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Pres. College Win All-Ireland

Athenry's Magic Formula!

Presentation College, Athenry 2-3
Loreto Academy, Coleraine 2-2

by OUR REPORTER

PRESENTATION COLLEGE, ATHENRY lavished radiantly in a shroud of glory after coming up with the magic formula that helped produce their one point victory over Loreto Academy, Coleraine in the All Ireland Colleges' Senior Camogie Championship final in Croke Park on Saturday.

Athenry fought tiger-like throughout, but really excelled in great style in the remaining five minutes of the game, when, ahead by a meagre point, they outclassed, outwitted and overwhelmed their talented opposition to hold on to their very slim victory margin.

But it was also a day of record making for the Connacht champions. This was their sixth successive appearance in the All Ireland final, having won previously in '74 and '75, and their third All Ireland crown in that short span of time.

However, this victory had a broader significance for Athenry, as a town, as it signified an achievement unparalleled for a community of its size with two camogie teams, within just four weeks, snatching two All Ireland titles. The first win was by the Athenry Club at Kenny Park where they toppled Portglenone, Antrim, the Ulster kingpins, with plenty of fire and decisiveness.

For most of this closely fought final, very little emerged to indicate which of the sides would gain supremacy. Loreto Academy weaved a pattern of delighted camogie in an opening blitz, but seemed to lack the momentum and power necessary to instal them in a position of undisputed authority.

SUPPORT

Then Presentation College, goaded on by the vocal chords of over five hundred enthusiastic fans, came through with shining colours from a real test of endurance and tenacity to belt home a great goal five minutes from halftime. Athenry were now 1-2 and Academy were just three points behind on the switch over.

But Coleraine were not to be outdone that easily and in a bitter struggle in the second half they produced some of the finest

camogie of the hour which was brilliantly matched and enhanced by Athenry.

In the opening minutes of the game, Coleraine went into the lead with a point from Sarah Quinn. Not long after Athenry stalwart, Ana Burke, sent over the equaliser from a free. The sides remained locked in fierce combat then for a long period during which play swayed precariously from half forward line to halfback line—with centrefield quickly emerging as important pivotal positions.

The stalemate was broken by Sarah Quinn when she pointed to

gave them the opportunity that had been long awaited.

Mary Kearney heralded Coleraine's resurgence with a goal in the nineteenth minute of the half, followed two minutes later with a second goal by Bernie Deighan. Athenry, having been lulled into a false sense of security, were now paying dearly for their lapse in concentration.

With just four minutes remaining and a point separating the teams, a grandstand finish was guaranteed. Elevating out of the doldrums Athenry reawakened to find Coleraine on the verge of taking the title. But now, the Galway girls' experience and strength began to manifest itself on the game as Ann Burke, Maura Murphy and Ann Delaney welded together to 'kill' any Coleraine threat.

Ann O'Shea, in goals, was reliable all through and couldn't be blamed outright for conceding two goals. Ann Burke and the Higgins' sisters were consistent and reliable in the back while Ann Cullinane, at midfield, was a decisive factor in Athenry's attack.

Centre forward, Una Jordan, put on such a top class performance to make her one of the highlights of the final. Ann Poniard, the captain, marshalled her team in admirable fashion and by so doing, she followed the footsteps of her sister, Midge, who captained two successful Cup teams when at school.

Athenry: A. O'Shea, M. Higgins, S. Higgins, A. Burke, M. Murphy, A. Cullinane, A. Delaney, H. Shaughnessy, D. Callanan, A. Morris, U. Jordan and A. Poniard captain. Sub.: B. McDonagh for D. Callanan.

CARNIVAL-LIKE CELEBRATIONS

Bonfires blazed and flags were raised high in victory as Athenry erupted into a carnival atmosphere to give their young heroines from Presentation College a 'red carpet' welcome home after their momentous All Ireland win at Croke Park.

Earlier on Saturday, over five hundred fans had packed a private train for 'the big smoke' where, on arrival, they packed the stands at Croke Park and put on a colourful spectacle with gaily painted banners and flags that would put a sea of Dubs to shame at any football All Ireland.

Apart from the regiment of vocal supporters, Athenry brought with them also their own band—the fifty three strong National School band under Sister Canney.

But the really high spirited scenes of jubilation were reserved for Athenry when the 'special CIE train' ferried back the conquering Galway girls to their native town.

This was no ordinary victory; this was Athenry's second camogie All Ireland title within four weeks and the historic occasion wasn't going to be let slip by without due recognition.

A parade was led through the town by the victorious team and later Father Martin O'Grady, the trainer and coach, polished off the festivities with a special tribute to the team and their workman-like performance.

'Immaculate' Retain Purcell Cup

MARY IMMACULATE T.C. 4-0
ST. MARY'S, BELFAST ... 1-3

Mary Immaculate Training College, Limerick, retained the Purcell Cup Higher Institutes camogie championship, taking control in the second half to defeat St. Mary's, Belfast, in yesterday's final in Limerick. It was a fine spirited performance by the winners, who having trailed at half-time, held the Belfast girls scoreless in the second half, while hammering home three goals themselves.

Carol Blaney had St. Mary's ahead with a point in the third minute but a Limerick attack initiated by Josephine O'Connor ended in an opportunist goal by Margaret Teehan. St. Mary's did most of the attacking and although frequently foiled by a sound Limerick defence in which goalkeeper Maureen Kelly and Marcella Murphy were outstanding they added a goal and two points from Carol Blaney to lead 1-3 to 1-0 at the interval.

Margaret Teehan equalised for Limerick ten minutes into the second half: St. Mary's strove valiantly to regain the initiative with Bridget O'Kane and Carol Blaney battling bravely but a very reliable Limerick defence held firm and having raised the siege, went on the offensive per Phil Biggane to put them ahead in the 18th minute. They maintained their advantage to the end, Margaret Teehan putting the issue beyond doubt with another well-taken goal.

Scorers — Mary Immaculate T.C.: Margaret Teehan (3-0). Phil Biggane (1-0); St. Mary's: Carol Blaney (1-3).

● Losers' final—St. Patrick's T.C., Dublin 7-2 (E. Murphy 2-0; Niamh Purcell 2-0; M. Poniard 1-1; Ursula Martin 1-0; Bernadette Shinnors 1-0; F. Murphy 0-1); Ulster College 1-0 (Isobel O'Kane).

J. Walsh, Sec., Old Ais Camogie Club, Cork. "Dear Jack—You were asked in the January edition of Junior Desk if Angela and Ann Downey of Kilkenny were the first and only set of twins to win Senior All-Ireland Camogie medals together. Your answer to the question was not accurate.

The Hegarty twins, Maureen and Patty, played together in three All-Ireland finals:

1941 v Dublin: Maureen at centreback and Patty at right forward;

1942 v Dublin: Maureen at centreback and Patty at left wing;

1943 v Dublin: Maureen at centreback and Patty at centre forward.

Cork defeated Dublin 7-5 to 1-2 in the 1941 final so the Hegartys hold All-Ireland medals. Maureen played for our club throughout her career. She spent a number of years in your part of the country when her husband, Barry Dromey, was working in A.I.B., Ballinasloe. Patty lined out for U.C.C. from 1941-44 but played prior and after with our club.

I am glad that you include Camogie from time to time in your Junior Desk."

● Thanks for the information. I'm happy to print it in full. And I'm delighted to include mention of Camogie in Junior Desk. (J.M.)

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Cashel girls win All-Ireland

Scoll Mhuire (Cashel) 2-3
Bawnboy (Cavan) 0-1

The main streets of Cashel were impassable last Saturday night as well over 1,000 people gathered to welcome back from Croke Park the Scoll Mhuire camogie team which won the All-Ireland colleges title. Scoll Mhuire has now set a proud record winning three All-Irelands in four years. This is also their fourth successive year in an All-Ireland final. Last year Scoll Mhuire won the Senior All-Ireland title.

There were tremendous scenes of jubilation in Croke Park at the final whistle. Eight bus loads of supporters accompanied the team to Croke Park and many more travelled by car. Amid tumultuous cheering the Cashel captain Eithne Bonnar led her victorious team to the Hogan Stand to receive the cup. The medals were later presented to the team at a special function organised by the Camogie Colleges Association.

The team, and its mentors, then made its way to the Cashel Kings Hotel where they were treated to a beautiful meal with the compliments of Mr and Mrs Deegan (proprietors). The team then proceeded to Ladyswell to be greeted with great scenes of enthusiasm and jubilation by the huge gathering of wellwishers and supporters who had come to welcome home their heroines. Led by the Dermot O'Hurley Pipe Band the triumphant team made its way through the streets of Cashel to the Presentation Convent Hall where various speakers including Fr Tom Ryan and Councillor D. Woods, chairman of the Urban District Council congratulated the team and its mentors especially Mr Mtn. Quirke, trainer on their wonderful achievement. A fitting tribute was also paid to the Cashel supporters both for following the team and contributing so generously to the team funds.

THE GAME ITSELF

It was a closely contested game for most of the hour with some brilliant passages of ground hurling particularly in the second half. Both teams missed some great scoring chances. In the first half the Cashel backs were under severe pressure but they defended their goal in admirable fashion. Indeed were it not for the tenacious marking of the backs Scoll Mhuire could have been in dire straits at half-time.

Cashel opened the scoring with a point from Caroline Kelly and five minutes later Michelle Fogarty scored a great goal. Bawnboy got their only score late in the first half. The half-time score was 1-1 to 0-1. In the second half the Scoll Mhuire team improved their play immensely and this half produced some great passages of hurling. Caroline Kelly scored two further points and in the 15th minute Clare Bargary clenched the game with a brilliant goal.

This victory was indeed a team effort and all deserve the highest praise for their wonderful performance. However, Caroline Kelly (midfield), Kay Maxwell, Aileen Anglim and Mgt. Maher (backs) deserve special mention. Scorers: Michelle Fogarty 1-0;

Claire Bargary 1-0; Caroline Kelly 0-3.

