.

It was Margaret Hearne who set the ball rolling and she had Wexford a point in from after four minutes. The game took a decided turn in the champions' favour shortly after. First Jo Dunne lashed in a good goal and then Angela Downey scored a point from play and a goal from a free to put Kilkenny six points in front.

The Slaneysiders always

Loudest cheer for camogie girls!

THE LOUDEST cheer of the day for the Kilkenny camogie girls rang out nearly 80 miles from where they were sweating it out trying to win honour and glory for their county.

At half time in the James Stephens/Fenians game the interval scoreline from Croke Park which indicated Kilkenny were ahead by 2-2 to 0-1 was given over the public address and was greeted with a massive cheer.



CENTRE FIELD TUSSELE . . . Kilkenny's Mary Fennelly in a fight for possession with Brigid Doyle.



Angela Downey shoots a goal for Kilkenny from a 15 yards free at Croke Park on Sunday.

gie crown

Downey had another goal and a point in quick succession. Now 11 points down Wexford still did not give up hope and Brigid Doyle attempted to spark off a revival when she netted. But Kilkenny were not in a mood to give anything away and perhaps, as might be expected, Angela Downey had the score, a point.

The scorers

Kilkenny: Angela Downey (2-3); Jo Dunne (1-0); Helena O'Neill (0-1); **Wexford:** B. Doyle (1-1); M. Hearne (0-1); K. Codd (0-1).

The teams

Kilkenny: T. O'Neill, L. Neary, A. Holden, B. Martin, M. Canavan, H. O'Neill, Anne Downey, M. Fennelly,

M. Purcell, C. Savage, Angela Downey (capt.), J. Dunne.

Wexford: K. Tonks, M. Leacy (capt.), M. Darcy, B. Doyle, D. Walsh, B. Murphy, E. Walsh, M. Hearne, K. Codd, B. Doran, Bernice Murphy, E. O'Gorman, Sub A. Kennedy for B. Doran.

Referee: M. Lynch (Monaghan).

The smiling champions



KILKENNY TEAM . . . winners of the final of the All-Ireland Camogie Championship at Croke Park

(from left): Mary Purcell, Mary Fennelly, Breda Coonan, Ann Holden, Angela Downey, Bridie Dunne, Teresa O'Neill, Peggy Muldowney. Behind: Mary Canavan, Majella O'Neill, Margaret O'Neill, Liz Neary, Carmel Savage, Mary Conway, Ann Downey.



A proud occasion for Carrie Clancy

By TAOBH LINE

LIMERICK, who took the first Camogie Inter-County All-Ireland championship title to Shannonside last Monday night were hosted on arrival in famed Castleconnell by the hurlers of Abane. For the captain, Carrie Clancy, who is the longest serving member of the team, this was a very proud occasion.

Ethna Neville, who trained the team, is a daughter of the late Mick Neville of Kilfinny. While at University College, Dublin, Ethna won many camogie awards including an All-Ireland senior medal with Dublin in the sixties.

Since her return to her native county, she has worked for the game at all levels. She played for her club and county until recently and was surely the inspiration and motivation behind the team, which did her so proud.

IMPRESSIVE

Kilkenny retained the O'Duffy Cup in impressive style. Their combination, speed and skill was a feature of their deserved victory to which their star player and captain Angela Downey, added a personal tally of two goals and three points out of 3-4.

It was a black day for the Wexford teams. The Seniors felt they didn't deserve to do better on the day's performance, but all were sorry for the Juniors who played so well and still had to give best to Limerick.

But as a sympathiser said later that day, the spirit of '98 will bring the Wexford lassies bouncing back before very long and they should find consolation in the fact that they are the only unbeaten side in the Eastern Zone of the National League.

Two of their long serving players Brigid Doyle and her sister Kit Codd (of the Kehoe family), have both announced that this was their last game. They have both adorned their county well.

TO THE FORE

Brigid, their outstanding centre-back, was a member of the thrice winning all-Ireland teams and was chosen as the "Player of the Year" in 1975.

Kit, who played most of her camogie with Celtic Club in Dublin, won two All-Ireland medals with her adopted county. After her marriage she rejoined her local Adamstown-Cloughbawn Club and was a member of the 1975 winning side.

It is hoped that both players will impart their skills to the rising generation while enjoying a less demanding place in camogie.

Like Munster, the Ulster and Leinster provincial colleges councils reported successful seasons with increased affiliations.

Ulster deserve the highest praise for their work for the game in the North. The Council has 39 schools playing the game and four competitions were organised.

Leinster with 36 schools have organised a coaching course to be held at Naas Convent next Saturday. The course will be directed by Miss Mary Moran, the national coach.



The victorious Limerick camogie team,



Happy home-coming,

CAMOGIE GLORY

FIRST ALL-IRELAND F

BY SEAN MURPHY

"BEHIND every cloud there's a silver lining," they say. So, adhering to tradition, the cloud of gloom which has hovered over Limerick camogie for well nigh 74 years, and especially since 1972, drifted flamboyantly at Croke Park on Sunday, when their Junior string abridged the title famine by beating Wexford 2-7 to 3-1 in the All-Ireland Junior Championship final.

Limerick were magnificent in proved impenetrable to Limerick teams, especially over the past five years.

It was a great day for team captain—Carrie Clancy, who cel-

brated 21 years of dedicated service in the county colours by leading the side to this history making win.

"It has been a long, tough struggle," said the lion-hearted Patrickswell born player as she accepted the trophy from the president of the Camogie Association—Mrs. P. Purcell, herself a former Limerick player.

The camogie authorities deserve congratulations for their arrangements at headquarters. An excellent programme was compiled, the junior game started dead on schedule but why did the Emerald Girls Pipe Band not parade the junior teams?

The junior match produced far more skill, drama and excitement than its senior counterpart which ended in a comprehensive victory for Kilkenny, so no joy for Wexford.

Limerick stamped their authority on the exchanges from the very outset, dominated all the key sectors, and but for some inexcusable defensive errors and a spate of missed chances in both halves would have ended the game with a more comprehensive victory margin.

Limerick took the lead after 3 minutes when Geraldine O'Brien, who was positively brilliant throughout, pointed a free. Two more superb points from play by Bridget Darcy and Carrie Clancy edged the Shannonsiders three points clear after 7 minutes play.

Playing at the peak of their exciting powers, Limerick estab-

lished complete supremacy. In the 14th minute, Carrie Clancy blasted a close-in free for great goal, but her shot was saved. However, Pauline McCosky was in like a flash to crash the ball to the net.

A minute later Carrie Clancy had a stinging shot from a saved, but Bridget Darcy was the spot to shoot another Limerick goal, who now seemed likely to coast to a resounding victory.

Limerick relaxed for a period but were rocked back to reality when Wexford captain, Eileen Kehoe slotted home two goals in the space of 50 seconds. The first in the 22nd minute was a rocket-like ground shot from yards, while the second came after a great save by Helen Butler.

Their confidence was not shattered but Carrie Clancy re-



It's a Limerick goal in the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park.

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Carrie Clancy being carried high through the streets of Castleconnell during Sunday evening's celebrations.

It was all so ladylike at Croke Park

By SHEILA WALSH

IT WAS Ladies' Day on the Croke Park pitch yesterday for the Camogie finals, and believe me those players behaved like ladies throughout and it was a good, clean game. The supporters, too, provided a fine example of sportsmanship—or sportswomanship—and there were no echoes of the nasty incidents that have bedevilled so many recent sporting events.

The mother of Angela Downey, captain of the winning team said: "The tension is usually too much for me and I sit in the car listening to it on the radio."

Angela, a Maynooth student, may have been the star of yesterday's game, but her twin sister, Anne, was certainly the pluckiest—she had cramp a couple of times, but refused to go off, in spite of the fact that her appendix had been removed in July. Their sister, Olga, had been deputed by the mother to stay with their father (a former great hurler) who, as she says, "gets so het up at these matches".

The boys of Wexford, in this case the hurlers, deserve a special mention for postponing their hurling semi-final in Enniscorthy in order to give the girls support. Kilkenny, on the other hand, paid their team's expenses but ungalantly continued with their county finals.

"We would have appreciated some moral support from them," the team told me.

FOR LIMERICK

Limerick's sagging forces led with a spectacular overhead point to put them ahead, 2-4 to 2-1, at the interval.

Carrie Clancy was wide from a free early on resuming before Eileen Kehoe pointed for Wexford. The game was really in the melting pot after 5 minutes when Eileen Kehoe soloed her way past the Limerick defence for the equalising goal. Wexford were now rampant and Limerick were really struggling to stay in contention.

Carrie Clancy sparked off the Limerick revival when she pointed a free in the 8th minute and then luffed over a beauty from play. They should have wrapped up the title now but they fluffed several sitters and should have planted three close-in frees over the bar instead of trying for goals. In a thrilling second half Limerick hung on precariously

to that two point lead until Marion Doyle pointed a free in the 21st minute for the insurance point.

But all was not over yet as Wexford stormed for the equaliser. Only some sterling defensive play, and a master save by Helen Butler, from a bullet-like drive by Martina Cousins a minute from time, deprived the Slaney girls of a division of the spoils, and ensured Limerick of that awaited All-Ireland success.

While all the Limerick team played their hearts out to achieve victory, special kudos must go to Geraldine O'Brien, who was as cool as the proverbial cucumber and displayed great elegance and spirit.

Margie Neville, Vera Mackey and Bernadette O'Brien for their granite-like resistance; Helen Butler for several great saves, and to Carrie Clancy for

her inspiration and scoring exploits.

SCORERS

Limerick—C. Clancy (0-4), B. Darcy (1-1), P. McCarthy (1-0), G. O'Brien (0-1), M. Doyle (0-1).
Wexford—E. Kehoe (3-1).

TEAMS

Limerick—Helen Butler, Ann Meaney, Margie Neville, Geraldine O'Brien, Elizabeth Hayes, Helen Mulcaire, Vera Mackey, Bernadette O'Brien, Brigid Darcy, Carrie Clancy, Pauline McCarthy, Brid Stokes.
Sub., Marion Doyle for P. McCarthy.

Wexford—M. Kelly, G. Duggan, D. Cousins, B. O'Connor, F. Cousins, M. Cousins, B. Doyle, M. Boggan, J. Kehoe, T. Hobbs, E. Kehoe, A. Butler.
Subs: C. Higgins for B. O'Connor, M. O'Leary for F. Cousins.
Referee, M. Higgins (Dublin).

FLYING ANGELA . . .
Angela Downey races goalwards for Kilkenny chased by sisters Elsie and Dorothy Walsh of Wexford.



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WEXFORD, All-Ireland Senior Camogie runners-up, 1977: Back row (left to right)—Mairead Darcy, Joan Murphy (sub.), Kit Codd, Bernie Darcy, Eileen O'Gorman, Annie Kennedy (sub.), Brigid Doyle, Kathleen Tonks (goal); front—Peg Moore (sub.), Bridie Doran, Dorothy Walsh, Margaret Leacy (captain), Elsie Walsh, Breda Murphy, Maggie Hearne, Theresa Kehoe (sub. goal).



Limerick junior camogie team defeated Wexford in Croke Park, Dublin. Here the girls display their trophy after a reception given by the Mayor, Cllr. Prendergast, at Beamish & Crawford's Limerick depot. Top picture (from left) Pauline McCarthy, Helen Butler, Bridget Darcy, Dolores O'Brien and Vera Mackey. Lower picture includes (from left) Marjorie Neville, Helen Mulcaire, Eno Stokes and Marian Doyle.

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All-Ireland heroines return in triumph to County Limerick

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

LIMERICK camogie team, who made history by winning the first All-Ireland title for the county by defeating fancied Wexford in the junior decider at Croke Park on Sunday, were given a rousing reception when they arrived with the New Ireland Cup in Castleconnell on Monday night.

The team were escorted by a motor cavalcade from Daly's Cross to a gaily decorated platform in the village, where glowing tributes were paid to all concerned with the team.

Golden days

The Mayor of Limerick, Councillor Frank Prendergast, said he was proud to pay tribute to the team on their historic success. No better place than hallowed Castleconnell

could have been selected for the home-coming celebrations. "They witnessed great hurling teams coming home with the All-Ireland trophy in the golden days of Limerick hurling, and to-night it's the turn of a truly great camogie team," said the mayor, amidst thunderous applause.

He praised the team trainer, Eithne Neville, and recalled he played minor hurling for Limerick on the same team as her brother, Fr. Ronnie Neville. He paid a special tribute to team captain, Carrrie Clancy, and said her 21 years service in the county jersey was a phenomenal record.

Other speakers included Rev. T. Cooney, C.C.; Michael Herbert, T.D.; Eddie Wade, chairman East Limerick G.A.A. Board; Carrrie Clancy and Eithne Neville.

Organiser

The reception was organised jointly by Ahane G.A.A. Club and Ahane Camogie Club, and Arthur Graham acted as chairman.

During the ceremony, Carrrie Clancy was made a presentation by Fr. Cooney on her

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CAMOGIE

Youghal 1-7, St. Finbarrs 3-0

Sunday night was a proud night for Youghal people when the Cup for the final of the Cork Junior Camogie 'A' Championship was brought back from Riverstown by the victorious Youghal girls. That evening in a brilliant exciting game their captain Marie Power had snatched the winning point over their gallant opponents, St. Finbarrs. The game got off to a flying start for the Barrs with a goal, but Cally Riordan soon equalised, and shortly after had a great goal from a '30'. Youghal had the wind behind them in the first half and this aided them in their dominance which was reflected in the scoreline of 1-5 to 2-0.

Early in the second half St. Finbarrs took the lead, but again the brilliant Cally Riordan equalised, but as stated at the outset Marie Power's point proved the winner. On returning to Youghal the girls and their supporters paraded through the town with the Cup held high, and later at the U-Tree Lounge it was filled with refreshments where all the team had gathered to celebrate their wonderful victory. At the end of the night Mr. John Coyne, addressed the huge gathering, and he paid a very fitting tribute to the girls, and to Dr. Riordan. We congratulate the team, and their mentors and also St. Finbarrs who played so well and helped make it a great final.



The Wexford Camogie team pictured in 1923 or thereabouts. Can a reader supply the names! The picture is published courtesy of Mr. M. O'Neill, Coolbawn, Ferns.

JUVENILE LEVEL REACHES NEW PEAK

AT juvenile level, Camogie in 1977 has had its greatest summer ever with enthusiasm nation-wide. The interest began with the victory of the Cork youngsters from Killeagh at Feile na nGael, which revealed the remarkably high standard to be found among the under-14s. That this continues in a slightly-higher age-group was proved in the minor championship, where the age limit is sixteen.

The skills of many of these young players is remarkable and this was very much in evidence in the Croke Park final when the Galway girls proved too good for Dublin in an entertaining game. It had been feared that playing at Croke Park in a "Big Match" atmosphere might upset these youngsters, but their display was completely unaffected by the big crowd, many of whom, watching Camogie of this standard for the first time, were amazed by the skills of the players.

The fact that the medals were presented individually on the Croke Park rostrum was an added thrill for these girls, and it was some slight comfort to the losers, that while the Willwood Tailteann gold medals went to the winners, the silver

stepped up to take the silver awards.

Galway had the outstanding player of the final in Una Jordan who is in a great Gaelic tradition, as her grandfather, Stephen Jordan, was a noted Galway hurler and a famed referee in his later years.

Interest in the Camogie side of the Community Games was also far greater this year than ever before. The Dublin side, Marino, was the dominant team in this competition in earlier years, but were unexpectedly beaten in the final by the Cavan representatives last season.

The Marino girls again won through in Leinster this season, but again had to give best to the Cavan and Ulster champions, Kingscourt, in the semi-final this time. The Cork and Munster representatives, Killeagh, because of their Feile na nGael victory, were, however, the warm favourites to take the gold medals, and were still favourites even after getting a hard run from the Galway and Connacht champions, Ballygar, in their semi-final. However, the honours went once again to Cavan with Kingscourt pipping Killeagh by a point in a tremendously exciting final. In a no less thrilling play-off for third place Ballygar just edged out Marino to take the bronze awards.

The success of Kingscourt must give a further fillip to the game in Cavan, and augurs well for their prospects in next season's Ulster minor series, while Ballygar, whose previous fame on the Gaelic scene was based on the exploits on the football fields of Matty McDonagh, Sean Cleary and Tommy Sands, is now a rising force in Camogie, and supplied a very valuable forward to the Galway team that won the minor All-Ireland, Mary Kelly.

in print we will know whether or not the Wexford girls have succeeded in their bid for the junior and senior All-Ireland double, a feat only previously achieved by Cork. But Wexford seniors are also very much in contention for the National League title, as they are the only unbeaten team in the Eastern Zone. However, they have yet to meet Kilkenny, who are also their rivals in the All-Ireland senior final. Kilkenny and Dublin are both two points down in the League, so if Wexford win they will be through to the final, whereas if Kilkenny win there will have to be a three-cornered play-off between these two counties and Dublin.

Cork are already through to the final from the Western Zone but they had very close calls from Limerick and from Clare.

The recent referees' conference in Dublin was very successful, but the Association could do with many more young and dedicated referees. In this regard it is good to see such present players as Helena O'Neill (Kilkenny), Miriam Higgins (Dublin) and Dorothy Walsh (Wexford) giving such a good lead in this respect, while Kilkenny's Angela Downey also showed up well when in charge of a recent inter-county game.

Indeed Helena O'Neill's refereeing of the All-Ireland minor final made a very favourable impression on the Croke Park crowd, and her complete yet unobtrusive control of the game was widely commented on.

By now a new Colleges' season is getting under way, and, in view of the interest shown and the high standard of play in the various juvenile competitions through the summer, the months ahead seem certain to provide some of the most exciting games

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Interpro Honours At Stake

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The Gael-linn Cup, the Camogie Interprovincial championship, will, as is customary, be run off during the next month.

The first semi-final between Leinster and Connacht will be played on Sunday at Russell Park, Blanchardstown, at 2.30. The second semi-final is on Sunday, October 9, at an Ulster venue.

In recent years this competition has been confined to players of junior status. The holders, Leinster, will have no fewer than eight of the beaten All-Ireland junior side — Wexford—in the line-out. The remainder comes from Kilkenny, Wicklow and Kildare.

Considering the fine performance that the Wexford players gave in the final and, with the added strength from the other counties, this team should be able to give a good account of itself.

GREAT STRIDES

The Connacht team is not to hand, but, no doubt Galway, who had such brilliant players on their minor All-Ireland winning team, will have quite a number represented in the provincial side.

Roscommon have been making great strides to improve their game over the last year and they, too, will have a number of players selected.

The game should be well contested, with Leinster a shade more experienced than Connacht.

The Leinster coaching course at Naas and the referees' course, which went on at the same venue, were attended by 80 students. Great enthusiasm was shown by all concerned, and Miss Mary Moran, who made the long journey from Cork, was, as usual, most painstaking in ensuring all students learned as much as possible from the courses.

Eire Og to beat Glen

By JOAN MORLEY

COUNTY SENIOR and under 16 champions Eire Og have set their sights on a third major trophy this season, the Cork senior club championship and on Sunday they are determined to take their first step towards this goal when they meet Glen Rovers at Ovens. On the same day, there are two intermediate and two under 16 league games listed.

Killeagh are already through to the final of the club championship having disposed of both South Presentation Past Pupils and U.C.C. The other half of the club competition is behind time but gets under way on Sunday next. Both Eire Og and Glen Rovers will be without some regulars for this game but they will still be in a position to field strong sides.

The Glen will have Clare Hackett, Carmel Mulcahy, Ger Murray and Marie Mackey in their line up while Eire Og can call on Eileen Kavanagh, Eileen Dineen, Aileen and Noelle O'Driscoll and Regina O'Brien. The Glen could put up a creditable performance here but I don't think they will have the

experience or power to stop a "cock-a-hoop" Eire Og side.

In the intermediate league campaign points are likely for both Killeagh and Blarney, while Na Piarsaigh should collect a brace at the expense of Old Aloysians in the Under 16 league. In the same competition there should be an exciting clash between Nemo Rangers and Blackrock.

The Munster Colleges Council recently held their annual meeting and the draws were made for the Colleges' Championships. The draw for the Senior competition is:

1st round, A, North Presentation v Loreto, Youghal. B, St. Paul's v Mount Mercy; C, St. Mary's v South Presentation.

2nd round: winners of A v Sacred Heart, Winners B v St. Aloysius, Winners C v Scoil mhuire, Cashel; Immaculate Heart v St. Patricks, Shannon.

The Junior draw is: 'A' Loreto Fermoy v Mercy Macroom; 'B' Cloghane Secondary School v St. Patrick's Shannon, Winners of B. v St. Mary's; St. Paul's v North Presentation; St. Joseph's v Sacred Heart; St. Patrick's, Cork v South Presentation; Mount Mercy v Presentation, Hospital. Winners of A v Carrick-on-Suir; Scoil Mhuire Cashel v Immaculate Heart, Loreto v St. Aloysius.

At the meeting it was also announced that a coaching course for players will be held at St. Paul's, Kilfinane, on Saturday October 1.

Fixtures, All on Sunday, At Ovens, S.C.C. Eire Og v Glen

Rovers 6 p.m. At Killeagh I.L. Killeagh v Aghbullogue 11.30 a.m. At Blarney: I.L. Blarney v Canovee, 12.00. At Na Piarsaigh U/61, Old Aloysians v Na Piarsaigh 11.30 a.m. At Ballinure: U/16, Nemo Rangers v Blackrock 11.30.

Glen knock out the champions

Glen Rovers 4-2, Eire Og 1-8

Cork senior county camogie champions, Eire Og, are out of the Cork club championship. At Ovens on Sunday evening they crashed out of the competition when Glen Rovers snatched a last minute winner.

This young Glen side had Deirdre Sutton back in goal and the ex-Cork senior inspired her side with a brilliant performance. She got great assistance from Marie Mackey and young Rose Kearney, who scored three of her side's goals, including the winner.

Connacht by a whisker

CONNACHT 2-3; Leinster 1-5
CONNACHT ousted the holders of the Gael Linn Camogie trophy, Leinster, in their semi-final encounter at Russell Park, Dublin, yesterday. Aided by the strong breeze in the first half, Leinster led out the interval by 3 points to one.

However, they had the greater chance of the play in the first half, and had the forwards taken even some of the many scoring opportunities, the holders would have faced the breeze with a greater lead.

A goal from Fiona Cousins extended Leinster's lead early in the second half. Connacht were now in control at centre field however, where Una Jordan, Enne Burke, and Anne Morris were in good form.

A point from Una, followed by a Madge Hoppins goal left the sides level midway through

the second half. Leinster then went two points ahead, but a strong finish by Connacht went two points ahead, but a brought a goal from Margaret Fallney, and a one point victory.

Score — Connacht — M. Hobbins (1-0), M. Freney (1-0), N. Jordan, M. Kelly, B. Cumiffe (0-1 each). Leinster — F. Cousins (1-0), M. O'Loughlin (0-1), M. Malone, T. Lennon (0-1 each).
Leinster Colleges Senior (Stuart) Cup — Kilmuckridge V.C., 4-1; Wicklow V.S., 3-0.

Score — Kilmuckridge: T. Butler (2-1), E. Cousins, M. Bourke (1-0 each); Wicklow — B. Kelly, E. Kelly, A. Byrne (1-0 each).

DUBLIN CAMOGIE
Corran Cup — U.C.D., 1-4 (M. geoghan 1-0, A. Murphy 0-3); Kilmacud Crokes, 0-0 (G. Nic Ghabhann 0-1).
Austin Stacks, 3-4; An Caislean, 2-1.
Naomh Baidé, 1-0; Eoghan Rua, 0-0.

Inter 'A' — Presentation, 3-0; Lifford, 2-0; Naomh Aoife, 1-1; Na Piarsaigh, 4-0; Celtic, 4-1; Bohernabreena, 2-2.
Junior A — An Caislean, 6-1; Naomh Baidé, 0-0.

COLLEGES SEASON GETS UNDERWAY

THE Munster colleges season opens on tomorrow with a coaching course for players at St. Paul's Convent, Killybegs, while on Sunday there are four underage League games down for decision.

This year Munster colleges have attracted a record number of entrants for their five competitions. Munster colleges was formed in 1969. At that stage apart from strong camogie schools competition in Cork, colleges camogie was very weak in the province. This year, there are no less than 32 colleges participating in competitive camogie and in addition, there are vocational schools in Cork and Limerick. Of the 32 colleges playing 19 are from Cork; Limerick have five; Clare 4, Tipperary 3 and Kerry one.

Drishane Convent makes a welcome return this season and news that the Ursuline Convent, a college which was very prominent in the early days of Cork camogie, is taking up the game again, is very welcome. Mercy, Clonakilty, are entering Munster colleges for the first time while Presentation De La Salle, Hospital, are other newcomers. Salesian, Cahircon, Vocational, Rathkeale and Cloghane Secondary School also make a very welcome return. The result of the increase in numbers cannot but have a good effect on the standard of the game in Munster.

Munster colleges have shown over the past few years that they can hold their own with the best. Three All-Ireland titles have come their way with Scoll Mhuire, Cashel, St. Aloysius, Cork, taking the senior title and the Cashel girls also winning the Junior event, and Cork schools North Presentation and Sacred Heart have reached the junior finals.

Great credit must be given to all the teachers who give so generously of their time on Saturday afternoons for matches and during the week for training and organising.

GAEL LINN CUP

Now to the playing fields. On Sunday next Leinster are home to Connacht in the Gael Linn Cup. The following

week Munster travel to Ulster for the second semi-final. For the last few years this competition has been confined to junior players and Munster's juniors succeeded in taking the title, something which their seniors had failed to do for a number of seasons. The Munster team for their first outing of the current season will be: Helen Butler (Limerick), Margie Neville (do.), Betty Joyce (Cork), Geraldine O'Brien (Limerick), Marie Coughlan (Cork), Vera Mackey (Limerick), Marion Doyle (do.), Bernadette O'Brien (do.), Brigid Darcy (do.), Carrie Clancy (do.), Eileen Kavanagh (Cork) and Brid Stokes (Limerick). Subs. Liz Hayes (Limerick), P. McCarthy (do.), Marie Power (Cork) and Helen Mulcaire (Limerick).

There are three under 14 League games listed for Sunday. This competition has proved very popular since its inception and is proving a great training ground for up and coming players.

On Sunday at Ballinure followers should see an excellent encounter between Blackrock and Old Aloysians while at Killeagh old rivals Sarsfields and Killeagh should provide another exciting encounter.

In the third game of the competition there will be little between Aghabullogue and Ballincollig when these sides meet at the latter's venue.

At Mallow, Blackwater and St. Fanahan's meet in the only other game listed — an under 16 League tie.

On Tuesday evening next Cork Co. Board's first fitness class will be held at Pairc Ui Chaoimh at 7 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

FIXTURES

Sunday—U-14 at Ballinure, 3.30: Blackrock v. Old Als (Ref. Ballyphehane). U-14 at Killeagh, 3.30: Sarsfields v. Killeagh (Ref. Cloyne). U-14 at Ballincollig, 3.30: Aghabullogue v. Ballincollig. U-16 at Mallow, 3.30: Blackwater v. St. Fanahan's (Ref. Buttevant).

Mighty Munster

MUNSTER 6-4
ULSTER 1-3

Munster reached the final of the Gael Linn inter provincial camogie championship when they scored a decisive victory over Ulster, in Carrickmacross

yesterday. The winners who led by 2-2 to 1-2 at half time, were not flattered by this tally, having missed many scoring chances.

After the interval Ulster notched a point, but then Munster went on a scoring spree, combining extremely well to send in four goals and two points, putting the issue beyond doubt.

Betty Joyce (Cork) and Geraldine O'Brien (Limerick) served Munster well in defence while Bernadette O'Brien, Marion Doyle, and Vera Mackey, (all Limerick) were on top across the centre, and Eileen Kavanagh and Brid Stokes were match winners in attack.

The Ulster selection had some fine individual stars, in Carol Blaney (Antrim), Margaret Moriarty (Armagh), Eleanor Hughes (Monaghan) and Ursula Daly (Tyrone). Munster now meet Connacht in the final.

Scorers — Munster: B. Stokes, E. Kavanagh (3-0 each), M. Doyle (0-3), P. Darcy (0-1), Uls: E. Hughes (1-1), N. McMal (0-2).

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MUNSTER HAVE A STAR QUALITY!

By UNA

With holders Leinster having been ousted by a late Connacht goal in the first semi-final on Sunday last interest has been intensified in the second of the interprovincial semi-finals for the Gael-Linn Cup in which Ulster are at home to Munster in Carrickmacross tomorrow.

Ulster have not won this competition since the series was confined to junior players a couple of seasons ago, but the selectors have certainly spread their net widely this time and have called on players from seven counties to do duty for the Northern province.

However, although they have called on stars from every county except Donegal and Cavan and even though they include such excellent players as A. M. O'Neill (Antrim), Patricia Crangle (Armagh) and Eleanor Hughes (Monaghan) it remains to be seen how this side will blend together.

On the other hand, Munster are sending North a team that includes nine of the Limerick team that recently triumphed in the All-Ireland junior and supported by three very useful players from Cork, such talented players as Geraldine O'Brien, Carrie Clancy and Brid Stokes must be fancied to bring Munster through to the final.

Meanwhile, senior interest will be centred tomorrow on Nowlan Park in Kilkenny, where the home county take on Dublin in the final of the Leinster championship. A year ago Kilkenny captured this title and went on to win All-Ireland honours. This year the Nore side girls have already won the All-Ireland and will be anxious to retain the provincial title as well.

The teams have already had two competitive meetings this season. Dublin won readily when they clashed in the League, but Kilkenny had sharpened up considerably between then and their next meeting in the All-Ireland semi-final. There was little between them for three-quarters of the game, but then a three-goal scoring burst by Angela Downey brought Kilkenny through.

There will not be much between them now, and if Kilkenny have relaxed after their All-Ireland victory, Dublin could have the advantage. But Angela Downey may well again prove a match-winner for the champions. In the Munster semi-final on Sunday last, Clare caused a surprise by defeating

Limerick and will meet Tipperary in the final on November 6.

The Dublin Convention will be held on Saturday next and outgoing chairperson, Miss Pat Rafferty is not seeking re-election. Two people have been nominated for the post, Mrs. K. Timmons who is Chairperson of Leinster Council, and Mrs. I. Leonard who is one of the Trustees of the Association.

The Dublin Primary Schools Blitz, most successfully run off last weekend was run on an unusual system. Twelve schools participated, and one player from each school was on each team, the teams being named after various counties. There were plaques for the winners and certificates for every player who participated thanks to the generous sponsorship of the publishers, Schools and Colleges Ltd.

MUNSTER—H. Butler, M. Neville, G. O'Brien, V. Mackey, M. Doyle, B. O'Brien, B. Darcy, C. Clancy, B. Stokes (Limerick), B. Joyce, M. Coughlan, E. Kavanagh (Cork). Subs.: L. Hayes, M. Power, P. McCarthy (Cork), H. Mulcaire (Limerick).

ULSTER—C. Blaney, E. McElroy, A. M. O'Neill (Antrim), M. Moriarty, P. Crangle (Armagh), E. McAvinney, E. Hughes (Monaghan), U. Daly (Tyrone), N. O'Leary (Down), J. McKeogh (Fermanagh), S. Quinn (Derry). Subs.: T. McDonnell (Monaghan), M. Donnelly (Antrim), A. Cavanagh (Armagh), T. McWilliams (Derry).

MUNSTER TIPPED TO REGAIN TITLE

MUNSTER, first winners of the Gael-Linn interprovincial Camogie competition, will be favourites to regain the trophy when this year's final is played at Adare on Sunday next (3.0).

The opposition will be provided by a very promising Connacht side which caused something of a surprise in the first semi-final when they came to Dublin and snatched victory over holders Leinster with a last minute goal. The Western side has particularly promising players in such Galway starlets as Una Jordan, Anne Burke and Ann Morris, and their lively side could again prove hard to beat.

But Munster when they really got into their stride in the other semi-final, against Ulster, looked a very good side. With nine of Limerick's junior All-Ireland champions, aided by three experienced players from Cork, they must be warm favourites to take the trophy on Sunday especially since three-quarters of the team will be playing on what is very much home soil for them, Adare.

Meanwhile, hopes of bringing off the National League final to schedule took a blow at Kilkenny on Sunday last when Wexford, who only needed a draw to reach the final against Western Zone winners Cork, were defeated by Kilkenny and thus makes a play-off in the Eastern section all but certain.

Wexford, having fulfilled all their engagements, are two points down. Kilkenny, Dublin and Antrim are also two points down, but Antrim have yet to play both Dublin and Kilkenny. The first of those games will be staged on Sunday next when Dublin travel to Belfast, while Kilkenny will follow them on the road North on the following Sunday.

On their last visit to Belfast, in the championship quarter-final, Antrim were then short the services of their most inspiring player, Mairead McAtamney, and could prove harder to beat this time. If Dublin and Kilkenny both make successful trips North, or, conversely, if Antrim win both matches there must be a play-off for Eastern supremacy, a play-off in which only Wexford are as yet certain of having a place.

Last Sunday's Munster final, under-18 decider, provided

plenty of lively entertainment at Adare on Sunday last. The home team, Limerick, led for much of the way, but then Cork came back and it was Limerick in turn who had to battle to earn a draw in the closing stages. With home advantage for the replay, Cork will be fancied when they meet again.

Mrs. Kathleen Timmons, who is also Chairman of Leinster Council, was elected to that position at the annual Dublin Convention last weekend. Discussions on the various reports were extended so that the delegates will reconvene later to discuss the various motions on the agenda.

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Can Munster Regain Gael Linn Cup?

CAN Munster regain the Gael Linn Cup, which they last held in 1975? This is a question which will be answered at Adare on Sunday when the southern province take on Connacht in the final of this year's interprovincial series.

On the same day Glen Rovers and holders Old Aloysians meet in the Senior Club Championship while on tomorrow Saturday, there are no less than seven Munster Junior Colleges Championship ties.

This is the third year of the Junior Interprovincial series and Munster will be determined to regain the crown they won in 1975. Leinster, who won the competition last season are out, and with Munster having defeated Ulster, the stage is set for the final on Sunday. Munster travelled to Carrickmacross for their semi-final tie against Ulster and in that Limerick-dominated provincial side, despite the disaster of a goal against them in the opening minutes, came back for a very worthy success.

Three Cork players were on the side, Betty Joyce, Marie Coughlan, and Eileen Kavanagh and they all played their part in that victory. The rest of the team was made up of Limerick players, which was not a surprise, considering their recent win in the All-Ireland Junior final. Limerick girls Margie Neville, Geraldine and Bernadette O'Brien, Brigid Darcy, and Brid Stokes need no introduction to followers, and they form a powerful nucleus to this Munster team.

But on Sunday they will be up against tougher opposition than Ulster, as Connacht had a most impressive win over champions Leinster in their semi-final.

This Connacht team is once again dominated by Galway and with players such as Anne Morris, Una

Jordan and Ann Burke to call on they can field quite a formidable side. So it should be close but Limerick-dominated Munster, with the advantage of home venue, could swing it.

Munster team: Helen Butler (Limerick), Margie Neville (do), Betty Joyce (Cork), Geraldine O'Brien (Limerick), Marie Coughlan (Cork), Vera Mackey (Limerick), Marion Doyle (do), Bernadette O'Brien (do), Brigid Darcy (do), Carrie Clancy (do), Eileen Kavanagh (Cork), Brid Stokes (Limerick).

Subs.: Liz Hayes, Marie Power, Pauline McCarthy, Helen Mulcaire.

HOME SCENE

On the home scene Glen Rovers, following their surprise though worthy win over county champions Eire Og, face another test in the club championship on Sunday, when they meet holders Old Aloysians. Glen are a very young side but they now have Deirdre Sutton back in goal and her presence has given them the confidence they so badly needed. Old Aloysians went out in the senior county after a fine display against Killeagh, but even so they could find the going tough against Glen. For Old AIs Nuala Jennings, Phil Walsh, Jas O'Brien and Ann Ryan have all proved themselves in recent years but Glen in addition to Deirdre, have fine young players in Marie Mackey, Anne Delaney, Claire Hackett and Carmel Mulcahy.

It's back to the Junior Colleges Championship again tomorrow with no less than seven ties down for decision. At this stage it is too early to know how this competition will go this year

but Saturday's games will show where the strengths lie. Mercy, Macroom, are the only side with the advantage of an earlier outing in which they convincingly defeated Loretto, Fermoy in a preliminary round game. Nine Colleges will be involved in tomorrow's games so there will be plenty of interest in the results.

On Sunday Churchtown and Aghabullogue meet in the only Intermediate League game listed while there are three Junior League ties down for decision. In the A competition S-Finbarr's are at home to Buttevant while in the B campaign Ballygarvan play host to Carrigaline and Sarsfields travel to meet Carrigwohill.

FIXTURES

Saturday, October 22: St. Paul v. North Pres. at Kilfinane; St. Joseph's v. Sacred Heart at Tulla; St. Patrick's v. South Pres. at St. Patrick's venue; Mour Mercy v. Pres. De La Salle Hospital, at Mount Mercy; Mercy, Macroom v. Scoil Mhuirí Carrick-on-Suir at Macroom; Scoil Mhuirí, Cashel v. Immaculate Heart, Cork, at Cashel; Loretto, Youghal v. St. Aloysius at Youghal.

Sunday, October 23: Gael Linn Final at Adare at 3.00 — Munster v. Connacht. Club Championship at Glen Rovers at 3.00 — Glen Rovers v. Old AIs. Ref. U.C.C. Inter League at Middleton at 3.00 — Churchtown v. Aghabullogue Ref. Killeagh. Junior B. League at Ballygarvan at 3.00 — Ballygarvan v. Carrigaline. Ref. Douglas. Junior A. League at St. Finbarr's at 3.00 — St. Finbarr's v. Buttevant. Ref. Bishopstowe. Junior B. League at Carrigwohill at 3.00 — Sarsfields v. Carrigwohill. Ref. Watergrasshill.

Munster regain Gael Linn Cup at Adare

MUNSTER 3-7;
CONNACHT 3-1.

MUNSTER regained the Gael Linn Cup and the Interprovincial Camogie Championship title at Adare yesterday when they defeated a gallant Connacht side after a very good game.

Play was of a high standard and compared favourably with former finals when the competition was confined to senior players. This is the last year of the experiment to have the competition open to junior players only. It is generally felt that it has been a worthwhile experiment with Munster winning the cup twice and Leinster once.

Munster playing with the wind and ground advantage had territorially more of the play throughout the first half but many scoring chances were lost or sent wide and the half time score was Munster 1-3 to 0-1 for Connacht.

The home side seemed to be getting the upper hand on the restart when they added two

Mary Freaney goaled and the score was now 1-5 to 1-1.

Munster however, recovered from this set-back and added first a point and then a goal. The spirited Connacht side showing great determination fought back again and earned another goal, but Munster quickly landed a similar score.

The determined Connacht girls kept on trying and were well rewarded when Mary Freaney scored her second goal.

However, Munster had the last say when they sent over a point. They were best served by full back Margie Neville who got great assistance from Marie Coughlan and Geraldine O'Brien.

The mid-field line of Vera Mackey, Marion Doyle, Bernadette O'Brien, had to fight hard to get the better of the ex-hard to get the better of the changes here. Carrie Clancy (Captain) and Brid Stokes were always dangerous in attack.

For Connacht Bridie Conniffe was again the star of the defence. Ann Morris and Una Jordan had their share of superlative play at mid-field while Mary Morris, Madea Hobbins

SCORES—Munster — B. Stokes (2-1), M. Doyle (0-4), E. Kavanagh (1-0), C. Clancy, B. Darcy (0-1 each). Connacht — M. Freaney (2-0), U. Jordan (1-0), M. Hobbins (0-1).

MUNSTER—H. Butler; M.N. Neville; B. Joyce, G. O'Brien, M. Coughlan; B. O'Brien, M. Doyle, V. Mackey; B. Darcy, C. Clancy (captain), E. Kavanagh; B. Stokes.

CONNACHT—B. Cody; C. Gannon; B. Glynn (captain), B. Conniffe, B. Barrett; U. Jordan, A. Burke, M. Morris; M. Kelly, M. Freaney, M. Hobbins; B. Condon. Subs. — B. Murphy for A. Burke; M. Quigley for B. Condon.

Referee—M. O'Halloran (Clare).

DUBLIN DOMINATE

Dublin 8-2; Antrim 2-2.

Leading at half time by four goals and a point, Dublin swamped Antrim by 8-2 to 2-2 in the National Camogie League at Carrigan Park yesterday.

Ethna Sweeney, who scored four goals and a point, was the star of Dublin's victory which gives them a chance of a play-off with Wexford or Kilkenny.

Scorers, Dublin — E. Sweeney (4-1), H. Roche (2-0), N. Fleming, A. McManus (1-0 each) and U. Ryan (0-1). Antrim — M. Lundy and B. Brogan (1-0 each) and M. McTamney (0-2).

ULSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Eilish (Tyrone) 4-1; Castleblaney (Monaghan) 2-3.

MONGHAN COUNTY LEAGUE

Cremartin 5-2; Carrickmacross 1-1; Inniskeen 5-0; Donaghmoyn 2-0; Killybegs 7-2; Monaghan Town 1-1; St. Paul's 1-1.

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Kilkenny Need A Win Over Antrim

By AGNES HOURIGAN

ANTRIM play host to All-Ireland champions Kilkenny, when the counties meet in the Easter Zone of the National Camogie League on Sunday.

The Eastern Zone has not yet produced an outright winner as Wexford and Dublin have completed their quota of games, with both finishing level having lost two points each.

Antrim, who were defeated by Dublin last weekend, are now out of the race, but Kilkenny, who have also dropped two points, must win this game

to remain in the play-off with Wexford and Dublin.

The winners of this Divisions were to have played Cork in the final of the competition on November, but that now appears impossible.

In Sunday's game, Kilkenny

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are favourites to take the points, but Antrim are likely to make their usual gallant attempt to match the champions.

The Third Level colleges are, at present, organising their teams for the C.C. IA League due to start shortly.

The committee plans to hold a fixtures meeting in Dublin on November 5 to make arrangements for the various competitions, the Ashbourne Cup for Universities, the Purcell Cup for non-University colleges, the Freshers seven-a-side and the League in which all colleges compete.

The Connacht Colleges Council had plenty to enthuse about at their recent A.G.M. Twenty-two schools were involved and six competitions were organised for the fifty-six teams taking part.

The honours were well divided. Athenry Presentation Convent took the Senior A and Junior A championships; Ballygar won the Senior B championship, and Moneenagheisha took the Junior B championship. Ballygar also won the First Year competition and Presentation Convent, Loughrea, captured the Kennedy Cup.

DOMINATED

Outside the province, Connacht teams have been to the forefront since Oranmore won the All-Ireland colleges senior championship in 1972.

That great cradle of Camogie, Presentation Convent, Athenry, have reached the All-Ireland senior final every year for the past five years, winning in 1974 and 1975. Their junior side who are the current champions, have also dominated the final scene, and three of their players won dual honours in the 1974 finals.

Connacht are not, however, complacent—a coaching course is organised for Tuam for November 19.

Down in Limerick, the replay of the County Senior final between Ahane and Ballygran will be played at Adare on Sunday.

Ahane can call on Carrie Clancy, captain of the Junior All-Ireland champions and also captain of last Sunday's Munster side which defeated Connacht.

Other Ahane players who represented Limerick on the All-Ireland team are Brigid Darcy, Vera Mackey, Anne Meaney, Dolores O'Brien and Kitty Ryan, who was one of the panel.

Ballygran have also a number of Limerick stars on their side. The goalie, Helen Butler, the O'Brien sisters, Geraldine and Bernadette, Pauline McCarthy and Liz Hayes.

A close game is expected, with the vote narrowly in favour of Ballygran.

In the Interprovincial Final at Adare last Sunday, the standard of play was extremely high, despite the heavy rain and slippery ground. Connacht had some fine individual players, but Munster were the steadier, and more experienced and deserved their victory.

Goals galore from Angela

Kilkenny 5-3; Antrim 1-1

IN THE Camogie national league, Kilkenny had very little trouble defeating Antrim, at Corrigan Park, in very bad conditions. Kilkenny's star was Angela Downey who scored four goals and two points and this brings her tally of goals this year to twenty-eight an all-time record for a camogie player.

Antrim had no answer to this flying Kilkenny forward as she outsped and outran the Antrim defence and cracked the ball home from all angles.

The result means that Dublin, Kilkenny and Wexford have to play-off and the first game is between Kilkenny and Wexford at Wexford on November 13.

Scorers — Kilkenny — A. Downey (4-2), H. O'Neill (1-1). Antrim — M. O'Hara (1-0), B. Brogan (0-1).

This Week . . .

40 YEARS AGO

OVER 51,000 spectators saw Kerry win the All-Ireland Senior Football final by defeating Cavan in their replayed final by 4-4 to 1-7 at Croke Park.

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U.C.C. qualified to meet Lee Hosiery in the final of the Cork County Senior Camogie championship when they defeated Hillside by 5-3 to 3-0 after an exciting game at Douglas. The teams were—U.C.C.: C. Ni Se, T. Ni Sinlaobh, S. Ni Liathain, M. Ni Eighcheartaigh, M. Ni Braonain, E. Ni Thaidg, N. Ni Coileain, A. Ni hEalaoghe, C. Ni Buacalla, L. Ni Ceallachair, S. Ni Mathuna, L. Ni Chiarmauc, M. Ni Croinin. Hillside: M. Collins, K. Morris, M. Doolan, N. Wiseman, E. Stanton, H. McCarthy, S. Desmond, C. Morris, S. O'Shea, A. Fahy, A. Barry, M. O'Brien, K. Barry, C. Morris, M. Morris.

SOUTH PRES. IN FINAL

South Presentation 1-2
Sacred Heart nil

South Presentation Convent, Cork, are through to the semi-final of the Munster Junior Colleges championship by virtue of their win over Sacred Heart, Cork, at Ballyphehane, on Saturday. Only a point ahead at the interval, the winners second point only came with six minutes to go and the goal three minutes from the end. South Presentation now meet St. Patrick's, Shannon, in the semi-final.

Scorers: South Presentation: F. Twohig 1-0; L. Zineant 0-2.

SACRED HEART MAKE EXIT

Loreto Convent (Youghal)

Sacred Heart (Cork) 0-3

Sacred Heart, Cork, who went to the final of the junior All-Ireland last season, are out of the Munster senior colleges camogie championship, in which they were appearing for the first time. Their conquerors were Loreto Convent, Youghal, who now march on to the third round after an impressive 0-8 to 0-3 victory, at Youghal, yesterday.

Scorers: Loreto Convent: M. Power 0-7; E. O'Connor 0-1. Sacred Heart: R. Desmond 0-3.

A Fiery Welcome

WATERGRASSHILL'S comprehensive 6-10 to 1-2 win over Sarsfields in the recent Cork County intermediate camogie championship final at Riverstown was enthusiastically celebrated. Bonfires welcomed the team on arrival home and later a pipe band led a victory parade.

The 'Hill girls, pre-match favourites, were shot into an early lead with two Mary O'Leary points, but Sars enjoying the advantage of a home venue, quickly replied with a Marie Barry goal. The winners soon asserted their superiority and with the help of a further 1-3 from Mary O'Leary and 1-1 for Angela Higgins they led 2-6 to 1-1 at the interval.

Sars put on strong pressure early in the second half but made little headway against the top form 'Hill defence.

The winners scored 19-17 in the course of the entire championship and only conceded 5-2, a tribute to their all round balance and ability.

Watergrasshill: A. Barry, N. O'Riordan, B. O'Callaghan, M. Mackey, E. Higgins, H. O'Callaghan, A. Higgins (1-2), M. O'Callaghan, M. O'Leary (1-7), M. Farrell, M. O'Brien (3-0), N. O'Connor, Sub. D. Fenton (1-1).

Sarsfields: G. Crowley, L. O'Connor, A. Crowley, C. Daly, L. Twomey, L. Zineant, O. Twomey, E. Barry (0-1), C. Kenneally (0-1), M. Barry (1-0), C. O'Sullivan, F. McCarthy, Sub. C. O'Riordan.

WILL THIS BE CLARE'S YEAR?

CLARE and Tipperary will contest the final of the Munster Senior Camogie Championship at Littleton on Sunday, while on the home front the Senior Colleges Championship continues on tomorrow (Saturday) and games in the Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Under-18 leagues will be held on Sunday.

Tipperary last held the Munster Senior Championship in 1969 while Clare have to go back to 1944 for the only time they had their names on the cup. Many of the Clare players are just back from America and may not be as fit as usual. However they have good players in Maureen Kelly, Maureen Davoren, Margaret O'Toole and Claire Harrington. Clare have impressed in recent seasons and should put up a good performance on Sunday.

However, Tipperary have been showing signs of a comeback to prominence in the last few years also and they can call on Siobhan Tynan, Deirdre Lane, Marion Troy and Mary O'Brien, and they might just have that little bit extra.

There are some very exciting Munster Colleges games down for decision tomorrow. Loretto, Youghal, following their one point win over North Presentation may make further progress at the expense of 1977 junior champions, Sacred Heart. The latter have Rose Desmond, Chris McCarthy,

Ger McCarthy and Deirdre Collins, but Youghal can call on Marie Power, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Breda Landers, Fidelma and Sally O'Connor. 1976 All-Ireland champions, St. Aloysius, who were unceremoniously knocked out by Cashel in last year's championship are most anxious to get back on their winning way. They have good players in Clare Cronin, Anne Delaney, Elaine Collins, Catherine McCarthy and Eithne Barry. But St. Paul's, who have a number of Limerick minors and a good win over Mount Mercy behind them will be no pushover.

The name Cashel is enough to strike terror in the heart of any opposition. Although they have lost some of their All-Ireland winning squad of last year, they still have plenty of talent left including Regina Mulligan, Eithne Bonnar and Caroline Kelly. South Presentation accounted for St. Marys of Limerick in their opening game but the opposition will be much tougher this time.

Immaculate Heart and St. Patrick's, Shannon, will be making their debut in this year's championship and their form is so far unknown.

In the only senior league game listed U.C.C. meet Killeagh at the University grounds on Sunday. Here Killeagh may be too fit for the College girls, who are only finding their feet after the long summer recess.

In the Intermediate League Watergrasshill must

be fancied to repeat their championship win over Sarsfields, while Inniscarra could take both points from Canovee.

In the Junior Campaign Youghal may have the edge over Nemo Rangers while in the Under 18 Na Piarsaigh should account for St. Fannahans and the clash between Blackrock and Ballinlough could be close.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday): Munster Colleges Senior Championship — At Youghal, Loretto, Youghal v Sacred Heart; at Kilfinane, St. Paul's v St. Aloysius; at South Pres. venue, South Pres. v Scoil Mhuire, Cashel; at Immaculate Heart venue, Immaculate Heart v St. Patrick's, Shannon.

Sunday, 6th: Munster Senior Final at Littleton at 2.00 — Tipperary v Clare (Ref. M. Ryan, Cork).

U-18 at Mitchelstown at 3.00 — Na Piarsaigh v St. Fannahans (Ref. K. Dunne).

Senior League at U.C.C. at 11.30 — U.C.C. v Killeagh.

Intermediate League at Watergrasshill at 3.00 — Sarsfields v Watergrasshill (Ref. Churchtown).

Intermediate League at Inniscarra at 3.00 — Inniscarra v Canovee (Ref. Eire Og).

Junior League at Nemo at 3.00 — Nemo Rangers v Youghal (Ref. Ballyphehane).

U-18 at Ballinure at 3.00 — Blackrock v Ballinlough (Ref. Douglas).

No joy weekend for Cork Colleges

By JOAN MORLEY

IT was a bad day for Cork colleges in the Munster senior championship on Saturday when three city schools went out of the competition.

St. Pauls, Kilfinane 2-2
St. Aloysius, Cork 0

4-4 to nil score to which South Pres. had no answer. Scorers, Cashel: R. Mulligan 3-0, K. Ryan 2-0, C. Kelly 0-4. South Pres: T. Bell 1-0, V. O'Mahony 0-2.

St. Patrick's, Shannon 4-1
Immaculate Heart, Cork 3-1

The 1976 All-Ireland champions St. Aloysius, are out of this year's campaign as at Kilfinane they found the local St. Pauls, inspired by Limerick minors Anne and Helen O'Sullivan too much of a handful. Scorers: St. Pauls, E. Sheehy 2-0, A. O'Sullivan 0-2.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel 5-4
South Presentation, Cork 1-2

Current All-Ireland champions, Cashel, looked very good in their impressive victory over South Pres. at Ballyphehane.

Playing with the wind in the first half, they built up a

The high wind dominated this tie at Ballyphehane. The Limerick girls had the wind advantage in the opening half and set up a 3-nil half time score. The Ballyphehane girls were a different side after the interval and almost snatched a last minute winner.

Scorers, St. Patrick's: G. Fahy 2-0, G. McNamara 2-0, T. O'Shaughnessy 0-1, Immaculate Heart, M. Flood 2-0, M. Martin 1-0, M. Hourihan 0-1.

The game between Loretto Convent, Youghal and Sacred Heart Cork, was postponed and will be played today.

Munster title for Tipperary

Tipperary 2-4; Clare 1-2

Tipperary won the Munster Senior Camogie title when they came from behind to defeat Clare at Littleton, yesterday. Clare, backed by the fresh breeze in the first half, got off to a great start when Anne O'Connor, sister of County senior hurler Enda, banged home a goal for them in the second minute, but Tipperary soon came to grips with the game and gave as good as they got in an exciting first half.

M. Tynan had a goal disallowed for Tipperary, but just on half-time D. Lane pointed for them to leave Clare 1-0 to 0-1 ahead at the interval. In the second half Tipperary got well on top had a point from M. Tynan, followed by a goal from M. Troy in the 10th minute to put them in front. They never looked back afterwards and M. Tynan's second goal came just before the finish.

Tipperary fully deserved this win and were not flattered by the victory margin. They had good displays from M. O'Brien, D. O'Lane, S. Tynan, M. Troy, R. Ryan, M. Tynan. For Clare A. Harrington, C. Harrington, A. Russell, M. O'Toole and M. Davoran, did well.

Scorers for Tipperary, M. Tynan, 1-2, M. Troy 1-0, D. Lane 0-2. For Clare A. O'Connor 1-0, A. Russell and M. Davoran 0-1 each.

Tipperary—M. O'Brien, M. Butler, R. Ryan, M. Hackett, S. Tynan, K. Tynan, D. Lane, S. Delaney, N. Maher, M. Troy, M. Tynan, A. Ralph. Sub: L. Howard for K. Tynan.

Clare, M. Kelly, A. Harrington, R. Kelleher, C. Harrington, A. Russell, A. Fahy, K. McNicholls, M. O'Toole, M. Davoran, E. Condon, A. O'Connor, M. Saunders. Sub: P. Moroney for McNicholls, K. Tibby for Fahy.

TIPP'S COURAGE TURNS SCALES

Tipperary, 2-4; Clare, 1-2.

TIPPERARY WON the Munster senior camogie championship by coming from behind to beat Clare by 2-4 to 1-2, at Littleton, yesterday.

Claire, backed by the fresh breeze in the first half, got off to a great start when Ann O'Connor scored a goal in the second minute, but Tipperary fought back gallantly although before the interval their only reward was a point.

DECISIVE GOALS

In the second half Tipperary were well on top and goals by Marian Troy and Maolmuire Tynan.

Tipperary fully deserved this win. They were well served by Mary O'Brien, Deirdre Lane, Siobhan Tynan, Marian Troy, Rosie Ryan and Maolmuire Tynan.

For Clare, Ann Harrington, Clare Harrington, Ann Russell, Margaret O'Toole and Pauline Davoran did well.

Scorers: Tipperary — M. Tynan (1-2), M. Troy (1-0), D.

Lane (0-2). Clare — A. O'Connor (1-0), A. Russell and M. Davoran (0-1), each).

Tipperary—M. O'Brien, M. Butler, R. Ryan, M. Hackett, S. Tynan, K. Tynan, D. Lane, S. Delaney, N. Maher, M. Troy, M. Tynan, A. Ralph. Sub: L. Howard for K. Tynan.

Clare—M. Kelly, A. Harrington, R. Kelleher, C. Harrington, R. Russell, A. Fahy, K. McNicholls, M. O'Toole, M. Davoran, E. Condon, A. O'Connor, M. Saunders. Sub: P. Moroney for McNicholls, K. Tibby for Fahy.

LEINSTER COLLEGES—Junior — Kilmuckridge Vocational School, 3-1; F.C.J. Bunclody, 0-0.

SENIOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL—Thomastown, 5-3; Presentation Convent, Castlecomer, 0-0.

Junior Vocational Schools—Thomastown, 15-0; Presentation, Castlecomer, 1-0; Mercy Convent, Enniscomry, 3-2; Wicklow Vocational School, 1-1; Tullamore Voc. School, 3-0; Dunlavin Voc. School, 2-2.

DUBLIN COLLEGES

Senior—Presentation, Terenure, 9-1; Walkinstown, 0-0.

Minor—Presentation, Terenure, 4-10; Maryfield College, 0-0.

DUBLIN CLUB GAMES

Senior 'B'—Kilmasnoed Crokes, 5-3; Austin Stacks, 1-0.

Senior A — Austin Stacks, 6-3; Eoghain Ruaadh, 3-0. Presentation, 1-1; Cochulsinn, 1-0. U.C.D., 4-1; Naomh Mhuire, 1-1.

Inter B—U.C.D., 4-3; Churchtown, 1-0. Scoil Ui Chonall, 4-3; Na Fianna, 1-0.

McCarty Cup — Presentation, 4-1; Celtic, 1-0.

Isle of Man — Marino, 7-0; St. Brendan's, 1-0.

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In Final Without Playing A Match !

FOR the first time for many years Cork have gone to this stage of the inter-county season without a trophy. And now their last chance of taking the bareness off the records is piled on the shoulders of the under 18's who meet Limerick in the Munster final on Sunday at Adare.

The Munster Colleges Senior Championship opens this weekend with four Cork schools in action while on Sunday on the home front there are a number of League games listed.

Cork hope to retain the Munster under-18 title on Sunday but it will not be easy. Cork are at a disadvantage in finding themselves in the final without a competitive game. They got a bye in the first round and a walk-over in the semi-final so it was the easiest of roads to the decider. But it is very difficult to go out now against a Limerick side which was particularly impressive in beating Clare on their way to the final. Also Limerick are on top of the camogie world at the moment having already won the Munster Junior and Minor titles, both at the expense of Cork and the Junior All-Ireland.

Limerick will field three of the All-Ireland winning side on Sunday. They are Helen Mulcaire, who caused Cork great problems in the under 16 Championship, Liz Hayes and Pauline McCarthy. And with many of the minors also in action Cork will be up against it.

However, Cork have many experienced players in their line-out. Betty Joyce and Eileen Kavanagh were most impressive for Munster last Sunday, while Clare Cronin, Claire Hackett, Catherine Landers and Orla Harrington have lined out with the Cork seniors. Anne O'Sullivan, Marie Coughlan and Margaret Murphy have All-Ireland minor medals while Marie Power has played minor and junior for Cork. Liz Lynch, who came on late in last year's final plays her first full game for Cork. The only newcomer to inter-county camogie is Glen player Carmel Mulcahy who has had such a good season with her club.

Overall it is a pretty good Cork side and certainly with their combined inter-county experience they should not be overawed, but with Limerick having the most successful season in their history it is difficult to see how Cork can stop them.

Cork Under-18 team — Orla Harrington, Anne O'Sullivan, Carmel Mulcahy, Betty Joyce, Marie Coughlan, Liz Lynch, Catherine Landers, Claire Hackett (captain), Marie Power, Eileen Kavanagh, Clare Cronin, Margaret Murphy. Subs: Catherine Freyne, Claire Harris, Regina O'Brien, Gay Desmond, Anne Delaney, Ger Murray.

South Presentation would appear to have the easiest task of the Cork county sides involved in the first round Senior Championship games tomorrow (Saturday). Their

opponents, St. Marys, were only Intermediate "B" last season, and despite their request to go senior, they could find South Pres., who can call on Lilian Zincont, Valerie O'Mahony, Catherine Freyne and Antoinette Jennings too much of a handful.

Two Cork schools clash in another tie, when North Presentation are at home to Loreto, Youghal. This could be a thriller. North Pres can call on Ger Murray, Martha Kearney, Mary Byrne and Imelda Cronin, all of whom have played minor for Cork, while Loreto have Marie Power, the Youghal club captain and a number of Killeagh players. Breda Landers, Sally O'Connor and Patricia Fitzgibbon.

Mount Mercy would appear to have a difficult task on their hands as they travel to Kilfinane to meet St. Paul's. The latter will field Helen O'Sullivan, Ann Condon, Joan Burke and M. Shanahan, all very good players and although the Cork school can call on Anne O'Sullivan, Una McCarthy, Stephanie Curtin and Fiona McCarthy, it will not be easy.

LEAGUE TIES

It is getting more difficult than ever to suggest likely winners in the local league ties but here we go again. Blackrock should account for newcomers Carrigaline, who found Douglas too good for them last Sunday, when these sides meet in the Junior "B" competition. Na Piarasigh should continue their winning way at the expense of St. Finbarrs and Ballyphehane should take the points from neighbours Redmonds, both in the under-16 League. And in the Under-14 affair Aghabullogue and Ballinora might well share the points.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday)
Munster Senior Colleges Championship. At North Pres venue at 3 p.m. — North Pres v Loreto, Youghal; At Kilfinane at 3.00 — St. Pauls v Mount Mercy; At Limerick at 3.00 — St. Marys v South Pres.

Sunday
Munster Under-18 final at Adare at 3 p.m. — Cork v Limerick (Ref. Clare); Junior "B" at Ballinure at 3 p.m. — Blackrock v Carrigaline (Ref. South Pres); Under-14 at Coachford at 12 noon — Aghabullogue v Ballinora (Ref. Canovee); Under-16 at St. Finbarrs at 3 p.m. — Na Piarasigh v St. Finbarrs (Ref. Glen Rovers); Under-16 League at Ballyphehane at 3 p.m. — Redmonds v Ballyphehane (Ref. Old Als).

Kilkenny Must Beat Wexford!

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE big camogie attraction next Sunday is the vital game in the National League between All-Ireland finalists Kilkenny and Wexford at Kilkenny.

Wexford, who are playing their last game in their zone are in the happy position that they have full points to date. Kilkenny, on the other hand, lost to Dublin last May and to qualify for a play-off must win on Sunday and also their last game against Antrim on October 30.

In their recent All-Ireland final encounter, Kilkenny came out on top with plenty to spare and last Sunday, won the Leinster championship for the second year in succession when they defeated Dublin by the narrow margin of two points.

Wexford will be very keen to compensate for their failure in the All-Ireland final and if they can recover the form that gained them so many fine victories in mid-summer, the Slaneysiders could win out the Zone and meet Cork in the final on November 11.

NEW RECORD

Wexford participated in the first league final last March, but had to give best to Tipperary. Kilkenny, on the other hand, will be seeking to set a new record by winning the double.

The recent formbook points to a Noreside victory but Wexford could surprise the champions.

Munster qualified for the final of the Gael Linn cup interprovincial camogie championship when they readily defeated Ulster at Carrickmacross last Sunday.

Munster, who won this cup in 1975, the first year that the competition was confined to players of junior status, will meet Connacht in the final on October 23 at a Munster venue.

The Southerners, who had nine players from Limerick and three from Cork, took a long time to gain control and got a good run from Ulster's seven-county selection. The Northern girls were all talented players but lacked the teamwork and finish of Munster.

ULSTER CLUB

The Ulster club championship is already under way and the Antrim champions, Mairead McAtamney's club, Portlennone are down to play Madden, the Armagh champions on Sunday.

The Ulster counties C.C.D. committees are also active, making arrangements for these talent competitions in which the northern province has been so successful at All-Ireland level over the past few years.

The annual convention of the Dublin camogie board is due to take place at the Belvedere Hotel starting at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday. The outgoing chairman, Miss Pat Rafferty is not seeking re-election.

There are two candidates for this position, Mrs. Kathleen Timmins, the present chairman of the Leinster council and Mrs. Leonard, a trustee of the camogie association.

The Munster under-18 final brings Limerick and Cork into opposition at Adare on Sunday. Cork have several players with senior experience while Limerick can call upon some of their junior All-Ireland champions side. Home venue may give Limerick enough advantage to secure this title.

Cork-Limerick to meet again

Cork 2-4, Limerick 1-7

Cork and Limerick will have to meet again to decide the destination of the Under-18 Munster camogie crown. At Adare yesterday, the sides finished level in the final, after a thrilling encounter in which the camogie was of an extremely high standard from such youthful exponents of the game.

Cork had to fight all the way for their second chance as Limerick were 1-2 ahead before Cork scored; were ahead by 1-2 to 0-3 at half-time, and in fact it was only minutes before the end that Cork took the lead for the only time in the game.

And then it was Limerick who had to battle back to snatch a last-minute equaliser to earn a replay.

Cork, who never gave up trying in this game were best served by Betty Joyce, Liz Lynch, Eileen Kavanagh and Marie Coughlan while Limerick had their best performers in Bernadette O'Brien, Helen Mulcaire, Pauline McCarthy and Liz Hayes.

Scorers: Cork, E. Kavanagh 1-2, G. Murphy 1-0, A. Delaney 0-1, C. Cronin 0-1. Limerick: P. McCarthy 0-5, A. O'Sullivan 1-1, M. O'Sullivan 0-1.

GLEN GIRLS THROUGH TO DECIDER

Glen Rovers 4-2
Old Aloysians 0-0

The final of the Cork Club Camogie championship will be contested between Killeagh and Glen Rovers. At Blackpool yesterday, the Glen girls won their place in the decider with an impressive win over Old Aloysians.

Old Als were without six of their county championship team and with a rather young and inexperienced side fielding, they had no real answer to the efficient Glen girls. For the winners, who led by 3-0 to nil at half-time, Ann Connolly, Ger Murray, Geraldine O'Donovan and Clare Hackett were in top form, while Old Als were best served by Eleanor Hackett, Nuala Jennings, Ann O'Connor and Phil Walsh.

Scorers: Glen Rovers—G. Murray 2-0, A. Connolly and M. Newman 1-0 each; A. Delaney and A. Daly 0-1 each.

Glen Rovers: D. Sutton, N. O'Mahony, M. O'Brien, C. Mulcahy, M. Mackey, A. Connolly, G. O'Donovan, C. Hackett, A. Delaney, G. Murray, B. Kearney, M. Newman.

Old Aloysians: D. Aherne, N. Jennings, E. Collins, E. Hackett, C.

Kilkenny

-Wexford

meet in

play-off

By TAOBH LINE

THE Eastern Zone of the National Camogie League has ended in stalemate as far as finding an immediate winner.

The fact is that Kilkenny, Wexford and Dublin have all finished level with the loss of two points each. Dublin defeated Kilkenny, Wexford lost to Kilkenny, but beat Dublin. Now the all-Ireland champions, Kilkenny, will travel to play Wexford in the semi-final of the play-off and the winners will meet Dublin.

Cork, who won the Western Zone, have been waiting already for some time, so the present crux makes matters more inconvenient. The final was originally fixed for November 13 but the Wexford-Kilkenny tie is now scheduled for that date and the winners of that game must play Dublin to decide the Eastern Zone winners.

Last Sunday's game between Antrim and Kilkenny, at Belfast, was the last game of the National League in the Zone.

DECISIVE WINNERS

The Nonesiders, who were short their goalkeeper, Teresa O'Neill, and full-back Liz Neary, scored a decisive victory but the game was much more entertaining and well contested than the score 5-3 to 1-2 suggests. Antrim's attack could make very little headway against the more experienced Kilkenny defence and so good approach work went unrewarded.

The Munster Senior final is down for decision on Sunday next at Littleton (3.0). The contestants Tipperary and Clare should serve up a lively game.

Tipperary, whose champion side, Drom and Inch, won the Kilmacud-Crokes all-Ireland Seven-a-Side on the eve of the all-Ireland final, dethroned the long-reigning champions, Cork, in the semi-final.

This must have been a satisfying victory for the Tipperary girls because Cork had earlier in the season defeated the League champions, in their very first outing in this season's campaign. With such fine players as the Tynan sisters, Deirdre Lane, Libby Howard and Monica Butler on their side they may prove too good for Clare.

Clare who will have the service of most of their all-Ireland Junior champion side Margaret O'Toole, Ann Marie O'Loughlin, Claire Harrington, Catherine McNicholl, Rose Kelleher and Unice Fitzgibbon played their last game against Tipperary last July. On that occasion Tipperary took the points after a very close game. The Banner County, however, have never won the Munster Senior title and, therefore, they will not concede easily.

Eglish, the Tyrone champions, have surprised all camogie fans, by reaching the final of the Ulster Club Championship. They are awaiting their opponents from the Eastern Zone, where Portlennone, Antrim, has reached the semi-final but must play the winners of the Madden, Armagh, and Leitrim, Down, same.

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Wexford can pip champs!

KILKENNY, Wexford and Dublin, who finished the Eastern Zone of the National Camogie League with an equal number of points, are now set for a three way play-off. On Sunday next the All-Ireland champions, Kilkenny, will play Wexford at Clonroche (12.0) to decide who will face Dublin in the Zone Final.

Cork, who won the Western Zone some time ago, will have to wait for some weeks before they will know their opponents in the final.

This is the fourth meeting of Nonesiders and Slaneysiders this season. They met in the All-Ireland Final which Kilkenny won and the champions were also the victors on the other two occasions, the Leinster semi-final and the League.

Wexford seemed to be at peak form when they met Cork in the championship in July and they have not since repeated that high standard in their games. On the other hand, Kilkenny have a match winner in dynamic full forward and captain Angela Downey.

FULL BACK STAR

In their League game in mid-October the Wexford girls had the better of the play but were so often foiled by full-back, Liz Neary, who seems to be able to avert danger effortlessly and had to concede on the score 4-3 to 2-3.

If the Wexford girls could contain Angela Downey and find a way past Liz Neary they may come out on top this time.

Tipperary, who won last year's National League, had another successful outing, last Sunday when they regained the Munster senior title which they had not won for 10 years.

Facing the breeze in the first half, they found the Clare team quite a handful and were trailing by two points at the interval when the score was 1-0 to 0-1. However, with the wind behind them in the second half Tipperary gradually gained the upper hand from their tenacious opponents and won 2-4 to 1-2.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, the All-Ireland Colleges champions, look to be strong contenders to take the Munster title again this year. On Saturday last they scored a decisive victory over South Presentation, Cork.

St. Pauls, Kilfinane, and St. Patricks, Shannon, have also advanced to the semi-final stage at the expense of St. Aloysius and Immaculate Heart respectively and Loreto Youghal is the fourth school to contest the semi-finals.

In the Leinster Senior Colleges scene, Presentation Terenure have proved too good for all others in the Dublin Zone while Thomastown Vocational and St. Mary's Enniscorthy are also on winning trails in South Leinster.

The Munster Junior Colleges will stage their quarter-finals tomorrow and the pairings are - St. Patricks, Shannon, v St. Pauls; Sacred Heart v South Presentation; Macroom v Mount Mercy; Scoil Mhuire v Loreto Youghal.

FIXTURES MEETING

The Annual fixtures meeting of the Higher Colleges Council was held in Belfield last Saturday. All the arrangements for the season's competitions were decided. The Annual Freshers 7-a-side will be played in Belfield on November 19. The Ashbourne Cup is arranged for February 11 and 12 at Queens University, Belfast.

The Purcell Cup (now University Championship) is arranged for February. The League for all Colleges is as usual, divided into three Zones. This competition will be run off over the first two terms of the academic year and the final will be played on April 22.

KILKENNY GIRLS SET FOR CAMOGIE DOUBLE

THE VITAL GAME in the National Camogie League, as far as the Eastern Zone is concerned, will be staged in Kilkenny this afternoon when the home county entertain Wexford in what is also a 'replay' of the recent senior All-Ireland final.

Wexford are so far undefeated in the League, and victory today would see them through to the final against the Western Zone winners, Cork. Kilkenny were good winners when these same counties clashed in the All-Ireland final four weeks ago, and Kilkenny have further enhanced their reputation by defeating Dublin

in the Leinster final on Sunday last.

Wexford manifestly will be all out for revenge, but Kilkenny would dearly love to be first to achieve the League and championship double, and, if they can win today, they will force a triple play-off in the East between themselves, Dublin and Wexford. They must be fancied to do so.

Munster stages the under-18 provincial final at Adare where Limerick, on home ground will be hopeful of defeating Cork. In the Ulster club championship Portlennone (Antrim) will be favourites to oust Madden, the champions of Armagh.

Kilkenny

split the

League

wide open

Kilkenny 4-3
Wexford 2-3

KILKENNY, by their victory over Wexford at Ciaran's College yesterday have left the Eastern Zone of the National Senior Camogie League wide open - Kilkenny, Wexford Dublin and Antrim have now each lost one game.

This was a game which Wexford dominated; only the brilliant defensive work of Anne Downey and Liz Neary in particular foiled them of more scores, in a game of high standard despite continuous rain.

The teams were level after ten minutes with two points each. Then Angela Downey scored first a goal and then a point to leave Kilkenny leading. In the 24th minute Mairead Darcy cut the Kilkenny lead to a point when she goalied. However, Kilkenny replied when Helena O'Neill scored from a 25-yard free.

The second half saw Wexford applying great pressure but again and again they were foiled by scores by an outstanding Kilkenny defence. Elsie Walsh, who played well throughout for Wexford, opened the scoring with a point. An Angela Downey goal was balanced when Geraldine Duggan goalied for Wexford. Kilkenny ensured victory when Joe Dunne finished a pass from Angela Downey to the net.

Scorers 2 Kilkenny - A. Downey (2-1), H. O'Neill (1-1), J. Dunne (1-1). Wexford - G. Duggan, N. Darcy (1-0 each), E. Walsh (0-2), Hearne (0-1).

LEINSTER JUNIOR COLLEGES

A.N. Wicklow, 6-1 (N. Byrne, 2-0, B. Kelly, 1-1), E. Kelly, 1-0). VS. Kilmuckridge, 4-0 (E. Cousins, 2-0, A. Dwyer, 1-0, P. O'Brien, 1-0).

Pres., Kilkenny, 4-0 (M. Dunne, B. Lawlor, G. Cullen, H. Landers, 1-0 each). Pres., Castlecomer, 2-1 (J. Ryan, C. Conway, 1-0 each, A. Whelan, 0-1).

LEINSTER SENIOR COLLEGES

Pres., Castlecomer, 7-6 (S. Coady, 4-0, J. Carroll, 2-0, M. Comerford, 1-0, N. Costigan, J. Costigan, 0-3). Pres., Kilkenny, 5-4 (G. Cullen, 2-0, C. Ryan, 1-0, S. Quinn, 1-1, K. Dalton, 2-0).

10 YEARS AGO

A YOUTHFUL Cork team qualified for the final of the Munster Intermediate Camogie Championship when they defeated Tipperary 4-3 to 2-1 in the semi-final at Youghal. The teams were:- Cork - M. Moran, B. O'Sullivan, P. O'Brien, M. Costine, M. Slater, J. Fitzpatrick, M. J. Ryan, L. Garvan, K. Ryan, A. Gaffey, B. Gibbons, A. Russell. Sub: A. Hennerty. Tipperary - M. Lyons, C. Ryan, B. Doyle, J. Gleeson, M. Burke, P. Russell, D. Lane, M. Dwyer, S. Heehy, M. Clery, J. Power, M. Brophy.