Team: Ann Fitzgerald, Aileen Anglim, Mgt. Maher, Kay Maxwell, Elaine Lawrence, Sheila Morrissey, Caroline Kelly, Eithne Bonnar (capt), Michelle Fogarty, Clare Bargary, Ursula Cummins, Mary Fitzgerald, Kirsty McCluskey, Carmel Curran, Marie Gayson, Niamh Dempsey.

Other members of the panel were Geraldine Browne, Angela Higgins, Bridget Ryan and Ann McCarthy.

Tipp Hold Cork In League

Tipperary 3-4
Cork 1-10

Tipperary's senior camogie team got off to a fine start in the National League on Sunday when they captured one point by drawing with Cork in a very exciting game at The Mardyke, Cork. Tipp got off to a bad start when a harmless looking shot by Pat Moloney from centrefield ended up in the Tipp net. This really brought Cork to life and with the strong wind advantage the pressure on the Tipp backs was immense. Mary O'Brien in goals had several fine saves at this stage. Great credit is due to the backs as they withstood attack after attack and yielded only five points, one from play and 4 from thirties. Tipp failed to score in the first half despite some good efforts by the forwards and their position at half time looked bleak.

In the second half we saw the grit and determination that we associate with this Tipp team as every girl played her heart out and it was Marian Troy who opened Tipp's scoring after 3 minutes with a well taken long range point. Deirdre Lane now playing at centre forward had 2 points from thirties followed by a good goal. Cork fought back with four quick points which gave them a 6 point lead. Tipp rallied again and it was Deirdre Lane who kept Tipp's hopes alive with two brilliant goals. With only 5 minutes remaining Cork edged ahead with a great point from a sixty yard free but with time ticking away Siobhan Tynan was fouled and Deirdre Lane scored to leave the sides level. Tipp's next game in the league is on 28th May against Limerick.

Tipperary: Mary O'Brien, M. Butler, Rosie Ryan, Siobhan Tynan, Bernie Feehan, Deirdre Lane, Marian Troy, Kathleen Tynan, Geraldine Feehan, M. Maher, M. Muire Tynan, Ann Ralph.

Subs: Bernie Wright, Marian Graham.

Referee: Carrie Clancy, Limerick.

Combined Varsities facing a stern test

By TAOBH LINE

ONLY eight counties will compete in the finals of Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa which will be held in Dr. Douglas Hyde Centre, Roscommon on Saturday next (8.0). Roscommon and Dublin clubs are competitors in each of the seven competitions which include Irish Dancing, Recitation, Solo Singing, Novelty Act, Question Time, Solo Instrumental and Ballad Groups. Down, Limerick, Derry, Monaghan, Cork and Waterford have representation in the different competitions.

Main attraction on the playing fields next Sunday will be the clash between the Combined Universities Selected and the Combined Selection of the remaining C.C.I.A. Colleges for Corn Uo Maolagain.

This game will be played at St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra, at 3.15. The Universities team includes such well known players as Angela Downey of Kilkenny, the camogie player of last season, Margo Twomey and Myr Roche of Cork, Margaret Moriarty (Armagh) and Breda Coady (Athenry).

TOP CLASS PLAYERS

Ann McAlister Antri and Queens) and Rosaleen Lynch, who was a star performer for Galway at the Ashbourne series in Belfast will also be there.

The Combined Colleges have their top class players also. In goal is Maureen Kelly (Clare), Carol Blaney (Antrim), Phil O'Shea who won an All-Ireland medal with Kilkenny in 1976. Midge Poniard (Athenry and Galway) and Frances Murphy (Dublin).

A really first class game should be witnessed between these two sides. The colleges, who have been more active recently, should test the more experienced Universities side.

Congratulations to St. Mary's College, Belfast, who became the first college in the Northern Zone to win the C.C.I.A. League. Actually this was the first time that two non University Colleges contested the final.

The Belfast College turned the tables on Immaculate, Limerick, who has defeated them on the Purcell Cup semi-final at Limerick the previous week. Both games were keenly contested and while the Limerick College deserved their victory so did the Belfast girls last Saturday.

DUAL VICTORY

Wicklow scored a dual victory over newly reorganised Carlow in the Leinster Junior Championship and the Willwood Tiltteann minor competition. Louth surprised Kilkenny at Knockbridge to advance to the junior semi-final against ails.

Next Sunday, Wexford entertain Offaly in both grades at Kilmuckridge. The schools in Wexford provide many competent and skilful players to the county teams that Offaly may find them quite a handful. However, the standard is improving in Offaly-Laois so perhaps we could get a surprise result.

Dublin and Kildare are doubly engaged at Russell Park (3.00 and 4.00) when the Juniors and Minors of both counties meet next Sunday.

The Dublin Junior side, who went out in the first round to Kilkenny last season, have been in training for some weeks now. The Championships and Leagues also are in full swing in Dublin so the Metropolitanians may be fitter than Kildare.

However, this should not be the case for the Kildare minor side as they are busy on the Colleges front and will test the Dubliners who were all-Ireland Willwood Tiltteann runners-up last year.

The Leinster Colleges Minor and Senior "B" Competitions are now reaching the semi-final stages. The Senior semi-finals are down for decision this Saturday when Maryfield are at home to Cstlecomer and Wicklow take on the winners of Rathangan and Mountmellick.

MINOR GRADE

Walkinstown and Arklow have reached the semi-final of the Minor grade. The former will play the eventual winners of Kilkenny, Blessington and Offaly group while the latter will line out against the winners of next Saturday's tie between Ballyhale and Kilmuckridge.

The Dublin Senior Championship semi-finals will be decided at Russell Park, Blanchardstown, on Wednesday next, and the pairings are: Celtic (holders) v UCD, 8.00; Austin Stacks v Na Fianna, 7.00.

A re-organisation meeting will be held in Ballina Stephenites Clubrooms tomorrow night (9.0). Anyone interested in organising camogie in Mayo is invited to attend.

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30 YEARS AGO

OLD ALOYSIANS opened their Cork County Senior Camogie League campaign with a 5-1 to 2-1 win over U.C.C. at the U.C.C. Grounds, where the teams lined out as follows: Old Aloysians: E. Aherne, C. Cotter, M. Fitzgerald, B. Walsh, R. Lenihan, E. Hogan, M. Hobbs, A. Lane, M. Woods, E. Keating, M. Lyons, A. Buckley.

U.C.C.: P. McHenry, B. Irwin, T. Hyde, M. O'Connell, B. Mitchell, S. Lyons, M. Coffey, M. McKenna, H. Crofts, M. Osborne, N. McCarthy, C. Coveney.

Activity On All Fronts

THERE will be activity on all fronts over the next seven days on the camogie scene with games in all grades of the league as well as the finals of the Ceol Cainnt agus Damsha competitions in Roscommon.

Both Senior League ties will be held on Sunday with Killeagh and Glen Rovers, who contested the final of the club championship last season clashing at the North Monastery Field, and South Presentation Past Pupils and new seniors Watergrasshill meeting in Ballinure. In the intermediate campaign Blarney and Inniscarra do battle for points at Blarney and Cloyne and Sarsfields meet at Cloyne.

There are three Junior "A" games listed. In these Nemo Rangers are at home to Fr. Matthews; Buttevant play host to Churchtown and Eire Og and Canovee meet at Ovens. The club fixture list is completed by six Junior "B" ties, one under 16 and two under 14 games.

On the colleges scene the final of the Munster Colleges Intermediate League will be decided at Charleville, when St. Patrick's, Cork, meet Presentation De La Salle, Hospital. This competition is divided into three sections. St. Mary's, Limerick, came out of one group, but were defeated in the semi-final by Hospital, who won section two. St. Patrick's won the Cork section and went straight to the final. Hospital, who are in their first season in Munster competition, have a real ace in Pauline McCarthy, who won All-Ireland and Munster medals with Limerick last season. St. Patrick's may not have inter-county players in their side but they have been winning their matches well and making progress. In their side they have fine young players in Lily Twomey, Gearoidin Crowley, Claire Condon, Joan O'Sullivan, Majella Daly and Maeve Cullen.

Eire Og will once again represent Cork and Munster in the All-Ireland

finals of the C.C.D., which will be held in the Community Centre, Roscommon, on tomorrow. Eire Og, who are competing in the finals for the fourth successive year, will be taking part in two events this time. The comedy act, in which Teresa Kelleher, Rose O'Leary and Patsy O'Reilly will perform and the instrumental music (Mary O'Callaghan).

Victory for Munster

MUNSTER took the major honours in the All-Ireland finals of the Ceol Cainnt agus Camhsa competition for members of Camogie clubs at Roscommon with Roscommon in second place.

Una Bean Uí Phuirseil, President of the Camogie Association, presenting awards urged the winners to foster Irish music, singing and dancing and the national games.

RESULTS

Ceili Dancing — Munster, Ahane Camogie Club, Co. Limerick.

Recitation — Connacht, Marie Corcoran, St. Dominic's Camogie Club, Roscommon.

Solo Singing — Munster, N. Ni Flaithimhin, Bruff Club, Limerick.

Novelty Act — Munster, Eire Og, Cork.

Question Time — Connacht St. Dominic's Club, Roscommon, B. Rodgers, C. Rodgers, M. Murrav.

Solo Instrumental Music — Leinster, M. Ni Bhairéag, Kilmacneil, Crokes, Dublin.

Ballad Groups — Ulster, Carrickmacross Club, Co. Monaghan.

CAMOGIE AFFAIRS

AGNES HOURIGAN

THE start of the month past was dominated by the annual Congress of the Camogie Association when the delegates had to face a problem which many other associations would be glad to have, how to cater most efficiently for ever increasing numbers of players, of schools, of counties and of competitions.