CAMOGIE COMMENT

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE most encouraging fact about the All-Ireland Camogie finals was the fact that the three titles went to three different provinces with Galway taking the minor title for the first time, Limerick capturing the county's first-ever inter-county honour at national level by taking home the junior crown and Kilkenny retaining the senior laurels and the O'Duffy Cup.

So the game is thriving all over the country, for if Ulster was not represented in any of the Croke Park finals, it must be remembered that Down won the junior championship a year ago.

The senior final was dominated by the individual performance of the Kilkenny captain, Angela Downey, whose brilliant scores shattered Wexford's hopes of recapturing the coveted title, and who crowned a great year when she stepped up to accept the All-Ireland trophy on the Hogan Stand rostrum. It was Angela whose goal-rush had routed Dublin in the semi-final and earlier in the year she had helped St. Paul's win the club championship and inspired her University side, Maynooth, to victory in the C.C.I.A. League and Championship.

After the final, Camogie followers with long memories were comparing Angela's brilliance with the performances of Kathleen Coady for Dublin teams a generation ago and there is indeed a similarity between the styles of those two great players. But it would be very wrong to assume that Kilkenny are a one-player team. Indeed the outstand-

ing fact about the All-Ireland champions is that there is no weak link in their line-up, even their newcomers Ann Holden, Mary Purcell and Jo Dunne all measured up to the high standard set by the more experienced units.

Teresa O'Neill had little occasion to show her goalkeeping excellence this time, but what little she got to do she did well. I have not seen a more polished display of full-back play than that given by Liz Neary, surely one of the most versatile and stylish players ever to grace a Camogie field. Bridie Martin, Helena O'Neill, Mary Fennelly and the rest all lived up to their well-earned reputations, while Angela Downey's twin sister Ann is by no means over-shadowed by her sister on the playing field.

Limerick's feat in winning the junior title was very praiseworthy indeed and I believe that next season they will be a force to reckon with in senior ranks, especially with the talent of such as Carrie Clancy, Geraldine O'Brien and Brid Stokes.

Galway's victory in the minor final was convincing, and indeed I know of no county with such a plenitude of talent which if properly blended together should surely be capable of bringing the senior title to the West.

The county that deserves plenty of sympathy however is Wexford. It is a praiseworthy achievement reaching the finals of both the senior and junior All-Irelands and all the more disappointing then to have to give best in both. But as Margaret

Leacy so aptly said at the presentation dinner, they will be back, and they, too, have plenty of rising stars on the way up.

The only thing that was not up to par on All-Ireland Day at Croke Park was once again the relatively poor attendance, and this after the finals had got more pre-match publicity than ever before from all the media.

True, there was a small increase on last year's figure, but not nearly as much as the final deserved. However, one encouraging sign was that the distinguished strangers' gallery was this time well patronised and it was good to see Government Ministers attend a Camogie Final, though among distinguished strangers it would be unfair to include Miss Margaret Tynan, the Mayor of Kilkenny, who is 'one of our own'.

But I do not despair about the relatively poor crowd at this year's finals. After all, Wexford were in both the senior and junior deciders while another Leinster team, Kilkenny, were in the senior decider. That meant that Limerick was the only 'outside' contender, and Connacht and Ulster had no direct interest at all, even though enthusiasts from both provinces did attend. Had all four provinces had a direct interest I believe we might well have had a record crowd, and I still believe Croke Park remains the most prestigious and most suitable venue. The All-Irelands would lose out and the day would have far less significance if staged anywhere else.

Wexford
are slight
favourites
at Belfield

By TAOBH LINE

THE final of the Eastern Zone of the National Camogie League is down for decision on Sunday next when Wexford, who defeated the All-Ireland Champions, Kilkenny in the first leg of the play-off, take on Dublin at Belfield (2.30).

The participants have had one encounter already this season. On that occasion Wexford gained the points after a very close and skilful game winning 0-7 to 1-3.

Wexford were in fine form when they conquered Kilkenny two weeks ago and having broken their run of bad luck against the Slaneyiders will be very keen to reach the final against Cork and thus capture the title which eluded them last season when they were defeated in the final replay by Tipperary.

Dublin always prove a difficult hurdle for Wexford to surmount and the Metropolitan had an outing against University College in a challenge game last Sunday.

However this should be a very close game with the visitors slightly the favourites.

LOST CHANCE

All-Ireland Senior Colleges Champions Scoil Mhuire Cashel lost their chance of retaining their title when they were unexpectedly defeated by St. Patricks Shannon, at Shannon last weekend.

In the second semi-final Loreto Youghal qualified for the final when they defeated St. Pauls Kilfinane. The final will be played after Christmas.

The Munster Junior semi-finals will be decided this weekend. St. Patricks Shannon entertain South Presentation and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel are at home to Mercy Convent Macroom.

Leinster and Munster Club Championships are progressing. In Leinster the Junior Counties Final will be played on December 4 between Kelkerley (Louth) and Dunboyne (Meath).

In Munster the semi-finals are down for decision on Sunday next when Eire Og (Cork) will play Causeway (Kerry) and Eire Og (Ennis) will be at home to Ballyagran (Limerick).

QUICK IMPACT

St. Patricks Training College who have only been participating in Advanced Colleges Camogie for a few years, won their second competition at Belfield last Saturday when they won the annual 7-a-side for Freshers.

Eight Colleges took part and the finalists UCC and the winners, both reached the decider with full points from their groups.

UCC, who had looked very impressive in their earlier matches, had to bow to the girls from St. Pats by 6-0 to 1-0.

The All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Council's annual general meeting takes place at Belvedere Hotel, Dublin, tomorrow (2.0).

The secretary, Miss Mary Moran, in her comprehensive report shows that there are 122 Colleges affiliated, Ulster (42), Leinster (36), Munster and Connacht (22 each).

All the Provinces run a senior and junior championship, the winner of which participate in the All-Ireland championships.



ALLEN-BARRY-MURPHY — The marriage took place at the Church of the Descent of the Holy Ghost, Dennehys Cross, Cork, between Denis Allen, Curragh Road, Cork, and Miss Frances Barry-Murphy, Wilton Gardens, Cork. (D. Morley)

Wexford's
margin
was two
points

Wexford, 3-5; Kilkenny, 2-6

WEXFORD beat all-Ireland champions, Kilkenny, by two points (3-5 to 2-6) in the National Senior Camogie League (Eastern Zone at Clonroche, Co. Wexford. At the interval, the Wexford girls were in front by 1-2 to 0-4.

Wexford combined well throughout the field and with goalkeeper, Kathleen Tonks brilliant, Margaret Leacy in defence and Bridget Doyle in attack they hit best form. Kilkenny were best served by Jo Dunne, Mary Purcell and Teresa O'Neill but the display by the brilliant Angela Downey was the greatest single factor contributing to a Wexford victory.

The winners now play Dublin at a Dublin venue on November 27 in the Eastern Zone final.

Scorers — Wexford — E. Doyle (2-1), K. Codd (1-1), M. Hearne (0-2), E. Walsh (0-1), Kilkenny — J. Dunne (1-2), M. Purcell (1-1), A. Downey (0-2), C. Doyle (0-1).

C.C.I.A. League — St. Patricks Training College, 9-4; Trinity College 0-0, U.C.D. 6-3; Carisford, 1-1, U.C.D., 7-0; Celtic, 1-0, U.C.D., 0-5; Cahalainn, 5-2.

Well-deserved Honour For Cork Officer

THE Colleges scene turns from the playing fields to the committee room this Saturday when the A.G.M. of the All-Ireland Colleges Council will be held. And it will be a big occasion for Cork officer Carmel Desmond who becomes the first Colleges president from this county.

On the playing fields Eire Og, fresh from their devastating win over Portlaw travel to meet

Causeway in the Munster Club Championship while that twice-postponed club championship tie between Glen Rovers and Old Aloysians is again listed for Sunday, along with four league ties.

Carmel Desmond has been the force behind Cork Colleges camogie for many years and the esteem in which she is held throughout, not only the county, but the country, is underlined by the fact that she was proposed by all four provinces for the prestigious position of president. Carmel, who won championship medals with both St. Aloysius and Old Aloysians, has always been interested in the administrative side of the game and held such wide ranging offices as Munster Chairman, chairman of Cork Schools Board and Primary Schools Committee and treasurer of Cork County Board. So her new position as Colleges president is a well-deserved honour.

Another Cork officer, returned unopposed is Mary Moran, who needs no introduction to camogie followers in any part of the country, and it is not surprising that she has no opposition for the position of secretary.

There are two nominations for vice-president, Mrs. Agnes Purcell and Mrs. Kathleen O'Duffy, while both treasurer, Miss Lily Spence, and delegate to Ard Coiste Mrs. Rosina McManus, are both returned unopposed.

There are two motions down for decision. The first calls for separate days for the Colleges finals. At present both are played on the same day making it a real All-Ireland day at Croke Park. It would not be possible to get the national headquarters for two separate days and many feel that it would be an anticlimax for either final to be played outside it. But of course, there is the problem of a college getting to both finals who might want to call on the same girls in both teams. It will be interesting to see how it goes.

The second motion calls for a First Year All-Ireland Competition. Again there are problems and advantages and again it is sure to arouse a lot of discussion.

SURPRISES

Last week saw some surprise results on the colleges scene. In fact both junior and senior champions

made their exit. Biggest surprise was, of course, Shannon's defeat of Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, by 3-1 to 1-1, while last year's junior champions, Sacred Heart went down to South Presentation.

The senior final will now be contested between Loreto, Fermoy, and St. Patrick's, Shannon, while South Presentation will meet the Shannon girls in the semi-final of the Junior campaign. The second semi-final will be between Mercy, Macroom and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel.

Eire Og had a facile win over Portlaw, the Waterford champions, in the first round of the Munster Club Championship. On Sunday they meet Kerry champions, Causeway in the second round and it is difficult to see how they can be stopped. Eire Og have been most impressive this season and with Kerry camogie making no real headway, they can hardly produce a club side capable of holding the Cork girls. The O'Driscoll sisters Nancy and Noelle were in devastating form against Portlaw and with Eileen Kavanagh, Rose and Breda O'Leary and Marion McCarthy to call on they should advance once again.

Let's hope it's third time lucky for Glen Rovers and Old Aloysians who are due to meet at Glen Rovers on Sunday. This tie was rained off on two previous occasions.

Youghal will miss Cally O'Donovan for their junior league final on Sunday and will be depending on the scoring power of Marie Power to see them through. Killeagh should account for Aghabullogue in the Under 14 semi-final. St. Finbarr's and Blackrock could be close, while there should be a thriller when Nemo Rangers meet Na Piarsaigh in the U-16 League.

Macroom and Cashel girls prove best

Mercy, Macroom.....	2-3
Mount Mercy, Cork ...	0-1
Scoil Mhuire, Cashel ...	5-0
Loreto, Youghal.....	0-0

Mercy, Macroom, and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, are through to the third round of the Munster Junior Colleges Championship.

Mount Mercy travelled to Macroom on Saturday to take on the local Mercy Convent. Here the ability of the Macroom girls and particularly Clare Kelleher, to snap up scoring chances was the deciding factor.

Scorers— Mercy: C. Kelleher 1-3, N. Delaney 1-0; Mount Mercy: D. Daly 0-1.

At Youghal the local Loreto had no answer to the scoring power of Scoil Mhuire, Cashel. The Tipperary girls were ahead at half time by 3-0 to nil and although the Loreto girls tried hard after the interval they were never in this game with a chance.

The Sacred Heart-South Presentation clash at Ballyphehane was abandoned with ten minutes to go. At that stage South Presentation were ahead by 2-0 to nil.

Wexford Well In Control

WEXFORD	6-5
DUBLIN	0-2

Wexford earned a place in the National Camogie League final when they defeated Dublin in the Eastern Zone decider at Bellfield yesterday. After a noopening 10 minutes which was keenly contested and seemed to promise a close tie, the teams stood level at a point apiece.

Gradually, however, the superiority of the Wexford girls became obvious and a goal from Bridget Doyle in the 20th minute put the visitors into a lead which they never relinquished.

It was speed at midfield and more decisive ground-pulling that accounted for the Wexford success over a Dublin team that played with great determination in the first half.

Another goal from Bridget Doyle just before half-time left the score 2-1 to 0-1 at the interval.

In the second half Wexford attacked consistently for 15 minutes and, despite the efforts of Dublin defenders Sheila Wallace and Bernie Conway, they managed to score a further goal and two points.

Scorers: Wexford— B. Doyle (3-0), E. Kehoe (2-0), D. Walshe (1-1), K. Codd (0-3), E. Walshe (0-1); Dublin—O. Ruain (0-2).

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Eire Og trounce Portlaw

Eire Og 11-7, Portlaw 0-2

This Munster senior club camogie championship match was overshadowed to say the least as the scoreline indicates. The Cork club, Eire Og, were a very talented side inspired by the O'Driscoll sisters, Nancy and Noelle who scored 7-4 between them.

The game was played at Owens, Co. Cork and it was obvious from the start the Portlaw (Waterford) girls were no match for the home side. However, they played spiritedly in the first half after which they trailed by 0-2 to 6-6.

The game lapsed in the second half with the only excitement coming from some good movements from Eire Og which yielded five goals.

Scorers: Eire Og. Noelle O'Driscoll 3-4, Nancy O'Driscoll 4-0, M. Geaney 2-1, P. Kelly 2-0, E. Kavanagh 0-2, Portlaw: E. Walsh 0-2.

Kilkenny conquer

Kilkenny, 2-4; Dublin 2-2

KILKENNY RETAINED their Leinster camogie title when after an exciting game they had two points to spare over Dublin at Nowland Park yesterday.

Although Kilkenny had the advantage of the breeze in the second half, Anne Byrne's goal stretched the Dublin lead. Then, as so often before, Angela Downey, who had been trying to elude a vigilant Sheila Wallace, goalied. Kilkenny added another point before Angela had another goal to leave her side leading by one point. Dublin had some scoring opportunities in the last quarter but it was Kilkenny who added another point to leave them leading by two points at full-time.

Scorers: Kilkenny—A. Downey (2-1), M. Purcell (0-1), J. Dunne (0-1), C. Doyle (0-1); Dublin—M. Sheehan (1-0), A. Byrne (0-1), O. Ni Riain (0-2).

Loreto are through

(By Joan Morley)

Loreto 0-6, St. Pauls 1-1

Cork's sole survivors in the Munster Senior Colleges Camogie Championship, Loreto Convent, Youghal, are through to the final. At Killeagh on Saturday, in a most exciting game, they just pipped St. Pauls, Kilfinane by two points after a nail biting last quarter.

Youghal were ahead at half-time by 0-5 to 0-1, having played with the wind in the opening period. St. Pauls looked very dangerous after the break when Anne, Helen and Angela O'Sullivan spearheaded a great recovery attempt. But the Limerick girls made the fatal mistake of going for goals instead of points while Loreto snapped up minors at every opportunity.

Marie Power, who scored 0-5, and Patricia Fitzgibbon in goal, were the big stars for Youghal while Breda and Anne Marie Landers, Fidelma O'Connor and Vera Motherway also impressed.

Scorers: Loreto M Power 0-5, B Landers 0-1, St Pauls: A O'Sullivan 1-1.

Loreto — P Fitzgibbon, M O'Sullivan, V Motherway, B Walsh, B Landers, A M Landers, M Power, S O'Connor, F O'Connor, S Whyte, M Coyne and B Kirby.

St. Pauls — J O'Donnell, J Burke, A Condon, M O'Brien, H O'Sullivan, M O'Sullivan, A O'Sullivan, J Crowley, M Shanahan, E Sheehy, M O'Rourke, Angela O'Sullivan.

Home Venue Will Favour Cork

HIGHLIGHT of the weekend's camogie will surely be the Munster Under 18 Final Replay in which Cork meet Limerick at Bishopstown. Another game likely to excite will be the Munster Senior Colleges semi-final clash between sole Cork survivors Loreto, Youghal, and St. Paul's, Kilfinane.

Cork and Limerick played a drawn game of a very high standard a few weeks ago and followers are eagerly awaiting the replay which should be equally exciting. Limerick have many fine players in their side. Liz Hayes, Bernadette O'Brien, Pauline McCarthy, and Helen Mulcaire all field for their county's senior side. Cork for their part also have a number of players with senior experience including Betty Joyce, Catherine Landers, Claire Cronin, Claire Hackett, and Eileen Kavanagh, but they will want a greater pull at centrefield and to make better use of their chances up front. The defence in the replay held out well but they will need to be prepared for another hard hour.

Overall these sides are very evenly matched but maybe the home venue could swing it in Cork's favour. In any event it should be a game well worth watching.

Cork Under 18 team: Orla Harrington, Anne O'Sullivan, Carmel Mulcahy, Betty Joyce, Marie Coughlan, Liz Lynch, Ger Murray, Claire Hackett, Catherine Landers, Claire Cronin, Eileen Kavanagh, Margaret Murphy. Subs: Catherine Freyne, Regina O'Brien, Gay Desmond, Anne Delaney, and Marie Power.

Loreto, Youghal, carry Cork's last hopes in the Munster Senior Colleges Championship. And on tomorrow (Saturday) they have a stiff obstacle in St. Paul's, Kilfinane, who have already knocked Mount Mercy and St. Aloysius out of the competition — no mean feat. Youghal, however, have impressed in the competition so far and have some very fine players to help them, including Marie Power, Breda Landers, Patricia Fitzgibbon and Sally O'Connor. They also have a home venue — which is most important at Colleges level — and with strong home support they could swing it. But St. Paul's with the O'Sullivan sisters very prominent will not be easy opponents.

All-Ireland Champions, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, must be expected to advance in this competition also, as St. Patrick's, Shannon, although quite a good side, will hardly be able for the Majella Hallinan, Gina Mulligan, Caroline Kelly and Cora Hennessy inspired Scoil Mhuire side.

Weather conditions brought a premature end to the junior game between Sacred Heart and South Presentation on Saturday last and they replay tomorrow. South Pres. were doing well last time and if Lillian Zincaut, Ann O'Shea, Miriam O'Sullivan and Chris Furlong strike form they should advance to meet Shannon in the semi-final. However, Chris McCarthy, Ger McCarthy, Susan Stanley, and Veronica Hanley may have something to say about that from the Sacred Heart point of view.

There are four Under 16 games listed and here Killeagh, Na Piarasigh and Ballyphehane and Aghabullogue could win points. There is also an Under 14 League semi-final listed and here Blackrock will be expected to advance, although St. Fanahan's might surprise. In the only junior game listed Ballygarvan and Carrigaline could share the points.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY

Munster Colleges Senior Championship semi-finals at Bishopstown at 3.00 — Loreto, Youghal v. St. Paul's, Kilfinane.

At Shannon at 3.00 — St. Patrick's, Shannon v. Scoil Mhuire, Cashel.

Munster Colleges Junior

Championship at Sacred Heart venue — Sacred Heart v. South Pres.

SUNDAY

Munster U-18 Final Replay at Bishopstown at 3.00 — Cork v. Limerick.

U-16 at St. Finbarrs at 11.30 — Na Piarasigh v. St. Finbarrs (Ref. Nemo Rangers).

U-16 at Ballyphehane at 3.00 — Ballyphehane v. Old AIs (Ref. Na Piarasigh).

U-16 at Ballymacoda at 3.00 — Fr. O'Neills v. Killeagh (Ref. Cloyne).

Junior League at Ballygarvan at 3.00 — Ballygarvan v. Carrigaline (Ref. Ballymartle).

U-14 League semi-final at Ballinure at 3.00 — Blackrock v. St. Fanahans (Ref. U.C.C.).

U-16 at Ballinora at 12.00 — Ballinora v. Aghabullogue (Ref. Ballincollig).

Limerick girls best in replay

Limerick 3-1, Cork 1-0.

Limerick won the Munster under 18 camogie championship when they beat Cork in the final replay at Bishopstown yesterday. The match was spoiled by heavy rain and wind which kept the scoring low.

The sides played very spiritedly and Limerick were clearly on top in the first half. Anne O'Sullivan scored the opening goal and Helen Mulcaire followed up with another. A further goal from Anne O'Sullivan put Limerick three goals to nil in front at the interval.

Midway through the second half, Cork had their opening score, a goal from Eileen Kavanagh. However, the Limerick defence got on top again and the final score came from a well taken point by Pauline McCarthy.

Limerick — H. Sheehy, I. O'Leary, H. O'Sullivan, L. Hayes, J. Burke, H. Mulcaire, B. O'Brien, B. Conroy, A. O'Sullivan, P. McCarthy, M. O'Sullivan, A. O'Sullivan. Sub — M. O'Keefe for M. O'Sullivan.

Cork — O. Harrington, A. O'Sullivan, C. Mulcahy, B. Joyce, M. Coughlan, L. Lynch, G. Murray, C. Hackett, C. Lander, C. Cronin, E. Kavanagh, M. Murphy. Sub, M. Power for M. Murphy, G. Desmond for C. Hackett.

Ref. Maureen Davoren (Clare).



Bernadette Costine, Cloyne, attended the Cloyne Camogie Club's social at Two Mile Inn, Moleton. (Sheehan)

PAT'S BLITZ U.C.C.

St. Patrick's T.C. 6-0; U.C.C. 1-0. St. Patrick's Training College won the Freshness seven-a-side Camogie blitz at Bellfield when they scored a convincing victory over U.C.C. In the final, Carysfort College, Queen's University and U.C.C. had all been defeated by St. Pat's on their way to the final, while Cork had overcomes Maynooth, U.C.D., and Mary Immaculate Training College.

Scorers — St. Pat's — J. Kehoe (3-0), N. N. Phuirteal (1-0), B. Shinnors (0-0); U.C.C. — N. O'Driscoll (1-0).

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LEINSTER CLUB FINAL — St. Paul's (Kilkenny) 3-7, Celtic (Dublin) 0-1.

CONNACHT CLUB FINAL — Athenry 14-9, Four Roads 0-0.

C.C.I.A. (Higher Inst.) — St. Patrick's T.C. 4-3, Carysfort T.C. 0-1; Maynooth 4-1, U.C.D. 1-0.

LEINSTER SENIOR — Naas Vs 2-1, Prosperous 1-0, Junior — Wicklow 3-1, Ennisworthy 0-0.

Celtic's Glory Chance

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The club championships hold the spotlight in Munster and Leinster camogie on Sunday when Ballyagran of Limerick and Eire Og (Cork) clash at Charleville, and Dublin champions, Celtic, take on either title holders St. Paul's of Kilkenny or Carrickshock.

Neither of the Munster clubs have reached a final before.

The Cork champions will have the service of county players Nancy O'Driscoll, the hockey international, Eileen Kavanagh, Eileen Dineen and Mary Geaney, another hockey international, who is a native of Kerry.

Ballyagran can call on a number of the Limerick All-Ireland junior champions, Bernadette O'Brien, Geraldine O'Brien, Helen Butler and Liz Hayes.

For Aileen O'Driscoll (Eire Og) this will be her last game, as she is getting married next week and will be going to live in Brussels with her Spanish husband. Good luck, Aileen!

St. Paul's and Carrickshock clash on Saturday in St. Kieran's College and the winners go forward to meet Celtic on Sunday. It will be a major shock if Paul's fail to advance. St. Paul's, who have won this competition a number of times, can field most of the All-Ireland champions' side such as the O'Neill sisters, the Downey twins, Mary Fennelly, Bridie Martin, Liz Neary and Carmel Doyle.

Celtic, who have reached the semi-final or final for the last few years, have not yet succeeded in beating the champions. They have several Dublin senior players, both past and present.

Una O'Connor, of the 13 All-Ireland medals, Ann Carey, Rita White, Noreen Fleming, Ethna Leech and Evelyn Sweeney will be in their line-out. Deirdre Lane (Tipperary) is also a member of the Celtic side, as is Claire Harrington, of Clare.

If the Dubliners can hold Angela Downey, and find a way past Liz Neary, they could oust the champions, but St. Paul's will start favourites.

ADAPTED

Limerick collected their third provincial title last Sunday when they won the Munster under-18 championship, defeating Cork in Bishopstown. The Limerick side adapted better to the miserable weather conditions and deservedly won 3-1 to 1-0.

In the Munster junior colleges semi-finals, St. Patrick's Shannon, and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, defeated South Presentation, Cork, and Mercy, Macroom, to qualify for the final. The St. Patrick's senior side has also reached the final in which they will play Loreto, Youghal.

The Leinster senior championship for the Stuart cup has had a new look this season. For the past few years very few schools have opted for the senior competition and preferred to play for the shield.

All teams are entered for the Stuart cup this year and the top two in each zone will play off, while those below will compete for the shield.

At present the zone leaders are becoming apparent. Colaiste Bride, Ennisworthy, the reigning champions, Thomastown, and Presentation, Terenure are all clear winners in their zones.

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plenty to think about

'You get the publicity you deserve'. This was the message which came out loud and clear to x P.R.O.'s and other County Board officials from all over the country at a seminar which was held at the Central Hotel, Dublin, on Saturday, and was organised by the Communications Committee of the Camogie Association.

Camogie followers throughout the country have long been annoyed by lack of publicity which they have managed to get, on radio, television, and the newspapers particularly the National dailies. At Saturday's seminar Mick Dunne of R.T.E. and Pdraig Puirseal of the Irish Press outlined the difficulties facing the media and made a number of helpful suggestions to the audience concerning publicity for the game of camogie when they read papers on 'Communications through the media'.

Michael Dennehy, a public relations consultant, Pat Quigley, P.R.O. G.A.A., and Kitty Murphy, ex-National P.R.O. of the Camogie Association, also kept the

audience interested with papers concerning Public Relations and Communications.

In all it was an educational and interesting day from which officers, and particularly the P.R.O.'s came away with plenty to think about.

Cashel clinch final place

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, 2-2
Mercy College, Macroom, 0-0

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, qualified for the Munster colleges junior camogie championship final with a deserved win over Mercy College, Macroom, by 2-2 to 0-0 at Cashel on Saturday. Strong winds and driving rain made conditions very difficult and accordingly the standard was not very high.

An early goal by K. McCluskey and two points by Caroline Kelly gave the winners an interval lead of 1-2. Claire Gargary added a goal midway in the second half to make the issue safe for Scoil Mhuire.

There were some good individual performances by Macroom girls, but on the day the better team won and now will meet Shannon Comprehensive School in the final.

Shannon slam Cork girls

Shannon Comprehensive 7-2
South Pres. 0-1

Shannon Comprehensive won their way to their second Munster final when they beat South Pres. Cork in the semi-final of the under-15½ colleges competition.

Playing with the aid of a strong breeze, and powered by senior players Anne Galkery, Mary Carroll, Clare Jones, Roseen Brown, Lourde Fox, and Fernie Bryan, Shannon went into an early lead which they held right through.

In the second half, Roseen Brown and Carol Fitzgibbon playing very well opened up the play to give Bernie Bryan and Lourde Fox great openings to notch up 4-3 between them.

Clare Jones, playing steadily at centre field, added two further goals. Anne O'Shea, Bernadette Maher, and Linds Whooley, tried hard for South Presentation.

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Getting The Message Over

By AGNES HOURIGAN

A seminar on communications will be held by the Camogie Association tomorrow (10.45) in the Central Hotel, Dublin.

The guest speakers will include Mick Dunne of RTE, Pat Quigley, P.R.O. of the G.A.A., Pdraig Puirseal, G.A.A. correspondent with THE IRISH PRESS and Miss Kitty Murphy, former camogie P.R.O.

Dunne will talk on radio and television publicity, Quigley will deal with the role of a P.R.O.; Puirseal's terms of reference will be 'how to get publicity and how to assess its value'. Miss Murphy will deal with publications — with special reference to her own experience in the camogie Yearbook. The Seminar will be chaired by Sighe Mic Anultaigh, a former president and subsequent ard runal of the association.

CLEAR-CUT

Wexford confirmed their improved form when they scored a clear-cut victory over Dublin in the Eastern zone league final last Sunday. They will thus contest the final for the second time.

In last year's final, Wexford and Tipperary played a draw and Tipperary won the replay. The Slaneysider's opponents this time will be Cork, who won the Western Zone with full points. This game has been postponed until Spring.

The junior final of the Leinster club championship between Kilkerry (Louth) and Dunboyne (Meath) will be played at Kilkerry on Sunday next. Kilkerry have been very impressive in their earlier games and may prove too strong for the Meath champions.

FLOURISHING

The All-Ireland colleges council had plenty to enthuse about at the annual general meeting last Saturday. All four provinces reported that the game is flourishing but especially in the West Derry and Donegal areas.

The outgoing president Mrs. Rosina McManus, who had run her four year term, outlined her guidelines for further advancement as dedication and hard work by all interested parties.

The committee accepted the idea of a youth magazine and it is hoped to produce the first one next term.

The new president, Mrs. Carmel Desmond, Cork, has been associated with Cork colleges for many years. She is a past player of St. Aloysius

School and has been treasurer of the Munster council.

The All-Ireland semi finals were arranged as follows:

Senior: March 1 — Munster v Connaught; Leinster v Ulster.
Junior: March 4 — Connaught v Munster; Ulster v Leinster.
Final—April 19.

In zone one of the Leinster Junior colleges championship Scoil Iosa, Killock are unbeaten but still have to play Blessington vocational school.

Although zone two has been completed no winners have emerged. Wicklow vocational now play Colaiste Bride, Ennis-corthy and the winners will take on Kilmuckridge vocational.

In zone three, Thomastown vocational school are at the top of the table, with Ballyhale vocational and Mercy convent, Callan in second place. In zone four Tullamore vocational have won three games and with one in hand, look almost certain to qualify in that sector.

Presentation Terenure are well ahead in the Dublin area and look the most likely to come out on top.

Leinster colleges can boast of having their first grade B Coach, Recently Paddy Maher, the vice-chairman of the Leinster colleges qualified on the same day as one of his pupils, Yvonne Jameson, at Wicklow vocational school, was awarded a grade C badge.

In the Southern zone of the C.C.I.A. league Mary Immaculate scored an easy victory over N.C.P.E. They will have another outing on Saturday when they are at home to UCG. UCC are also hosts to N.C.P.E. on Saturday.



Cork hurler Gerald McCarthy, presenting the Cloyne Camogie Club Personality of the Year award to Eileen Costine, Cloyne at the Cloyne Camogie Club presentation night at the Two Mile Inn, Middleton, Co. Cork.

Three Cork Clubs In Hunt For Glory

THREE Cork clubs are chasing a major trophy on Sunday. In the morning at Charleville, Cork County champions, Eire Og, will be endeavouring to add the Munster Club Championship to the Cork title, when they meet Limerick champions, Ballyagran in the final, while in the afternoon at Killeagh, the local side take on Glen Rovers in the final of the Cork Club Championship.

Eire Og, only promoted from intermediate ranks less than 12 months ago have made great strides since. Following their County Championship win they had a runaway victory over Portlaoise in the first round of the club campaign. Then Kerry champions, Causeway, failed to field, giving them a bye into the decider. For Sunday's game Eire Og will be without their regular full back Breda O'Leary, but can still call on Rose O'Leary, Regina O'Brien, Eileen Dineen, Aileen, Mary, Noelle and Nancy O'Driscoll, Mary Geaney and Eileen Kavanagh. Incidentally, this game will be a nostalgic affair for Aileen O'Driscoll. It will be her last before her forthcoming marriage, after which she leaves to take up residence in Brussels.

Ballyagran will be formidable opponents for the Cork girls. They have a number of Limerick players, including Helen Butler, Geraldine and Bernadette O'Brien, Liz Hayes and Pauline McCarthy, as well as some county minors. They had the hardest side of the draw, and had to dispose of Drom-Inch of Tipperary, former All-Ireland champions, and Eire Og from Clare. From reports received they are a first class side and it will take Eire Og at their best to win. However, the Cork girls are a determined combination, who rely more on teamwork than individual skills and if they can produce their county form then they could be there with a very good chance.

Killeagh are another new senior side having won promotion this season. They were most impressive in their early county championship outings and are now determined to take the club title. They have Cork players in Pat Moloney, Betty Joyce, who was in such good form for Cork's under-18's last Sunday, Catherine Landers and Marian Sweeney. On their way to the decider they disposed of South Presentation Past Pupils and U.C.C.

Sub's goal wins title

Ballyagran (Limerick) 4-1
Eire Og (Cork) 3-1

A smashing goal four minutes from time by substitute Esther Madigan gave Ballyagran the Munster club camogie championship after a thrilling game at Charleville yesterday.

Ballyagran just about deserved their victory because they came back from what looked like certain defeat when Eire Og went into a two-goal lead within 10 minutes of the second half, the teams having been level 1-1 each at the interval. These two goals would have crushed a lesser side, but Ballyagran came back within seconds to narrow the gap, and they equalised with 10 minutes left. After that, it could have gone either way, but the winners finished with a flurry, and when they

and will probably start as slight favourites.

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However, Glen Rovers, although a very young side have the experienced Deirdre Sutton back in goal, and with Marie Ryan, Anne Delaney, Carmel Mulcahy and Clare Hackett improving all the time, Glen look as if they are very much on the way back as a senior force. They disposed of county champions Eire Og — no mean feat — and Old Aloysians in the earlier rounds and are determined to go all the way. So it promises to be an exciting afternoon at Killeagh.

There is an under-14 league semi-final at Ballinure on Sunday and here Blackrock, who came through the difficult city section, should advance to the decider, at the expense of St. Fanahan's.

In the intermediate campaign Sarsfields could win vital points from Aghabullogue, while St. Finbarr's and Ballyphehane could gain points at the expense of Glanworth and Bishopstown respectively. And in the under-18 league expect a thriller between Na Piarasaigh and Nemo Rangers.

FIXTURES

Sunday, December 11

Munster Club Final at Charleville: Eire Og v Ballyagran.

Cork Club Championship Final at Killeagh at 2.45: Killeagh v Glen Rovers, Ref. South Pres.

Inter. League at Coachford at 2.45: Sarsfields v Aghabullogue, Ref. Canovee.

Junior A at Glanworth at 2.45: St. Finbarr's v Glanworth, Ref. Watergrasshill.

U-18 League at Fair Field at 2.45: Nemo Rangers v Na Piarasaigh, Ref. U.C.C.

Jun. A League at Bishopstown at 2.30: Bishopstown v Ballyphehane, Ref. Ballinora.

U-14 League Semi-final at Ballinure at 2.45: St. Fanahan's v Blackrock, Ref. Douglas.

scored again there was no comeback.

Bernadette O'Brien with a goal and Pauline McCarthy with a point had Ballyagran's first half total, while Patsy O'Reilly had a goal for Eire Og and Noelle O'Driscoll a point. Patsy O'Reilly and Nancy O'Driscoll got quick second half goals for Eire Og, but Ballyagran came back with goals from Margaret Mary O'Keefe, Margo O'Connell and the winner from Esther Madigan.

Ballyagran: H Butler, E Hayes, J O'Shea, B Murphy, G O'Brien, P McCarthy, A Callinane, B O'Brien, M O'Keefe, M O'Connell, J O'Leary, C Morrissey. Sub: E Madigan for B O'Brien.

Eire Og: B O'Leary, A O'Driscoll, E Dineen, B O'Brien, M McCarthy, M Lombard, E Kavanagh, M O'Driscoll, P O'Reilly, Noelle O'Driscoll, M Geaney, Nancy O'Driscoll.

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Pat Moloney Killeagh star

Killeagh 1-8

Glen Rovers 2-1

PAT MOLONEY, one of the stars of Cork camogie, again gave an impeccable display in her side's victory over Glen Rovers in the final of the Cork club senior championship at Burgess, Killeagh, yesterday, and thus gave this talented player every major honour to be won in camogie.

In a game that produced brilliant camogie throughout, with both sides overcoming the heavy going, Moloney's class was the main factor in their victory. To give credit, however, it was the defences of both sides which emerged on top.

Aided by a strong breeze Killeagh went into an early lead when Pat Moloney rattled the top of the net with a great shot from 25 yards. The winners added two more points before a Marie Mackey free saw Glen's best forward, Anne Delaney, reduce the leeway with a well taken goal.

Marian Sweeney, Pat Moloney and Catherine Griffin each had points to leave Killeagh 1-6 to 1-0 ahead after only 10 minutes.

Glen Rovers, powered by Marie Mackey, Nora O'Mahony, Mary O'Brien and

the evergreen Deirdre Sutton in goal, hit back and for the remainder of this half Killeagh's defence absorbed some tremendous punishment. Betty Joyce, Catherine Landers, Marion Foley and Breda Landers were on top of a Glen attack that lacked the craft of the home side. With four minutes to the break Anne Delaney pointed a 30 to leave Killeagh five points ahead at half-time.

Scores were difficult to come by in the second half mainly due to the defences. With five minutes to go Anne Delaney scored a great goal to leave only three points between the sides.

Glen went all out for the equaliser but in one of the few breakaways Marian Sweeney hit over the insurance point. Just before the final whistle Anne Delaney's effort from a close in free went wide off the post.

Killeagh: P. Fitzgibbon, M. Foley, B. Murphy, B. Joyce, B. Landers, C. Landers, P. Moloney, S. O'Connor, C. Griffin, M. Sweeney, M. Murphy, M. Spillane.

Glen Rovers: D. Sutton, N. O'Mahony, C. Mulcahy, M. O'Brien, M. Mackey, A. Delaney, A. Connolly, G. O'Donovan, C. Hackett, B. Owens, B. Kearney, M. Newman.

Referee: M. Bohane (S.P.P.)



Kay Saunders of Roscrea Office is Sports woman of the month, completing a double for the Southern Area Sports Club. A member of the Clare Senior Camogie Team which reached the Munster final this year, she has just returned from the U.S. where her Club Eire Og won both their matches against Boston and Philadelphia All Stars. Kay, who plays left half back was acclaimed as the Star of the team. She has an impressive record in her chosen sport. In 1972 she won a schools senior county championship medal with Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, in 1974/75 she won a junior county championship medal and in 1976 won the senior league with her Club.