Like its counterpart the G.A.A., the Camogie Association draws its strength from hundreds of voluntary workers at all levels from the Central Council officials down to the never publicised but absolutely essential club-helpers, who ensure that the players and teams get to matches, who provide transport and every help, financial and otherwise. But the position of the Camogie Association at the moment is that with tens upon tens of thousands of players, All-Ireland championships in six different grades, involvement at all levels of Education from the Universities and third level Colleges right down to the Primary Schools, Coaching Courses, Administration Courses, Referee's Courses, etc., it is essential that the Association should have a full-time official to co-ordinate and consolidate all the voluntary work.

A sub-committee which had been asked to consider the need for and the feasibility of such an appointment reported back to the recent Congress at Kilkenny. The Committee's report stressed the urgent necessity of a full-time appointment, but pointed out the obvious problem was the financing of such a project.

It was felt that there was no point in making such an appoint-

ment unless the post was filled by an experienced administrator properly qualified, and properly paid. The delegates agreed to give Central Council authority to proceed with such an appointment but only when ways and means have been devised of funding the new position. Already it has been agreed to stage a National Camogie Walk next year to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Camogie Association and the proceeds will go towards the full-time officer fund. Other suggestions are for a levy on members.

The other very important decision taken was to expand the Gael-Linn Cup interprovincial competition to include both the senior and junior grades.

For nearly twenty years this interprovincial championship was open to all players, but it was eventually felt that a greater chance should be provided for players from the weaker counties. So three years ago the Congress decided to confine the competition to junior players.

That period has now elapsed, so Congress decided that, while the weaker counties had benefited from the junior status proviso, the championship has lost in general attraction from the absence of the All-Ireland stars. So Congress came to the sensible decision to continue the competition at both levels playing the semi-finals and finals together where feasible.

There were several motions ruled out of order because they involved changes in the playing rules, and these are at present being revised by a special Rules

Committee to which the suggested changes were referred. These included a request for the abolition of the second cross-bar and the extension of the playing time in All-Ireland senior finals to 30 minutes aside. Meanwhile the stage is now set for the 1978 championships and the National League which will again be played simultaneously through the summer months.

Certainly the Central Fixtures Committee will be hoping for better luck than has been theirs in the past two seasons when bad weather and a series of play-offs held the League finals back until well into the Spring.

With Athenry having achieved an ambition in winning the All-Ireland club championship, and the county having won the All-Ireland minor championship and the Willwood Tailteann medals, I will be surprised if Galway do not make a very big impact indeed in the forthcoming championships. Holders Kilkenny will have their work cut out if they are to retain the title for the third year in a row. The champions have plenty of good young players coming up from Colleges ranks, but they will not be ready for the big-time for another year or two.

Cork and Antrim are still rebuilding, while Limerick could spring a surprise, but the team that I would make precompetition favourites for the championship are Wexford if they can compensate for the loss through retirement of those two great stalwarts, the sisters Bridget Doyle and Kit Codd.



Eamon O'Fearghail, Brother Austin and Ann Carroll.

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Monaghan.

MAY 1978

Camogie crown for Cobh

Cobh Vocational School 2-7, Mallow Vocational School 1-0

Cobh reversed the result of last year's final when they dethroned reigning champions, Mallow, on a 2-7 to 1-0 scoreline that did little more than justice to the supremacy they enjoyed in yesterday's vocational schools camogie final played at The Mardyke.

But, dominant as they were, they struggled up front throughout the first half and trailed 1-0 to 0-2 when Carol Rowe put them in front with a goal just before half-time. From then on they never looked back and Ger Leahy, the outstanding player on the field, had three quick points on the resumption and had a hand in the move that sent Pauline Stack through for their second goal after ten minutes and put them in an unassailable position.

But it was only in the second half that Mallow looked like relinquishing their crown for they played their hearts out against the odds in the first half and it took Cobh a considerable time to come to grips with the situation.

The winners were lucky to have Ger Leahy in their line-up for it was her steadying influence that put them on the road to victory. A stylist, she was deadly accurate with her frees and was always on hand to get her side moving. She got plenty of backing from Carol Rowe and Martina Quinlan in defence while Pauline Stack, Rose Riordan and Majella O'Hanlon worked hard in attack.

Mallow were particularly impressive in defence in the first half. Mary Murphy was solid at full-back while Mary O'Connor and Susan Hannon worked like trojans throughout. Ina O'Callaghan was always on the move at midfield while Joan Moylan, Sheila Roche and Regina O'Keefe never got enough possession to be really effective.

Scorers for Cobh: G. Leahy 0-5, C. Rowe 1-1, P. Stack 1-0, P. Riordan 0-1. For Mallow: S. Roche 1-0.

COBH — H. Rowe, A. Halligan, C. Hallahan, M. Quinlan, T. Coffey, C. Rowe, G. Leahy, M. Troupe, P. Stack, M. O'Hanlon, R. Riordan, P. Stack.

MALLOW — M. Barrow, N. Ducey, M. Murphy, M. O'Sullivan, M. O'Connor, M. Tierney, S. Hannon, I. O'Callaghan, J. Moylan, P. Murphy, R. O'Keefe, S. Roche. Sub. S. O'Brien for P. Murphy.

Referee: Mary Walsh (U.C.C.).

CAMOGIE

Because of the grading system now in operation in the Cork Co. Camogie Board it was not possible to make all the championship draws at Convention.

Now, however, the outstanding draws have been made and are as follows:

- Junior 'A' Championship Preliminary Round.**
 - A. Glanworth v. Fr. Matthews.
 - B. Douglas v. Eire Og.
 - C. Nemo Rangers v. Canovee.
 - D. Ballinlough v. Buttevant.
 - E. Ballyphehane v. Aghabullogue.
 - F. St. Finbarr's v. Na Piarasaigh.

First Round: F. v. C.; A. v. D; E. v. B and Sarsfields v. Churchtown.

- Junior 'B' Championship Preliminary Round**
 - A. Glen Rovers v Blackwater.
 - B. Bishopstown v. Ballinora.
 - C. Watergrasshill v. St. Finbarr's.
 - D. Old Aloysians v. Ballincollig.
 - E. Carrigaline v. U.C.C.
- First round Eire Og v. Carrigtwohill; St. Catherine's v. C; Ballygarvan v. Blackwater; A. v. Cobh; D. v. E; B. v. St. Fanahans; Dungourney v. Bride Rovers; Killeagh v. Castlemagner.

UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIP

- Preliminary Round**
 - A. Redmonds v. Carrigaline.
 - B. Blackwater v. St. Finbarr's.
 - C. St. Catherine's v. Nemo Rangers.
 - D. Buttevant v. Youghal.
 - E. Aghabullogue v. Glen Rovers.
 - F. St. Fanahans v Blackrock.
 - G. Douglas v. Bishopstown.
 - H. Na Piarasaigh v. Eire Og.

First Round: H.v. Canovee; C. v. Ballyphehane; Old Aloysians v. Killeagh; G v. A; Cloyne v. Ballincollig; F. v. D; Churchtown v. B; Fr. O'Neills v. E.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Preliminary Round: Inniscarra v. Youghal. **Semi-finals:** Cloyne v. Inniscarra or Youghal; Sarsfields v. Blarney.



WON VOCATIONAL TITLE — The Cobh team which defeated Mallow 2-7 to 1-0 in the Cork County Vocational Schools Camogie Championship final at the Mardyke, Cork. Below: Vanquished Mallow team who lost to Cobh in the Cork County Vocational Schools' Camogie Championship final at the Mardyke, Cork. (D. Sheehan)

Cork minor panel selected

Following a series of trial games in Cork, the following panel has been selected to go into training in preparation for the Munster Minor Camogie Championship: Teresa Kelleher (Eire Og), Helen O'Hea (Bishopstown), Ann Lee (Canovee), Anne O'Shea (Redmonds), Ger O'Donovan (Glen Rovers), Una Downey (Canovee), Siobhan Barry (St. Finbarr's), Helena Fox (Na Piarasaigh), Imelda Cronin (do.), Carol Roe (Cobh), Ann Marie Landers (Killeagh), Sandy Fitzgibbon (Glen Rovers), Martha Kearney (Na Piarasaigh), Lillian Zinkant (Sarsfields), Claire Kelleher (Eire Og), Claire Madden (Old Aloysians), Mary Hourihan (Glen Rovers), Fidelma O'Connor (Killeagh), Ger McCarthy (Nemo Rangers), Mary Fox (Na Piarasaigh). Training commences next Tuesday at the Mardyke, Mary Nott, who steered the 1976 minors to All Ireland success, will be in charge of training.

Killeagh girls closer to camogie title

Killeagh 4-9
Imokilly 5-2

Killeagh took a vital step nearer their goal and the achievement of a long sought ambition when at Carrigtwohill on Saturday evening they defeated Imokilly in the county senior camogie first round tie.

The quality of their effort in this game furnished convincing evidence that its going to take a team of exceptional merit to deny them this reward of a senior championship.

This was a hard-fought game yet one felt all through that Killeagh had that little more team work and class than the divisional side, even when Imokilly hit them for a brace of goals midway through the opening half, they had the courage to come back and pick up their game and lead at the interval by 2-4 to 2-0. Imokilly could never get their nose in front after, although they were always in striking distance. Pat Moloney again the outstanding player on view got Killeagh away on the score board with a fine point, this was quickly followed by a goal from Mary Spillane. Killeagh were rocked on

their heels in the 14th and 15th minutes when Josie Knowles and Maire Costine set up Angela Russell for a brace of goals which put Imokilly in front.

However they did not stay their long as points by Pat Moloney levelled the game and good goal by Marion Sweeney put Killeagh in front which they were at half-time by 2-4 to 2-0.