Ballyagran And Athenry In Semi-Finals

By AGNES HOURIGAN
 Ballyagran (Limerick) and Athenry (Galway) have qualified for the semi-finals of the All-Ireland camogie club championship.

Ballyagran had a close call from Eire Og, the Cork title-holders, and only made the issue safe with a late goal, while the Connacht champions had an easy passage from Four Roads, Roscommon.

At the Connacht Convention in Roscommon, the picture was much brighter. Three of the five counties — Galway, Roscommon and Sligo — are progressing satisfactorily with the hopes of a revival in Mayo, where Achill is organised.

All the officers, except the treasurer, who retired, were returned and they are: President, Mrs. Jane Beatty; vice-president, Frank O'Grady; secretary, Mrs. Birril Condon, and treasurer, Miss Marian Collins.

St. Paul's, the All-Ireland champions, had to work

harder than the score suggested to qualify for the Leinster final of the club championship when they played Celtic, the Dublin champions.

Once again, the captain, Angela Downey, was the scorer, though this time she was delightfully policed by Miriam Higgins and only scored three points from play. Her other scores were from free shots, at which Angela is brilliant.

The winners will know their final opponents after next Sunday's second semi-final. Buffers Alley, the Wexford champions, will play the Leinster Junior champions.

Though Kilkenny have performed extremely well in their section, it will be a surprise if they overcome the Wexford girls, who have a host of county stars on their side. These include the Walsh sisters, Elsie and Dorothy, Margaret Lacey, Kathleen Tonks, Bridie Doran, the four Cousins sis-

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ters and two younger sisters of Margaret Lacey.

The Kildare and Wicklow Zone of Leinster senior colleges championship has sorted itself out without a three-way play-off last Saturday. Naas Vocational School scored a surprise victory over Prosperous Vocational to knock the latter out of the reckoning and, so, Dunlavin and Kilcock go into the Stuart Cup.

The Wexford Zone is also completed and, there, Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy, and Kilmuckridge Vocational go forward.

In the South Eastern Zone of the junior championship, Wicklow Vocational won the first leg of the play-off, defeating fancied Enniscorthy, and will take on Kilmuckridge next Saturday at Monamolin (2.0), in the Zone Final.

To facilitate the fixtures

Committee, last Congress granted permission to the December meeting of Ard Choiste to grade the counties and make the open draw pairings. They resulted:

Preliminary Round: Dmwn v. Antrim (A); Limerick v. Dublin (B). **First Round—B v. A (C); Wexford v. Kilkenny (D); Cork v. Galway (E); Clare v. Tipperary (F).** **Semi-finals—E v. F; C v. D.**

Miss Mary Moran, who has been chairman of the Cork Board for 10 years, has announced she does not wish to be considered at this year's Convention on Sunday.

Miss Moran, who holds several administrative positions in the association, has had a most successful period in the Cork chair and as trainer of the Cork senior teams.

When she was elected in 1968, Cork had not won an All-Ireland title since 1941 and had not contested a final since 1956.

However, under the new chairman's leadership, Cork won four senior titles in a row (1970-73) and were the finalists in '74 and '75 also. Added to this success, Cork won the double in 1973, also winning the junior title.

Indeed, Cork is the only county to have won the two All-Ireland titles on the one day and is also the only county to have won All-Ireland titles in the three grades — senior, Junior and Minor.

Earlier this year, Mary Moran, with Ann Carroll, wrote the Camogie Coaching Book, which has been highly praised. Miss Moran is chairman of the Coaching Committee, secretary of the All-Ireland Colleges Council and chairman of Munster Council.

There are two nominations for the chair—Mary Nott and Pat Maloney, who has starred on the Cork All-Ireland sides and for University College, Cork.

It's Convention Time Once Again

ON SUNDAY the camogie spotlight turns on the administrators of the game as officers and delegates sit down for the Cork County Board's annual convention at the Imperial Hotel, Cork (2 p.m.). After ten years there will be a change of chairman, with Mary Moran not seeking re-election, and with elections on the cards for five of the six offices, there will be plenty of keen interest in the proceedings.

After ten years of devoted service to the County Board, Mary Moran, who is such a highly-esteemed member of the camogie fraternity, has decided that the time has come for a newcomer in the chair and so has stepped down. Mary, however, will not be leaving camogie administration as in addition to the Cork chair, she is also the present Munster chairman, secretary of the All-Ireland Colleges Council.

one of two national coaches, and a county selector.

It will not be easy to fill the vacancy left by Mary Moran as she has given dedicated service to the post and her experience gained over the decade will not be easily replaced. However, the two girls seeking the position are well-known Cork personalities who could make a very good hand of the position. Mary Nott of Glen Rovers is the present registrar so County Board camogie would be nothing new to her. She is also a selector of note, and trained the All-Ireland winning minor team of 1976.

Pat Moloney of Killeagh is better known as a player, being captain of the senior Cork team, and a junior selector. Pat has never acted as an officer of the Board in the past, but no doubt the experience gained with both U.C.C. and Killeagh could stand her in good stead.

In any event it should be a keen contest between the two.

There are no less than six nominees for the vice-chairmanship with Mary Nott and Pat Moloney also involved here. Of course, the new chairman will not be involved so this brings the number down to five. The other four are Nuala Guilly (Cloyne), Josie Knowles (Churchtown), Ide Ni She (Nemo Rangers), and Mary O'Callaghan (Inniscarra).

The only officer returned unopposed is Rose O'Leary as secretary and this is not surprising when one considers the tremendous amount of work which Rose has done during her years in office.

There are five nominees for the position of registrar. Here again Mary Nott is listed, while the remaining contestants are Mary Bohane (S.P.P.), Marie Mackey (Glen Rovers), Kay Dunne (Bishopstown) and Ide Ni She (Nemo Rangers).

There is also competition for the post of press officer, with Mary Nott again nominated with the outgoing Joan Morley of Old Aloysians.

There will be four selection committees named at this year's meeting and with many well-known names listed for election there appears to be a great deal of interest in the future of county camogie in Cork.

The nominations for Sunday run to 15 with many interesting ones listed.

Referees come in for attention in the motions. One wants a £5 fine for failure to supply a referee, while another wants a £1 fine the first time, with stiffer penalties after that.

There are also motions calling for a maximum term of three years as chairman of the Board, the changing of the make-up of selection committees, the changing of the running of the Dunne Cup, as well as a call for a new under 16 championship.

So there should be plenty to interest delegates and officers alike when they gather on Sunday.

Incidentally the President of the Association, Mrs. Agnes Purcell, will attend this year's convention.

The new inter-county season seems a long way off at this stage but already the open draw for the senior All-Ireland championship has been made and resulted as follows: 'A,' Down v Antrim; 'B,' Limerick v Dublin; 'C,' winners of 'B' v winners of 'A'; 'D,' Wexford v Kilkenny; 'E,' Cork v Galway; 'F,' Clare v Tipperary.

Semi-finals: 'C' v 'D' and 'E' v 'F.'

MARY MORAN NOT GOING FORWARD

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For the first time in 10 years, Cork County Camogie Board will have a new Chairman. Mary Moran of Old Aloysians who has held this office for 10 years is not going forward and her successor will be either Mary Nott of Glen Rovers or Pat Moloney of Killeagh.

And the new Head will be decided on at the annual Convention which will be held at the Imperial Hotel on Sunday, beginning at 2 p.m.

Mary Moran has given 10 years of dedicated service to the Co. Board but has now decided that the time has come for change. She will still of course be very much involved in camogie, as she is Chairman of Munster Council, Secretary of the All-Ireland Colleges Council, one of our national coaches and a county selector. So Mary will be far from taking it easy.

Mary Nott, the present Registrar, is no stranger to the Cork Board, while Pat Moloney, although perhaps better known as a player, will no doubt have gained valuable administrative experience with both U.C.C. and Killeagh.

Rose O'Leary, the outgoing Secretary, is the only officer returned unopposed. There are no less than six nominees for Vice-Chair. These include Pat Moloney and Mary Nott in addition to Josie Knowles, Ide Ni She, Mary O'Callaghan, and Nuala Guilly.

There are two nominees for treasurer, with Anne Crowley of Sarsfields challenging the outgoing Mary Casey of Blarney.

For the post of Registrar there are five names, with Mary Bohane, Marie Mackey, Mary Nott, Kay Dunne, and Ide Ni She listed. Outgoing Press Officer Joan Morley is opposed by Mary Nott for the final position.

There are no less than 15 motions — all interesting — down for discussion on Sunday and with so much competition for the major posts there should be plenty to keep officers and delegates on their toes. Incidentally Mrs. Agnes Purcell, the Camogie Association's President is travelling from Dublin for Convention.

The Inter County season may seem a long way off but already the open draw for the Senior All-Ireland Championship has been made and resulted as follows:

A: Down v Antrim; B: Limerick v Dublin; C: Winners of B v Winners of A; D: Wexford v Kilkenny; E: Cork v Galway; F: Clare v Tipperary. Semi-finals C v D; E v F.

Disappointing Year For Cork

CORK did not make a great impact on the inter-county scene during the past season. In her address to Cork County Board's Annual Convention, outgoing Chairman, Mary Moran of Old Aloysians, said that one of the reasons for this is the small number of really skillful players playing the game in the county at the moment.

This fact, she said, was obvious to the various selection committees who look around for suitable material for county teams. "Indeed," she continued "it can be seen on our senior panel. It was noticeable in the Wexford v Cork senior championship game that the Wexford girls performed the basic skills of striking, tackling, etc., with greater efficiency and ease than their opponents. On the other hand some of the Cork players needed more time and space to carry out similar actions. The same applied to out junior and minor sides. If this is the case at intercounty level how bad is the situation when we reach the Junior B grade?"

Miss Moran continued by saying that players are not receiving proper skill training at the beginning of their careers. The players, themselves, are not spending sufficient time practising the skills of the game.

TRAINING

In some parts of the

country, far greater attention is paid to skill training than in Cork. We are being passed out and are in danger of being left behind. If we want a successful future, whether it be at club or intercounty level, this problem will have to be tackled. It may not show immediate results, but if a planned coaching programme is carried out, the benefits will be reaped at a future date.

The Chairman went on: "It is vital that we should start with the 11-16 age group and make our target a large number of skillful players in a few years time. We have the largest number of players in this section and there is a strong likelihood of losing them if they are unable to reach a certain standard in the game."

Miss Moran also dealt with the referees situation in the county and said that during the year the Referees Committee put their proposals before the County Board. They were approved without amendment. But no matter how good a plan to improve refereeing is in itself, it is all but worthless unless it has the active backing of all the clubs.

Miss Moran appealed for this backing and also for more new people to take an interest in the administrative side of the game.

The Chairman concluded: "We in Cork have a lot going for us; a love of sport, a competitive instinct, some very dedicated girls, natural ability, capability to work

together and a wish to see Cork on top. There may not be an All-Ireland or even a Munster title every year, but if we accept the challenge of the future with a determination to do our own share of the work, Cork will have a bright future."

There will be a new championship in Cork next season — an Under-16 championship following the success of a Killeagh motion calling for such a competition.

FINES

Convention also decided to come down heavier on

referees who fail to turn up for matches. The club who fail to supply a referee will be fined £1 on the first occasion with a stiffer fine for further lapses.

There were a number of motions concerning divisional teams taking part in the Senior County Championship. Nemo Rangers called for a new divisional side from the Junior A and B teams, but this was defeated. Tehn Glen Rovers who had three motions concerning divisional sides withdrew them all following the vote on the new side.

An Old Aloysians motion

calling for the appointment of a Fixtures Secretary was passed, and this should greatly ease the burden of the County Secretary, while another motion from the same club calling for each Selection Committee to appoint their own Secretary was also passed.

Rose O'Leary, County Secretary, presented a most comprehensive report of the year's activities while Mary Casey did likewise with her Treasurer's report. The President of the Cork Board, Ide Bean Ui She, was unable to be present at the proceedings, and sent her apologies.

Wicklow's
remarkable
end of the
season win

THE 1977 playing season on the Camogie fields came to a successful conclusion last weekend when the most remarkable achievement was that of the girls from Wicklow Vocational School, who by defeating Kilmuckridge after a great game qualified for the knock-out stages of the Purcell Cup, the Leinster Colleges Junior Championship.

Otherwise the chief activity last weekend was in the Council Chambers where the annual Conventions were held in two of the leading counties, Cork and Kilkenny.

It was a nostalgic occasion in Cork where Miss Mary Moran, after ten very successful years in the chair, during which Cork won four successive senior All-Irelands, as well as victories in the junior, minor and Colleges championships choose not to go forward again.

She is succeeded by Miss Mary Nott, who has plenty of previous experience at official level, and who was returned unopposed. The other officers, all outgoing, are: Vice-Chair: Miss Mary O'Callaghan; Secretary — Miss Rose O'Leary; Treasurer — Mrs. Mary Casey; Registrar: Ide Ni She and P.R.O., Mrs. Joan Morley.

CONGRATULATIONS

The President of the Association, Una Bean Ui Phuirseil, who had gone down from Dublin to attend, paid a very glowing tribute to the work Miss Moran has done, and continues to do, for the game and the Association, and also congratulated Corw for what the county has contributed to the game all down the years.

All thirty-eight clubs in the county were represented, and it was obvious that Camogie can look to an equally bright future in Cork. Kilkenny had much to enthuse over when they held their Convention in Kilkenny City, as the county had retained the All-Ireland senior title, regained the Leinster senior title and for good measure their County Champions, St. Paul's, recaptured the All-Ireland Club Championship.

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Rose O'Leary, Ovens, Co. Cork, re-elected Hon. Secretary Cork County Camogie Board, at their annual convention at the Imperial Hotel.

Camogie

By Joan Morley

New chairman for Cork County

MARY NOTT of Glen Rovers and Pat Moloney are delegates to congress. Four selection committees were elected as follows: Senior — Rose O'Leary, Mary Nott, Mary Moran, Mary O'Callaghan plus a nominee from the county champions. Junior: Pat Moloney, Mary Nott and Ger Ring plus nominees from junior and intermediate champions. Under 18: Annette O'Donovan, Mary Moran, Mary Nott, Rose O'Leary, Ide Ni She. Under 16 — Rose O'Leary, Mary Moran, Mary Nott, Kay Dunne and Pat Moloney.

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Kilkenny

tops again

By Taobh Line

KILKENNY'S retention of the All-Ireland senior title, Tipperary entering the senior honours list for the first time by taking the inaugural National League title, and first-ever victories for Limerick in the junior All-Ireland final and Galway in the minor series were the highlights of the Camogie scene on the playing fields in 1977.

It was another great year for the Kilkenny stars, many of whom were early among the medals when their county champion St. Paul's recaptured the All-Ireland club title, the club's fifth victory in this competition in nine seasons.

In the senior championship, Kilkenny went from strength to strength with each succeeding game and, thanks largely to the genius of their captain, Angela Downey, defeated Wexford in the final a trifle more easily than had been anticipated.

In addition, the Nore side girls recaptured the Leinster title which had eluded them in the previous season, but they were foiled in their late bid for the League and championship double, losing to Wexford in the final of the Eastern Zone at the end of the season.

Back in the Spring we had the concluding stages of the first National League with Tipperary and Wexford qualifying for the final. After a drawn game at a Wexford venue, the replay was staged in Thurles where Tipperary, led by Monica Butler, Deirdre Lane, Libby Howard and the Tynan sisters became first holders of the A.I.B. Cup after a very lively and entertaining contest.

The interest aroused was proved by the fact that there was much-increased entry for the second National League, in which Munster junior champions Limerick participated.

The wisdom of this step was proved when the girls from Shannonside, ably led by that great enthusiast Carrie Clancy, scored a well-merited victory in the Junior All-Ireland championship.

The minor competition was historic in that, for the first time, it was part of the Willwood Tailteann Festival, and was played at Croke Park. Galway with a backbone of talented players from the great Athenry Convent side, captured this title and the Tailteann gold medals.

But there was compensation for runners-up, Dublin, as the silver medals were theirs.

In the colleges championships Athenry, though defeated by Cashel in the senior final, took the junior title. U.C.C. retained the Inter-varsity Ashbourne Cup, the C.C.I.A. (Higher Institutes League) was won by St. Patrick's Maynooth, led again by Angela Downey, while the Purcell Cup for the Non-University Colleges was won by Mary Immaculate Training College, Limerick.

Off the playing fields, the two big events were the publication of the "Camogie Coaching Book", compiled by the National Coaches, Ann Carroll and Mary Moran, and the presentation of official badges to the first Coaches to qualify under the Central Council training scheme.

The outstanding players of the year, as I saw them, were Angela Downey of Kilkenny in senior ranks, Geraldine O'Brien of Limerick among the juniors and Una Jordan of Galway, a most promising minor.

Activities resume on January 1st, with the second semi-final of

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Angela star of the year

NORMALLY one would expect, when asked what was the highlight of the Camogie Year, to answer All-Ireland Final Day, and that day was of course again outstanding with Limerick taking to the county the first ever inter-county title, and Kilkenny inspired by Angela Downey, retaining their senior crown.

But the reason I hesitate about coming out heavily in favour of All-Ireland Day as the highlight of 1977 is because the best Camogie match I saw all year was the clash between Kilkenny and Tipperary early in the senior championship. That game was at pleasant Grennan Park in Thomastown, where we had a remarkable crowd for a country venue and this clash between the All-Ireland champions and the National League title-holders certainly lived up to all expectations.

Kilkenny won well but the all-round standard of play was a delight to watch and all I was sorry for was that there was nobody there to record it all on film, it would have been a wonderful advertisement for Camogie.

Before that game there may have been doubts about Kilkenny's ability to retain their title, as despite the victory of St. Paul's in the All-Ireland club championship, the county side had faded out of the 1975-76 National League, and then had been well-beaten by Dublin in the opening round of the current League.

But from that day in Thomastown Kilkenny never looked back. Angela Downey freed of examin-

ation worries, suddenly found her best form. Her scoring power enabled her county to reverse the League result against Dublin in the semi-final of the championship, to pip Wexford in the Leinster semi-final and to prove themselves real champions in the All-Ireland final, and then to crown a remarkable year by leading her county to victory over Dublin once again in the Leinster final.

So Angela Downey must rank as my player of the year for her scoring power, her marvellous individual skill, her determination and for the leadership she gave her team. But as runner-up I have in mind another Kilkenny player, Liz Neary, whose wizardry at times made Camogie brilliance look the easiest thing in the world to achieve, and full-back the easiest of positions in which to play.

Liz was superb in both the All-Ireland and Leinster finals, yet she is rarely able to get in the same amount of training as her team-mates as she is a nurse in a major Dublin hospital.

After that Kilkenny-Tipperary game I would rate the junior All-Ireland final between Limerick and Wexford as the most thrilling and entertaining game of the year, highlighted for me by the outstanding display of Geraldine O'Brien at centre-back for the winners. The minor final was another highlight, played as it was before the replay of the Armagh v Roscommon football semi-final, with Willwood Tailteann gold medals for the winners Galway,

and the consolation of silver medals for the losers, Dublin, and another of the year's great individual displays from Galway's Una Jordan.

Early in the season, of course, we had the first National League final and plenty of excitement it provided too with Wexford and Tipperary playing a draw at Monamolin, and Tipperary bringing the first senior title to the county by winning well. The proof of the success of that first National League is that three additional counties, Cork, Limerick and Down took part in the current competition.

Moreover, how much the League has done to improve the all-round standards is proved by two facts. In the first place a remarkable number of matches were won by very narrow margins, and indeed only one county, Down, failed to win a game, and owing to a variety of unlucky circumstances, they were never at full strength. In the second place it was, I am firmly convinced, the experience gained in playing in the League that enabled Limerick to break through to long awaited junior victory.

In most aspects the game through the year continued to make steady progress with particular success on the educational front. There were two new competitions for the Higher Level institutes, more schools than ever playing at secondary level where we had new senior champions from Presentation Cashel while there was much increased interest and activity at primary level where Cavan surely lead the way with 28 schools competing.

Off the playing fields, of course, the highlights of 1977 were the production of the Coaching Book and the awarding of Badges to the newly qualified Coaches.

Galway's 1977 Sports Stars

THE Co. Galway Sports Stars of 1977 are: Athletics — Colman O'Flaherty (Pearse A.C.); Badminton — Tina Fitzgerald (Headford); Boxing — Aidan Heffernan (St. Patrick's); Camogie — Ann Morris (Athenry); Cycling — Tommy Mannion (St. Jarleth's); Gaelic Football — Gay Mitchell (Dunmore McHales); Golf Willie Higgins (Athenry); Hockey — Nessa Kennedy (U.C.G.); Hurling — P. J. Molloy (Athenry); Lawn Tennis — Eamon Bradshaw (Galway); Rowing — Paddy Lally (Galway); Rugby — Ciaran Fitzgerald (St. Mary's); Soccer — Eamon Deacy (Galway Rovers); Swimming — Padraic Kenny (Ballinasloe); Hall of Fame — Rev. Fr. Dermot Moloney (Tuam).

CAMOGIE FACTS

- 1932 Dublin 3-2; Galway 0-2
(M. Gill Captain)
1933 Dublin 9-2; Galway 4-0
(M. Gill)
1934 Cork 4-3; Louth 1-4
(K. Delea)
1935 Cork 3-4; Dublin 4-0
(J. McGrath)
1936 Cork 6-4; Louth 3-3
(K. Cotter)
1937 Dublin 9-4; Galway 1-0
(M. Walsh)
1938 Dublin 5-0; Cork 2-3
(E. Delaney)
1939 Cork 6-1; Galway 1-1
(R. Fitzgerald)
1940 Cork 4-1; Dublin 2-2
(L. Kirby)
1941 Cork 7-5; Dublin 1-5
(K. Buckley)
1942 Dublin 4-1; Cork 2-2
(REPLAY) (P. Griffin)
Dublin 1-2; Cork 1-2
(DRAW)
1943 Dublin 8-0; Cork 1-1
(P. Griffin)
1944 Dublin 5-4; Antrim 0-0
(D. Rogers)
1945 Antrim 5-2; Waterford 3-2
(M. O'Gorman)
1946 Antrim 4-1; Galway 2-3
(M. Griffin)
1947 Antrim 2-4; Dublin 2-1
(C. Quinn)

senior

- 1948 Dublin 11-4; Down 4-2
(S. Brack)
1949 Dublin 9-3; London 2-2
(D. Rogers)
1950 Dublin 6-1; Antrim 4-1
(P. Rafferty)
1951 Dublin 8-6; Antrim 4-1
(S. Brack)
1952 Dublin 5-1; Antrim 4-2
(S. Brack)
1953 Dublin 8-4; Tipperary 1-3
(S. Brack)
1954 Dublin 10-4; Derry 4-2
(S. Brack)
1955 Dublin 9-2; Cork 5-6
(S. Brack)
1956 Antrim 5-3; Cork 4-2
(M. Rainey)
1957 Dublin 3-3; Antrim 3-1
(E. Duffy)
1958 Dublin 5-4; Tipperary 1-1
(K. Mills)
1959 Dublin 11-6; Mayo 1-3
(B. Reid)
1960 Dublin 6-2; Galway 2-0
(D. Brennan)
1961 Dublin 7-2; Tipperary 4-1
(G. Hughes)
1962 Dublin 5-5; Galway 2-0
(G. Hughes)
1963 Dublin 7-3; Antrim 2-5
(U. O'Connor)
1964 Dublin 7-4; Antrim 3-1
(U. O'Connor)
1965 Dublin 10-1; Tipperary 5-3
(K. Ryder)
1966 Dublin 2-2; Antrim 0-6
(K. Ryder)
1967 Antrim 3-9; Dublin 4-2
(REPLAY) (S. Cashman)
Antrim 4-2; Dublin 4-2
(DRAW)
1968 Wexford 4-2; Cork 2-5
(M. Walsh)
1969 Wexford 4-4; Antrim 4-2
(B. Doyle)
1970 Cork 5-7; Kilkenny 3-2
(A. Comerford)
1971 Cork 4-6; Wexford 1-2
(B. Sugrue)
1972 Cork 2-5; Kilkenny 1-4
(H. Dineen)
1973 Cork 2-5; Antrim 3-1
(M. Costine)
1974 Kilkenny 3-3; Cork 1-5
(REPLAY) (T. O'Neill)
Kilkenny 3-8; Cork 4-5
(DRAW)
1975 Wexford 4-3; Cork 1-2
(G. Quigley)
1976 Kilkenny 0-6; Dublin 1-2
(M. Fennelly)

junior

1968-1976

- 1968 Down 2-3; Cork 1-1
(M. Caldwell)
1969 Derry 4-2; Cork 2-4
(K. O'Hagan)
1970 Dublin 4-2; Armagh 3-3
(V. Feeley)

- 1971 Dublin 2-2; Cork 1-2
(P. Morrissey)
1972 Galway 3-6; Wexford 2-1
(N. McHugh)
1973 Cork 4-4; Galway 1-4
(N. O'Driscoll)

- 1974 Clare 3-2; Dublin 3-0
(M. O'Foole)
1975 Dublin 5-0; Down 0-3
(B. Kennedy)
1976 Down 3-4; Wexford 3-3
(M. McGarvey)

Cork are first with A double

She won her tenth successive All-Ireland senior championship medal with Dublin in 1966 — a record for any team game as regards medals on successive years. In all she collected her 13th All-Ireland senior souvenir that year, but that total still fell two short of the record established by her one-time Dublin county team colleague, Kathleen Mills, between 1942 and 1961.

Miss O'Connor won her seventh interprovincial senior medal in

1965, a then record for the competition. In 1968 she added another interprovincial medal to her collection.

In 1964 Miss O'Connor won an All-Ireland inter-club medal with Celtic, the Jubilee Championship. Having captained Dublin in 1963 and 1964 she became the first player to win national medals at club, inter-county and inter-provincial level, and also to captain an All-Ireland inter-county title winning combination.

INTERPROVINCIAL FINALS

- 1955 Leinster 7-1; Ulster 3-1. K. Mills (Dublin).
1956 Leinster 5-1; Munster 3-1. A. Corrigan (Dublin).
1957 Leinster ; Munster
1958 Leinster 8-2; Ulster 3-3.
1959 Leinster 6-0; Ulster 1-3. A. Corrigan (Dublin).
1960 Leinster 4-9; Munster 3-1. D. Brennan (Dublin).
1961 Munster 5-2; Connacht 1-0. K. Griffin (Tipperary).
1962 Leinster 7-2; Ulster 5-3. L. Parle (Wexford).
1963 Munster 3-2; Leinster 2-2.
1964 Munster 2-6; Leinster 3-2. P. Maloney (Tipperary).
1965 Leinster 4-5; Ulster 4-1. K. Ryder (Dublin).
1966 Munster 4-2; Leinster 1-3.
1967 Ulster 5-4; Leinster 5-1. M. Gilroy (Antrim).
1968 Leinster 7-0; Ulster 2-5. M. Walsh (Wexford).
1969 Leinster 5-4; Munster 2-2. J. Doyle (Wexford).
1970 Leinster 12-2; Ulster 4-1. J. Murphy (Wexford).
1971 Leinster 5-4; Ulster 0-5. A. Carroll (Kilkenny).
1972 Leinster 7-7; Connacht 4-2.
1973 Connacht 4-4; Leinster 3-3.
1974 Connacht 3-7; Munster 3-0.
1975 Munster 5-1; Ulster 2-0.
1976 Leinster 2-6; Munster 2-3.

*This competition was altered to one for junior sides that year.

ALL-IRELAND CLUB FINALS

- 1964 Celtic, Dublin, 5-2; Deirdre, Antrim, 1-0.
1965 St. Patrick's, Tipperary, 3-3; Deirdre, Antrim, 2-3.
1966 St. Patrick's, Tipperary, 5-5; St. Paul's Kilkenny, 2-1.
1967 Eoghan Ruadh, Dublin, 7-3; Oranmore, Galway, 1-0 (REPLAY)
Eoghan Ruadh, Dublin, 3-4; Oranmore, Galway, 4-1 (DRAW)
1968 St. Paul's, Kilkenny, 7-2; Ahane, Limerick, 1-2.
1969 St. Paul's, Kilkenny, 3-7; Ahane, Limerick, 2-2.
1970 St. Paul's Kilkenny, 4-0; Austin Stack (Dublin) 1-3.
1971 St. Paul's, Kilkenny, 6-5; Bellaghy, Derry, 2-0.
1972 Austin Stacks, Dublin, 5-4; Thurles 2-1.
1973 Austin Stacks, Dublin, 4-2; Portglenone (Antrim) 2-0.
1974 Oranmore, Galway, 3-2; St. Paul's, Kilkenny, 2-3.
1975 St. Paul's, Kilkenny, 3-3; Oranmore, Galway, 1-1.
1976 Croagh-Kilfinny, Limerick, 4-6; Athenry, Galway, 4-5.

THE TITLES

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS SENIOR

- 25: DUBLIN: 1932, 1933, 1937, 1938, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966.
10: CORK: 1934, 1935, 1936, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973.
5: ANTRIM: 1945, 1946, 1947, 1947, 1956, 1967.
3: WEXFORD: 1968, 1969, 1975.
2: KILKENNY: 1974, 1976.

JUNIOR

- 3: DUBLIN: 1970, 1971, 1975,
2: DOWN: 1968, 1976.
1: CLARE: 1974. CORK: 1973.
DERRY: 1969. GALWAY:
1972.

MINOR

- 2: CORK: 1975, 1976.
1: DOWN: 1974.

ROLL OF HONOUR

- 2: St. Patrick's, Tipperary: 1965, 1966.
1: Celtic, Dublin, 1964. Croagh-Kilfinny, Limerick, 1976; Oranmore, Galway, 1974.
6: ST. Paul's, Kilkenny: 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1975, 1977.
2: Austin Stacks, Dublin: 1972, 1973.
Eoghan Ruadh, Dublin: 1967.

HE IS still tall and straight, witty, controversial and entertaining in conversation, an honoured male in a particularly female world. He is Sean O'Duffy, soldier, patriot, sportsman, and, at ninety-two years young, the doyen of G.A.A. personalities.

Over the years there was one thing that inevitably happened at every annual All-Ireland Camóguidheacht Congress, and that was the re-election of Sean as Director of Organisation, the only male in an all-female preserve.

The way to understand this unique situation is to know the story of a man with ideals, who says 'never follow a leader simply because he is a leader. Follow your principles and you'll never go wrong.' At the same time one must know the story of Camóguidheacht, because both stories are linked inextricably, and they began when this century was very young.

Ireland in those days was swept by the spirit of revival, the revival of our language, literature and games. "Swept" is not too strong a word, for the mighty wind of change that dispersed the fog of apathy, mediocrity and near-despair shrouding the country in the aftermath of the political, economic and social disasters of the nineteenth century.

Not only the men, but the girls and women of the country were prominent in this movement, and when hurling and football had been organised with extraordinary success, many of the girls felt that they too should have a national game that would be significant of the new Ireland.

But the start itself stemmed from a single half-joking



SÉAN Ó DUBHTHUIGH

THE MAN IN A FEMALE WORLD!

by Jim Connolly

remark by a girl in the Keating Branch of the Gaelic League. The Branch was strong in hurling and football, and one historic day in 1901, celebrations were in progress in 25, Rutland (now Parnell) Square, following another victory by one of the teams, when one of the girls said, "It's fine for you lads, but what about a game that we could play?". The challenge, lightly thrown, was accepted.

Men like Bill Allen, Tadhg Murphy, Mick Hayes, Tadhg O Donnchadha (Torna) and Seamus Brennan held a series

of the First Battalion of the Dublin Brigade, was one of those manning the barricades at North King Street, "in bloody protest for a glorious thing".

The Four Courts area was under the command of Commandant Ned Daly, and it was here that some of the fiercest fighting of that proud and terrible week took place. For almost the entire five days they were under continuous fire. They suffered casualties. Peadar Manning and Phil Walsh killed, Eamon Martin was one of the wounded - but they held out. And all the time moving amongst the weary fighters were the great Capuchin priests from Church Street, risking death a score of times to bring spiritual comfort to the living, the wounded, and the dying.

Sean remembers Fr Albert coming to him, putting a hand on his shoulder and saying,

of meetings. Rules were drafted and Torna chose the name for the new sport. It was called "Camóguidheacht", and the stick was to be called a "camóg".

A beginning had been made, but there still remained an enormous amount of work to be done. One of the biggest difficulties to be overcome was the prejudice against women in sport. So great was this bias that the girls going to practice camogie carried their sticks hidden under their coats or made up into neat brown paper parcels! They practised in Drumcondra Park and later on in a secluded part of the Phoenix Park. It was

also remembers, with particular affection and humour, his two great friends who took part in that North King Street fight, the brothers Paddy and Garry Houlihan. Garry was a mere boy, a member of Fianna Eireann but when surrender was first mentioned he stoutly announced that he personally could carry on for another three months!

Sportsmen and athletes of all kinds fought in that Easter resurgence of Ireland's nationhood but surely Croke Gaelic Club's record must be almost unique; of the forty members, thirty two took part in the Rising.

Following the insurrection Sean found himself in Stafford Gaol where Michael Collins was among his fellow prisoners. Even there the Vitality and high spirits of the men did not desert them. He remembers the impromptu football matches played in

the prison exercise yard with an old cover stuffed with grass to serve as a ball. The months passed and eventually Sean and his companions were released. He was able to resume his services to his country and its native games. His organisational abilities were put to the test in the years that followed when he worked in close collaboration with such men as Michael Collins and Austin Stack. With Collins he helped to establish the network of espionage and counter-intelligence which was to baffle the British authorities. With Austin Stack he helped to organise the Republican courts and his work was redoubled during the Truce period when it was necessary to ensure that the negotiations broke down the Courts would continue to function smoothly.

When troubled peace finally did come, he again returned with all his old vigour and enthusiasm to the spreading and encouraging of Camóguidheacht. Progress was fair, but only fair, until 1928, when the game received a tremendous boost. In that year, and in 1932, the Tailteann Games were revived, and Camogie began to take huge strides forward. Sean served on the Tailteann Council and when his work on this body brought him to New York in 1930 he had a totally unexpected experience.

One day, while in New Jersey, he saw a notice about a camogie match to be played at Innisfail Park, New York, between Offaly and Cork (oddly enough, at that time there was no camogie team in Offaly). Sean travelled to the Park and found himself being welcomed by dozens of old

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Angela and Ann Downey embrace after the All-Ireland final.

CAMOGIE'S CROWDED, EXCITING YEAR

by Úna Bean
Uí Phuirséal

LOOKING back over 1977, what a crowded and exciting year it was in Camogie, we had the inaugural National League Final; we had the Association's first, and very successful, participation in the Willwood Tailtean Festival; the awarding of our first Coaching Badges, an occasion also marked by the launching of the Camogie Coaching Book at our first Press Conference; and, in addition, there were a couple of important innovations at Higher Education level.

The National League final, in which Western Zone winners Tipperary took on the Eastern representatives Wexford at Monamolin ended in a draw, but Tipperary, somewhat against expectations, had a well-deserved victory in the replay at Thurles and thus, deservedly, became the first holders of the new title and trophy.

But the success of that first League com-



Angela Downey shows the All-Ireland trophy to the Kilkenny supporters.

petition was really proved when this season's competition began, for no fewer than three extra counties took part, Down the 1976 junior All-Ireland champions, Munster junior champions Limerick, and Cork, who for domestic reasons had not participated in the first competition.

The wisdom of that decision is proved by the fact that Cork won out the Western Zone, but see-saw results in the Eastern section means that play-offs are still pending as I write to decide who Cork's final opponents will be.

Limerick's decision to participate in the League also paid big dividends as the experience gained playing against senior sides in that competition was obviously an important factor in enabling the Limerick girls to go on and achieve an ambition by winning the junior championship and thus capturing their

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team that won the club championship then
she refereed the minor final, the first ever
played at Croke Park, and then she again
helped Kilkenny take the senior title.

Incidentally St. Paul's in winning the club
championship took that title for the fifth
time and enabled Liz Neary set a remarkable
individual record by winning her sixth
All-Ireland club medal.

The minor championship this year was
played in conjunction with the Willwood
Tailteann Festival and the final between
Galway and Dublin was played in Croke Park
before the Armagh v Roscommon football
replay.

One might have been apprehensive before
hand that having to play before so big a
crowd might affect the performance of these
under-16 players, but such fears were ground-
less as they served up a fine display with
Galway good winners and a particularly fine
display for them by Una Jordan whose grand-
father Stephen Jordan was a noted hurler and
All-Ireland referee more than half a century
ago.

The presentation of the gold medals to the
winners and the silver medals to the runners-up
on the Hogan Stand rostrum was a good thing
for the image of our game, and I remain

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PRESIDENT'S AMBITION FOR COLLEGES' CAMOGIE

BY BILL GEORGE

THE ambition of the new president of the All-Ireland Colleges' Camogie Board, Mrs. Carmel Desmond, is to have representatives of every county in Ireland in the All-Ireland colleges competition. Mrs. Desmond was elected in November for a two-year term as President of the Board. A successful player with St. Aloysius in schools competition and later with Old AIs, she has held a variety of administrative positions in Cork on the schools competition and later with Old AIs, she has held a variety of administrative positions in Cork on the schools as well as the senior camogie boards.

"We have more than 100 schools taking part in our competitions" said Mrs. Desmond, "32 in Munster, about 40 in Leinster, 20 in Connacht and 30 in Ulster. "Yet there are areas which are not represented in our competitions and areas where the game should be more widely played" she said. "Waterford, for instance, are not represented in our competitions and Kerry have only two schools involved".

Aloysius she won the Schools Championship and League competitions in Cork. With Old AIs she won three County Championships.