LET THE WAY

On the resumption Killeagh continued to lead the way despite Imokilly's vein efforts. The divisional side brought on three substitutes in a gamble to reverse the trend however Killeagh kept in the lead despite two fine goals one from Josie Knowles and Lina Zingant for Imokilly. Killeagh wrapped up the game in the 48th minute when Mary Spillane had their fourth goal to put them four points in front and there they stayed until the end. Outstanding for the winners were Mary Foley, Catherine Landers, Betty Joyce, Pat Moyoney and Marion Sweeney. Imokilly had useful players in Marion Sullivan, Sheila Horgan, Kay Spillane, Angela Russell and the Costines.

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EMLY WIN GEANEY CUP

Emly 2-6;
Roscrea/Portroe 2-2.

In a highly entertaining game at Inch on Sunday last, Emly captured the Terry Geaney Cup when they defeated Roscrea-Portroe in 1977's u-16 final. This game produced excellent camogie and the result was in doubt until the final whistle. Roscrea-Portroe had the strong wind disadvantage in the first half. Emly availing of this opened the scoring with a good point from play from Jacintha Corcoran and followed this up in the first half with two points from Jenny English and a goal from Martina Ryan. Roscrea-Portroe replied with two points from Mona Quigley and appeared to be in a favourable position at half time.

When Breda Peters and Phyllis McMahon grabbed a goal each for Roscrea - Portroe, Emly appeared to be in trouble but they fought back bravely and it was Jenny English, their brilliant wing forward who secured three great points to put them ahead and then sealed the issue with a goal from thirty yards in the closing minutes of the game.

Each girl on the Emly team played her heart out particularly noticeable were Marian Mulhall, Jenny English and Jacintha Corcoran. Best for Roscrea-Portroe were Mary O'Brien, Mona Quigley and Phyllis McMahon.

Scorers for Emly: Jenny English 1-5; Martina Ryan, 1-0; Jacintha Corcoran, 1 point.

Scorers for Portroe-Roscrea — Breda Peters 1-0; Phyllis McMahon 1-0; Mona Quigley, 2 pts.

Teams: Emly: J. Lonergan, Julia Crowe, Jenny English, Mary Bourke, Jacintha Corcoran, Geraldine Bourke, Bernie Carroll, Mary Lonergan, Martina Ryan, Cora Mo'oney, Cora O'Brien. Subs.: Mai Cunningham, Margaret Bourke.

Roscrea - Portroe: Mary O'Brien, Kathleen Feehan, Edel O'Donnell, Una O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien, Mona Quigley, Phyllis McMahon, Breda Peters, Ann Gill, Collette Madden, Margaret Moloney, M. Malone. Referee: Bernie Dowd.

This game was preceded by Drom-Inch v. Holycross which Drom-Inch won convincingly. Thus qualifying for the second round of the Ann Frazer Cup.

Tipperary's senior team is in action against Cork in Cork on Sunday next April 16th in the first round of the National League. A win on Sunday would put Tipp in a comfortable position in this section of the League as Cork and Tipp are the two top teams in their section in recent times.

Eire Og tops

As expected the Co. Cork senior camogie Eire Og, had too much power for Old Aloysians when the sides met in a championship game at the Mardyke on Saturday night and at the end of a one sided game, Eire Og ran out very easy winners by 8-5 to 2-3.

GLEN GIRLS WELL ON TOP

Glen Rovers 2-6

U.C.C. 1-4

THE girls of Glen Rovers had things very much their own way at the Mardyke, Cork yesterday in their preliminary round of the Cork County Camogie Championship. Leading 2-4 to 1-1 at the interval, the Glen eventually ran out fully deserving 2-6 to 1-4 winners.

College, despite showing renewed vigour in the second half lacked players of the class and skill of Glen Rovers' Clare Hackett, Anne Daly, and Anne Delaney.

Glen Rovers now meet South Presentation Past Pupils in the first round proper, as South Pres. had a walk-over yesterday when divisional side, Avondhu failed to put in an appearance at the Mardyke.

GLEN ROVERS: D. Sutton, C. Mulcahy, B. Owens, M. O'Brien, M. Ryan, C. Hackett, A. Connolly, A. Delaney, G. Murray, G. Donovan, P. Mackey, and A. Daly. Substitute: M. O'Connell-Dalton (replaced G. O'Donovan (injured)).

U.C.C. M. Hanrahan, M. Lynch, M. Murphy, M. Twomey, B. Smith, V. O'Dwyer, N. Egan, T. Ryan, M. Walsh, N. Courtney, A. McCarthy, G. Butler.

WATERGRASSHILL START WELL

Watergrasshill 2-6
Muskerry 2-0

Watergrasshill, making their debut in senior ranks, had a deserved win over Muskerry and knocked out the last divisional side in the Cork County Senior Camogie championship at Carrigrohilly last night.

Against a stiff breeze they led at the break by 1-4 to nil. On the resumption they increased their lead with a goal from full-forward Maisie O'Brien in the 10th minute. Muskerry fought back and powered by the Doherty sisters, Kay and Mary, Geraldine Downey and Eileen Ring, scored two goals to leave only four points between the sides. In the last five minutes Mary O'Leary hit over two points to give her side a deserved win.

Best for the winners were Helen O'Callaghan, Elizabeth Higgins, Mary O'Leary and Angela Higgins. Their scores came from M. O'Leary (0-5), M. O'Brien and D. Fenton (1-0 each), Angela Higgins (0-1), while Geraldine Downey scored the two goals for Muskerry.

Referee, M. Bohane (S.P.P.P.).

WEXFORD LOOK TOO POWERFUL

WEXFORD, the Camogie League champions, will be making their first appearance in defence of their title when they entertain Down at Clonroche (2.30) on Sunday next.

The Slaneysiders, who have a constant infusion of young players from their school strongholds, are more than likely to prove too experienced for Down who have yet to prove themselves in senior ranks. However, they too have plenty of up and coming players who are anxious to improve their game. They are bound to put up a spirited showing.

In the second League game down for decision on Sunday next, Dublin are at home to Antrim, at Russell Park, Blanchardstown (3.0). These two sides met in the Championship and the League last season. On both occasions the Dubliners finished in front.

Good stylish camogie is always evident when these two counties meet and with the standard in Antrim improving steadily over the last year a close game may be expected.

The Leinster Junior Championship advances a step further also on Sunday. Laois are at home to Louth who surprised Kilkenny in the first round.

Meath entertain Wicklow, who accounted for Carlow in their opening game.

In the Willwood Tailteann Minor Competition, Laois play Kilkenny and Wicklow travel to Trim with the Junior team.

The Leinster and Munster Colleges Councils are busily winding up their competitions in Munster St. Paul's, Kildare.

are down to play Presentation Convent Bandon at Waterglasshill on Saturday next (3.0) in the final of the Intermediate A Championship last Saturday. Presentation, De La Salle Hospital won the Intermediate B title defeating St. Patrick's Cork.

In Leinster, Maryfield College await the winners of Wicklow V.S. and Rathangan V.S. for their Senior B final on May 17. In the Minor grade, Ballyhale will play Arklow V.S. and Walkinstown will meet Killecock C in the semi-finals this coming Saturday. Their final is also due on May 13.

The Combined Universities team made history last Sunday when they became the first holders of Corn O Maolagáin, defeating the Combined Institutes, in this inaugural game between the teams chosen from the Ashbourne Cup and Purcell Cup championships.

Wexford start well

Wexford 5-8; Down 2-5.

WEXFORD, 1977 National Camogie League champions, opened their 1978 campaign by defeating Down by 5-8 to 2-5 at Clonroche, County Wexford yesterday. The winners, with a better balanced and more experienced team, made better use of their scoring opportunities.

The losers, to their credit, played extremely well and should with experience mould into a very strong team.

Brigid Doyle opened the scoring for Wexford with a point from a hirty. Elsie Walsh, added a further point from play before Bernie Brown pointed for Down. Brigid Doyle scored two further points, but Marion McGarvey brought down back into contention with a goal from a 25 metres free.

While Down missed some chances Wexford took theirs and added two goals from Brigid Doyle and 1-1 from Eileen Keogh to leave the half time score 3-5 to 1-1 in favour of Wexford.

On the resumption Brigid Doyle increased Wexford's lead by a further goal, Bernie Brown and Eileen Gorman exchanged points and a Marian McGarvey point for Down was nullified by Bernadette Murphy.

Down, playing their best

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camogie of the match had two further points from Marion McGarvey and a goal from Margaret Lennon to reduce the lead but Bernadette MURPHY AND Eileen Keogh added a point and a goal for Wexford leaving the final score 5-8 to 2-5.

Wexford had outstanding players in goalkeeper Cathleen Tonks and in Teresa Shields who relaced her in the second half. Mairead Darcy, Brigid Doyle, Eileen O'Gorman and Eileen Keogh. Downs best were Stephanie Kelly, Joan Hamilton, Cathleen Rice, and Marion McGarvey.

Scorers — Wexford, B. Doyle (3-3), E. Keogh (2-1), E. Walsh (0-1), B. Murphy (0-1), Ann E. Gorman (0-2), Down, N. McGarvey (1-3), D. Brown (1-1), M. Lennon (0-0).

Wexford — K. Tonks; J. Murphy, M. Darcy, B. Doran, D. Cousins, D. Doyle, E. Walsh, C. Morphy, E. Keogh, D. Walsh, E. Gorman, B. Doyle

Down — J. McCrickard S. Kelly M. McCartan, J. Jamilton, M. Oprey, A. Rooney, M. McGarvey, K. Rice, M. McGrath, S. Lively, C. Lively, V. McGreevey, B. Brown.

Referee — Marie Critbin (Kildare).

EASY FOR DUBLIN

Dublin 3-5; Antrim 0-3.

In the opening game of their new league campaign, Dublin had a comfortable victory over a

promising Antrim side at Russell Park, Blanchardstown.

The game saw the return of Marian Conroy to the Dublin side for the first time in a number of seasons and she certainly made an impression, scoring 1-4 of her total and causing problems at centre-field for Antrim throughout.

Though Dublin appeared stronger right from the start, their forwards failed to capitalise on their many chances and the sides were level at the interval with two points each. Antrim's goalkeeper, Sue Dillon brought off a number of good saves in the first quarter.

Within a minute of the restart, Noreen Flemming and Mary Mernagh had both goaled for Dublin. In the next 20 minutes, Marian Conroy, with a display of delightful camogie, added a goal and three points. Antrim tried hard, with Josephine McClements Anne McAllister and Mairead McAtamney particularly impressive.

Scorers — Dublin, M. Conroy (1-4), M. Mernagh (1-0), N. Flemming (1-0), A. McManus (0-1), Antrim, C. Blaney (0-2), M. McAtamney (0-1).

Dublin — S. Murray, S. Wallace, A. Redmond, B. Conway, C. Docherty, A. McManus, M. Conroy, B. Redmond, E. Sweeney, M. Mernagh, N. Fleming, A. Byrne.

Antrim — S. Dillon, K. Kelly, J. McClements, M. McMullen, B. Brogan, A. McAllister, M. McAtamney, B. Moran, C. Blaney, P. Gillespie, B. Heffron, M. O'Hara. Subs. M. Lindsay, B. Hanson, E. McLroy.

THIS is another busy weekend on the Camogie fields, with the final of the C.C.L.A. (Higher Institutes) League at Belfield on Saturday, the second game in the new National League, and the opening matches in the Leinster junior and minor championships.

and taking the medals for the first time. The National League got off to an exciting start in the Western Zone on Sunday last when Cork and Tipperary finished level at The Mardyke. On Sunday we have the second game in the same section when Clare entertain Limerick. Limerick, though then graded junior, competed in the League last season not alone with reasonable success but gained, by playing against higher grade teams, the experience that enabled them to capture the junior All-Ireland crown. Now they come back to the League as fully fledged seniors, and will be hopeful of collecting both points when they visit their Clare neighbours. Clare have faded somewhat in the last two seasons but still can be a potent force on home ground. However, the Limerick

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girls, led by Carrie Clancy, Brid Stokes and the O'Brien Sisters look the more likely to return victorious. In Leinster two other neighbouring counties Wicklow and Carlow, set the championship ball rolling when they meet in both minor and junior grades at Knockananna. Wicklow, thanks to ever increasing activity at schools level throughout the county, has been improving steadily and the Wicklow girls, in both grades in the past couple of seasons, might well have taken provincial titles with a little luck. Wicklow, with seven of last year's minor panel again available, will be favourites

against Carlow who are fielding in this competition for the first time.

In the junior grade, Wicklow will also be fancied and they have an outstanding player in Mary O'Loughlin, who has played for her province. With the majority of last year's team again on duty, Wicklow look strong, but they face a Carlow team that has benefited greatly from the experience gained in the League for weaker counties.

VERY BEST

The Colleges finals at Croke Park last weekend were well up to the customary high standard, particularly so in the senior game when Presentation Athenry had to give of their very best to ward off the challenge of Loreto Coleraine. In the junior final, Presentation Cashel deservedly regained the trophy, but the losers, Bawnboy Vocational

School from Ciúnta Cavan, certainly greatly enhanced the prestige of their county on the Camogie fields.

Presentation College Terenure achieved a notable triumph by winning the Project competition for the second successive year, despite some very keen competition, particularly from the runners-up Loreto Kilkenny, with Presentation Cashel and Wicklow Vocational School sharing third prize.

Meanwhile, the remaining Colleges competitions are nearing completion. In the Leinster Senior B competition, Presentation Castlecomer are through to the semi-finals, while the remaining three quarter-finals, due to take place on Saturday, are Callan v Maryfield at Castlecomer; Wicklow V.S. v Kilmore Rd., at Asnford; Rathangan V.S. v Mountmellick

SPOTLIGHT ON SENIOR C'SHIPS

BIG GAME of the coming weekend will be the Senior Co. Championship clash between city clubs Glen Rovers and South Presentation Past Pupils at the Glen Field on Sunday. On the same day Cork seniors will be in action in a friendly game with Kilkenny at Killeagh and on Saturday the final of the Munster Colleges Intermediate 'A' final will be held. And with a long list of club fixtures the weekend and coming week will be yet another hectic one.

Clare Hackett, Ann Daly, Ann Delaney, Marie Ryan and Ber Owens were all impressive in Glen Rovers win over U.C.C. in the championship two weeks ago and they must enter Sunday's game with a certain amount of confidence after that performance. However, S.P.P.P. are a very experienced side with strong players in Marion McCarthy, Annette O'Donovan and Hannah Cotter, and although they got a walk-over from Avondhu in their opening game in the championship — which leaves them short of match practice — they will still be very difficult to beat. So a thriller would seem to be on the cards.

With South Pres and Glen involved in the senior championship players from these sides will hardly be considered for selection on the Cork team to meet Kilkenny also on Sunday as part of the Glenbower Festival. So players such as Margo Twomey, Kay O'Doherty and Marion Sweeney are almost certain to get a run. And a good performance in this game could see this trio re-establish itself on the senior side.

On Saturday there is activity in the Colleges front with the final of the Intermediate 'A' Munster Colleges' Championship between Presentation (Bandon) and St.

Paul's (Kilfinane) due to be played at Watergrasshill at 3 p.m. There are so many other important fixtures listed that it is difficult to single out any further games. However it would be well to note that the Cork Feile na nGael Blitz competition will be held at Bishopstown on tomorrow and the under-16 championship begins this weekend.

THIS EVENING (FRIDAY)
Cork Senior Schools Championship at Mount Mercy Grounds, Mount Mercy v St. Aloysius, 4.15 p.m.
At Ballincollig, J.B.C., Ballincollig v Old Aloysians, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Eire Og).

TOMORROW (SATURDAY)
At Watergrasshill, Munster Colleges Intermediate 'A' Championship final, Presentation (Bandon) v St. Paul's (Kilfinane), 3 p.m.
At Bishopstown, Cork Feile na nGael Blitz.
At Buttevant, Under 16 League, Buttevant v Youghal, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Killeagh).
At Mallow, J.B.L., Blackwater v Bride Rovers, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Buttevant).

SUNDAY
At Killeagh, Senior Friendly, Cork v Kilkenny, 7 p.m.
At Glen Field, S.C., Glen Rovers v S.P.P.P., 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Old Aloysians).
At Watergrasshill, J.B.C., Watergrasshill v St. Finbarr's, (Ref. Sarsfields).
At Nemo Rangers, U-16 L, Nemo Rangers v St. Catherine's, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Ballinlough).

MONDAY
At Middleton, U-16 L, Churchtown v Sarsfields, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Carrigtwohill).
At Canovee, U-16 L, Canovee v Ballinora, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Aghabullogue).

TUESDAY
At Ballyphehane, J.A.L., Ballyphehane v Douglas, 7.30 p.m.
At Bishopstown, J.B.L., Bishopstown v Blackrock, 7.30 p.m.
At Mon Field, U-14 L, Glen Rovers v Old Aloysians, 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
At Douglas, U-16 C, Douglas v Bishopstown, 7.30 p.m.
At Youghal, I.L., Youghal v Cloyne, 7.30 p.m.
At St. Finbarr's, J.B.L., Redmonds v St. Finbarr's, 7.30 p.m.
At Killeagh, J.B.L., Killeagh v Dungourney, 7.30 p.m.

Limerick beat Clare

At Ennis, on Sunday last, Limerick defeated Clare in the opening round of the National Camogie League. In an entertaining game they won 2-3 to 1-4. Best for the winners were Margie Neville, Val Fitzpatrick, Geraldine O'Brien and Brigid Darcy.

Limerick — H. Butler, M. Neville, G. O'Brien, E. Hayes, M. Doyle, H. Mulcaire, B. O'Brien, V. Fitzpatrick, C. Clancy, B. Darcy, B. Stokes, P. McCarthy.

Ballinvreena retained their under 16 title at Bruff on Friday last when they came from behind to score an exciting 0-4 to 0-3 win over Croagh-Kilfinny in the 1977 final.

For long stages in this great game, it seemed as if Croagh-Kilfinny would hold out, but a late burst by the winners yielded the winning point.

Helen Sullivan, Joan Crowley, Eilish Bourke, Angela Sullivan, Marguerite Rourke and Ann Condon starred for the winners. Martina O'Donoghue, Helene Fitzgerald, Helen Mulcaire, Jean Murphy and Bernie O'Dea were outstanding for Croagh-Kilfinny.

Ballinvreena — M. Walsh, B. Shanahan, J. Crowley, A. Condon, H. Sullivan, G. Carroll, E. Bourke, A. Sullivan, A. O'Sullivan, M. Rourke, C. Quish, B. Hanly, Sub., P. Sullivan.

Croagh-Kilfinny — M. O'Donoghue, B. O'Dea, J. Murphy, E. Fitzgerald, H. Fitzgerald, R. Bracken, H. Mulcaire, E. Keane, R. Fitzgerald, E. Sheehy, S. Murphy, N. Geary, Subs., A. Lenihan, K. Collins.

Referee, G. O'Brien (Ballinacorney).

Glen find scoring power

Glen Rovers 2-6 South Presentation Past Pupils 0-3

An efficient second half display gave Glen Rovers victory over South Presentation Past Pupils in this Cork senior county championship tie at the Glen Field, yesterday. Glen were ahead at the interval by 0-4 to 0-3 after a closely contested first half in which South Presentation worked hard to stay in the game.

But after the break the losers never really had the measure of this young, speedy, and stylish Glen side in which Claire Hackett, Ger Murray and Anne Delaney were always prominent. Marion McCarthy, Mary Whelton and Mary Breen were most impressive for South Pres, but once Glen found their scoring powers soon after the restart South Pres were always facing an uphill struggle and the Blackpool girls emerged as clear winners.