She has been involved in the administration of the game since she left school. Now, although the mother of four children whose ages range from two to fifteen years, her involvement is just as committed "I believe it is important to provide

sport for our young people" she said, "I feel it is an honour to be elected President, but I feel we have an obligation to give of our time for the benefit of youth.

Heading such a vibrant body as the Schools Camogie Board is time consuming. "The season lasts from September to June" she said, "but somehow I FIND TIME... I suppose you just make time really".

Mrs. Desmond has seen the game develop and spread since she played with St. Ais at schools level. "In those days there were no Munster or All-Ireland Championships" she said. "There were just two competitions for Cork schools, the League and Championship. Now there is much greater involvement. In Cork alone there are ten competitions for schools at all levels".

MANY HONOURS

As a player Mrs. Desmond won many honours. With St.



Looking ahead — Colleges camogie president Carmel Desmond.

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1-0; H. O'Neill 0-1. Wexford: B. Doyle 1-1; M. Hearne, K. Codd 0-1 each.

KILKENNY: T. O'Neill; L. Neary; A. Holden, B. Martin, M. Canavan; H. O'Neill, Anne Downey, M. Fennelly; M. Purcell, C. Savage, Angela Downey, J. Dunne.

WEXFORD: K. Tonks; M. Leacy; M. Darcy, B. Doyle, D. Walsh; Breda Murphy, E. Walsh, M. Hearne; K. Codd, B. Doran, Bernie Murphy; E. O'Gorman. Sub: A. Kennedy for B. Doran. Referee: Mrs M. Lynch (Monaghan).

Junior

September 18: Limerick 2-7; Wexford 3-1.

LIMERICK: H. Butler; A. Meaney; M. Neville, G. O'Brien, E. Hayes; B. O'Brien, V. Mackey, H. Mulcaire; B. D'Arcy, C. Clancy, P. McCarthy, B. Stokes.

WEXFORD: M. Kelly; M. Boggan; D. Cousins, G. Duggan, B. O'Connor; F. Cousins, M. Cousins, B. Doyle; J. Kehoe, T. Hobbs, E. Kehoe; A. Butler. Subs: C. Higgins for B. O'Connor; M. O'Leary for F. Cousins.

Referee: M. Higgins (Dublin).

Minor

August 28: Galway 5-4; Dublin 2-1.

GALWAY: K. Daly; E. Houley; P. O'Connor, B. Cunniffe, P. Creaven; A. Delaney, A. Burke, U. Jordan; M. Kelly, A. Morris, M. Holdsins; I. Gannon. Subs: M. Rooney for P. Creaven; M. Kelly for I. Gannon.

DUBLIN: C. Hickey; D. Hogan; I. Lambert, A. Heavey, M. Kerr; A. Redmond, M. Crawford, M. Maguire; G. Hughes, E. Murphy, J. Reddy; J. Gormley. Subs: G. Brady for M. Kerr; N. Noone

EASY FOR BUFFERS

Buffers Alley, Wexford ... 7-5

Kilkerly (Louth)..... 0-0

BUFFERS ALLEY qualified for the Leinster Club Camogie Championship final when they defeated Kilkerly by 7-5 to 0-0 yesterday. They now play St. Pauls, Kilkenny, in the final on Sunday next.

Scorers—T. Hobbs (2-0), M. O'Leary (1-0), E. Walsh (2-0), B. Doran (2-0), A. Butler (0-3), F. Cousins (0-1), D. Walsh (0-1).

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All-Ireland Finals

Senior

September 18: Kilkenny 3-4; Wexford 1-1

Senior Championship

June 19, Ballinderrin: Wexford 1-11; Galway 1-8.
 June 26, Shaw's Road, Belfast: Dublin 4-1; Antrim 0-2.
 July 3, Monamolin: Wexford 3-8; Cork 1-5.
 July 31, Thomastown: Kilkenny 7-5; Tipperary 1-4.
 July 31, Ennis: Clare 6-6; Down 1-3.

All-Ireland Semi-Finals

August 14, Monamolin: Wexford 6-4; Clare 1-3.
 August 21, Russell Park, Dublin: Kilkenny 5-3; Dublin 2-4.

All-Ireland Junior Semi-finals

August 21; Monamolin: Wexford 5-4; Monaghan 3-0.

All-Ireland Minor Semi-Finals

August 7; Carrickmacross: Dublin 2-4; Monaghan 2-1.
 August 14; Ballaghaderreen: Galway 1-5; Limerick 1-1.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

All-Ireland Final

March 13, Kilkenny: St Paul's, Kilkenny, 6-3; Athenry, Galway 1-3.

All-Ireland Semi-Finals

February 20, Creggan: Athenry, Galway, 7-2; Creggan, Antrim 3-3.
 February 27, Castleconnell: St Paul's, Kilkenny, 3-4; Ahane, Limerick, 1-3.

Leinster Final

February 6, Navan Road, Dublin: St Paul's, Kilkenny, 3-6; Celtic, Dublin, 2-1.

Munster Final

February 6, Holycross: Ahane, Limerick, 4-3; Drom-Inch, Tipperary, 1-3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

March 6, Rathnure: Wexford 2-1; Tipperary 2-1. DRAW.

March 20, Thurles: Tipperary 4-2; Wexford 1-3. REPLAY.

TIPPERARY: N. Bonner; M. Butler; M. O'Brien, S. Tynan, B. Feehan; D. Lane, M. Troy, K. Tynan; M. Tynan, M. Hogan, L. Howard, J. Quigley; Subs: M. Kelly for Howard; Howard for K. Tynan.

WEXFORD: K. Tonks; M. Lacey; D. Walsh, B. Doyle, M. Cousins; B. Murphy, E. Walsh, G. Duggan; K. Codd, A. Kennedy, E. Kehoe; E. O'Gorman. Subs: M. Hearne for Kennedy; Bridie Murphy for Bernie Murphy.

GAEL-LINN CUP

October 2: Blanchardstown, Co. Dublin; Connaught 2-3; Leinster 1-5.

October 9: Carrickmacross: Munster 6-4; Ulster 1-3.

Final: October 23: Adare: Munster 3-7; Connaught 3-1.

MUNSTER: H. Butler; M. N. Neville; B. Joyce, G. O'Brien, M. Coughlan; B. O'Brien, M. Doyle, V. Mackey; B. Darcy, C. Clancy, (capt.), E. Kavanagh; B. Stokes.

CONNACHT: B. Cody; C. Gannon; B. Glynn (capt), B. Cunniffe, B. Barrett; U. Jordan, A. Burke, A. Morris; M. Kelly, M. Freaney, M. Hobbins; B. Condon.

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CAMOGIE

1977 was not a spectacular season for Cork camogie. In the main, it was a year of re-organisation at club level and of team-building on the inter-county scene. New clubs, Ballygarvan, Carrigaline, Passage West and Fr. Mathews, brought affiliations to a record 39 clubs. 19 Colleges are involved in competitive camogie and, in addition, some Vocational and Primary Schools play the game. The net result is that there are more girls playing camogie in Cork than ever before.

Each season clubs lose players and gain others. This constant change leads to alterations in the standard of play. A resolution from Convention gave G.P.C. the right to examine the grading of every club and to suggest up-grading and down-grading where necessary. By and large the new set-up worked though one or two clubs felt their promotion was a bit premature.

The championships were revitalised and interest in all grades increased. Clubs found their own level and had good competition. Finals were very keenly contested.

Killeagh, Eire Og and Cloyne moved up to the senior grade. The first two took the jump in their stride. The County Championship opened with Pat Moloney dominating a game at Castlemartyr which ended with the score Killeagh 6-3, Cloyne 3-3. Muskerry brushed aside the challenge of Avondhu by 6-3 to 1-0. In the Eire Og v Imokilly clash, the result hung in the balance to the final whistle. For the past few seasons,

missed the steadying influence of Deirdre Sutton and fell to U.C.C.

Killeagh and Old Als served up a great game with one side taking the initiative and then the other. A long range goal from Betty Joyce settled the issue in Killeagh's favour. South Pres and Muskerry finished in deadlock with four points apiece. A breakdown in communications left some Muskerry players stranded at the wrong venue for the replay and let South Pres through to the semi-final.

Keen rivals from their intermediate grade days, Killeagh and Eire Og played a very exciting fifty minutes before Eire Og won through by 4-6 to 4-3. Marion McCarthy's accuracy with placed and side-line balls saw South Pres through against U.C.C. by 2-5 to 0-2. A fit, determined and hard-working Eire Og twelve took the County Championship Cup to Mid-Cork after a forty year lapse when they comprehensively beat South Pres by 3-10 to 2-1.

Watergrasshill were impressive throughout their entire campaign in the intermediate championship. Their final success over Sarsfields gives them entry to the senior grade for 1978. With players like Mary O'Leary, Angela Higgins, Helen O'Callaghan and talk of new signings in the air, they look set to make an impact in the senior championship.

Youghal with Marie Power and Cally O'Donovan in sparkling form, captured the Junior 'A' championship and will step up to the intermediate ranks. Sympathy was felt for their opponents, St. Finbarrs, who were disappointed at the final hurdle for the third time. Sarsfields won the new Junior 'B' championship with a narrow victory over neighbours Carrigtwohill.

Hosted for the first time by Trinity College, the Ashbourne Cup attracted an entry of seven universities. U.C.C. newcomers, Margo Twomey, Noreen Egan and Marion Lynch, filled places left by those who had graduated from the previous season. In the semi-final, Cork had a comfortable 6-4 to 1-5 win over Maynooth. Successfully policing Kilkenny star, Angela Downey, in the process. U.C.C. proved to be that little better than U.C.D. by 6-2 to 3-5. Captain,

le difficulty in accounting for the opening game of the Championship. Limerick, in everything but name, long in the Munster final. It had to be the bogey team in the championship also. Despite a score for 20 minutes when they had in Limerick's territory, which would have settled the issue, they failed to come.

Eileen Kavanagh and another were honoured by the selectors. The first two attracted attention from Ulster spectators for their display at Carrickmacross. Cronin drew attention to herself when she picked up the camogie cup. Levi Sports Under-18

In 1978, may we see many more names, further progress on the part of a bit of red skirt in Croke



Twomey, P. Riordan, P. Moloney, Egan, M. McCarthy, C. O'Donovan, and K. Costine.

ALL-IRELAND SENIOR COLLEGES CHAMPIONS AND MUNSTER INTERMEDIATE A CHAMPIONS



Back Row (left to right) : Majella Hallinan, Philomena Bonnar, Teresa Scully, Mary Hayes, Regina Mulligan, Eithne Bonnar
 Centre Row : Sheelin Foley, Mary Kelly, Nuala Bonnar, Mary Luby, Cora Hennessy, Kathleen Ryan Hennessy, Eleanor Brennan, Mary Maher.
 Front Row : Caroline Kelly, Kathleen Ryan, Claire Bargary, Ann Fitzgerald.

"Ní neart go cur le chéile" mar adeir an seanfhocal agus crutáíodh é i Scoil Mhuire, Caiseal Mumhan le trí bliana anuas. Tá clú agus cáil bainte amach ag foirne camógaíochta Scoil Mhuire ní h-amháin don scoil ach do Chathair na Rí agus do Chontae Thiobraid Arann freisin.

This commemorative calendar marks a historic year in the annals of Scoil Mhuire. In 1975 our camogie team, entering the Junior (under 15) Championship for the first time, won the All-Ireland. Apart from being the first Tipperrary school to win a Munster title, Scoil Mhuire is the first school in Munster to win an All-Ireland title. The Intermediate B title was captured the same year. Teresa O'Dwyer captained the Junior team and Geraldine Kelly captained the Intermediate team.

1976 saw Scoil Mhuire reach the Junior All-Ireland Final again, but luck was against us in the last ten minutes and we lost by a single score in a thrilling final to Athenry. Mary Kelly captained this team.

1977 proved to be even a more historic year. Scoil Mhuire entered a Senior team for the first time and won fame and glory throughout Munster and Ireland by winning the Senior All-Ireland title. The great-hearted Cora Hennessy captained the team. These girls also won the Intermediate A Munster title. Scoil Mhuire has now the distinction of being the first team in Munster to win the Junior and Senior All-Ireland titles.

What can one say of these wonderful girls? Their triumphal entry into Cashel of the Kings has been unprecedented in recent times. These girls did everything that was asked of them and more. They just refused to accept defeat. They proved their courage not only on the field but also by crossing the border for the All-Ireland semi-final against Coleraine. A special word of

thanks here to Tom Devitt, our bus-driver and to the loyal supporters who went up North. At the Munster AGM they were congratulated on their behaviour on and off the field, setting an example for all other colleges by showing what can be achieved by dedication and effort in a short time. *Girls we thank you most sincerely. You have won every school competition possible.*

A special word of thanks is due to Sr Máirín who played such an important part in preparing the team, and for her dedication and hard work. We sincerely thank the Sisters and teachers of Scoil Mhuire for all their co-operation; Sr Paul (Principal) and Sr Perpetua (School Manager); the parents of these wonderful girls; all our loyal supporters who stood by us through thick and thin; all who helped to raise funds and all those who contributed so generously; the Leahy Park Committee for their generosity in placing the field at our disposal when needed; Mr William Kelly, our on-the-spot referee; all the local clergy who took such a great interest in the team and thereby encouraged them, especially Fr Tom Ryan; Mr Jack Fogarty and the local Press; the late Mr Peter McCluskey, our photographer; the Halla na Feile committee and all who helped to make our victory dance such a great success; all who sponsored this commemorative calendar; and finally Miss Mary Moran, Munster Colleges' secretary.

Quo nunc? Scoil Mhuire has a great chance of winning the junior title in the coming year. Le cúnadh Dé beimid ar ais i bPáirc an Chrócaigh arís i mbliana. Ath bhliain shona dhíbh uile agus Rath Dé ar ár n-imreoirí óga.

Liam de Priondargás.

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SR MÁIRÍN



SR PAUL (Principal)



WILLIE PRENDERGAST



SR PERPETUA (School Manager)



CORA HENNESSY
Captain (Gooldscross)
Plays centreback. Has 2 All-Ireland and 5 Munster medals. Wonderful captain.

MAJELLA HALLINAN
Vice-Captain (Dualla)
Brilliant right half forward has 2 All-Ireland medals and 5 Munster medals.



NUALA BONNAR
(Cashel)
Brilliant Goal-keeper. Played Senior for Tipperary. 2 All-Ireland and 4 Munster medals.



MARY HAYES
(Knockavilla)
Excellent Full Back has 2 All-Ireland and 4 Munster medals.



CLARE BARGARLY
(Thomastown)
Shows great promise as a midfielder. Has 2 Munster medals and 1 All-Ireland.



Kathleen Ryan Hennessy
(Knockavilla)
Great-hearted player. Plays centre forward. Has 2 All-Ireland and 4 Munster medals.



ELEANOR BRENNAN
(Dundrum)
Great half back, daughter of the late Tony Brennan. Has 1 All-Ireland and 3 Munster medals.



EITHNE BONNAR
(Cashel)
Sister of Nuala. Has 2 All-Ireland and 4 Munster championship medals. A great half-back.



GINA MULLIGAN
(Cashel)
Brilliant half-forward. Also a great handballer. Has won 2 All-Ireland and 5 Munster medals.



KATHLEEN RYAN
(Boherlahan)
Great Full-forward. Has won 2 All-Ireland and 5 Munster medals.



MARY KELLY
(Boherlahan)
Wonderful player, can play anywhere but prefers midfield. Has 2 All-Ireland and 5 Munster medals. Played for Tipp Seniors.



MARY LUBY
(Golden)
Great-hearted midfielder. Has 4 Munster medals and 1 All-Ireland. Captained the Inter A team last year.



CAROLINE KELLY
(Boherlahan)
Sister of Mary. Shows great promise. Has 1 All-Ireland and 3 Munster Medals. Played as a sub in last years All-Ireland.



TERESA SCULLY
(Cashel)
Came on as a sub in 1st round v St Als. Has 2 All-Ireland and 4 Munster medals.

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Camogie

by Mary Murphy



If 1977 is to be remembered among camogie enthusiasts by one feature alone, it would surely be the remarkable performances of Angela Downey, who played a major part in three All-Ireland successes: firstly in Spring, her devastating power was a major factor in St. Paul's successful club championship campaign. In May, her College, Maynooth, had their first championship victory in Higher Institutes Camogie when they defeated U.C.D. in the Final of the C.C.I.A. competition - a well-earned victory by a team which had been progressing steadily throughout the winter, inspired always by Angela's goal-scoring ability. Finally, in September, Kilkenny retained their All-Ireland Senior title, captained by Angela, who was their outstanding player on that day. Since then, the County have returned the Leinster Championship title, defeating Dublin for the second year in succession in the final of this competition.

However, 1977 will be remembered by many for other events also. Tipperary became the first holders of the National Senior League when they defeated Wexford in the final replay in April. U.C.C. repeated a remarkable performance by retaining the Ashbourne Cup in February. It was their sixth title in a row, a feat achieved only once before, exactly 50 years ago, when Cork also won six titles in the years 1921-'27.

Business at Congress in March reflected the growth of recent years in the Association: the possibility of a full-time officer was given serious consideration. A motion was passed enabling Provincial Junior Champions, whose county was not already fielding a Senior team, to compete in the National League: only Limerick were in a position to avail of this opportunity, but their performances were evidence of the success of this new step. The experience gained contributed to their first success at all-Ireland level, as in September they overcame Wexford to take the Junior title in one of the best finals ever in this grade.

It was a first also for Scoil Mhuire, Cashel. They returned home to a Champions welcome in April after they had overcome Presentation College, Athenry in the All-Ireland Colleges Final. Compensation for the Western girls came with a victory in the Junior Competition, however, when they proved too strong for the Sacred Heart College, Cork.

Camogie in Galway continues to go from strength to strength, a fact which is reflected in their successes at Colleges and Under-age level. This year, they captured the All-Ireland Minor (Willwood Tailteann) title when they defeated Dublin. The final was played in Croke Park on August 28th before the replay of the Roscommon-Armagh football semi-final. Players of the calibre of Una Jordan, Bridie Cunniffe, Anne Morris and Anne Burke gave performances worthy of Senior players - a bright future lies ahead.

The tireless efforts of the Atd Choiste Officers promoting the game throughout the country were rewarded by the invitation of County Boards in Carlow and Sligo. At Easter, a coaching course was held at Achill, attended by players from both Mayo and Sligo. While some Camogie has always been played in these counties, lack of organisation has hindered any real progress. It is to be hoped that a co-ordination of effort under the guidance of the new County Boards will lead to a strengthening association between clubs, all of whom stand to benefit from participation in County competition.

Feile na nGael was held in Waterford this year. Cork representatives, Killagh, again taking the title. It is with great anticipation that all await the 1978 Feile, when Kilkenny will be hosts, the first Leinster county to host the games. This competition is particularly welcome in Camogie, as it encourages organisation of the game for the younger players in areas where these girls were often not catered for in the past. Local clubs can also provide an opportunity for the young players to play the game in the

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Star of the Year

Carrie Clancy of Patrickswell, Limerick was presented with the 'Gaelic Stars' 'Camogie Star of the Year' trophy by Brendan Marnell of Allied Irish Banks Ltd., sponsors.

Carrie Clancy has been playing camogie for over 20 years with Limerick and this year won her first All-Ireland Medal - the All-Ireland Junior Championship.

It was also Limerick's first All-Ireland title. Carrie is also involved in the administrative side of Camogie. She is a delegate to the Munster Council and has represented Limerick at the Annual Congress. Her husband David is Chairman of the County Camogie Board.

She devotes a considerable amount of her time to youth work and to handicapped children.

Carrie truly deserves the title 'Camogie Star of the Year'.



Carrie Clancy

Classic final in prospect

By TAOBH-LINE

THE MAIN attraction this Sunday is the clash of St. Pauls, Kilkenny and Buffers Alley, Wexford for the Leinster club championship title. The Kilkenny champions are not only the holders of the Leinster title but are also the All-Ireland club champions. Indeed St. Pauls have won this Leinster title seven times.

Buffers Alley travelled to Louth on Sunday last and scored a decisive victory over the local champions, Knockbridge.

With six of the regular senior Wexford players on duty and competent players from the Junior side completing the line-out, the champions of Kilkenny will not retain their title easily, although when they played Celtic, the Dublin titleholders, they won 3-7 to 0-1, shortly before Christmas.

WORTH WATCHING

this game, which will bring into opposition so many brilliant exponents of the game should be well worth seeing. The holders, can call on no less than ten of the Kilkenny senior county side and have such well-known stars as Angela Downey, Bridie Martin, Helena O'Neill, her sister, Teresa in goal and Mary Fennelly, who is Kilkenny's camogie sport star of 1977.

Wexford's champions have their own stars in Margaret Lacey, who incidentally is the holder of an all-Ireland talent medal won with Eoghan Rua, Dublin, the sisters, Elsie and Dorothy Walsh, past pupils of Scoil Bride, Enniscorthy, which is a great nursery for the game, Kathleen Tniks, who won an all-Ireland medal with Wexford in 1975, Margaret Hearhe, who is equally at home in attack or midfield and Bridie Doran an effective centre-forward.

The Leinster winners are scheduled to play the Ulster

champions — Portlennone (Antrim) and Leitrim (Down) are in the final — and this game is fixed for February 19. The second semi-final between Ballyagran (Limerick) and Athenry (Galway) will be played on February 26.

LEINSTER COLLEGES

The Leinster Colleges Council meets on Saturday next to make the draws for the Senior and Junior championship. All the zones are now completed and the holders, Thomastown Vocational School, have come out on top in their zone.

Presentation Terenure, who won out the Junior Cup last year, have been knocked out by Assumption School, Walkinstown, in the Dublin zone this year.

The National League final between Wexford and Cork has been fixed for March 5 by the fixtures committee but this date has to be ratified at the Ard Choiste meeting on Saturday week.

Dublin are making a start this week-end but unfortunately the Phoenix Park pitches are still unplayable so only the Curran Cup semi-final between Sliabh Bloom and University College at Belfield will be played. This tie will be preceded by an Intermediate A League game between College and Austin Stacks.

The C.C.I.A. League has one game on Saturday next, Trinity travel to Belfield to play University College.

St. Pauls champs yet again

St. Pauls 5-1

Buffers Alley 2-4

ST. PAULS, Kilkenny, became Leinster Club champions for the eighth time yesterday when they overcame their old rivals Buffers Alley, Wexford, at Nolan Park.

The champions led by three goals and one point to one goal and three points at the interval. This was against the run of play as Buffers Alley had attacked constantly throughout the first half. Their inaccuracy cost them many scores while Teresa O'Neill in goal for St. Pauls also foiled them of scores.

Buffers Alley made another great effort midway through the second half and after two wides Bridie Jacobs goal. However, Angela Downey replied with a goal for St. Pauls immediately, and so made this eighth title secure.

St. Pauls now face the winners of the Ulster final between Portlennone and Leitrim in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Scorers — St Pauls — A. Downey (2-1), M. Conway (2-0), M. Fennelly (0-1), Buffers Alley — B. Jacobs (1-0), A. Butler (1-0), P. Walsh, E. Walsh, N. Hearne and M. O'Leary (0-1 each). U.C.D. — 4-1: Slieve Bloom 3-0.

Curran Cup semi-final — U.C.D. 4-1: Slieve Bloom 3-0.

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Stage set

for final

scenes in

club c'hip

By TAOBH LINE

THE LEINSTER and Ulster Club Champions are now known so the stage is set for the All-Ireland semi-finals and final.

St. Pauls, who were the last to qualify, are the All-Ireland champions and indeed hold the record number of titles in this competition, having won five times.

The champions had a close enough game with Buffers Alley (Wexford) in the Leinster Final last Sunday.

The challengers had the better of the exchanges in the opening half but they failed to finish on many occasions, whereas the winners, with far less chances, led by 3-0 to 1-3 at the interval.

Although Buffers continued to hold sway at midfield their attack was not as sharp as St. Pauls, and they lost 5-1 to 2-4, Paul's winning the Leinster Cup for the eighth time.

Angela Donny who captains Kilkenny, St. Pauls and also her team at St. Patrick's Maynooth, has had a most successful year winning the All-Ireland title, the Higher Institutes League and is still in with a chance to win the Club Championship title.

Her success was recognised last Monday, when she was named the "Camogie Player of the Year" by the B & I Sports Awards Committee. The Leinster Colleges Council's experiment to combine the Senior "A" and Senior "B" competition into one League, which was divided into five zones and played off as a League in the first term, has proved very successful.

The winners and the runners-up in each Zone now play a championship for the Stuart Cup and the remaining Schools play for the Senior B Shield.

The Senior B Shield will be played out over the next few months and the final, with the minor championship which has an entry of fifty teams, will be played on May 13.

The second semi-final of the Curran Cup will be played in Phoenix Park, on Sunday and brings old rivals Celtic Austin Stacks into contention.

Celtic, the holders and also last years championship and League winners, have a very strong side but Austin Stacks have been in good form in earlier matches so a close game is anticipated.

The winners will meet University College in the Final on January 29.

CAMOGIE

LEINSTER COLLEGES — Senior — Ballyhale, 3-3 (J. Dunne 1-3, K. Dalton 1-0, M. Walsh 1-0); Assumption, Walkinstown, 1-1 (C. Cronin 1-0, E. Buckley 0-1); V.S., Thomastown, 7-2; V.S., Tullamore, 2-1.

DUBLIN — Senior — Maryfield College 2-0; Scoil Chairiona, 0-0. Minor — Maryfield College, 9-0; Coláiste Iosagáin, 1-0. Senior League — U.C.D., 4-2 (M. Varley 1-1, N. Bergin 2-1, M. Rooney 1-0); Presentation, 3-0 (M. McMahon 1-0, J. Prendergast 1-0, N. Sattelle 1-0). Curran Cup — Semi-final — Celtic, 1-1; Austin Stacks, 1-1. C.C.I.A. League — Maynooth College, 3-4 (A. Downey 3-4); St. Patrick's Training College, 3-3 (M. Ponsard 3-2, J. Keogh 1-1).

Killeagh win a thriller

Killeagh 4-0, Eire Og 2-2
AFTER a thrilling encounter, Killeagh won their way to the Cork County under 18 league final at Ovens yesterday when they defeated old rivals Eire Og by 4-0 to 2-2.

These clubs have played many cracking games in the last 12 months and yesterday's game was no exception. The winners were ahead by 3-0 to 1-0 at half-time but Eire Og never admitted defeat and kept the interest alive right to the finish.

But Killeagh, who were best served by Catherine and Breda Landers, Mary Spillane and Betty Joyce, were the better side on the day and deserve their place in the final. But spare a thought for a gallant Eire Og who had their best performers in Mairead O'Brien, Eileen Dineen and Eileagh Ryanagh.

20 YEARS AGO

OLD ALOYSIANS, the holders, qualified for the final of the 1957, Cork County Junior Camogie Championship, when they defeated Glen Rovers by 7-0 to 2-0 at Church Road. The team were:—

Old Aloysians: M. Moran, C. Joyce, C. O'Connell, E. Buckley, M. Hadden, E. Ryan, M. Murphy, M. Fitzgerald, E. Wiley, D. Langford, D. Young, P. Hegarty.
Glen Rovers: R. Saville, K. Lucey, N. Coughlan, B. Cronin, B. Deane, A. Cronin, R. Spillane, M. Coughlan, E. Humphries, S. Reilly, M. Foley, M. Kenny.

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Gradings Announced

THE gradings for the new season have been announced, and there are no great surprises. There will be seven senior, five intermediate, 14 junior 'A' and 12 junior 'B' teams taking part in this year's competitions.

On Sunday next, Inniscarra Community Hall will be the venue for the Munster Finals of the C.C.D. competitions, while there are also a number of league games listed.

Cloyne, who were senior last season will be taking part in intermediate competitions this year, while intermediate champions Watergrasshill, are the only new senior club. The remaining seniors are U.C.C., South Presentation Past Pupils, Glen Rovers, Old Aloysians, Eire Og and Killeagh.

Gone from the intermediate grade are Churchtown, Canovee and Aghabullogue, who will now

perform in Junior 'A', while junior 'A' champions Youghal now join the intermediate ranks. The remaining intermediates are Inniscarra, Sarsfields, Blarney and Cloyne.

Sarsfields find themselves promoted to the junior 'A' competitions, while Bishopstown have been regraded junior 'B'.

The junior 'A' list is: Churchtown, Aghabullogue, Canovee, Glanworth, Nemo Rangers, Buttevant, Ballyphehane, Douglas, St. Finbarrs, Na Piarraigh, Ballinlough, Eire Og, Sarsfields, Fr. Mathews.

The junior 'B' teams are: Blackrock, Old Aloysians, Ballinora, Blackwater, Cobh, Carrigtwohill, St. Fanahan's, U.C.C., Bishopstown, Bride Rovers, Ballygarvan, Carrigaline.

Incidentally, new clubs and additional teams of existing clubs will be graded on receipt of their affiliation forms.

C.C.D. COMPETITIONS

At this time of the year the thoughts of many camogie followers are far away from the fields of play, and concentrated on the very different scene of entertainment. And Sunday will be the big day for the successful Cork participants in the Munster finals of the C.C.D. competitions. Two Cork clubs, Inniscarra and Eire Og dominated the Cork area finals, taking six of the seven titles. Inniscarra won the question time, recitation (Helen O'Sullivan) and the dancing, while Eire Og were successful in the comedy act and instrumental music (Mary O'Callaghan). City clubs Na Piarraigh and Glen Rovers proved tops in the singing (Nuala Barry) and ballad group, respectively.

Now all these winners face competitors from Limerick, Waterford and Clare in what should be a most entertaining afternoon at the Community Hall, Inniscarra, beginning at 2 p.m.

FAVOURITES

Back on the playing fields, there will be keen interest in the league games. New seniors Watergrasshill, have the chance to wrap up the

1977 intermediate league if they can beat demoted Aghabullogue. And with Angela and Elizabeth Higgins, Helen O'Callaghan and Mary O'Leary they must be firm favourites to do it. Aghabullogue have found the going tough in the intermediate grade and have already lost valuable points. But if they can beat the Hill then they would bring Inniscarra back in the running and force a play-off. And with Eileen Barrett, Mary and Eileen Noonan and Joan O'Riordan to help them they won't give Watergrasshill the title without a struggle.

There is also a vital tie in the junior campaign. In this Youghal meet Na Piarraigh and as both teams are well placed there will be a keen contest here. Youghal will be without Cally Riordan, but they have good players in Marie Power and Margaret Leahy, and following their promotion to intermediate ranks, will be determined to impress.

But Na Piarraigh will not be easy opponents, and with interprovincial Marie Coughlan, Imelda Cronin and Martha Carney to call on, they could take the points. But it will be close.

It will be a battle for vital points in the under-18 competition also when Nemo Rangers meet Glen Rovers. Here a draw might be on the cards, but St. Fanahans should beat Glanworth in the same competition.

In the junior 'B' league, I expect wins for Blackwater over Cobh and Old Aloysians at the expense of U.C.C.

FIXTURES

(All on Sunday)

At Inniscarra Community Hall: Munster finals C.C.D., beginning 2 p.m.

At Watergrasshill: I.L. Watergrasshill v Aghabullogue, 3 p.m. (Ref. Sarsfields).

At Na Piarraigh: J.L. 'A', Na Piarraigh v Youghal, 2.30 p.m. (Ref. St. Finbarrs).

At Cobh: J.L. 'B', Cobh v Blackwater, 2.30 p.m. (Ref. Carrigtwohill).

At Mardyke: J.L. 'B', Old Aloysians v U.C.C., 11.30 a.m. (Ref. Blackrock).

At Ballyphehane: U-18 L. Ballyphehane v Nemo Rangers, 11.30 a.m. (Ref. Glen Rovers).

At Mitchelstown: U-18 L. St. Fanahans v Glanworth, 2.30 p.m. (Ref. Buttevant).

Leagues Dominate Fixtures Programme

THE leagues dominate the weekend's camogie fixtures with vital confrontations in under 18, 16 and junior 'B' campaigns.

Watergrasshill can win their section of the 1977 under-18 competition if they can manage to take both points from Killeagh when these sides clash at Killeagh on Sunday. The "Hill" girls have two wins to their credit and a further success would ensure section honours for them. But Killeagh, who advanced to the final of the 1976 campaign only last Sunday, will be tough opponents and with most of their senior side eligible, including Catherine Landers and Betty Joyce, will make things hard for Watergrasshill. Killeagh will be playing only their first game in the campaign, so a win will be important to them also.

In another game in this competition — between Eire Og and Ballinora — there is importance, too. Eire Og will be making their first appearance but Ballinora already have one win to their credit. And following Eire Og's defeat by Killeagh last Sunday, they will be anxious to make a good start to the new campaign.

They will have the Kelleher twins, Claire and Teresa, and Regina O'Brien to assist

them, while Ballinora will be depending a great deal on Cork minor and under-18 player Margaret Murphy.

Nemo Rangers are another side with full points in this league and they will meet St. Finbarrs, down two points, in what should be a most entertaining tussle. Again it is a game vital to both sides.

In the under-16 league Ballincollig should be too strong for visitors Canovee, while Douglas, who play host to Redmonds, could take a valuable brace of points. In the final game listed U.C.C. and Blackrock meet at the Mardyke in the Junior 'B' League.

CO. BOARD MEETING

Mary Nott chaired her first meeting of the Cork County Board on Monday night and she stressed that because of the backlog of fixtures and the addition of the new under-16 championship competition the Co. Board could not tolerate the postponing of games in the coming season. With so many competitions, no county board pitch, and a dependence on clubs for pitches, it is just not possible to get through the year's competitions without the full co-operation of all clubs and this means immediate fulfilment of fixtures.

With the new season now under way and the forthcoming announcement of the new gradings, it is vital that all clubs have their affiliations in. The last date is Monday, January 30.

The Cork area finals of the C.C.D. were held recently — that is all but the Question Time, and this will be decided after the Co. Board meeting on Monday next when Eire Og, Inniscarra and South Presentation Past Pupils will be in opposition.

Finally, with Cork through to the National League final against Wexford, senior county training will begin at Pairc Ui Chaoimh on Monday, January 23. With the game scheduled to take place in March, the selectors intend to hold weekly one hour sessions beginning at 8 p.m.

FIXTURES

(All on Sunday)

At U.C.C. Grounds — J.B.L. U.C.C. v Blackrock, 2.30 p.m. (Ref. Glen Rovers).

At Nemo Rangers — U-18 L. Nemo Rangers v St. Finbarrs, 2.30 (Ref. Na Piarraigh).

At Owens — U-18 L. Eire Og v Ballinora, 12 noon (Ref. Aghabullogue).

At Killeagh — U-18 L. Killeagh v Watergrasshill, 2.30 p.m. (Ref. Youghal).

At Ballincollig — U-16 L. Canovee v Ballincollig, 12 noon (Ref. Inniscarra).

At Douglas — U-16 L. Douglas v Redmonds, 11.30 a.m. (Ref. Ballinlough).

CAMOGIE RESULTS

STUART CUP
Vocational School, Thomastown, 2-0; U.C.D., 1-0. Maynooth College, 3-1; Dublin University, 2-0.

J. PURCELL CUP

V.S., Tullamore, 3-0 (M. Leonard, M. Braden and M. Gorman 1-0); V.S., Wicklow, 1-2 (B. Melia 1-0, N. Byrne 0-2).

ASHBOURNE CUP

U.C.G., 2-0; U.C.D., 1-0. Maynooth College, 3-1; Dublin University, 2-0.

B+I AWARD FOR ANGELA

By Joan Morley



ANGELA DOWNEY, Kilkenny captain and star forward is the second winner of the B. and I. award for the outstanding camogie Player of the year. This is also the second time that this honour has gone to Kilkenny, with Bridie Martin winning it last year.

At a luncheon in Dublin yesterday, Angela, was presented with her award by Mr. Ronald N. Delany, Assistant Chief Executive, B. and I. Line.

A unique feature of the award winners so far is the fact that both players have twin sisters. Angela's sister Anne was a member of the Kilkenny winning side, but Bridie's sister does not play camogie.

It is also rather unusual for twins to be involved on the same All Ireland winning team but it is not unique.

In fact, the first twins to win All Ireland medals on the same day, were the Hegarty sisters, Patty and Maureen who won senior

medals with Cork in 1941 and played together on the county side for the next two years.

DEADLY SCORER

Angela, a third year Arts student at Maynooth, normally plays at left forward and in addition to leading Kilkenny to an All Ireland win last year, also captained Maynooth to their win in the Higher Education championship. Incidentally, in her All-Ireland campaign, she notched up an amazing 14-7 tally in three games.

A daughter of the famous "Shem" Downey, who won an All Ireland hurling medal for Kilkenny against Cork in 1947, Angela now has the honour of having appeared on all three Kilkenny teams which have won the All Ireland camogie title in 1974, 1976 and 1977.

There must be some significance in Angela gaining one of her medals

at the expense of Cork in 1974 (after a replay).

When Angela received her award she said: "It is a great honour that this award should go to a Kilkenny girl for the second year in succession and I hope we will be able to make it three in a row next year. I think the award could have gone to any member of the Kilkenny team, but, of course, I am delighted to get it."

The presentation was attended by some of Angela's teammates including Liz Neary, and Mary Fennelly, representatives of the Camogie Association, including President Mrs Agnes Purcell; Treasurer, Miss Lily Spence; Munster Chairman, Miss Mary Moran; Ulster Treasurer, Mrs Roisin McManus, and National Secretary, Miss Jo Golden. Mr Sean O Slochain, Director General of the G.A.A. attended.

Making the presentation, Mr. Delany said: "Normally this is the B. and I. Line G.A.A. Personality of the Month Award but on this occasion we pay our own tribute to the game of Camogie, a vital part of the G.A.A. which gets little of the glamour and limelight, and one player, in particular.

"Angela's record speaks for itself three All-Ireland winners medals. But today we salute her performance in captaining Kilkenny to a well deserved triumph in 1977," he said.

Incidentally, Angela's honours for 1978 have already begun as on Sunday she led her club St. Paul's, to a Leinster Club final win over Buffer's Alley, and in doing so, scored 2-1 of her side's 5-1 to 2-4 tally.

● Picture shows (L to R) Mr. "Shem" Downey, Miss Anne Downey, Miss Angela Downey, Mr. Ronnie Delany and Mrs. Downey.



ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS APPROVE—Members of the Limerick junior camogie team expressed their approval of a new hurley at a reception at the Glentworth Hotel, Limerick. Photo shows (from left): Mr. Kevin Reynolds, the Glentworth Hotel, Limerick. Photo shows (from left): Mr. Kevin Reynolds, Christina Greensmith, secretary, Camogie Board, Limerick; Carrie Clancy, captain Limerick camogie team, and chairman, Camogie Board, and Geraldine O'Brien, team member.

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Munster Convention At Killarney

Ashbourne
Cup gets
under way
tomorrow

By TAOBH LINE

THE FIRST COUNTRY WIDE Camogie competition of the new season, the annual Inter-varsity battle for the Ashbourne Cup, gets underway tomorrow when the quarter-final games will be played.

University College Cork, the holders, who have dominated the series in the present decade, are unlikely to be surprised when they entertain the representatives of the New University of Ulster at Cork. Neither are Maynooth, powered by the Camogie player of 1977, Kilkenny's Angela Downey, likely to be unduly troubled when they travel to Santry to take on Dublin University.

The only really intriguing game of the round is the Belfast clash of University College, Dublin and University College, Galway. These teams look evenly matched, but U.C.D. have been shaping well in recent Dublin league games, and those recent outings may work to their advantage.

QUEEN'S BYE

Queens University, Belfast, where the semi-finals and final will be played in a fortnight's time, have as the host college, a bye into the semi-finals.

Also down for decision on Saturday are the quarter finals of the Leinster Senior Colleges competition, the Stuart Cup, Holders, Thomastown Vocational School, with Kilkenny all-Ireland player Joe Dunne, may have little to spare over a lively side from Scoil Iosa Kilcock, while their neighbours, Ballyhale, will be doing well if they return victorious from their visit to Hollywood where they take on an improved Dunlavin side.

Dublin representatives, Presentation, Terenure will be fancied to get the better of visitors Athy while Enniscorthy houses a real local derby in which Colaiste Bride entertain Kilmuckridge.

In the quarter-final of the junior competition, Wicklow Vocational School could have the better of the argument with Tallamore Vocational School at Ashford.

WITH the new camogie season now in full swing, the coming weekend will be a busy one. Munster Convention takes place at Killarney, the preliminary round of the Ashbourne Cup gets under way, the under-18 league will be decided, and other vital league clashes will be played.

Munster Convention will be held on Sunday next at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney. Three of the outgoing officers, Mary Moran (Cork), chairman; Eithne Neville (Limerick), secretary, and Ann M. O'Loughlin (Clare), registrar, are unopposed for the coming year. This means that only two positions on the council will be contested. They are vice-chairman, where Sr. Angela

of Clare (outgoing) and Fr. Cooney of Waterford are in opposition, and treasurer where Mary Casey (Cork) has opposition from Sr. Angela of Clare.

The important motion to be decided on will be "That Munster Council should give a financial grant to counties who field a county team." This comes from Waterford, but they could find it very difficult to have it passed. Munster Council could hardly afford it, even though the idea may be a good one, with so many teams in so many counties to think of.

On the playing fields it is all go. U.C.C. make their first appearance in the Ashbourne Cup on Saturday at the Mardyke when they take on the New University of Ulster, Coleraine, in the preliminary round.

The Ulster girls are a rather unknown quantity but it is reported that they have been training very hard for this game, so U.C.C., who must be fancied, could find themselves with a tough nut to crack.

However, the College girls have also been in training and with a number of Cork county players, as well as an all round strength they should advance.

Margo Twomey is a member of the Cork senior panel at present, while Mary Roche and Mary Walsh have also made appearances on the senior panel. Noelle O'Driscoll was a member of the Cork junior team last season, and Carmel Mulcahy played under-18 for the county, and with regulars Aileen McCarthy and Anne Hayes also in the panel they look good enough to win.

On Sunday Killeagh and Na Piarasigh meet in the final of the under-18 league. This game has all the ingredients of a thriller as over the past few years both clubs have put a lot of effort into coaching their young players. Killeagh, who are the holders, will field a very experienced team, with nine

members of their senior team eligible. Good news for them is that captain Mary Murphy is fully recovered from the flu which caused her to miss the semi-final against Eire Og. Now at full strength, they will face Na Piarasigh full of confidence. And this is not surprising when they can call on such talented players as Patricia Fitzgibbon, Breda, Anne Marie and Catherine Landers, Catherine Griffin, Sally O'Connor and Mary Spillane.

EXPERIENCE

For their part, Na Piarasigh have some well known players, too, including Clare Harris, Martha Kearney, Imelda Cronin, Marie Coughlan, Mary Burns and Helena Fox, all of whom have worn the county colours. They will not allow their chance of a title go easily and will take a lot of beating, but Killeagh will have that bit more experience.

There is one senior league tie listed for Sunday when South Presentation take on U.C.C. at the Mardyke. This makes it a busy weekend for the College girls, but they should collect the points here as S.P.P.P. are playing their first game of the season.

There are two under-16 games due to be decided also when Blackwater and St. Fanahan's meet for the second time — the first game was a draw — and Ballincollig and Eire Og are in opposition in what should be a close encounter for the points.

In the final match of the day Douglas should take both points at the expense of Bishopstown in the Junior 'A' league.

On Monday the Cork senior panel continues its training for the National League final. The panel is: Marie O'Sullivan (St. Finbarrs), Mary Whelton (S.P.P.P.), Marie Costine

(Cloyne), Marie Ryan (Glen Rovers), Marian McCarthy (Eire Og), Patricia O'Riordan (Ballinlough), Margo Twomey (U.C.C.), Hannah Cotter (S.P.P.P.), Nancy O'Driscoll (Eire Og), Betty Joyce (Killeagh), Claire Hackett (Glen Rovers), Catherine Landers (Killeagh), Pat Moloney (do.), Marion Sweeney (do.), Marian McCarthy (S.P.P.P.), Claire Cronin (Ballyphehane), Eileen Kavanagh (Eire Og), Mary Geaney (do.), and Mary O'Leary (Watergrasshill).

Na Piarasigh panel: C. McCarthy, C. Harris, R. Guest, M. Kearney, I. Cronin, M. Coughlan, E. O'Sullivan, M. Kelly, B. Newman, B. McDonnell, M. Burns, J. Davis, A. Davis, H. Fox, M. Cronin.

Killeagh panel: P. Fitzgibbon, B. Landers, B. Murphy, M. Murphy, B. Joyce, V. Motherway, E. Seward, M. Motherway, C. Landers, S. O'Connor, A. M. Landers, M. Spillane, C. Griffin, F. O'Loughlin, S. Spillane, B. Kirby, M. Kelly, F. O'Connor.

U.C.C. panel: M. Walsh, N. Courtney, M. Hourahane, M. Roche, M. Lynch, M. Twomey, M. Kearney, L. Kennedy, B. Golden, M. Murphy, V. Murphy, A. Daly, N. O'Driscoll, B. Mitchell, N. Egan, A. Hayes, A. McCarthy, C. Mulcahy.

FIXTURES

Saturday — At Mardyke: Preliminary round Ashbourne Cup: U.C.C. v. N.U.U., Coleraine, 12.15 p.m.

Sunday — At Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney: Munster Convention, 2.30 p.m.

At Mardyke — S.L., S.P.P.P. v. U.C.C., 2.30 p.m. (Ref. Old Aloysians).

At Killeagh — U-18 final, Killeagh v. Na Piarasigh, 2.30 p.m. (Ref. P. O'Riordan, Ballinlough).

At Mitchelstown — U-16 L, Blackwater v. St. Fanahans, 2.30 (Ref. Glanworth).

At Ballincollig — U-16 L, Ballincollig v. Eire Og, 11.30 a.m. (Ref. Inniscarra).

At Douglas — J.A.L., Douglas v. Bishopstown, 2.30 p.m. (Ref.

CONVENTIONS

Two provincial conventions are also listed for this week-end, with Leinster holding their annual stocktaking at the Belvedere Hotel, Dublin, on Saturday and Munster convening at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney on Sunday. Both outgoing secretaries, Miss Mary Fennelly (Kilkenny) and Miss Eithne Neville (Limerick) present encouraging reports.

However, while Miss Neville is returned unopposed, Miss Fennelly is not seeking office again in Leinster where there three nominations for the vacant position — Miss Dorothy Walsh (Wexford), Miss Marie Cribben (Kildare) and Mrs. Beatrice Treacy (Kilkenny).

Miss Cribben, who is the current treasurer, is also nominated for that post. Miss Sophia Brack (Dublin) is not opposed as Leinster Registrar, while the holder of the Chair, Mrs. Kathleen Timmins (Dublin) is likely to continue in office.

Miss Mary Moran (Cork) will retain the Munster Chair without opposition and there is only one motion down for discussion, a Waterford request for financial assistance for counties taking part in the provincial championships.

The Munster Finals of Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa provided plenty of entertainment last week-end with Limerick, emerging victorious in four of the competitions, Cork in two and Waterford in one.

Roscommon Gaels, St. Dominics and Oran took the honours in the C.C.D. finals in Roscommon, where two new clubs have recently been formed, one at Castleroa and the other St. Barry's in the Strokestown Roskey area. An under-16 competition is in progress and the final will be played during the Easter Holidays.

40 YEARS AGO

U.C.C. failed in their bid to win the Ashbourne Cup (Universities Camogie Championship) from the holders U.C.D., when the two colleges met in the final at the U.C.C. Grounds. In a low scoring game, the Dublin girls won by a point 1-2 to 1-1, the Cork team were considered very unlucky to lose. U.C.C. were represented by T. McAuliffe (goal), C. Lehane, B. Cronin (capt.), E. Conlon, M. Cronin, N. Collins, M. Cronin, I. Kelleher, S. O'Mahony, A. Healy, M. Brennan, & Buckley.

U.C.C. SETTLE IT QUICKLY

(By Joan Morley)

U.C.C. 4-2
N.U.U. (Coleraine) 1-0

was all one-way traffic in its preliminary round Ashbourne Cup game, which was played in the most appalling weather conditions, at the U.C.C. Grounds on Saturday with U.C.C. emerging as easy winners by 4-2 to 1-0 over New University of Ulster (Coleraine).

U.C.C., the holders, took some time to settle in this game as they fought against a gale force wind. But the northern girls never used the gale to their advantage and it was the Cork girls who scored first and were 2-2 ahead before Coleraine managed their only score. At

half-time U.C.C. led by 3-2 to 1-0.

After the interval the game was more a battle with the elements and although N.U.U. tried hard to get back into it, it was U.C.C. who notched the only goal of this period and ensured themselves of a place in the competition proper in Belfast.

Scorers: U.C.C. — Aedin McCarthy 3-0, Margo Twomey 1-1, Noelle O'Driscoll 0-1. N.U.U. — Teresa McAteer 1-0.

U.C.C. — M Hanrahan, M Roche, B Mitchell, M Kearney, M Twomey, N Egan, C Mulcahy, M Murphy, M Walsh, N Courtney, N O'Driscoll, A McCarthy. Subs. A Daly for C Mulcahy; B Golden for N O'Driscoll.

N.U.U. — A Henderson, N Connolly, G Kelly, L Evans, A Mulligan, T McAteer, M Murphy, J O'Brien, H Grimes, B Lavery, A Niblock, E McElroy.

Referee: Annette O'Donovan (S.P.P.P.).



U.C.C. player M. Walsh tussling for possession with G. Kelly, N.U.U. (Coleraine) during the Ashbourne Cup game at the Mardyke, Cork, on Saturday. (Examiner)

ANOTHER WIN FOR KILLEAGH

KILLEAGH..... 1-5
NA PIARSAIGH..... 0-0

Killeagh with eight of the Loreto Convent, Youghal side who take part in the Munster Colleges final on Saturday and with six of their senior club championship winning side on duty had a merited win over Na Piarsaigh in the Cork County Under-18 camogie league final at their own venue yesterday. They however, had to withstand a tremendous second half rally from the city side who never gave up trying.

Aided by a strong wind

Killeagh were ahead by 1-1 inside ten minutes. They increased their lead to 1-5 which they held at the break.

The second half saw Na Piarsaigh encamped in the Killeagh goalmouth, but try as they did, they failed to penetrate a rock like defence and Killeagh added another title to the long list won during the past year.

MUNSTER CAMOGIE OFFICERS

At the annual convention of the Munster Camogie Council in Killarney the following officers were elected: Chairperson, Mary Moran (Cork); Vice-chairperson, Sr. Angela (Clare); Secretary, Eithne Neville (Limerick); Treasurer, Mary Casey (Cork); Registrar, Anne Marie Hynes (Clare).

Fixtures for 1978: Senior c'ship (confined to Munster), Tipperary v Limerick, Tipperary venue; Cork v Clare, Cork venue.

Junior c'ship, Tipperary v Clare, Tipperary venue. Semi-finals, winners of above v Waterford and Cork v Limerick, Cork venue.

Under 18 c'ship A, Waterford v Tipperary, Waterford venue; B, Kerry v Clare, Kerry venue. Semi-finals, Winners A v Cork; winners B v Limerick.

Under 16 c'ship, A Kerry v Clare, Kerry venue; B, Waterford v Tipperary, Waterford venue. Semi-finals, A v Limerick; B v Cork.

Club c'ship, A Clare v Kerry, Clare venue; B, Tipperary v Limerick, Tipperary venue. Semi-finals, A v Waterford; B v Cork.

Two Teams With A Lot To Play For

TOMORROW a new name will be inscribed on the Munster Senior Colleges Trophy when Loreto, Youghal, meet St. Patrick's Shannon, in the final at Youghal. And on Sunday the leagues continue.

In the past few seasons surprises have been the order in Munster Colleges camogie and this year is no exception. St. Patrick's beat Immaculate Heart by a goal (4-1 to 3-1) and then defeated the All-Ireland champions, and hot favourites, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel by 3-1 to 1-1. Defeating Cashel was a big feather in their cap and they must face the final with confidence. However, the game against Cashel was played in very bad weather conditions and this suited the Shannon girls.

For their part Loreto have played three games. They defeated North Presentation by 5-4 to 5-3 in a thriller, Sacred Heart by 0-8 to 0-3 and St. Paul's, Kilfinane by 0-6 to 1-1. Against St. Paul's they found it very difficult to take their chances around goal and in this sector they will need to show great improvement if they are to take their first Munster title. Their defence has proved very sound so far and their centre-field sector has been quite impressive. So if the forwards can manage the scores then they could — with the advantage of a home venue — take the title.

But St. Patrick's with that impressive win over the

champions, are reported to be a formidable side indeed and they will take a great deal of beating.

Nemo Argers can improve their position in the under-18 league on Sunday, when they meet Bishopstown. With Ger McCarthy in good form at present Nemo have been impressive and although they have lost two points they should manage a brace on Sunday.

In the same campaign, Ballyphehane could enhance their position also when Clare Cronin should lead them to victory over St. Finbarr's.

There are three games in the under-16 campaign. In one of these Na Piarsaigh play the final match of their section, and to-date they have not lost a point. Their opponents, Glen Rovers, have still got a few games to play, and if they can win they throw the section open.

Another important clash will be between Youghal and Killeagh, and here vital points are at stake as both have full points so far. An interesting feature here is the fact that the Loreto Girls will be in opposition.

In the final under-16 game Eire Og will be relying on Clare Kelleher, Nora Dineen and Regina O'Brien, when they meet Aghabullogue who will be depending on Joan O'Shea and Eileen Barrett.

In the only Junior "B" game listed Blackrock, who have improved greatly recently, should defeat Old Aloysians.

In preparation for the

Ashbourne Cup which will be played in Belfast on the 11th and 12th of this month and the National League final in which Cork meet Wexford on March 5th, U.C.C. and Cork will play a challenge game at the Mardyke on Sunday morning.

The draw for the Senior Championship has now been made and is as follows:—

Preliminary Round: A. Glen Rovers v. U.C.C.; B. Avondu v. South Presentation P.P.

Quarter-finals A. E. Imokilly v. Killeagh, Eire Og v. Old Aloysians and Muskerry v. Watergrasshill.

The Annual General Meeting of Glen Rovers was held recently and after a lengthy and spirited meeting the following officers were elected.

Chairman: Mrs. N. Newman; Vice-Chairman Mrs. C. Buckley; Secretary: Miss M. Nott; Treasurer Mrs. D. Coleman; P.R.O. Mrs. M. Ryan; Senior Captain Maire Ryan; Vice-Captain Mary O'Brien; Junior "B" Captain Mary Hourihan; Vice do. Liz Owens; under-18 captain Carmel Mulcahy; Vice do. Clare Hackett; under-16 Captain Sandie Fitzgibbon; Vice do. Joan Newman.

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St. Patrick's, Shannon, who defeated Loretto, Youghal, in the Munster Senior Colleges Camogie final at Burgess Cross, Killeagh. —(Bob Rock)

St. Patrick's turn on the style

ST. PATRICK'S (Shannon) 3-4
LORETO (Youghal) 2-1

St. Patrick's, Shannon, won their way into camogie fame on Saturday with a second half brilliant performance in the final of the Munster Senior Colleges championship in which they defeated Loretto, Youghal by 3-4 to 2-1 to bring them their first senior title.

Cork's lone survivors in the championships, Loretto, were left reeling at the finish of this game played at Burgess, Killeagh after they had led the Clare girls by 1-1 to 0-1 at the interval.

The opening period of this game was keenly contested with Loretto looking very good. At this stage Pat Fitzgibbon, Vera Motherway, and Breda Landers were very impressive for the homesters.

But it was a different story after the interval as St. Patrick's produced the form which saw them defeat champions, Scoil Mhuire, in the semi final. Led by Clare senior Elizabeth Condon, who got marvellous assistance from Geraldine Fahy, Joan Touhy and Bernadette Bryan, St. Pat's surged forward and after a ten minute purple patch, which produced three quick goals and two points - it was all over.

Scorers: St. Patrick's Elizabeth Condon (2-1), Bernadette Bryan (1-0), Geraldine Fahy (0-2), Joan Touhy (0-1), Loretto: Fidelma O'Connor (1-1), Barbara Kirby (1-0)

ST. PATRICK'S: L. Fox, A. Gallary, M. Carroll, C. O'Connell, R. Carroll, C. Jones, T. Shaughnessy, J. Touhy, E. Condon, R. Browne, G. Fahy, B. Bryan.

LORETO: P. Fitzgibbon, V. Motherway, B. Walsh, M. O'Sullivan, B. Landers, M. Power, B. Kirby, S. O'Connor, F. O'Connor, G. White, M. Coyne, A. M. Landers.
SUBS: M. Power and C. Coyne for B. Walsh and M. Coyne.

Cork set for Ashbourne

THE sixty-second Intersarsity Camogie series for the Ashbourne Cup is arranged for Queen's University Belfast, this weekend.

Since the inclusion the seven universities five years ago, it has been customary to play three quarter-finals, two weeks prior to the main event, and this year Dublin University, New University of Ulster and University College, Dublin were eliminated by Maynooth, University Colleges, Cork and Galway respectively, so the semi-final pairings for Saturday, at Malone are U.C.C. v U.C.G. (2.30); Q.U.B. v Maynooth (3.30).

The competition the oldest in Camogie started with three colleges, Cork, Dublin and Galway in 1915.

Queens entered the series in 1933 and the remaining three joined when Ard Choiste set up the Higher Colleges Council.

Dublin, who have won the cup twenty-seven times hold the record and this is the first time in the history of the competition that the Belfield girls were not in the last four.

Cork come next with twenty-four victories and Galway has been victorious on ten occasions. Queens, who are competing for forty-five years have yet to write their name on this cup which was presented by Lord Ashbourne, an Antrim man.

RECORD CHANCE

Cork, who equalled their own and U.C.D.'s record, of winning the cup six consecutive years last year, have a chance to make a new record and should retain the title.

Although the Southern college has dominated the series for the past few years, the Ashbourne games are keenly contested

CAMOGIE by TAUGH LINE

and are seldom won by a big score.

The host club, Queens, had a very useful side last year and will make a brave bid to take the title for the first time. However, they must first conquer Maynooth in the semi-final and that may pose a problem for them.

Angela Downey, who captains the All-Ireland champions Kilkenny and was named the Camogie Player of the Year, is Maynooth's key player and, unless the home club can master Angela, victory will be hard to achieve.

LOSERS PLATE

For the beaten quarter-finalists there is a shield known as An Dtracht. The semi-finals of this competition will be played at Malone on Saturday between U.C.D. and N.U.U. (2.30).

Both finals will be at Corrigan Park on Sunday (2.30) and (3.30).

St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon, won the Munster Senior Colleges title for the first time on Saturday last when they defeated Loretto, Youghal 3-4 to 2-1.

The winners proved themselves worthy champions as they had defeated the All-Ireland champions Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, on their way to this final.

Their next game, the All-Ireland semi-final, will be against the Connacht champions on March 11. This is also the first time that the Munster Cup has been won by a Clare school and

indeed St. Patrick's have a chance of winning the Junior Cup also when they play Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, on February 18.

In Leinster, Thomstown Vocational School, the holders, qualified for the final once again and this time they will line out against their neighbours, Ballyhale Vocational School who also reached the final last Saturday.

Thomstown got a very close run from Presentation Convent, Rerenure, in a low scoring game, the result was 1-1 to 0-2. Ballyhale were also hard pressed and their final score with Scoil Bride, Enniscorthy was 4-5 to 3-5.

It should be a very keen final between these two schools which are only five miles apart. Thomstown are also in the junior final against Assumption Convent, Walkinstown.

There was a great air of hope for the future at the Ulster Convention held in Casement Park last Sunday.

All counties reported progress at home and like Munster there is a great emphasis on under-age competition. In Cavan, especially, youth takes pride of place. There are twenty-eight schools taking part in a Primary Schools Championship and how well these are doing is proved by the fact that Cavan schools won the Community Games competition for the past two years.

Armagh is publishing a history of camogie. Derry have tackled the referees problem and a course is planned for the near future.

Antrim and Monaghan who won the Ulster Championships are well organised and Donegal is quickly building a strong North Western area where Ann Carroll, the National Coach is

spreading the game among the schools.

Portlennone, Antrim has won the club championship and on the colleges front the Council has the highest affiliation of all the provinces with forty-two schools participating.

All the outgoing officers were returned unopposed and they are — Chairman, Mrs. M. Lynch (Monaghan); vice-chairman, Miss M. Smyth (Antrim); secretary, Mrs. R. Traynor (Fermanagh); treasurer, Rev. Fr. A. Davis

(Down); registrar, Mrs. McManus (Antrim).

In Dublin, University College gained recompense for defeat in the Ashbourne Cup where they won the Curran Cup.

They defeated Austin Stacks 2-0 to 1-1 at Belfield on Saturday last. Austin Stacks had been the holders, Celtic, in the semi-final. The students took the lead and once they showed determination to withhold losers' late rally.

U.C.C. Chase Seventh Title

are this evening on their way to Belfast, where they are chasing an unbelievable seventh successive Ashbourne Cup title. Queens University, Belfast, play hosts this year and the Cork girls have a tough weekend ahead of them, beginning with the marathon journey North.

On the home front the leagues have reached a vital stage with many important games listed for Sunday.

U.C.C. qualified for the Ashbourne Cup, proper with a rather facile win over N.U.U. (Coleraine) and they open their weekend campaign with a semi final tie against U.C.G. From reports the Galway girls have an extremely efficient backline, and having defeated a strongly fancied U.C.D., in the preliminaries, they must be treated with the greatest respect.

In the second semi-final Queens meet Maynooth in what should be another cracking game. Queens, who are strongly favoured to reach the final, will have home venue and backing behind them and with fine young players in Anne McAllister, Freda Carroll and Claire Convery, they look their strongest for some years. But Maynooth have Camogie Player of the Year, Angela Downey, to lead them and she will be ably supported by Chris Silke and Breda Larkin. Maynooth won the higher education league last season and are determined to make it a double this year. And they will be hard to beat.

Cork have been training very hard for the Ashbourne. They have of course lost some of their prominent players of last season, but

they can still field a very useful side.

Mary Roche, Margo Twomey and Mary Walsh are all established senior players of intercounty standard, while Noreen Egan, Noreen Courtney, Aedin McCarthy and Noelle O'Driscoll are other impressive members of their panel.

During the past five years U.C.C. have overcome many obstacles on their way to victory and in spite of their long journey and the strength of the opposition, they are travelling with a quiet confidence of yet another success. In any event they will have the good wishes of all Cork followers behind them.

LEAGUE GAMES

Back on the home front there will be plenty of interest in the League games. There are two junior "A" games listed. In the first of these St. Finbarr's helped by Marie O'Sullivan (a member of the Cork senior panel) and Ann Moore, could prove too strong for the Claire Harris, Imelda Cronin, and Marie Coughlan inspired Na Piarsaigh.

In the second "A" tie Ballyphehane with Margo Sugrue, Claire Cronin, Hilary Walker and Gay Desmond, should prove too strong for Eire Og's second string. Eire Og will be depending for their power on Ann and Teresa Lucey and Mairead O'Brien.

In the Junior "B" Campaign Cobh could just get the edge over Blackwater.

There are two under-18 games down for decision. In one of these Killeagh meet Churchtown. Here the

rampant Killeagh will be favourites to take both points.

In the second tie in this competition Nemo Rangers, who are doing well in the campaign should advance further at the expense of the young Blackwater side.

The Co. Board has asked me to remind clubs that those who have not already done so must register immediately for the 1978 season.

This is the time of the year for A.G.M.'s and during last week Old Aloysians had their annual get together. Their officers for the coming season are:— Chairman: Mary Moran; Vice-Chairman: Judy Walsh; Secretary: Eleanor Hackett; Treasurer: Nuala Jennings; Delegate to Co. Board: Eleanor Hackett; Senior Captain Nuala Jennings; Junior Captain: Marion Ahern; Under-18 Captain Deirdre Ahern; Under-14 Capt. Carol Ahern.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY:

At Malone Road, Belfast: Ashbourne Cup semi-finals, 2 p.m. U.C.C. v U.C.G. 3 p.m. Maynooth v. Queens. Sunday at Corrigan Park, Belfast, Ashbourne Cup final 3 p.m.

At St. Finbarr's: J. "A" L. St. Finbarr's v. Na Piarsaigh 2.30 (Ref. Old Aloysians)

At Middleton, U-18 League: Killeagh v. Churchtown 11.30 (Ref. Cloyne)

At Owens J. "A" League: Eire Og v. Ballyphehane 3 p.m. (Ref. Ballincollig)

At Cobh, J. "B" League: Cobh v. Blackwater 2.30 (Ref. Carrigtwohill)

At Ballinure, U-18 League: ... v Blackrock

COLLEGES FINAL DAY IN MUNSTER

THE FIRST of the Provincial Colleges Finals is down for decision on Saturday next when Loreto Convent, Youghal, play St. Patrick's, Shannon, in the Munster final. Youghal, who have a home venue, mastered Immaculate Heart Convent, Cork, on their way to the Final while St. Patrick's, scored a surprise win over the All-Ireland Champions, Presentation Convent, Cashel, in their passage.

Leinster Colleges, who played all four quarter finals in their Senior Cup, last Saturday, are now ready for the semi-final stages. The holders of the Stuart Cup, Vocational School, Thomastown, scored a runaway victory over Scoil Iosa, Kilcock, scoring 9-1 to 1-0.

Presentation, Terenure (5-5) and Vocational School, Ballyhale (1-7) both won their games without conceding a score to Mercy Convent, Athy, and St. Kevins, Dunlavin, respectively, while in the fourth zone, Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy got the better of their close rivals Vocational School, Kilmuckridge 5-1 to 2-1.

The semi-finals are fixed for Saturday: Thomastown v Terenure and Enniscorthy v Ballyhale.

LAST FOUR IN CUP

The four semi-finalists, for the Ashbourne Cup, the inter-varsity Camogie championship are now known.

In last Saturday's game University College, Cork, and Maynooth advanced as was expected, when they defeated New University of Ulster and Dublin University comfortably.

In the third game, at Belfield, University College, Galway, came from behind to oust University College, Dublin, and gain the fourth place. The pairings for the semi-finals, which are arranged for Belfast on February 11, are: U.C.C. v U.C.G.; Q.U.B. v Maynooth.

Both Leinster and Munster Councils reported successful and progressive seasons to their annual meetings which were held respectively at Dublin on Saturday and Killarney on Sunday. Leinster retained the Senior championship and Club championship titles, while Munster

the Gael Linn Interprovincial title, the National League and the Senior Colleges.

Both Provinces, too, have promoted the game inside. Kerry are now active in Munster and Carlow has joined the fold in Leinster.

All the outgoing officers were re-elected in Munster and they are—Chairman, Miss M. Moran (Cork); vice-chairman, Sr. Angela (Tipperary); secretary, Miss E. Neville (Limerick); treasurer, Mrs. M. Casey (Cork); registrar, A. M. O'Loughlin (Clare).

There is one change in personnel in the Leinster Council. Miss Mary Fennelly, who did not seek re-election hands over the secretaryship to another Kilkenny lady, Mrs. B. Treacy, who was the vice chairman.

The newcomer to the latter position is Mrs. K. Walsh (Wicklow). Mrs. K. Timmins, Dublin, is still in the chair as are Miss Marie Cribben (Kildare) and Miss Sophia Brack (Dublin, treasurer and registrar, respectively.

ULSTER CONVENTION

Last of the Provincial Conventions is arranged for Casement Park, Belfast where the Ulster Counties will convene at 1.30.

In the replay of the Curran Cup semi-final Austin Stacks surprised the holders and the county champions, Celtic, winning the replay 1-4 to 0-1 at Phoenix Park last Sunday.

The winners take on University College in the Final on Sunday next in Phoenix Park (12.0). The students, who are out of the Ashbourne series, will be very keen to salvage some prestige with victory in this competition and may give Austin Stacks a run for

The Ashbourne Cup Goes West

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE GALWAY won the University Camogie championship for the Ashbourne Cup when they defeated Maynooth College in the final at Corrigan Park Belfast yesterday by 3-2 to 2-0.

Maynooth held the initiative in the first half and had a five-point lead at the break—2-0 to 0-1, but, in a thrilling second half the Galway girls put in a storming rally to take the trophy West.

The Galway girls opened the scoring in the ninth minute when Rosaleen Lynch sent over a point. However, this was to be Galway's only score of the first half, despite some fine play by their midfield line of Brigid Thompson and Mary Naughton.

Kilkenny inter-county player Angela Downey, was the inspiration behind the Maynooth side. Angela put Maynooth ahead after 12 minutes with a fine goal and she initiated the second which Breda Carr sent to the net three minutes later.

Paid Off

Galway, who accounted for UCC in the semi-finals, dominated in attack in the opening quarter of the second half, but failed to get the vital scores.

Goalkeeper Ann O'Donoghue and Chris Silke were impressive in a Maynooth defence which did well to withstand the pressures in that opening 15 minutes.

However, in the last quarter,

the Galway teamwork and skill finally paid off. Kathleen Maylan reduced the arrears with a goal in the 19th minute and Elenor O'Leary pointed two minutes later.

Brigid Thompson and Mary Naughton, backed by goalkeeper Breda Coady and outstanding full-back, Bernadette Larkin, spearheaded Galway's final rally and they were rewarded when Kathleen Maylan scored her second goal in the 23rd minute and Noelle Byrne sealed Manooth's fate with another goal a minute later.

Scorers—U.C.G.—K. Maylan (2-0); N. Byrne (1-0); E. O'Leary and R. Lynch (0-1 each) Maynooth—A. Downey and B.Carr (1-0 each).

U.C.D. 10-2
T.C.D. 0-0

U.C.D. took the shield (An Duthracht) competition when they comfortably beat a determined T.C.D. side.

Although U.C.D. were the stronger and more skilful side, the scoreline does not reflect Trinity's great effort.

The Trinity girls did well to hold their Dublin neighbours for the first quarter. However,

after a Norie O'Sullivan goal in the 14th minute, U.C.D. gained complete control and led 5-1 to nil at half-time.

Scorers—U.C.D.—N. O'Sullivan (4-1); M. Mic Raois and S. O'Driscoll (2-0 each); P. Cummins (1-1); C. Doherty (1-0).

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DELANY HEADS THE COUNCIL OF STARS

By SEAN DIFFLEY

RONNIE DELANY, Olympic 1,500 metres champion in Melbourne in 1956, is to be the chairman of the Sports Council, as exclusively forecast in yesterday's "Irish Independent". The names of the 25-man Council were announced yesterday afternoon by Mr. Jim Tunney, Minister of State, with responsibility for sport. Johnny Giles, Noel Murphy, Mary McKenna, Dr. Kevin O'Flanagan, Noel Carroll, Denis Coughlan, Tony Hanahoe and Mick Dowling are among the famous sporting personalities who will be members of the Council.

There will be two members from Northern Ireland. They are Dick Ferguson, the former Unionist M.P., and Mrs. Rosina McManus, a former member of the Northern Ireland Sports Council, who is prominently identified with camogie.

While Mrs. McManus's appointment is fairly predictable the appointment of Mr. Ferguson is the most dramatic of the lot. Dick Ferguson virtually disappeared from public life in 1969. The Stormont member of South Antrim resigned from the Orange Order in August 1969. He did so "as a contribution to better community relations," but as a result of extremist threats and "for the sake of my wife and three children," the Belfast barrister resigned his seat in parliament in October 1969.

Since then, apparently, he has been identified — both north and south — with adventure sports and Mr. Tunney remarked in announcing the composition of the Council that "Dick Ferguson's loss to public life was a gain to sport."

One of the terms of reference of the new Sports Council (which has an official shorthand title of "Cospair") is that it will "as appropriate, consult with the Northern Sports Council on all occasions where mutual interests may be served."

UNDERSTANDING

Mr. Tunney remarked that there was "considerable friendship and understanding with the Northern Council" and he was optimistic that the "friendship and understanding would be developed."

Also included among the Council members are Colonel P. J. Barry, the Army Director of Training and Assistant

Commissioner Eamonn Doherty of the Garda. Their inclusion is intended as a boost to sport in the Army and Garda where, as Mr. Tunney remarked, "it did not enjoy the prominence it deserved."

The Minister mentioned that "the respective Ministers responsible for the Army and Garda have indicated that they would like to see greater emphasis on sport in their areas of responsibility."

The general terms of reference of the Sports Council will be to act as adviser in the implementation of the Government's policy on "Sport For All"; to develop sport and recreation as leisure pursuits and to help raise the standards of performance in competitive sport.

Captain Michael McDonagh, physical education inspector to the Department of Education, will act as chief technical adviser to the Sports Council and, at a later date, an administrative section will be appointed to service the Council.

It is visualised that a civil servant, probably of principal

The terms of reference for the new National Sports Council are:—

1. The Council will:—
 - (a) act as adviser to the Minister of State at the Department of Education in relation to the implementation of the Government's policy on "Sport for All".
 - (b) promote initiatives and innovative measures in regard to:— (i) the development of sport and physical recreation as leisure pursuits; (ii) the raising of standards of performance in competitive sport.
2. In pursuance of the foregoing the Council will:—
 - (a) consult with National governing bodies of sport, Government Departments and Local Authorities in connection with the provision of facilities, services and information;
 - (b) examine in consultation with industrial and community interests suitable recreational programmes and encourage or support all research and study appropriate to such programmes;
 - (c) assess the coaching and other needs of sport in Ireland, with particular reference to international competition.

- (d) furnish recommendations in regard to any matter referred to it for consideration by the Minister of State.

3. The Sports Council will prepare, submit and recommend to the Minister of State an annual budget for: (i) the requirements of each of the national governing bodies of sport and (ii) the requirements of the Council for the execution of its functions.

4. The Council will as appropriate, consult with the Northern Ireland Sports Council on all occasions where mutual interests may be served.

5. The Council will co-operate as appropriate with other countries and organisations in the interests of sport and physical recreation.

6. Members of the Council may hold office for a term of three years and will be eligible for re-appointment thereafter.

7. The Council will be served by a Chief Executive Officer and other officers for the purpose of the discharge of its functions.

8. Subject to such directions as the Minister of State in the exercise of his responsibility may issue, the Council shall have autonomy in the exercise of its function.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

AND THE 25 MEMBERS ARE...

THE MEMBERS of the Sports Council are:

- RONNIE DELANY (chairman), Assistant General Manager B+I.
- BOBBY BUCKLEY (vice-chairman), C.E.O., Co. Cork V.E.C.
- COL. P. J. BARRY, Director of Training, Permanent Defence Force.
- NOEL CARROLL, F.R.O. Dublin Corporation, R.L.F.
- SEN. JOE CONNOLLY, general secretary, National Community Games.
- DENIS COUGHLAN, Cork hurler.
- PADDY CREHAN, president N.A.C.A.
- PAT CURLEY, P.E. Teacher, Sionain Regional Technical College.
- Asst. Commissioner E. J. DOHERTY, Garda Síochána.
- MICK DOWLING, former international boxer.
- NOEL DRUMGOOLE, Bore na nCon, chairman Activities Committee GAA and former Dublin hurler.
- LORD DUNRAVEN, president Irish Wheelchair Association.
- DICK FERGUSON, former M.P., Northern Ireland.
- JOHN GILES, manager Irish soccer team.
- NORMAN GREEN, hon. secretary Irish Amateur Swimming Assoc.
- TONY HANAHOE, Dublin football team manager.
- THOMAS HEALY, personnel and sports manager, Waterford Glass.
- MRS. EDITH HUDSON, member of governing body Thomond College and former principal Lins P.E. College.
- JIM LYDON, sports journalist, Galway.
- JOSS LYNAM, president Association For Adventure Sports.
- JOE LYNCH, secretary, Irish Handball Council.
- MARY MCKENNA, international golfer.
- MRS. ROSIAN McMANUS, former member Northern Ireland Soccer Council.
- NOEL MURPHY, Irish Rugby team coach and selector.
- DR. KEVIN O'FLANAGAN, Vice-President Olympic Council of Ireland and member of International Olympic Committee.