Glen Rovers now go on to meet Killeagh in the semi-final.

Scorers—Glen Rovers: A. Delaney and A. Daly 1-0 each, C. Hackett and G. Murray 0-3 each. S.P.P.P.: M. McCarthy 0-2, A. O'Donovan 0-1.

Glen Rovers—D. Sutton, C. Mulrath, M. O'Brien, M. Ryan, C. Hackett, A.

Delaney, A. Connolly, B. Owens, G. Murray, A. Delaney, P. Mackey, M. Nott, Sub. M. Dalton for M. Nott. S.P.P.P.—M. Whelton, M. Breen, B. McCarthy, M. Bohane, M. McCarthy, A. O'Donovan, E. Bohane, J. Maher, R. O'Flynn, P. O'Neill, I. O'Halloran, M. Harrington. Sub. A. Flood for M. Harrington. Referee: M. Moran (Old Aloysians).

Easy for Cork

Cork 1-12, Kilkenny 0-1

Cork had a decisive win over Kilkenny who had a very poor side on view, in the final of the Glenbower Festival camogie tournament at Killeagh last night, winning on a score of 1-12 to 0-1.

The current title holders only fielded five of their championship winning side, all members of the St. Paul club who were guests of the Killeagh club for the weekend.

Cork used most of their panel and gave a run to three subs, while Kilkenny's real strength still remains a mystery to the Cork selectors.

Referee: E. Walsh, Wexford.

DUBLIN GO ON RAMPAGE

Dublin, 14-4; Kildare, 0-0

DUBLIN began their defence of the Leinster Minor Camogie title when they overcame Kildare at Russell Park, Dublin, yesterday. They were in control from the very beginning, and although their first goal did not come till late in the first quarter, they led by 8-1 at the interval.

The Dublin defence was scarcely tested in this encounter, but the centrefield and forward line were both impressive. Germaine Noonan in the left corner, who scored seven of the winners' goals, impressed both by the accuracy of her shooting and her

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ability to goal from awkward angles.

Scorers — G. Noonan (7-0), E. Murphy (5-2 p. 1. Lambert A. Redmond (1-0 each), C. Bolger (0-2).

Dublin 1-0; Kildare 0-0

Dublin and Kildare ended level in their first round Leinster Junior match at Russell Park yesterday. Dublin were by far the stronger team in the first half, but many wides meant that the sides were level at the interval.

Kildare were best served by the Miffin sisters and Nuala Malone, stood much pressure in the closing stages — Catherine Ledwidge, Frances Murphy and Rita Byrne forming a solid

half-back line. Marcella Dunne was best of the forwards.

Scorers — Kildare — Nuala Malone (1-0). Dublin — Teresa McCann (1-0).

Colleges Result — Senior "B" Semi-final, Marfield College 10-5; Pres. Castlecomer 0-0.

Combined U 3-0; Advanced Coll. 2-1

In an exciting game at St. Patrick's Training College yesterday, the Combined Universities side had a narrow victory over the Advanced Colleges. They were level at the interval with a goal each. The Advanced Colleges added a goal and a point after the interval, but two goals from their outstanding forward, Angela Downey, left the Universities with two points to spare at full time.

Monaghan Camogie Shield — Cremartin 4-4; Latton 0-1. Castlecomer 2-4; Monaghan 2-1. Clontarf 2-2; Aghnamullen 0-0. Inniskeen 3-2.

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Dublin go into final

Dublin 4-3; Wicklow 0-0

DUBLIN Minor Camogie side made heavy weather of their semi-final encounter with Wicklow at Glinalbyn yesterday, before eventually running out winners. On top in the first quarter, Dublin missed many scoring opportunities. Edel Murphy pointed in the 7th minute, and Claire Bolger's goal in the 8th, was to be their last score before the interval.

Dublin managed to survive strong Wicklow pressure early in the second half but then goals from Germaine Noonan and Edel Murphy left them ten points clear as they entered the last quarter. Try as they did, Wicklow failed to score.

The Redmond sisters, Margaret Quinlan and Edel Murphy were best of a sluggish Dublin side, while Betty Bryne at centre-back and Mary O'Toole and Roisin Smith in the centre, were Wicklow's best players.

Scorers — Dublin, C. Bolger (2-0), E. Murphy (1-2), G. Noonan (1-1).

Walkinstown 1-0, Ballyhale 1-0

In an entertaining Leinster Colleges Minor final at Croke Park on Saturday, Walkinstown and Ballyhale ended the 50 minutes with a goal each and so live to fight another day. Teresa Fenelly got Ballyhale's only goal midway through the first half.

Though Walkinstown had many opportunities to score, it was not till late in the second half that they managed to equalise. The replay will be at a Kilkenny venue on May 27.

Maryfield 6-2, Wicklow Vocational School 1-1

Maryfield College captured the Senior 'B' trophy for the second year in succession by overcoming Wicklow Voc. School at Croke Park on Saturday. Wicklow played with great determination in the first half, and the fancied Maryfield side had only 2 points to spare at the interval, when the score was 2-0 to 1-1.

Maryfield's speed and skill came to the fore in the second half — they dominated in the centre of the field where Nora Masuire played a captain's part. While their back line proved impenetrable, their forwards showed that they should take their chances, and so they ended with 16 points to their credit.

NO TROUBLE FOR CORK TO BEAT CLARE

CORK 7-16; CLARE 1-2

CORK had little difficulty in collecting two valuable National League points at Pairc Ui Chaoimh yesterday, when they easily defeated Clare by 7-16 to 1-2. The winners, although playing against a stiff breeze in the first half were quick to establish themselves and at the interval were ahead by 4-4 to 1-2.

On the turnover, Clare did attempt to get into the game but were always up against it and had no real answer to this Cork team which looked very good indeed.

The Cork forwards were particularly impressive with corner players Pat Moloney and Mary O'Leary picking off scores at will and Annette O'Donovan always dangerous.

Patricia Riordan and Nancy O'Driscoll played very well in the centre while the defence in which Marie O'Sullivan and Marie Costine were always sound, was never really troubled by the Clare attack.

Clare had their best players in Ann Russell, Margaret O'Toole, Maureen Davoren and Eleece Fitzgibbon but their efforts were to no avail against this rampant Cork twelve.

Scorers: Cork: M. O'Leary 4-7, P. Moloney 2-5, A. O'Donovan 1-1, M. Geaney 0-2, A. Higgins 0-1. Clare: K.

McNicholas 1-0, M. Davoren 0-1, E. Fitzgibbon 0-1.

Cork—M. O'Sullivan, M. Costine, M. McCarthy, M. Ryan, M. Twomey, N. O'Driscoll, A. Higgins, P. Riordan, M. Geaney, P. Moloney, M. O'Leary, A. O'Donovan. Sub: M. McCarthy for M. Geaney.

Clare—M. Kelly, A. Russell, B. McGirl, A. Fahy, C. Harrington, J. Tuohy, M. O'Toole, M. Davoren, A. Harrington, E. Condon, E. Fitzgibbon, K. McNicholas. Subs: A. O'Connor for A. Fahy, G. Fahy for M. Davoren.

Referee: E. Walsh, Wexford.

Feile na nGael was held over the weekend beginning at Bishopstown on Saturday, with the final being played as a curtain-raiser to the National League tie at Pairc Ui Chaoimh yesterday. In this Blackrock emerged as good winners when they defeated Nemo Rangers by 7 goals to nil. Colette Murphy was the star of the hour for Blackrock scoring no less than five of her side's goals while Mary Dennehy and Judy Deasy also scored. Veronica Hanley and June Hamill played well for a gallant Nemo Rangers side.

Cork blend too hot for Clare?

By TAOBH LINE

TWO more games are scheduled for Sunday next in the National Camogie League, Cork, who drew with Tipperary in their first outing are now hosts to Clare who were beaten by Limerick in their first game. Limerick, with two points chalked up are entertaining Galway at Adare.

In their game with Tipperary Cork dominated right through the first half but the visitors found their form after the interval to draw level.

Nevertheless the newcomers to the Cork side are blending well with their more experienced members, Pat Moloney, Marie Costine and Mary O'Leary and may prove too good for Clare, although the Clare team have very sound defender in Maureen Kelly (goal), Margaret O'Toole, Ann Marie O'Loughlin and Claire Harrington and they will test the Cork front line.

Galway, who are playing their first game of this season will need to be on their toes against Limerick, who are the newcomers to the Senior championship. The Shannonsiders did participate in the League last season, and performed very creditably. They have got off to a good start winning their first game against Clare.

Helen Butler, in goal, is very sound, Margie Neville and Geraldine O'Brien are excellent in defence while Bernadette O'Brien, Marion Doyle, Carrie Clancy and Brid Stokes can all take scores.

For Galway, Margaret Kileen, Kathleen Quinn and Noreen Treacy are hard to beat in defence. Olive Coady, Josie Kelly, Phil Foye and Catherine Ward are always dangerous in attack.

This should be a close game with their first outing an asset to the home side.

Wexford, the League champions, got over their first hurdle in defence of their title, when they defeated Down last Sunday and Dublin, after a tame first half overcame Antrim at Dublin.

CROKE PARK FINALS

The finals of the Leinster Colleges Senior 'B' and Minor competitions will take place at Croke Park on Saturday next.

In the senior game Maryfield College who have had convincing victories in all their games take on Wicklow Vocational School (3.0), who are appearing in a Leinster Final for the first time.

They defeated Naas V.S., St. John of God, Kilmore Road, Dublin, and Rathangan Post Primary School. They are very determined side and hope to bring the title to the Garden County but Maryfield who are the holders may have too much experience for the visitors.

In the Minor competition in which fifty teams took part Ballyhale Vocational School take on Assumption School, Walkinstown (2.0). The Ballyhale girls won out the Kilkenny Zone and later accounted for Kilmuckridge V.S., Arklow V.S. while Walkinstown who won out in Dublin defeated Killocock B and Killocock C.

This should be a close game with Ballyhale, who had the harder road to the final, likely to take the title.

Double Bill At Pairc Ui Chaoimh

CORK continue their national League campaign on Sunday when they meet Clare in Pairc Ui Chaoimh. And as a curtain-raiser to this the final of Feile na nGael will be played. So Pairc Ui Chaoimh must be the place for camogie followers on Sunday afternoon for what promises to be a highly entertaining double decker.

Pat Moloney and Betty Joyce, are both doubtful for Sunday's National League game but the selectors are hopeful that they will be recovered from injury before then. Pat, if she plays will be seen in a new role at corner forward and it will be interesting to see how she will fare here.

Marie O'Sullivan continues between the posts for Cork while Marie Costine is again at full-back. Marion McCarthy of Eire Og will be partnered by Mary Ryan and Betty Joyce. Patricia O'Riordan, Angela Higgins and Nancy O'Driscoll, make up a more than useful centre-field trio, while Annette O'Donovan, following her 1-1 scored after coming on as a sub late in the game against Kilkenny last Sunday, is at full forward. The stylish Mary O'Leary, hockey international Mary Geaney, and Pat Moloney complete the forward line.

This is again an experimental Cork side as the selectors strive for the best combination possible for the forthcoming championship. On paper it looks a good team which should manage the points against Clare. But the latter have fine players in goalie Maureen Kelly, centre-back Margaret O'Toole and that very dangerous forward Eleece Fitzgibbon so Cork should not treat their challenge too lightly.

Feile na nGael will begin in Bishopstown on tomorrow (Saturday) commencing at 10.30 a.m. with the final at Pairc Ui Chaoimh on Sunday.

FIXTURES

This evening (Friday): At Carrigaline u-16 league Carrigaline v Redmonds 7.30 p.m. (Ref. S.P.P.P.).

A St. Aloysius: J.B.C. Old Aloysians v Ballincollig 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Glen Rovers).

Tomorrow (Saturday): At Bishopstown Feile na nGael 10.30 a.m.

Sunday: At Pairc Ui Chaoimh Feile na nGael Final 1.45 p.m.

National League: Cork v Clare 3 p.m. (Ref. E. Walsh, Wexford).

At Mallow: U-16, Blackwater v St. Finbarr's 3.30 p.m. (Ref. St. Fanahan's).

At Ovens: U-16 L. Eire Og v Ballinora 7.30 p.m. Ref. Canovee.

At Ballincollig: J.B.L. Semi-Final, Ballincollig v Cobh (Ref. Eire OF).

Tuesday: At Bishopstown J.B.L. Blackrock v Bishopstown 7.30 p.m.

CORK TEAM: M. O'Sullivan, M. Costine, M. McCarthy, M. Ryan, B. Joyce, P. Riordan, A. Higgins, N. O'Driscoll, M. O'Leary, M. Geaney, P. Moloney, A. O'Donovan.



Cork full-back Marie Costine (right) about to clear from Clare forward Kitty McNicholas during the senior camogie national league game at Pairc Ui Chaoimh yesterday.

St. Pauls, Killivane, Co. Limerick aided by Limerick minors, Anne and Helen O'Sullivan and Esther Sheehy scored an easy victory over Presentation Convent, Bandon in the Intermediate A Final.

In the Leinster Championship last week-end Wicklow defeated Meath in Junior and Minor.

Dublin Minors are out on Sunday next against Wicklow in the Leinster semi-final of the Willwood Tailteann Competition.

CHAMPIONS READY FOR DOWN GAME

ALL-IRELAND camogie champions, Kilkenny, will be making their first appearance in the National League on Sunday next when they travel to Leitrim, Co. Down to play the Down team.

But Kilkenny are not without practice for this game as they have played a challenge match at Youghal and another one in Tipperary recently.

At least two of the All-Ireland winning side is not available at present, but the majority of their stars, Angela Downey, Bridie Martin, Liz Neary, Helena O'Neill, Ann Downey, Teresa O'Neill and Mary Fennelly are all in training, so it would be a surprise if Down, who are still building a senior side, could take the points in this game.

But Down, 1976 Junior All-Ireland winners, found the jump to senior a problem last year, nevertheless they very wisely played all their League games and certainly when they lined out against Wexford two weeks ago there was a marked improvement in the team.

Added to that, Marian McGarvey, who played a major role in their All-Ireland victory and who did not participate last year, is now back on the side.

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CAMOGIE

By TAOBH LINE

League last Sunday when defeating Galway, have proved themselves as worthy 1977 Junior champions, and if they continue to impress, should be a force in the All-Ireland Senior championship.

Cork, who shared the honours with Tipperary in their opening game, collected both points on Sunday last, when they were far too lively for Clare in Pairc Uí Chaoimh.

Clare, the only other county to have had two outings, is not in a happy position after losing both games. Yet this Clare side, who came up senior after becoming the Junior champions in 1974, have most of that team still. They are players with plenty of skill and should, with coaching, be fit to challenge most teams with an equal chance.

Although Galway lost 3-6 to 1-5 to Limerick, they were short at least four of their senior side and the team has potential and plenty of ability.

The Cork championship semi-finals are due to be decided this weekend. On Saturday the County champions, Eire Og, play

against Waterglasshill, and on Sunday, Killeagh play Glen Rovers.

Eire Og, who have so many experienced county players, should be too good for their opponents.

But Killeagh, led by Cork Star midfielder, Pat Moloney, could surprise the long established Glen Rovers club.

The Leinster Section of the Tailteann Minor All-Ireland competition has reached the final stage. The semi-finals last Sunday resulted in victories for Dublin, who defeated Wicklow, and Wexford, who got the better of Kilkenny. The final is due to be contested on May 28, so that it will not coincide with Examinations.

Plans to implement the motions passed at Congress were discussed at last Saturday's meeting of Ard Cloiste. The Finance Committee is to make the arrangements for the National Walk which will celebrate the Association's 75th year and make further suggestions for the provision of the necessary funds to provide a full-time Officer for the Association.

Some fixtures had to be re-

arranged because of the Congress decisions to have a Junior and a Senior Interprovincial and to have the Club Championship Final brought back from March to November.

The situation now is that Interprovincial semi-finals — Junior and Senior — will be played on October 12 and that the Club Championship semi-finals will take place on October 19, with the finals on November 5 and 12 respectively.

Following a very successful Coaching Course given at Ballina last week, Miss Mary Moran, a National Coach, travels to Westmeath to give a similar course this Saturday in Mullingar.

Miss Moran has another engagement at Longford on Saturday week where preliminary meetings are being organised at local level presently.

Maryfield College, who won the Leinster Senior "B" Championship final last Saturday, have another engagement next Saturday when they take on Presentation Terenure, the holders, in the Dublin Senior Colleges Championship Final.

The Leinster Minor final replay between Ballyhale V.S. and Walkinstown has been fixed for a Kilkenny venue on May 27.

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A selection of the Ballina Camogie enthusiasts who participated in the Camogie Blitz by the Ballina Stephenites and the Mayo Camogie Board last Saturday in Ballina. They are pictured with Jane Beatty, Chairperson Connacht Camogie Council, Carmel Casey, Ballina Stephenites and Mary Moran, National Coach.

SENIOR TITLE FOR LORETO

Loreto, Youghal 2-2, South Presentation 1-3

At the Mardyke yesterday Loreto, Youghal, took their first senior camogie title — the Cork Senior Schools Championship — when they defeated South Presentation in a most exciting final.

South Presentation were ahead at the interval by 1-2 to 1-1 and it was not until midway through the second period that Youghal got ahead.

From then on it was a ding dong struggle but Loreto held on to that two point lead.

Loreto: P. Fitzgibbon, B. Walsh, V. Motherway, M. O'Sullivan, B. Landers, A. M. Landers, F. O'Connor, S. O'Connor, M. Power, M. Motherway, G. White, M. Power. Subs: B. Shanahan for M. O'Sullivan; M. O'Sullivan for B. Shanahan.

South Presentation: M. Brady, M. Murray, B. Barrett, M. O'Sullivan, B. Maher, A. O'Shea, V. O'Mahony, S. O'Connor, L. Zuscant, A. O'Leary, M. Hennigan, T. Bell. Sub: M. Holmes for S. O'Connor.

30 YEARS AGO

LIMERICK defeated Cork by 5-3 to 2-0 when they met in the Munster Senior Camogie Championship at Macroom, where the teams lined out as follows: Limerick — M. Fitzgerald, M. O'Brien, M. Stapleton, T. Hannon, K. Ryan, I. O'Loughlin, L. Bracken, R. O'Driscoll, M. Murphy, M. McMahon, P. Sadlier, M. Forde. Cork — E. O'Leary, C. Murphy, M. O'Shea, M. O'Callaghan, T. Lynch, J. Murphy, M. O'Connor, K. O'Connor, K. Riordan, Mary Murphy, E. Long, M. Kidney.

CAMOGIE
Ulster Junior Championship
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back, Susan Lively at midfield and Marian McGarvey in attack were also prominent for Down who are improving with each outing.

MINOR FINAL

The Leinster Willwood Tuilteann Minor Final was due for Sunday next but had to be put back until after the examinations, because Wexford, who reached the final against Dublin, have their senior side travelling to Antrim.

The Junior Competition has now reached the semi-final stage. Last Sunday, Dublin won the replay against Kildare and now face Wicklow. In the second semi-final Louth play Wexford.

The Ulster opening competition in which all the counties participate, was won by Antrim who defeated Derry, after a very good game in which Derry led 2-3 to 2-1 at the interval, but Antrim's experience told in the end.

Next Sunday four first round games are scheduled in the junior competition.

Armagh, who defeated Derry in the preliminary round, are out against Down, Monaghan play Cavan, Tyrone are at home to Donegal and Antrim are due to meet Derry.