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Thomastown defend title in unique attraction

By TAOBH LINE

JOAN'S BUSY DAY

The only player listed to play on both teams is Joan Lanigan who captains the junior side and is also listed to play at midfield for the seniors. The opposition will be provided by the only Dublin schools to reach the finals. Assumption, Walkinstown, who had a thrilling semi-final victory over Scoil Iosa, Kilcock.

Their best players then were Esther Rutherford, Lora Beasley, Linda Byrne, Ann Thorpe and Jackie Smith and a repeat of that form would leave them in with a great chance.

Meanwhile, down in Munster St. Patrick's, Shannon, powered by six of their victorious senior side, will travel very hopefully indeed to Cashel in a bid to complete the Munster double.

They were very impressive in their early appearances and their morale will be greatly boosted by the fact that their seniors have already accounted for the Cashel girls who were the reigning All-Ireland champions.

However, Cashel are usually a very strong force indeed on home ground, and anxious now to compensate for senior defeat could fail the Clare girls ambitions of completing the double.

QUIET DAY

The All-Ireland junior Colleges semi-finals are scheduled for Saturday, March 4, with three senior semi-finals following a week later, and both finals due at Croke Park on April 15.

On senior fields Sunday next is a quiet day, following the big surprise last weekend when the All-Ireland club specialists St. Pauls from Kilkenny surrendered their title when losing to Portlennane at the Antrim club's venue. Once again Mairead McAtamney was the inspiration of the Antrim champions who could prove a force in the final.

They will not know their opponents however for at least another week or so as the other semi-final between the Connacht and Galway champions, Athenry, and the Limerick and Munster representatives, Ballygran, had to be postponed last Sunday because of snow, and has not yet been re-fixed.

The most likely date for that game now is Sunday week, March 5, which is also the date of the National League final between Cork and Wexford.

EXPERIENCED

Thomastown are defending a title they won for the first time a year ago, and it is to their advantage that, in the earlier stages of this competition which were played on the League system, they met and defeated Ballyhale. Captain Margaret Farrell was a member of the Kilkenny panel that won the All-Ireland and Leinster senior championship in 1977.

She had already played minor for the County but the team she leads is very experienced as eight were on last year's winning senior side and 10 hold Leinster junior medals, seven have won provincial minor honours with Kilkenny and five have played for the Kilkenny juniors. Outstanding in their hard-earned semi-final victory over Presentation Tereure were Margaret Farrell, Anne Aisward-Dowling and Anne Aisward.

Ballyhale, however, can boast of two Kilkenny All-Ireland senior players in Ju Dunne and Anne Holden whose sister Joan, will be playing for Thomastown. Their only defeat in this year's competition was by Thomastown, and they are very hopeful of avenging that defeat this time.

Ulster making fast progress to top

THE Ulster Camogie convention at Casement Park, Belfast, yesterday, was attended by the All-Ireland Camogie President, Mrs. Agnes Purcell, of Dublin.

In her address to the delegates, Mrs. Purcell was delighted at the work being done for camogie in Ulster, especially in Antrim, and she was more than impressed by the development of the game in the schools and colleges. With the work being done in the schools she predicted that Ulster could be a camogie centre in a very short time. However, the Ulster chairperson, Mrs. Lynch, of Monaghan, who was returned unopposed to the chair was very critical of the counties who did not bother to

send delegates to the various Ulster Council meetings.

She impressed that if the game was to develop, full attendance was necessary at these meetings.

She was also very pleased with the co-operation that the Association was getting from the G.A.A. in the province. This co-operation was of the highest level ever, she said.

Officials elected: Chairperson: Mrs. Lynch (Monaghan); Vice-Chairman: Miss M. Smith (Antrim); Secretary: Mrs. R. Traynor (Fermanagh); Asst. Secretary: Miss M. McCoy (Down); Treasurer: Fr. David Downes; Ulster Team officials elected were: Mrs. Lynch, Michael Browne (Down); Bell O'Loughlin (Down).

THOMASTOWN IN 'STUART' FINAL

Vocational School, Thomastown 1-1
Presentation Convent, Tereure 0-2

THE HOLDERS, Thomastown, qualified for the final of the Stuart Cup when they overcame last year's defeated finalists, Tereure, yesterday.

In a fast and exciting game, there was little between the teams. Thomastown goal after three minutes, and though they attacked frequently, Tereure's only scores in the first half were two points from frees.

The second half was just as keenly contested. Jean Lanigan, on the wing was outstanding for the winners, and her point from play with five minutes remaining put the issue beyond doubt.

Scorers: Thomastown: A. Kirwan (1-0), J. Lanigan (0-1). Tereure: E. Murphy (0-2).

U.C.D. 2-0
Austin Stacks 1-1

U.C.D. became holders of the Curran Cup for the first time when they defeated Austin Stacks, at Bellfield, yesterday.

In a fast and exciting game, Maura O'Sullivan pointed a free to give Stacks the lead midway through the first half. Although aided by the breeze they failed to score further—where good defensive work by U.C.D. and Kathleen O'Keeffe, in particular,

was a major factor in holding the Stacks' attack.

The exchanges were equally keen in the second half. A Margaret Rooney goal after five minutes put the College ahead and this lead was further increased when Marie Varley finished a good movement to the net.

Scorers: U.C.D.: M. Rooney (1-0), M. Varley (1-0).

Austin Stacks: A. McManus (1-0), M. O'Sullivan (0-1).

OTHER RESULTS

Stuart Cup—Semi-Finals: Vocational School, Ballyhale, 4-5; Mercy Convent, Ennisacorney, 3-5.

Purcell Cup—Semi-Finals: Vocational School, Thomastown, 3-1; Vocational School, Tullamore, 0-0; Assumption School, Walkinstown, 2-0; Scoil Iosa, Kilcock, 1-1.

LEINSTER COLLEGES Semi-final—Thomastown, 1-1; Presentation, Tereure, 0-2. Junior Semi-final—Thomastown V.S., 1-1; Tullamore, 0-0.

Three U.C.C. players on Combined side

Three U.C.C. players have won places on the Combined Universities camogie team which was selected following the Ashbourne Cup competitions in Belfast last weekend.

Margo Twomey of Canovee, Mary Roche of Butte vant and Mary Walsh of St. Finbarr's will represent the Cork University on the team, which will also include representatives from four other Universities. The team is:—

B. Coady (U.C.G.), M. Roche (U.C.C.), M. Moroney (Q.U.B.), C. Silke (Maynooth), M. Twomey (U.C.C.), M. Swail (Q.U.B.), A. McAlister (Q.U.B.), F. Walsh (T.C.D.), M. Walsh (U.C.C.), A. Downey (Maynooth), N. Byrne (U.C.G.), K. Moylan (U.C.G.), Subs: T. Gilchrist (Q.U.B.), Evans (N.U.U.), B. Thomson (U.C.G.), K. Doherty (U.C.D.).

Knocked Out

PORTGLENONE 1-4
ST. PAULS 0-3

St. Pauls, Kilkenny, the All-Ireland Club Camogie champions, were knocked out of the competition at Portlennane yesterday. They were defeated by the local side in a well-contested and exciting semi-final.

The ground play and fast striking of the Antrim girls was more effective on the heavy sod and they had a match winner in Mairead McAtamney, who landed four points from frees. She was ably assisted by her two nieces, Siobhan and Jackie McAtamney, and goalie Susan Dillon.

For St. Pauls the Downey twins and Bridie Martin were best.

SCORERS: Portlennane — M. McAtamney (0-4), A. M. O'Neill (1-0). St. Pauls—Angela Downey (0-2), Ann Downey (0-1).

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Scoll Mhuire, Cashel 2-2
St. Patrick's, Shannon 2-1

THE final of the Munster Colleges junior camogie championship at Cashel on Saturday aroused considerable controversy and confusion at the conclusion of the game when Limerick referee Carrie Clancy announced the homes side as winners by 2-2 to 2-1.

The bewildered St. Patrick's supporters and indeed a number of neutrals including our reporter understood that the match had ended in a 2-2 draw. St. Patrick's claimed that a legitimate point scored by their star player Lourdes de Fox late in the first half was not credited by the referee.

Some doubt certainly existed as the eventual winners did not give the obvious cheer of victory until they had consulted the referee after which they gave vent to their success.

Later an official from Shannon school said they intended to lodge an objection.

Cashel looked set for victory immediately after the resumption when Michele Fogarty blazed home two great goals. The Shannon girls never panicked but battled on bravely. Lourdes de Fox flicked over a point to reduce the leeway and then followed with a great goal.

Scorers — Cashel: Michele Fogarty 2-1, Caroline Kelly 0-1. St. Patrick's Shannon: Lourdes de Fox 2-1.

Cashel: A. Fitzgerald, A. Anglim, E. Lawrence, M. Maher, K. Maxwell, C. Kelly, U. Cummins, E. Bonnar, M. Fogarty (capt.), S. Morrissey, K. McCluskey, C. Bargary.

St. Patrick's: C. Power, A. Gallery, D. Curran, M. Carroll, R. O'Brien, C. Jones (capt.), C. O'Meara, P. Austen, L. de Fox, R. Browne, C. Fitzgibbon, B. Brien.

Wexford may make up for lost final

CORK AND Wexford will contest the second National Camogie League Final at Clonroche next Sunday and the winners will receive the Allied Irish Bank Silver Cup and medals. Wexford will be contesting the final for the second time. Last year they drew with Tipperary at Wexford but lost the replay at Thurles where Tipperary won the first National Camogie League.

Cork, who did not compete last year, won the Western Zone with full points, defeating holders, Tipperary, Clare, Galway and Limerick.

Wexford, on the other hand, had a harder battle to qualify for Sunday's final. They lost on their first outing against Kilkenny who in turn lost to Dublin, consequently all three counties finished on level points.

In the play-off Wexford beat both Kilkenny and Dublin but by the time these games were played the final, fixed for mid-November, had to be put forward to March.

Match practice for both teams has been greatly hindered by the recent bad weather so the form is hard to assess. The last time they met was in the open-draw championship game last July and on that occasion Wexford won 3-8 to 1-3.

The home side have very experienced players in Margaret Lacey, Dorothy and Elsie Walsh, Bridgid Doyle and Kit Codd as well as a burning incentive to win a National Title to atone for their defeats in the Senior and Junior All-Irelands.

Cork, who dominated the intercounty scene during the first five years of the seventies, winning three All-Ireland senior titles and appearing in six finals in a row, have now a blend of youth and experience.

All Ireland medal holders Pat Moloney, Marion Sweeney and Marie Costine will get plenty of assistance from the Cork minors of '75 and '76 who have now graduated to senior ranks. Patricia Riordan, Betty Joyce

and Claire Cronin are on the Cork panel for Sunday.

On paper, Wexford appear to have the stronger side and my vote goes to a Slaneyside victory, but Cork have plenty of talent and, if Mary O'Leary gets any opening in attack, the cup could find its home by the Lee.

THIRD TIME LUCKY

The postponed club championship semi-final between Athenry and Ballygran (Limerick) is rearranged for Athenry next Sunday, 3.0.

Athenry, who gain their strength from the local Presentation Convent, have won the Connacht title for the third year in a row. In 1975 they lost the final to Croagh-Kilfinny, another Limerick club, by a point and last year they were beaten by St. Pauls in the final also. No doubt they will be hoping that this will be third time lucky for them.

They have a host of young and accomplished players available for selection, such prominent Galway players as Midge Poniard, Ann Morris, Ann Delaney, the Duane sisters, Olive Coady and goalie Breda Coady.

Ballygran, with five of the Limerick Junior All-Ireland winning side in their team, do not lack talent either. They had the harder campaign to qualify for this game. They first beat the Munster champions Drom and Inch and were well tested in the final by Eire Og of Cork.

This should be a game worth seeing with the vote going to the local side many of whom are involved in the college games

and may be fitter than the Limerick girls.

THOMASTOWN'S DOUBLE

Five Colleges Provincial Finals were decided last week-end. Thomastown Vocational School achieved the Leinster double, winning the Stuart Cup — Senior Championship, and the Purcell Cup — Junior Championship.

In the senior game Ballyhale put up a spirited fight with the issue in doubt until the final whistle.

The winners of the junior, however, proved too good for Walkinstown Assumption Convent.

LORETO HOLD OUT

In Ulster, Loreto, Coleraine, just held out to defeat Coochill 4-1 to 4-0 in a brilliant final. Bawnboy proved the surprise side here beating Loreto, Letterkenny, by 10 goals to a point. Bawnboy have already won a national camogie title as the majority of these players were on the winning community games team in 1975. They will be at home to Thomastown Juniors in the All-Ireland semi-final tomorrow.

The following officers were elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Tipperary Board last Saturday:

Chairperson: Bernadette Dowd; Vice-Chairperson: Jimmy Carroll; Secretary: Patricia O'Brien; Treasurer: Siobhan Tynan.

The board will hold its first annual dinner dance in the Munster Hotel, Thurles, on Friday night.

Cork Seek First Title

CORK will be looking for their first National Camogie League title on Sunday next when they travel to Wexford to take on that county in the final. This will be Wexford's second successive final, as they went down to Tipperary in last year's decider. On the home front the leagues continue.

Cork and Wexford are old rivals and on Sunday a thriller will be expected when the sides meet to contest the 1977 National League final. Wexford have pulled ahead of Cork in recent contests. They defeated Cork in 1968 and 1975 to win All-Ireland titles, although Cork had a decisive win over them to take the 1971 All-Ireland.

Cork did not play in the 1976 National League and are participating for the first time. On their way to the final they overcome Tipperary, the holders, Limerick, Clare and Galway to take full points from their section. Wexford dropped two points along their route and had to come through a play-off to qualify.

Wexford are a vastly experienced side who know each other's play inside out.

Sisters Bridget Doyle and Kit Codd intended to retire after the 1977 All-Ireland final, but Wexford flopped to Kilkenny on that occasion and they decided not to finish their illustrious careers on a sour note. However, they hope to go out in a blaze of glory on Sunday.

Wexford have been a most exciting team over the past decade or so and have some very fine players on their side. Bridget Doyle and Margaret Lacey (O'Leary) both have three All-Ireland medals (1968, 1969 and 1975). Bridget's sister, Kit Codd, won All-Ireland honours with Dublin before returning to play for her native county. Wexford have other excellent players in Elsie Walsh, Eileen Kehoe and Kathleen Tonks.

Cork have not been finding things so easy in recent years following their tremendous four All-Ireland titles in a row, and a National League title would be just the boost they need.

CHANGES

A number of changes are expected on the Cork side which went under to Wexford in the All-Ireland last July. Cally O'Riordan is

not available for selection, while some other members have not been producing their best form of late and others raise doubts about their fitness. So there might well be an unusual look about the side. Marie O'Sullivan of St. Finbarrs and Mary M. Geaney and Marion McCarthy of Eire Og have been added to the panel and on present form they will press hard for places. Then you have young players like Patricia Riordan, Clare Cronin and Betty Joyce who have shown such enthusiasm for the game in recent work-outs that it will be hard to keep them off the side. And of course there are such experienced Cork players as Pat Moloney, Mary O'Leary and Marie Costine who must be in strong contention.

The Cork selectors have not named their side at the time of writing and certainly their task would appear to be a difficult one. It is never easy to beat Wexford, especially on their own ground. However, Cork have come out against the odds before and if they can show the spirit which brought them so much success a few years back, then they could win on Sunday. But it won't be easy.

Cork panel: Mary Whelton, Marie O'Sullivan, Margo Twomey, Marie Costine, Hannah Cotter, Marion McCarthy (S.P.P.), Betty Joyce, Marie Mackey, Patricia Riordan, Pat Maloney, Catherine Landers, Claire Hackett, Clare Cronin, Mary O'Leary, Eileen Kavanagh, Marion Sweeney, Mary Geaney, Marion McCarthy (Eire Og), and Nancy O'Driscoll.

Wexford panel: Kathleen Tonks, Margaret Lacey, Deirdre Cousins, Joan Murphy, Mairead Darcy, Breda Murphy, Bernie Doyle, Dorothy Walsh, Kit Codd, Elsie Walsh, Eileen Kehoe, Bridget Doyle, Martina Cousins, Geraldine Duggan, Eileen O'Gorman and Teresa Kehoe.

All Sunday's League games are refixtures. In these Nemo Rangers should beat Blackrock in the under-18 competition; Cobh should take both points from St. Fanahans in the junior 'B' league, and in the same competition a division of the points might be on the cards in the clash between Carrigaline and Ballygarvan.

This year the Feile na nGael Festival of hurling and camogie will be held in Kilkenny on July 8 and 9 next. Kilkenny will be able to cater for 12 camogie teams. All those interested should send entries for the Feile county competitions and skills competition to the Secretary of the Co. Board on or before March 6 next.

...Ireland's one-nil away victory over Scotland in Alloa on Saturday last. On Sunday she was back in Ireland, playing for Cork's camogie team against Wexford in the National League.



It was one of her more spectacularly busy weekends in a remarkably full sporting life.

The 24-year-old business girl from Castleisland has also been the Munster singles badminton champion, is the only woman playing in the Kerry squash league and is one of the leading members of the local ladies Gaelic football team.

In a "football mad" area, Mary's first love was Gaelic football. Both her father Con and her brother Dave played with the county team and as long as she can remember she has been kicking a football in the local sports ground.

She took up camogie at ten, playing on the local national schools team. She knew nothing about hockey until she enrolled in the Ursuline convent.

"I was quite dangerous 'out the field,' probably because of the way I was swinging the stick, so the school trainer, Mrs. Joan Dorgan gave me a trial in goal and I have played there mostly since," she says.

What made her a good hockey goalkeeper was her unusual ability as a footballer. "Keeping goal in hockey was more or less the same thing."

Out of school she played junior for a year with Old Ursulines and was nineteen before coming on to the first team.

Afterwards she made rapid progress to representative honours, graduating to the inter-provincial squad and then to the international side.

She now has eighteen caps and probably touched peak form in her performance against Scotland over the weekend. The home side forced 24 penalty corners and a penalty stroke which Mary saved.

She plays camogie with Eire Og and has a Cork championship medal with the club. On occasion she has played outfield hockey, hurling and badminton on the same day.

The mixture of games presents her with no problems despite the considerable difference in technique between the two sports.

variety. Most weeks she plays badminton and/or squash on five or even six nights, as a prelude to a Saturday hockey game and sometimes, on a Sunday, a hurling match in Cork 70 miles away from Castleisland.

She refuses to commit herself on her favourite sport, and hopes to go on doing them all as long as time allows.

Already, however, she has had to cut back on her badminton commitments. Two years ago she won the Munster senior singles and last year took the ladies senior singles.

Selected for the inter-pro team, fixtures clashes have kept her out of the Munster badminton scene for most of this season.

Nancy O'Driscoll, another who has combined camogie and hockey at top level, says Mary Geaney's major attribute is her dedication.

In addition to the frenetic round of competition in five different sports — she was also a promising tennis player — the Castleisland girl rarely neglects training.

She runs about three miles twice a week and also puts in some indoor physical training. She has an attractive, deprecating approach to her own success and her commitment to sport.

For instance: "I am five foot-five and nine stone. If I did not exercise I'd get as round as a barrel." Of all the sports she reckons squash is the toughest, more exhausting than badminton singles. "After a hard game you really feel as if you are wrong out."

She obviously enjoys her unique position in the local squash league, competing against men and this year winning three of her five games.

"None of my squash opponents ever say anything much, but I suppose they must be at a disadvantage," she admits.

Mary's favourite games are hurling and Gaelic football. She sees nothing incongruous in women playing football.

Her ambitions are to win an Irish Cup in hockey and a camogie All-Ireland with Cork — an unusual achievement for a Kerry girl. She has no steady boyfriend and cheerfully

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MARY GEANEY



Last Saturday Mary Geaney was in unbeatable form in goal as Ireland's ladies hockey side began their defence of the Triple Crown with a 1-0 victory over Scotland at Alloa and won the Player of the Match award. But she was unable to wait for the presentation as she dashed back to play full forward for the Cork Camogie side which lost to Wexford in the National League final at Clonroche on Sunday.



WEXFORD'S CAMOGIE TITLE

Wexford, 2-5; Cork, 0-4

SUCCESS at last fell to the camogie players of Wexford at Clonroche (Co. Wexford) yesterday when they gained some compensation for being runners up for last year's National League and all-Ireland titles, by winning the 1977/78 League final, beating Cork by 2-5 to 0-4.

It was a well merited success for the Wexford girls who fielded a rich blend of experience and youth. They started gloriously with an early point by Margaret Leacy and a goal from a close in free by Brigid Doyle. These veterans who have won every honour in the game, delighted the home crowd with their determination and uncanny anticipation.

Youngsters of the calibre of Kathleen Tonks (goal) and Deirdre Cousins also impressed.

As Cork overcame early nerves and settled down to play with speed and skill, it was this pair who denied them many scores.

Cork rallied so well that they were just four points in arrears at the interval (1-3 to 0-2) and two early points in the second half by Pat Moloney had the local girls in real trouble. That was when the experience of Margaret Leacy and Brigid Doyle really told, and when Wexford were awarded a 15 yards free ten minutes from the end, the hard hitting Brigid rammed home her second goal. It decided the issue.

Right to the end the Cork girls tried. Four times in rapid succession Kathleen Tonks came to the aid of the reeling Wexford backs. A little bit of luck might have yielded the goal the Cork girls needed so badly.

The losers had outstanding

players in defenders Marie Constine, Betty Joyce and Marie Mackey; Pat Riordan and Pat Moloney at midfield and Mary O'Leary in attack.

Scorers — Wexford — Brigid Doyle, 2-1; M. Leacy, 0-2; D. Walsh, K. Codd, 0-1 each. Cork — M. O'Leary and M. Moloney 0-2 each.

Wexford — K. Tonks, K. Murphy, D. Cousins, M. Leacy, M. Darcy, D. Walsh, Bernie Doyle, B. Murphy, K. Codd, E. Walsh, E. Kehoe, Brigid Doyle. Subs.—E. O'Gorman (for E. Keogh), T. Shield (for M. Hearne), G. Duggan (for C. Higgins).

Cork — M. O'Sullivan, M. Constine, B. Joyce, M. Mackey, H. Cotter, P. Riordan, C. Cronin, P. Moloney, M. O'Leary, M. Greaney, M. Sweeney.

Referee—Helena O'Neill (Kilkenny).

Coleraine

in final

at last

Loreto Grammar School,
Coleraine, 4-2

Thomastown Vocational School,
2-3

LORETO, COLERAINE qualified for the All Ireland Colleges Final for the first time when they beat Thomastown by 4-2 to 2-3 at Thomastown on Saturday.

The winners were the sharper throughout leading at the interval by 1-1 to 0-2. Thomastown had their chances, especially in the first quarter, but had many wides.

Loreto had added two goals to their half-time score before Thomastown had their first goal. Their hopes of avoiding defeat were dashed by some excellent defensive work by Mary McMullen and particularly Sarah Quinn. For Thomastown this was their fourth unsuccessful semi-final appearance.

Scorers: Coleraine—N. Connolly and M. F. Kearney (2-0 each), S. Quinn (0-2); Thomastown—A. Kirwin and A. Aylward (1-0 each), M. Farrell (0-2), and K. Dowling (0-1).

Presentation Coll., Athenry, 3-4
St. Patrick's Comprehensive, Shannon, 1-1

Presentation, Athenry, also qualified for the All Ireland Colleges Final by beating St. Patrick's, Shannon, at Shannon on Saturday. Stars of this Athenry victory were Anne Burke, Anne Morris and Una Jordan. Liz Condron and Joan Tuohy were outstanding for the losers. Athenry led by 3-2 to 0-1 at the interval, but were well held in the second half.

LEINSTER COLLEGES MINOR — Arklow Voc. School 8-1 (M. Grannell 3-0, P. Darcy 2-1, M. Kinsella 3-0, N. Kennedy 1-0); Dunlavin Voc. School 0-0; Wicklow Voc. School 4-0 (P. Keogh 2-0, M. Duffy 1-0, E. Kelly 1-0); Balinglass Voc. Sch. 2-0 (T. Byrne 1-0, A. O'Brien 1-0).

C.C.I.A. League semi-final — St. Mary's College, Belfast, 2-2; St. Patrick's T.C. 1-2.

PURCELL CUP—Quarter-final — St. Mary's, 3-10 (C. Biane 1-0, B. Newson 0-4, B. Maguire 0-4, B. Hutton 0-2); Carraduff College 1-0 (R. Breen 1-0).

DUBLIN COUNTY LEAGUE
Senior A—Celtic 4-1 (D. Lane 1-1, E. Sweeney, M. Troy, U. Crowley 1-0 each); Austin Stacks 2-1 (P. Brennan, M. O'Sullivan 1-0 each, A. McManus 0-1).

Senior B—Kilmacud Crokes 0-3; Slisbh Bloom 7-1; Phoenix 2-1; Marino 1-1.

Inter A—Celtic 3-1; Austin Stacks 1-0.
Inter B—St. Ul Chonall 3-1; St. Brendan's 0-0.

Jubler B—Marino 3-1; Erin's Isle 0-0; Phoenix 1-0; Na Fianna 1-0.

Cashel girls in final

Scoil Mhuire 5-5
Convent of Mercy 0-1

Munster Junior Colleges' champions, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, are through to the All-Ireland final. At Roscommon, yesterday, they defeated Connacht champions Convent of Mercy, Roscommon, by 5-5 to 0-1.

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COLLEGES TIES HEAD THE BILL

COLLEGES CAMOGIE holds pride of place on the Camogie scene this weekend. All-Ireland semi-finals of three competitions are down for decision on Saturday.

St. Patricks Teacher Training College take on St. Mary's Belfast in the League semi-final, at Drumcondra and all four provinces are involved at the second level. Thomastown Vocational school are at home to Loreto, Coleraine and St. Patricks Shannon entertain the Connacht champions.

In the Higher Institutes League the seven Universities and seven Higher Institutes played out this competition in three zones. St. Mary's defeated Queens, N.U.U., Ulster College and Letterkenny to qualify for Saturday's game. St. Patricks were runners-up in the Eastern Zone, which, as it is the largest section sends forward the winners and runners-up.

The winners, Maynooth, were defeated last week by Mary Immaculate Limerick who defeated U.C.C., U.C.G. and J.C.P.E.

This should be a very close game as St. Mary's Belfast are reported to have a very strong side.

Loreto, Coleraine, who make the long journey to south Kilkenny, had many close and testing games in Ulster and were lucky to survive in the final in which they only defeated St. Aidan's Cootehill by a single point.

Thomastown too, had to give of their best to qualify. They were run to a single score in the final by their close neighbours Ballyhale Vocational school.

A keen, close game is expected at Nowlan Park and the game is timed for 11 a.m. to facilitate the Northern champions to get back to the far North at a reasonable hour.

St. Patrick's, Shannon, who caused a surprise when they defeated the All-Ireland Champions Presentation Convent Cashel, will have a formidable task when they face the Connacht Champions Athenry. For the past six years Presentation Convent has dominated in Connacht, captured the Senior Cup twice and the Junior Cup twice also.

However, the Seniors lost in 1976 to St. Aloysius, Cork and

in 1977 to Presentation Cashel. St. Patricks will be encouraged by the fact that they overcame the champions so a keen game is anticipated.

In last week's Junior Finals, Baunboy Vocational School scored an unexpectedly easy victory over Thomastown's second string when they won 3-0 to nil. This is the first time for a Cavan school to reach an All-Ireland final.

It is a fitting reward for the enthusiasm and perseverance of those dedicated people who have worked so hard for the game at Primary school level.

Presentation Convent, Cashel who won this title in 1975, are back in the final again. They had to fight harder than the score suggests in their semi-final game against Mercy Convent, Roscommon.

Wexford ended a frustrating season, with a well-earned victory in the National League final. Beaten in the replay of the final by Tipperary last April and in the Senior and Junior All-Ireland Finals last September, the Wexford team had to play off with Dublin and Kilkenny to qualify for this final.

In last Sunday's decider against Cork, it took the Slaneysiders forty minutes to master a very young and enthusiastic Cork side about whom we shall hear plenty in the season ahead. However, in the last ten minutes the champions proved their worth and were deserving winners in the end.

In the postponed semi-final of the Club Championship, Athenry qualified for the final for the third successive year, when they defeated Ballygran (Limerick) the Munster champions 3-3 to 2-3.

In 1975 at Athenry, the local side lost by one point to Croagh, Kilfinny (Limerick) and in last year's final, St. Patricks proved too good for Athenry at Nowlan Park. So now Athenry, at home to the Ulster Champions, Portlennone (Antrim), will be hoping that it will be third time lucky for them on March 19.

First Camogie Title For Roscommon

Wednesday last saw the arrival of a new power in colleges' camogie when the Convent of Mercy (Roscommon) junior team won its first ever Connacht title which accounting for Presentation Convent, Athenry, holders of the trophy for the last four years on the score 5-2 to nil.

The Roscommon girls had to play the semi-final of this competition on the previous Tuesday when they met and defeated St. Mary's College, Ballyzar by 1-4 to 0-1. This was a hard close game which the Roscommon girls deserved to win. The vital goal was scored by Kathryn Muldoon. The same player scored the first goal against Athenry on Wednesday. The other scorers were N. Hussey, the youngest player of the team (3-0), Ethel McNeill (1-1) and Catherine Carty (0-1).

This first ever triumph in Connacht competition was the result of a wonderful team effort.

On Saturday the girls lined out for the third time in a week against Scoil Mhuire, Cashel in the All-Ireland semi-final. Though going down to a heavy defeat 5-5 to 0-1 the Roscommon girls played their hearts out and it was only in the last few minutes that the Cashel girls began to build up their score.

The Roscommon team for a three matches was:— H. McDermott, M. Lyons, C. Fallon, M. Mitchell, C. Rogers, P. O'Connell, K. Dolan, C. Carty, N. Hussey, P. Brennan, K. Muldoon, E. McNeill Subs. G. Keane, M. Cunniff, M. Quinn, M. Finneran, J. O'Shea.

Convent's Camogie Victory

Convent of Mercy
Roscommon 2-1
Vocational School
Gort 1-0

The Roscommon Convent senior camogie team emulated the achievement of the junior team the previous week, in qualifying for the Connacht semi-final for the first time ever.

This victory was thoroughly deserved although some players were not as prominent as usual, perhaps due to the long break from competition. The three Roscommon midfielders dominated but Carmel Mullally stuck to her task and blotted out the efforts of her opponent, Yvonne Moran was the hero of the attack. All the backs did well but Rosaleen Scanlon in goal and Ann McDermott at full back were outstanding.

Scorers for Roscommon were Catherine Naughton (1-0), Breta Dolan (1-0), Yvonne Moran (0-1).

TEAM — R. Scanlon, A. McDermott, A. Naughton, S. O'Connell, M. Mullally, C. Naughton, A. Gately, C. Mullally, B. Dolan, B. Hynes, C. Carty, Y. Moran.

Camogie Scores

NATIONAL LEAGUE CLOHROCHE—Final — Wexford 2-5, Cork 0-4.

All-Ireland Colleges Junior semi-finals — Presentation Convent, Cashel 5-5, Mercy Convent, Roscommon 0-1; Vocational School, Baunboy 3-0, Vocational School, Thomastown 2-3.

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Third Time Lucky For Galway Side

Athenry Poised To Capture All-Ireland Crown

By RAY HAYDEN

THE ADAGE that all that glitters isn't gold must strike a hollow note for Connacht's camogie champions, Athenry, now that they are on the eve of making their third consecutive attempt to win All-Ireland honours on Sunday.

Now the foremost and most consistent camogie side in the country all that remains for Athenry to do is win an All-Ireland crown and prove to all and sundry that the glitter from the gold is as enticing as the day when men first prospected for it in the wild west.

Athenry are not relying on the third time lucky system to ensure victory on Sunday. They know full well their task will be of mammoth proportions, but they have all the groundwork and preparation complete to tackle any exigency that may arise.

This eagerly-awaited final will be played at Kenny Park, the Athenry girls' home ground, and opposition will be provided by Portlengone (Antrim), the Ulster champions, of whom little is known.

A quick trip down memory lane helps put in perspective the Athenry girls' state of readiness for this decider. In the Connacht final they dismissed a challenge from Four Roads (Roscommon) while as recent as two weeks ago, these Athenry lassies laid to ashes the hopes of Ballyagran (Limerick) in a most entertaining All-Ireland semi-final in Kenny Park.

CLOSE SHAVE

Against their Munster opponents, Athenry had a close-shave with near catastrophe after squandering many scorable chances, especially in the crucial second half. But if their marksmanship and accuracy was a little blunted, it was more than adequately papered over by teamwork, centrefield pivotal supremacy and backline resilience.

To think that the home venue would be a psychological boost to Athenry couldn't be much further away from the truth. In '76, and before an enthusiastic home crowd, they were beaten by Croaghkilfinny (Limerick) by just one point. The margin of defeat was much greater last year when St. Paul's (Kilkenny) levelled the dream of an Athenry win in unceremonious fashion.

Undaunted, these tireless Galway stalwarts are back again now in the hope that those two previous final defeats will not be repeated and that pepped-up frustration will evaporate to make way for euphoric scenes of victory celebration.

Behind this Athenry side is a wealth of talent and experience. Goalie, Breda Coady, is the holder of All-Ireland college medals as well as county championship, Connacht and Ashbourne cup medals. Noreen Treacy, at full-back, holds a similar impressive citation as does Greta O'Brien, a student nurse at the Regional Hospital, Galway; Ann Duane, Ann Delaney and Midge Poniard.

Madge Hobbins, at centrefield, a student at St. Raphael's, Loughrea, epitomises consistency which is enhanced by the talented Olive

Coady, who also has All-Ireland Colleges medals and is a seasoned campaigner at county championship and Connacht levels. Club sports star last year, Olive is a dual-purpose player and is as steadfast in defence as in attack.

UNCERTAIN

Left corner forward, Marian Freaney, a housewife and mum, leads the attack along with Mary Daly, centre half forward, Ann Morris, this year's county sportstar and Teresa Duane, a veteran of many a tough battle.

In fact, eight of these twelve girls played for Athenry in the last two All-Ireland finals and know exactly

what to expect on Sunday Portlengone.

While the outcome of the uncertain, on their performance Athenry seem to take the coveted title and end three years of disappointment and failure.

Certainly after that battle, few would have the nerve to accuse any senior county player of playing 'like a woman' in a draw humiliation on his shot. Instead of an insult, comparison is more a plea for encouragement and especially after the Athenry tough and uncompromising against Ballyagran recently.

Pres. Add Further To Illustrious Record

ST. PATRICKS COMPREHENSIVE (Shannon) . . . 1-1
PRESENTATION COLLEGE, ATHENRY 3-4

PRESENTATION College, Athenry, added further to the long list of records when they defeated Munster champions, St. Patricks Comprehensive School, Shannon, with nine points to spare in the All-Ireland Colleges senior camogie semi-final at Shannon on Saturday.

These Connacht kingpins thus qualified for their sixth All-Ireland final in a row and now face Ulster champions, Loreto Academy, Coleraine in Croke Park on April 15.

The Western girls were put on the road to victory early in the first half with goals from the sides captain, Anne Poniard, and Anne Morris within the first ten minutes. A further goal and a point by Anne Poniard and Anne Burke respectively enabled Athenry retire at the interval in little danger of defeat.

Athenry's 3-1 to 0-1 lead would have to stand them in good stead on the resumption as now they were against a stiff breeze. Una were totally unsuitable for the day. The conditions for the match were not given the ball more of a touch. The ply of it was the Ash team-mates were sadly or into form because many of at just as well he was in such contention. Pat in use twenty three minutes

Four of the side are included on the panel to play for Athenry in the All-Ireland senior camogie final of Sunday and they will be all out to make it the double. (See preview)

Presentation College: A. O'Shaughnessy, M. Higgins, A. Cullinane, A. Burke (0-3), M. Murphy, H. Shaughnessy, A. Delaney, U. Jordan, McDonagh, A. Morris (1-1), Cullinane and A. Poniard (2-0).

Referee: E. Walsh (Wexford).

By TAOBH LINE

GREAT WEEKEND

The Northern Colleges teams had a very successful weekend as Loreto Convent, Coleraine reached the All-Ireland senior colleges final by defeating Thomastown Vocational School at home, and, on the previous Saturday Bawnboy, Cavan, scored a big win over Thomastown to qualify for the Junior Final against Presentation, Cashel.

The second senior Colleges semi-final was also decided last Saturday when Presentation, Athenry defeated St. Patrick's, Shannon to reach the final for the sixth time in a row.

These finals will be played at Croke Park on April 15 and, I understand, that the project run in conjunction with the finals is widely patronised this year. The idea behind this venture is to get the young players' ideas on different aspects of the game.

Last year, which was the first year the competition was won by Presentation Convent, Terenure, Dublin. A survey was carried out systematically as to "the whys and the wherefores" the students of the school did or did not play camogie.

Celtic, the Dublin Senior League champions, who were defeated by Austin Stacks in the opening competition — the Curran Cup, gained revenge last Sunday and kept their current League record intact, when they deservedly defeated their close rivals in a very well contested game.

ATHENRY NET 10

Athenry 10-5; Portlengone 1-1

Athenry, playing in their third successive All-Ireland Club Championship Final, took the title for the first time at Athenry yesterday with a convincing 10-5 to 1-1 victory over Ulster champions, Portlengone.

Within just ten minutes of the start, Athenry, favoured by the very strong wind, had gone one goal and two points ahead, and after that they did as they pleased except when Mairead McAtamney at centre-field tried to halt the one-way traffic.

Player of the game must surely have been Olive Coady on the wing for Athenry, while Midge Poniard at centrefield was also impressive.

Scorers — Athenry — Teresa Duane (4-1), Ann Morris (4-0), Marion Freaney (1-4), M. Daly (1-1), M. Poniard (0-2), Portlengone — C. McIlvenna (1-0), M. McAtamney (0-1).

Monaghan Shield semi-final — Cremartin 3-4; Lanyon 2-1 County League Castleblayney 7-1; Aghaboy 1-0; Inniskillen 2-3; Clontibret 2-1.

Athenry, who have reached the Club Camogie Championship final for the third time, have as their opponents this time, the Ulster and Antrim champions, Portlengone. In 1975, Athenry lost to the Munster champions, Croagh-Kilfinny by a single point after a very keen game in which either side could have been that one score up at the final whistle.

Last year the Connacht champions lost to the Leinster champions, St. Paul's, Kilkenny, who, incidentally, were knocked out of this year's competition by Portlengone. St. Paul's have contested the final seven times since they were founded in 1966. They have won the Cup more often than any other county — five times in all, so their victors will find great encouragement from that result.

No Ulster county has yet won this title, although, Portlengone reached the final in 1972, they lost to Austin Stacks, Dublin. Deirdre (Antrim) and Bellaghy (Derry) were the losing sides in 1964-5 and 1970.

Mairead McAtamney, who has been the star of Antrim and Ulster sides for many years, is the inspiration behind the present team. She has ardent support at midfield from her two nieces, Siobhan and Jackie McAtamney, Sue Dillon in goal and Ann O'Neill in attack.

TALENTED PLAYERS

Athenry, who draw their talent from the successful teams of Presentation Convent, have many talented players on their side. Most of these have the experience of playing with Galway and Connacht.

In goal, Breda Coady, who starred for University College Galway, who won the Ashbourne Cup, is in fine form this year. Mary Duane and Noreen Treacy are able defenders. Olive Coady and Midge Poniard, who captains St. Patrick's Teacher Training College team, are brilliant midfielders.

Ann Morris, Teresa Duane and Mary Daly are very experienced in attack.

Athenry, to me, appear to have a stronger all-round side and may prove too experienced for the Northern Champions.

St. Mary's Teacher Training College, Belfast, is the first Northern college to qualify for the Higher Institutes League final. Last Saturday they defeated St. Patrick's Teacher Training College and are now due to play Mary Immaculate Convent College, Limerick, in the final on April 22.

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KILKENNY WILL HOST CONGRESS

Home Side Demolish Ulster Champs

Athenry's Crown At Last!

BY RAY HAYDEN

ATHENRY 10-5 :: PORTGLENONE 1-1

A WHOPPING flurry of goals formed the backdrop to a runaway All-Ireland senior camogie victory for Connacht Club champions, Athenry on Sunday. In a well-orchestrated, cut-and-dried plan of annihilation, Athenry demolished a rather lack-lustre challenge from Ulster kingpins, Portglenone (Antrim) to earn them their first ever All-Ireland crown.

For eight of the twelve girls on the side, it was a case of long threatening comes at last. This was Athenry's third consecutive All-Ireland final appearance and these eight stalwarts remembered with heavy hearts the two previous defeats.

Played before a home crowd at Kenny Park, the Galway lassies released all the skill, determination and power they had at their disposal.

They sank home goal after goal with repetitious delight while Portglenone, overawed by their opponents sheer strength, succumbed irresolutely to the fate that awaited them.

Even with a comfortable 5-4 to 1-0 half time lead behind them, Athenry continued to pile on the pressure in the second half with as much verve and application that had helped them establish the foundations to this historic success.

Athenry's forwards were superb and were always ready to make handsome dividends out of 'Glenone mistakes. At the helm was full forward Teresa Duane and together with Ann Morris they managed to clock up eight of their sides colossal 10 goals.

Marian Freaney, at left corner forward, Mary Daly and Ann Morris proved a successful combination. Around midfield, Athenry enjoyed undisputed supremacy.

Here, Olive Coady, Midge Poniard and Madge Hobbins, each with vast experience, provided the forwards with more than ample supply of the ball. Their fluency, speed, accuracy and challenging left 'Glenone very much in the dark.

The Athenry backs, on the day, had very little work to do. The few occasions 'Glenone infiltrated the sacred Athenry half were always efficiently taken care of by tough, uncompromising ground hurling of a calibre not yet known in Ulster.

Gret O'Brien, Ann Duane and Ann Delaney averted one or two nerve-bending attacks, but were always supremely confident what with Noreen Treacy, at full back, hovering in the wings ready to deal mercilessly with any successful intrusion.

Despite a knock to the face, which momentarily stunned her, Athenry goalie, Breda Coady, who is the holder of All-Ireland Colleges', County Championship, Connacht and Ashbourne Cup medals, exerted that air of reassurance over the rearguard which held them in good stead throughout.

But it was Athenry's forwards who really

moulded this momentous victory. They spun a web of utter confusion around a much inferior Ulster team whose only claim to fame was their ability never to throw in the towel in silent submission.

With a galeforce wind to their advantage, Athenry got off to a flying start with a point from Midge Poniard, Galway's '75 camogie sportstar. This fragile lead was consolidated two minutes later with a showpiece goal from Teresa Duane who dribbled the ball past nonplussed Ulster defenders to sink it into the back of the net.

Midge Poniard was again on target with a free in the 10th minute and this heralded the start to an all-out onslaught on the 'Glenone goal-line.

In the space of five minutes, Athenry eroded the defensive walls surrounding 'Glenone's rearguard sanctuary to hammer home three goals on the trot from Ann Morris, Teresa Duane and Mary Daly.

Still maintaining the pressure, the Galway lassies regrouped and resumed the rampage which yielded a point from Midge Poniard. Appropriately Ann Morris, who had been doing trojan work, rounded off Athenry's first half scores with a goal.

'Glenone's despondency was eased somewhat before half time when Claire McIlvenna bulldozed through the unsuspecting Athenry bulwark for her sides only score of the first half - an opportunist goal.

However, it made little impression on the overall scoreline and Athenry had things just as easy in the second half, notching a further 5-1.

Athenry: Teresa Duane and Ann Morris 409 each; Midge Poniard 0-4; Mary Daly 1-1 and Marian Freaney 1-0. For Portglenone: Claire McIlvenna 1-0 and Mairead McAtamney 0-1.

Athenry: Breda Coady, Noreen Treacy, Gret O'Brien, Ann Duane, Ann Delaney, Olive Coady, Midge Poniard, Madge Hobbins, Marian Freaney, Mary Daly, Ann Morris, Teresa Duane.

Portglenone: Susan Dillon, Ann Kelly, Enda Webb, Bernie McAleese, Vera McAleese, Siobhan McAtamney, Mairead McAtamney, Jackie McAtamney, Maraid Doherty, Ann Marie O'Neill, Claire McIlvenna and Bernadette O'Neill.

Referee: Sheila Murray, Dublin.

THE ANNUAL Camogie Congress, normally held on the last week-end of March, has been put back because of Easter to the following week and this year Kilkenny will be host for the first time with the Spring Hill Hotel the venue.

The Congress papers, now available, comprise an impressive booklet - the General Secretary's and Treasurers' Reports, reports from the provincial councils, the colleges councils (primary, post-primary and third level) and from the various sub-committees.

It appears from the PKROVINCIAL Councils reports that 28 of the 32 counties are now affiliated and that there is camogie being played in three of the four remaining counties. It is hoped that Leitrim will soon fall into line.

It is also apparent that many of the county boards have realised how important it is to start the game at a young age as there are championships for under age grades being run at county level.

The Primary Schools Council is pleased with the progress but their aim is to get the game at this level played in every county. The Post-Primary Colleges Council has an affiliation of 122 schools with senior and junior All-Ireland Championship competitions and provincial competitions for first year students.

The High Institutes Council organised four competitions last season. A seven-a-side started off the season. The league ran from October to April.

The Ashbourne Cup, the inter-varsity championship, in which the seven universities competed, was held at Dublin University for the first time and the new championship for colleges, other than universities, was hosted by St. Patrick's Teacher Training College.

The National Coaching Committee report that they now have 35 Grade C coaches qualified and 2 Grade B coaches. The highlight of their year was the launching of the Coaching Book which was written by the

National coaches, Mary Moran and Ann Carroll.

Athenry, at last captured the coveted All-Ireland Championship title, which eluded them in the finals of '75 and '76. Certainly they scored a convincing victory over Portlennore at Athenry on Sunday when they won 10-5 to 1-1. With the wind behind them in the first half they were leading 5-4 to 1-0 at half-time and added five more goals in the second half to one point for the visitors.

The winners had more skill, better combination and the experience in club, county and province was a decided advantage over the visitors whose main star was Mairead McAtamney. It did not help the chances to hope to face the Galway in the opening half. Nevertheless, even though they tallied against was unassailable they kept on trying to the end.

This completes the season's competitions, so plans can now be made for the new season and the Annual Congress.

Hat-trick of County wins for Killeagh

Killeagh 2-1 Blackrock 1-2
Killeagh 0-6 Eire Og 0-3

Having earlier won the Co. Senior Club camogie championship, beating Glen Rovers in the final, at their own venue, Killeagh made it a hat-trick of county wins at the weekend when they beat Blackrock in the 1977 under-14 League at Blackrock and on Sunday in the 1976 intermediate League accounted for Senior Co. Champions (1977) and old rivals Eire Og at Ballincollig.

In the big game Pat Moloney gave another top class performance and scored 0-5 of her sides tally. Star of the winning side, however, was their 14 years old goalkeeper Patricia Fitzgibbon who outshone her illustrious opponent in the opposite goal, Rose O'Leary.

Betty Joyce, Breda Launder and Catherine Landers were, besides Moloney and Fitzgibbon, outstanding for the winners while Mary O'Driscoll, Eileen Kavanagh, Marian McCarthy and Noelle O'Driscoll impressed for Eire Og.

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Congress will
hear of year
of great
progress

By TAOBH LINE

THE Annual Congress of the Camogie Association is arranged at the Springhill Hotel, Kilkenny, starting on Saturday (10.0 to 6.0) on Sunday (11.0) Miss Margaret Tynan, Mayor of Kilkenny, will officially open the proceedings.

Judging by the volume of reports which include the secretary's, those of the provincial secretaries, the secretaries of the schools councils and those of the sub-committees, the year under review has been a very successful one and one in which the game has been promoted in nearly all of the counties which were previously inactive.

The number playing the game is increasing each year and a very encouraging feature is the interest now shown by County Boards in under-age competitions and Primary Schools. The Post-Primary Schools Council has now an affiliation of 133 schools, more than double the number playing when the all-Ireland Colleges' Council was set up in 1969. CIA, the third level Council, has the game firmly established in the Teachers Training colleges and the seven universities so, hopefully, the graduates from these institutes will play their part for camogie in their careers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The General Secretary, Miss Jo Golden, in her report, advocates that, each County Board should appoint a PRO and that the clubs should follow suit. The Secretary, in her reference to the attendance at all-Ireland finals, has made many suggestions as to how the attendance could be increased.

The Gael-Linn competition has catered for junior players for the past three years. Congress must look at this competition this year.

Miss Golden suggests that the only solution is to run a Senior and a Junior inter-provincial, as obviously the Juniors have benefited greatly but many feel it is unfair to deprive Senior players of the opportunity to represent their provinces.

In order to help the weaker counties the Secretary suggests that a strong county should adopt a weaker county and help them with coaching, refereeing and administration.

FULL-TIME OFFICER

As a result of a decision taken at last year's Congress to examine the possibility of appointing a full-time officer, Ard Choiste requested the Finance Committee to explore ways and means by which this could be made feasible.

The Committee reports that considering the continuing growth of the Association more direction from a full time officer. The full time post, as suggested, would combine the offices of Ard Rúnai, PRO, and Fixtures Secretary, and the expense could be funded from increased affiliations and profits.

There are sixteen motions on the agenda. The most important of these appear to be the fixture of the Gael-Linn Cup competition.

Kilkenny are asking that the playing time for the Senior All-Ireland Final be extended to 30 minutes instead of the usual 25 minutes. Kilkenny and Limerick, the senior and junior all-Ireland champions, have proposed a



The victorious Atherly team.

EXPANSION THEME OF CONGRESS

EXPANSION was the theme of the two-day annual congress of Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael (the National Camogie Association) which ended in Kilkenny last night. Congress decided on the appointment of a fulltime officer to supervise the development of the Association which already caters for 30,000 members.

It was also decided to broaden the Gael Linn championship. When initiated the championship was for senior players only, but the past three years it has been for junior players only. In future the competition will be for both junior and senior players.

It was decided that the League for weaker counties should be extended to several additional counties to improve the standard of play.

President Mrs. Agnes Purcell, Dublin, pointed out that the Camogie Association in the United States had now become affiliated to the Irish Association. She added that camogie was also being played in several areas in England and it was the intention of the Association to establish contact with people playing the game there to arrange exchange games.

MORE PUBLICITY

Mrs. Purcell stressed that the association, which now organised no fewer than 12 All-Ireland competitions ranging from the senior

championship right down to primary school level, was not getting the media coverage which it deserved and she urged delegates to press for publicity at both local and national level.

Mrs. Purcell was re-elected President and also unanimously re-elected were Mr. Sean O'Duffy, now in his nineties, and a founder member of the Association in 1904, who was returned as Director of Organisations; Miss Jo Golden (Kilkenny) General Secretary, and Miss Lily Spence (Antrim) Treasurer.

Miss Mary Moran (Cork), one of the two National Coaches was complimented on the publication with Miss Anne Carroll of the National Coaching Handbook on Camogie skills.

As next year will be the 75th anniversary of the association a sub-committee was appointed to organise a special celebration programme.

Delegates from all over Ireland, including northern counties Antrim, Armagh, Cavan and Down, attended the Congress in the Springhill Hotel.

Extension of interpros is welcomed

FROM the players' viewpoint, the most important decision taken by the Annual Congress of the Camogie Association in Kilkenny last Sunday was extension of the Inter-provincial Championships to cover both senior and junior grades.

The original Inter-provincial series for the Gael-Linn Cup, instituted more than 20 years ago, was an open competition for which all players were eligible.

As the years went by, however, many people began to feel that players from the weaker counties were being ignored, especially when in a couple of seasons, provinces were represented solely by the provincial senior county champion sides. This happened in both Munster and Connacht.

In 1975 it was decided that for an experimental three-year period, the Gael-Linn Cup series would be strictly limited to players of junior tus. That proved moderately successful but the three-year period had ended and Congress last weekend had to decide whether to continue with the experiment or not.

General Secretary, Miss Jo Golden, had stressed in her Annual Report that there was a great deal to be said for both systems. The junior players had the chance to represent their province for the last three years which had led to increased interest in the weaker counties, but on the other hand, the absence of the senior stars had led to a certain loss of prestige.

BEST SOLUTION

Miss Golden suggested that the best possible solution would be to continue these championships at both levels, thus, ensuring the full support of both the weaker and the stronger counties. This sensible idea found favour, and the Inter-provincials will be played at both levels from next autumn on.

Of more far-reaching significance was the agreement by Congress to the appointment of a full-time official as soon as sufficient finance can be found to fund such an appointment.

As was obvious from the very detailed reports before Congress from Councils and Committees at every level, the constant growth of the Association has

willing voluntary workers are being put in danger of becoming over-worked.

With nearly 350 clubs, almost 150 schools and more than 30,000 players to cater for, it is obvious that the time has arrived when the services of a full-time official is essential if present progress and expansion is to continue.

Central Council has been authorised to proceed with plans to finance this project, and the official in question will of course be directly responsible to them.

One of the fund-raising ideas which will be inaugurated is a country-wide National Camogie Day Walk to be staged early next year. This will also serve as a celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Camogie Association in 1904.

COLLEGES CLASHES

Two games in the B section of the Leinster Colleges' Championship will be decided tomorrow when Cross and Passion College, Maryfield, travel to the extreme southern tip of the Province to the historic hurling parish of Mooncoin to take on the local Vocational School, while Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, make a welcome return to senior limelight when they come to Dublin to play St. John of God School, Kilmore.

A further vital game in this competition is scheduled for Wednesday next when Holy Faith, Clontarf, also making a return to senior ranks, travel to play Convent of Mercy, Castlecomer.

The Dublin Senior Championship starts this Sunday when Austin Stacks take on Cuchulainns (11.0). Na Fianna confront Cuala-Naomh Mhuire and holders, Celtic, who are likely to find Presentation lively opponents (3.0). All games are at the Phoenix Park grounds.

ATHENRY COLLEGE TO MAKE IT TH

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THREE provinces will be involved in the All-Ireland Colleges' Camogie finals fixed for Croke Park on Saturday. Ulster have two representatives, Loreto College, Coleraine, in senior and Vocational Bawnboy, Cavan, in Junior. The Coleraine girls face the Connacht champions, Athenry Presentation College, who will be contesting their sixth final in a row, and Bawnboy, who are the first Cavan school to reach a final, take on the Munster champions, Presentation, Cashel.

Athenry, who won Corn Scailg in 1974 and 1975, lost to St. Aloysius, Cork and Presentation, Cashel, in the past two finals so will be all out to make it third time lucky and thus take the trophy once more.

MEDAL WINNERS

All but one player on the team has won All-Ireland Colleges medals before, and many have had the added experience of playing with Galway and Connacht. Five of the team were on the successful Galway Minor All-Ireland side and three of them won All-Ireland club championship

CAMOGIE

By TAOBH LINE

medals with the Athenry club last month.

Ann Burke, Athenry's centre-back, is a brilliant player, and she has three in front of her who are equally good, Ann Delaney at midfield, Ann Morris, centre-forward, and the captain, Ann Poniard at full-forward. Una Jackson, (left winb) is another very stylish player.

Coleraine had a much harder path to the final, and this should stand to them now. The competition in Ulster was very keen and they made the long journey to Thomastown for their semi-final game, in which they proved their worth.

Sarah Quinn (centre-back), who plays for the Derry senior team and for Ulster is their outstanding player. She is skilful and strong and is a specialist at side-line pucks. Margaret Connelly, the captain and full-forward, is a member of the Antrim senior side. She has been their main scorer throughout the championship.

Kathleen McKeown (right

back) and Clare McCusker (left back) who play for Swatragh, are on the Down minor team, while full-back, Mary McMullan is a very capable Antrim minor player.

On paper, Athenry look the more experienced side, and with most of the team having already played more than once at Croke Park, it could be their turn to take the title this year.

In the junior game, the verdict could go either way. Both Cashel and Bawnboy have had considerable experience outside their respective counties.

In fact, the Cashel girls seem to be a most versatile group of players. They have won, between them, All-Ireland titles in basketball, badminton, handball, athletics, swimming and football, as well as Community Games camogie medals.

Eithne Bonnar, the captain, Caroline Kelly and Sheila Morrissey make a very strong midfield trio, while Mary Fitzgerald, Michele Fogarty, Claire Bargary and Ursula

Cummins can all take their scores in attack.

Bawnboy, who won the National Community Games gold medals in 1976, include seven of the Templeport team, who were last year's Community Games winners. Past pupils of Munlough Primary School complete the side.

The goalkeeper, Ann McKiernan, full-back Noelle Cassidy, Catherine Plunkett and Julie Edwards, who play at midfield, are members of the Cavan minor side who reached the Ulster final last season, when they lost to Monaghan.

This should be a game well worth seeing, with speed, skill and combination on both sides.

The semi-finals and the final of the Purcell Cup, the Higher Institutes Championship for non-university institutes will be played at Mary Immaculate Teacher Training College, on Saturday and Sunday.

This competition, inaugurated last year, was won then by the Limerick College.

The National League also opens on Sunday next. This is the third year of the

From JOSEPH POWER
in Paris

THE PROGRESS of the ecumenical movement in Ireland has surprised Christian church leaders from all over Ireland, Cork, after their very successful run from 1970-76 are now building a new side, many of whom are beginning to make their mark.

They can call on the experienced Pat Moloney, Marie Costine, and Nancy O'Driscoll to blend with the younger players.

Tipperary, who defeated Cork in the Munster final last season, have some very experienced players in Monica Butler, Siobhan and Maolmhuire Tynan, Deirdre Lane and Marion Troy and if fit may prove too strong for the Leasideers.

SENIOR COLLEGES

Presentation, Athenry — A. O'Shea; M. Higgins, A. Cullinane, A. Burke, M. Murphy; H. Shaughnessy, A. Delaney, U. Jordan; B. McDonagh, A. Morris, D. Callinan; A. Poniard (Capt.).

Loreto, Coleraine — B. McGowan; M. McMullan; K. McKeown, S. Quinn.

Pres. Colleges Meet Ulster Champs

Athenry Girls Chasing Yet Another Title

by RAY HAYDEN

ATHENRY IS FAST becoming the camogie mecca of the West and although it's still in its infancy 1978 has asserted itself as a most historic year for the town. Already the town's senior camogie representatives have brought honour to the community by winning their first ever All-Ireland senior title and now on Saturday the girls from Presentation College — the nursery for many fine players — will be out to make it a double when they meet Ulster champions, Coleraine in the Colleges All-Ireland final at Croke Park.

And should their trip to GAA headquarters be fruitful Presentation College will have achieved a unique feat in becoming the first school to win the All-Ireland title on three occasions since the competition's inception in the late sixties.

The Galway girls are no strangers to All-Ireland camogie fever. The symptom has always lurked in their veins and only reaches epidemic proportions on the eve of a big match occasion. 1975 was their best year. It was then that they captured both the All-Ireland Colleges' senior and junior titles in great style. Altogether, the College has won two senior crowns and three junior titles on the trot from '75 to '77 inclusively.

Athenry have everything on their side. Spurred on by the heartening performance of the town's senior team against Portlengone (Antrim) in Kenny Park a few weeks ago, when they won the All-Ireland, Presentation College now seem equipped to deal with any exigency that may arise on Saturday against Coleraine.

The side is soundly based on experience, reinforced with skill and commendable courage and steered with a degree of stubbornness that has saved them on many occasions in the past.

Two members of Saturday's team, centrefield player Ann Delaney and centre half forward Ann Morris were on the winning Athenry team while two others, Ann Poniard, full forward and College captain, and Bernie McDonagh were included on the list of subs.

The College's path to the final was more a matter of form than a real test of endurance and ability. Seldom was their bottomless pool of resources called on and I think it's safe to say that the full impact of the backs has yet to be seriously tested.

In the Connacht final, Presentation College accounted for Glenties while in the All-Ireland semi-final against Comprehensive School, Shannon, they emerged comfortable winners with plenty of room to spare.

It's thought likely that the team to play on Saturday will be as follows: Ann O'Shea, Mary Higgins, Maura Murphy, Ann Cullinane, Ann Burke, Sadie Higgins, Ann Delaney, Helen Shaughnessy, Ann Morris, Una Jordan, Della Callinan and Ann Poniard (captain). Subs: Bernie McDonagh, Agnes Haverty, Mary Kelly, Martina O'Brien and Ina Cannon.

Old Rivals Clash

THE 1978 National League gets underway at the Mardyke on Sunday next when old rivals Cork and Tipperary meet, while on Saturday the finals of the All Ireland Colleges Championships will be held at Croke Park. In this only one Munster College, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, is involved. On the club scene there is a long list of fixtures for the coming week.

did so well in this competition last year. But Tipperary won the first National League in 1976 and are determined to re-establish themselves as a major force in camogie. And with the Colleges in Tipperary so prominent in recent years they have some top class youngsters on the way up. They are also Munster Senior Championship holders, in which they defeated Cork last August.

So this county will have to treat Tipperary with the greatest respect and will have to give all their attention to curtailing the talents of Siobhan Tynan, Mary O'Brien, Marion Troy, Deirdre Lane, Maureen Maher, and Rose Ryan, who will give the Cork girls a busy afternoon. But at the Mardyke Cork could make it.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, have been the most successful Munster College since the Colleges competitions began and once again this year they will be in Croke Park for the Finals on tomorrow (Sat.) They won the Junior Competition in 1975 and the Senior in 1977 and this year they are again involved in the Junior decider. Eithne Bonnar, Caroline Kelly and Claire Bargary are marvellous young players on this side and they are hopeful of adding yet another title at the expense of Vocational School, Bawnboy, Co. Cavan. In the senior final Presentation College, Athenry meet Loreto College, Coleraine.

Cork team for Sunday's game: M O'Sullivan (St. Finbarr's), M Costine (Cloyne), B Joyce (Killeagh), M Ryan (Glen Rovers), M McCarthy (Eire Og), P Riordan (Ballinlough), P Moloney (Killeagh), A Higgins (Watergrasshill), M O'Leary (do), N O'Driscoll (Eire Og), (Capt.) E Kavanagh (Eire Og), C Cronin (Ballyphehane).
Subs: H Cotter, (S.P.P.), M Twomey (U.C.C.), C Hackett (Glen Rovers), K Doherty (Blarney), C Lánders (Killeagh), M McCarthy (S.P.P.), A O'Donovan (do.), M Sweeney (Killeagh).

FIXTURES

Saturday — At Croke Park: All

Ireland Colleges Finals — Junior: Scoil Mhuire, Cashel v. Vocational School, Bawnboy, 1.45 p.m. Senior: Presentation College, Athenry v. Loreto College, Coleraine, 3 p.m.; At Cobh: J.B.L. Carrigtwohill v. Cobh 7 p.m. (Ref. Churchtown).

Sunday — At Mardyke: National League, Cork v. Tipperary 3 p.m. (Ref. C. Clancy, Limerick); At Mardyke, 2 p.m. J.A.L. Bishopstown v. Eire Og (Ref. Glen Rovers); At Cloughduv, J.A.L. Canovee v. Aghabullogue, 12.00 (Ref. Eire Og); At Ballincollig, U-18 L, Ballincollig v. Inniscarra 12.00 (Ref. Ballinora); At Glanworth, U-18L Glanworth v. St. Pannans, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Watergrasshill); At Nemo, U-18L Nemo Rangers v. Na Piarasigh 11.30 a.m. (Ref. Ballyphehane); At Mallow, U-16 L, Blackwater v. St. Catherine's, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Buttevant); At Ballinure, U-14L Redmonds v. Old Aloysians, 11.30 a.m. (Ref. Blackrock).

Tuesday — At Watergrasshill, J.B.L. Sarsfields v. Watergrasshill, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Carrigtwohill); At Mon. Field, U-18 L, Glen Rovers v. Ballinlough, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Na Piarasigh).

Wednesday — At Youghal, I.L. Cloyne v. Youghal 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Killeagh); At Ballyphehane, Cork Under-16 Trial for Mid Cork and City Divisions, 7 p.m.

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ATHENRY HOLD OUT

ATHENRY 2-3
COLERAINE 2-2

IN A tremendously exciting finish, Presentation College, Athenry, just held on against a gallant Loreto, Coleraine rally to take the All-Ireland senior Camogie title for the third time after a great game at Croke Park yesterday.

Coleraine, who had a magnificent player in centre-back Sarah Quinn, had the better of the first half but had little luck in their scoring efforts and were rocked back on their heels when Athenry snatched a goal and a point just before the interval to give the Connaught girls the lead 1-2 to 0-2 at half-time.

A switch by Athenry that sent the lively Una Jordan to centre-forward considerably curbed Sarah Quinn's effectiveness and Athenry seemed safe when they led by seven points with only five minutes remaining. But Coleraine rallied with two late goals and missed another goalling chance just before the end. Anne Burke and Anne Delaney did trojan work for Athenry, while captain Anne Poniard took her goal well.

Mary McMullan, Katherine McKeown, Kathleen Diamond and Berna Deighan gave Sarah Quinn most assistance on a Coleraine side that made an impressive first Croke Park appearance.

Scorers — Athenry — A. Poniard (1-1), A. Morris (1-0), D. Callanan and A. Burke (0-1 each). Coleraine — M. Kearney and B. Deighan (1-0 each), M. Convery and S. Quinn (0-1 each).

ATHENRY — A. O'Shea; M. Higgins; A. Callinane, A. Burke, M. Murphy; H. Shaughnessy, A. Delaney, U. Jordan; B. McDonagh, A. Morris, D. Callanan; A. Poniard (Capt.). Sub. — G. Coen for B. McDonagh.

COLERAINE — B. McGowan; M. McMullan; K. McKeown; S. Quinn; C. McCusker; K. Diamond; M. Convery; A. McWilliams; B. Deighan; S. McWilliams; M. Connolly (Capt.). Referee — Miss E. Walsh (Wexford).

Cashel girls best

CASHEL 2-3
BAWNBOY 0-1

PRESENTATION CASHEL regained the junior All-Ireland Colleges title in a closely contested game with the girls from Vocational School, Bawnboy who, though beaten, gave a very good account of themselves and certainly raise the prestige of Cavan Camogie. The losers had plenty of the play through the field, but their forwards could make no impression on a solid Cashel defence in which Margaret Maher was outstanding.

Cashel laid the foundations of victory with a goal and a point in the first six minutes, but Bawnboy had hard luck just before the interval, when a well hit free by Julie Edwards came back off the Cashel cross-bar. The winners led by 1-1 to 0-1 at half-time and consolidated their victory after the interval with further points from frees by Caroline Kelly and a goal by Claire Bargary.

Scorers — Cashel — M. Fogarty and C. Bargary (1-0 each), C. Kelly (0-3). Bawnboy — T. McKernan (0-1).

CASHEL — A. Fitzgerald; A. Anglim; E. Lawrence, M. Maher, K. Maxwell, C. Kelly, E. Bonnar (Capt.), S. Morrissey; M. Fogarty, C. Bargary, U. Cummins; M. Fitzgerald, Sub. — K. McCluskey for M. Fitzgerald.

BAWNBOY — A. McKernan; N. Cassidy; A. Mclough; N. McGovern; Margaret Hastings; C. Plunkett; J. Edwards; T. McKernan; Carol Plunkett; C. McParland; M. Duffy; Maureen Hastings. Referee — Miss M. Higgins (Dublin).



The Presentation Convent, Cashel, team who will meet Bawnboy, Co. Cavan, in the Junior All-Ireland Colleges camogie final at Croke Park on Saturday (1.45). Back row (left to right): Niamh Dempsey, Geraldine Browne, Carmel Curran, Kay Maxwell, Elaine Lawrence, Aileen Kelly, Aileen Anglim, Kirsty McCluskey, Claire Bargary, Margaret Maher. Front row (left to right): Marie Grayson, Mary Fitzgerald, Michell Fogarty, Eithne Bonnar (capt.), Ursula Cummins and Ann Fitzgerald.

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**Scoil Mhuire,
Cashel, are
champions**

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel 2-3,
Bawnbow Vocational 0-1.

The school girl representatives of Scoil Mhuire in Cashel won the All-Ireland colleges junior camogie title at Croke Park on Saturday when they shattered the ambitions of Bawnboy a vocational school situated on the Cavan-Fermanagh border in a most entertaining final.

Scoil Mhuire laid the foundations for victory in the opening sequences of play when first Caroline Kelly pointed a 30 and Michele Fogarty spreadeagled the Bawnboy defence to score a fine goal.

The Cashel girls led by 1-1 to 0-1 at the interval and with their defence in particular playing superbly they sealed victory 14 minutes into the second half when centre forward Claire Bargary registered their second goal.

Scorers. Scoil Mhuire. M. Fogarty 1-0; C. Bargary 1-0; C. Kelly 0-3 (0-3 from frees). Bawnboy. T. McKiernan 0-1.

Teams. Scoil Mhuire. A. Fitzgerald; A. Anglin, E. Lawrence, M. Maher, K. Maxwell, C. Kelly, E. Bonner, S. Morrissey; M. Fogarty, C. Bargary, U. Cummins, M. Fitzgerald. Sub. K. McCluskey.

Bawnboy. A. McKiernan, N. Cassidy, A. McHugh, N. McGovern, M. Hastings, Cathleen Plunkett, J. Edwards, T. McKeirnan, Carl Plunkett, C. McPartland, M. Duff, M. Hastings.

Referee M. Higgins (Dublin).

In the senior final Presentation College, Athenry scored a thrilling one point victory over Loretto College, Coleraine winning on the score of 2-3 to 2-2.

Inspired by the brilliance of centre back Shiela Quinn Coleraine made a gallant bid for victory. They trailed by seven points entering the closing stages but two goals brought them right back into contention. But time ran out on them and amidst great scenes of jubilation Athenry held onto the win.



CLAIRE NI BHEARGHASA (Scoil Mhuire) and Aine Nic Aodh (Bawnbay) tussle for possession in yesterday's All-Ireland Colleges camogie final at Croke Park.

Cork and Tipp share honours

By JOAN MORLEY

CORK 1-10, Tipperary 3-4

IN an action-packed National League tie at the Mardyke yesterday Cork had to settle for a division of the points after leading Tipperary until the final quarter. Cork, playing with the wind in the first half, were ahead by 1-5 to nil at the interval, but on the resumption faced a very different Tipperary side and had to pull out all the stops to keep that valuable point.

A feature of this first Camogie League tie of the season was the fact that each side had one outstanding individual player. For the home side it was Mary O'Leary, whose deadly accurate free-taking put Cork in a good position at the interval and who looked like getting the winning point from a tremendous long range free which put Cork ahead with minutes remaining.

But Tipperary's star player, Deirdre Lane, who scored all but one point of her side's tally, replied with a closing minor to level things. Deirdre scored three goals in the second half to lead a Tipperary blitz which almost gave them victory.

But at the end a draw was probably a fair result to a most entertaining game.

In addition to Mary O'Leary Cork had competent performers in Maire Costine, Angela Higgins and Marie Ryan, while Deirdre Lane had fine colleagues in Monica Butler, Mary O'Brien and Siobhan Tynan.

Scorers, Cork: M. O'Leary 0-8, P. Moloney 1-0, E. Kavanagh and N. O'Driscoll

0-1 each. Tipperary: D. Lane 3-3, M. Troy 0-1.

Cork: M. O'Sullivan, M. Costine, B. Joyce, M. McCarthy, M. Ryan, P. O'Riordan, P. Moloney, A. Higgins, M. O'Leary, N. O'Driscoll, E. Kavanagh, C. Cronin. Subs: C. Landers for P. O'Riordan; M. McCarthy for P. Moloney.

Tipperary: M. O'Brien, R. Ryan, M. Butler, B. Fehan, S. Tynan, M. Tynan, K. Tynan, M. Maher, A. Ralph, M. Troy, D. Lane, G. Fehan. Subs: G. Wright for B. Fehan.

Referee: C. Clancy, Limerick.

DESPITE PROBLEMS, GAME KEEPS GOING IN NORTH

ONE of the most remarkable features of Camogie in recent years, and something that is not always sufficiently appreciated, is the magnificent way players and officials alike have managed to keep the game going in the Six North Eastern counties despite almost insuperable difficulties. I know the G.A.A. have also succeeded just as magnificently in doing likewise, but the Camogie folk are so obviously in a much more difficult position, and, moreover, they do not possess the resources available to their brother Gaels.

Nor have they the grounds and other facilities at their disposal that are available to their brother Gaels in the North, or indeed the facilities available to the Camogie teams in the twenty-six Counties. So all honour to the Camogie folk of the six counties and one has to remember that in the past eight years they have succeeded in bringing home both junior and minor All-Ireland titles and have made more than one bold bid to recapture the senior crown.

A perfect example of the Northern dedication was provided by the staging of the Ashbourne Cup competition in Belfast for the first time in nearly a decade. The Queens' students had made detailed arrangements, everything worked to schedule almost like clockwork, and every one of the six visiting teams went home with very happy memories of what was for most of them a first visit to Belfast.

Those who had harboured doubts about the wisdom of staging the competition there had their fears quickly allayed, but then the girls from Queens' had organised the entire operation in such a way as to ensure that the dangers of anything untoward happening, were minimised. So well did everything go, that the students from the New University of Ulster in Coleraine have already asked to be hosts to the Ashbourne Cup competition of 1979.

From another angle, that of Southern teams travelling North, I feel it only right to pay due tribute to the great sportswomen from St. Paul's of Kilkenny who were scheduled to travel to Portglenone in Antrim for the semi-final of the All-Ireland club championship.

To even get to Dublin to start their journey North they had to battle their way through the blizzards and the snowdrifts. Then they had to go North on the very day after the terrible tragedy at Comber which made a long cross-border trip on the particular day particularly daunting.

But St. Paul's went, and though they lost their All-Ireland crown fairly and squarely to Portglenone, they won an incalculable amount of goodwill and prestige in the process. One wonders exactly how many other sporting teams from the South, in any code, travelled to Antrim and back on that particular Sunday?

But the devotion to Camogie in Ulster is not confined to one side

Camogie

by
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of the Border. Very heartening, too, is the tremendous progress the game has been making in the three counties in the Republic, Monaghan, Cavan and Donegal.

Monaghan, under the guiding light of Mrs. Mary Lynch, has been coming very much to the fore through the past couple of seasons and has collected a couple of Ulster minor titles.

There has been a great awakening of interest in Donegal since National Coach and former All-Ireland star Ann Carroll became based in her mother's native county where she has given new impetus to the earlier work of her former U.C.D. team-mate Mrs. Veronica McAteer (nee Fingleton). But the greatest success story of all has been in Cavan where the great work of Fr. O'Reilly in organising a wonderful Primary Schools' League is now beginning to bear fruit at higher level.

In February the girls from Bawnboy, who had already made their own bit of Camogie history by bringing home the gold medals from the Community Games competition in 1976 moved up into even greater glory by winning the Ulster junior Colleges' championship and followed that up with a great display against the Kilkenny girls from Thomastown to reach the All-Ireland final.

I shall be surprised if, when minor championship time comes around in the Summer, Cavan are not among the most fancied contenders for the All-Ireland title and the Willwood Tailteann medals.

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