Celtic are the first county champions of 1978. They scored a decisive victory over Austin Stacks last week. Cork, as usual, are next in line as their competition has now reached the final.

Last weekend Eire Og, the champions defeated Watergrasshill 4-10 to 2-5 and Killeigh who scored 1-9 defeated Glen Rovers, whose tally was 3-0.

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Limerick make a happy start

THE inter-county scene is inactive this Sunday because of the holiday weekend. The National Camogie League has already completed all the first round games, most of the second round, and Limerick, who are in their first year in senior ranks, have played three games and captured full points against Clare, Galway and Tipperary.

The fifth team in this Western Division is Cork. They have already been out against Clare and Tipperary. The Cork girls gained full points from their encounter with Clare and although they were well in front at the interval in their game with Tipperary, they ended the game on level terms to share the points. Consequently much depends on the Cork-Limerick game which is not due until after the Senior Championship.

In the Eastern Division, Wexford, who have defeated Antrim and Down have still to play Dublin and Kilkenny who have two points each from one game.

Kilkenny and Dublin have a League engagement on June 11, which may put one of these counties on a par with leaders Wexford.

The Senior Championship (Open Draw) opens on June 18 when Down are at home to Antrim.

The Annual Coaching course is arranged for Gormanston College June 30-July 2. The National Coaches, Ann Carroll and Mary Moran, who wrote a coaching book during the year, will again be in charge of the Course.

The Association has now about fifty Grade C Coaches. Those, who have attained this standard, are qualified to train club and college teams. Last year the course was extended to include facilities for qualified C Coaches to take the Grade B Course. About twenty students attended and a number has already qualified. This distinction qualifies a coach to train a county team.

The Association hopes that all clubs and colleges will take this opportunity to have a qualified

coach or coaches available for their players.

The Cork County Final between holders, Eire Og and Killeigh will be played at the Mardyke on Saturday night. With a number of the Cork Senior team on each side there should be keen interest in the game.

Eire Og led by Cork captain Nancy O'Driscoll also have Marion McCarthy, Eileen Kavanagh and international hockey goalie Mary Geaney. On the Killeigh side Pat Moloney, Catherine Landers, Marion Sweeney and Betty Joyce will be hoping to take the title for the first time.

Hannah Cotter (nee Dineen) who won four All-Ireland medals with Cork and captained the 1972 side has decided to hang up her boots but she will not be saying good-bye to the game as she is now training the young players at St. Leo's Convent Carlow.

At a recent meeting of Connaught Council fixtures were arranged for the Minor and Junior Championship, Mayo, which has only been reorganised over the past two months has entered for both Grades and can now boast of six clubs.

FIXTURES

JUNE 18

Minor — Mayo v Galway; Roscommon v Sligo.

JULY 2

Junior — Mayo v Galway; Roscommon v Sligo.

Other news from the West is that St. Dominics Knockroghery won the Roscommon under-14 Championship defeating Oran by the smallest of margins 0-1 to nil. However, as both sides are participating in the Community Games Competition Oran may get another bite at the cherry.

New Talent Gives Hope To Galway

LIMERICK..... 3-5
GALWAY..... 1-7

A decision by the Galway Camogie mentors to give a chance to some new talent in this senior league game against Limerick at Adare on Sunday paid off when some promising stars of the future were unearthed.

Even though this Galway side were well beaten by a strong, hard hitting Limerick side who showed that they will be a force to reckon with later on in the year, the signs are that Galway will improve with a little more experience.

The fact that they were disallowed a perfectly legitimate goal in the first half of the game did not help their cause at all.

Add to this the goal which Limerick were awarded in the second half which Galway claim was at least a foot wide and this game takes on a completely different appearance than that suggested by the scoreline.

Most promising for Galway was B. Murphy at full back who did a good job in containing star Limerick forward, B. Stokes. The speedy M. Connolly at midfield also impressed, along with K. Ward and T. Duane who were the best of an otherwise unimpressive forward line.

Galway: M. Killeen, B. Murphy, B. Glynn, A. Duane, E. Howley, V. Jordan, O. Cody, M. Connolly, K. Ward, P. Connolly, A. Morris. Subs: T. Duane, K. Quinn and M. Freaney.

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Tough fight for Kilkenny

Kilkenny, 1-5; Down, 1-2.

KILKENNY, the All-Ireland camogie champions, had to fight all the time to collect their first brace of points in this League game with Down at Leitrim, County Down, yesterday.

The visitors who were without star forward Angela Downey who is tied up with examinations, made very little headway against the Down defence whose goalkeeper Josie McCrickard made some very good saves.

Kilkenny notched their goal — their only score from play — in the fifth minute when Mary Purcell netted. Down scored two points from Finnoula McGratty and Marian McGarvey, and Helena O'Neill pointed a "30" for Kilkenny, just before half time to give her side an interval lead of 1-1 to 0-2. A feature of the second half was the pointing of two sideline pucks from about 30 yards out by Bridie Martin and Helena O'Neill added the winners remaining points from 30s. Down had the consolation of a last-minute goal.

The winners were best served by Ann Downey, who deputised at full back for Lid Neary, Bridie Martin and Mary Canavan. For Down goalie Josie McCrickard, Joan Hamilton and Bernie Brown did best. Scorers Kilkenny, M. Purcell (1-0), H. O'Neill (0-3), B. Martin (0-2). Down, M. McGarvey (1-1), F. McGratty (0-1).

Junior quarter-final with a hard earned victory over Kildare at Naas.

Dublin were 2-1 up after the first quarter but despite having control through the good efforts of Mona McLochlainn, Teresa McCann and Emer Merriman failed to score again before half-time. In the second half Kildare put on tremendous pressure and through Mariam Malone managed three points from midfield, their goal-scoring attempts were thwarted by Geraldine Sutton.

Scorers Dublin, T. McCann (1-1), E. Merriman (1-0), A. Coffey (0-1), Kildare, M. Malone (0-3).

Presentation Terenure 5-1, Maryfield college 1-0

Presentation Terenure took the O'Duffy Cup and Dublin Senior Colleges title for the eighth successive year when they overcame a spirited Maryfield side at Croke Park.

Though their victory was decisive in the end, it was not until the second half that they stretched into a comfortable lead. The first half was a closely contested one and though Terenure went into a six-point lead in the first quarter, when Cathy McWade netted Maryfield cut this lead when Alva Baxter goalied from the wing. Terenure added another point before the interval.

In the second half Terenure had to withstand strong pressure from Maryfield, especially from the midfield trio of Alva Baxter, Miriam Crawford and Mora Maguire. Goalie Gabrielle Moran, Grainne Burke on the wing, Carmel Flatman and Edel Murphy were Terenure's best players.

Scorers, Terenure, Cathy McWade (3-0), Edel Murphy (1-1), Rosemary O'Connor (1-0), Maryfield, Alva Baxter.

Dublin Championships — Junior "A" — Marino 11-0, An Caibran 3-1. Junior "B" — Woodville 5-0, Phoenix 2-0. Under 16 — Cameron Park 2-0. Goal: Council 1-0. Limerick 0-0.

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Showpiece!

THE showpiece of Cork camogie, the Cork senior county championship final, will be staged at the Mardyke on tomorrow evening, and with great rivals Eire Og, the holders, and Killeagh, due to meet, a thriller must be on the cards.

These sides met in the semi-final last season and after a tremendous struggle Eire Og emerged as one goal winners. Now they meet again — this time in the final, with Killeagh chasing their first senior county title and Eire Og anxious to retain the trophy they won in their first senior season. The holders will be without three of their winning side of last season — Breda O'Leary, Aileen O'Driscoll and Hilda Moran — but they have managed to bring on three very promising players this season — Mairead O'Brien, Mai Lombard and Grainne Mackey, all of whom have fitted in very nicely. They have other young players in sisters Regina (a Cork minor) and Mairead O'Brien. Mary O'Driscoll captains the side and she will have two sisters playing, Cork senior Nancy, and sharpshooter Noelle. Other prominent players are Mary Geaney, Eileen Kavanagh and Marion McCarthy, three Cork seniors, and Rose O'Leary, their excellent goalie. Killeagh, for their part, have plenty of talent also. Pat Moloney, Betty Joyce, Catherine Landers and Marion Sweeney, their senior inter-county stars, will no doubt occupy important positions, while others almost certain to play are Breda Landers, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Catherine Griffin, Sally O'Connor, Marion Foley, and Mary Walsh. And Killeagh might well field some of last year's successful Feile na nGael team such as Barbara Kirby, Mary Spillane and Anne Marie Landers. It would be pointless at this stage to suggest likely winners. Suffice is to say that it must be close, it

must be exciting and it must be worth a visit. The Cork senior team has been invited to take part in a tournament game in Kilkenny on Sunday next. However, it will be difficult to get a side together for the holiday weekend and if a team does travel it will be without many regulars.

Congratulations go this week to Deirdre O'Shea (Na Piarasaigh), Samantha Murphy (Glen Rovers) and Celine O'Connell (Na Piarasaigh), who finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in the Cork Feile na nGael Skills competition. Deirdre now goes on to represent Cork in the Feile finals at Kilkenny on July 8 and 9 next.

Finally, the Primary Schools Committee have organised a blitz competition for Saturday, June 24. Any school wishing to take part

should send their entries to the County Board immediately.

Eire Og team for county final: Rose O'Leary, Marian McCarthy, Regina O'Brien, Mai Lombard, Eileen Dineen, Mairead O'Brien, Nancy O'Driscoll, Mary O'Driscoll, Eileen Cavanagh, Mary Geaney, Noelle O'Driscoll, Grainne Mackey.

Subs: P. O'Reilly, Ann Brennan, Claire Kelleher, Eileen Galvin, Sheila O'Brien, Pauline Cullinane, Teresa Kelleher.

Killeagh panel: Patricia Fitzgibbon, Breda Murphy, Breda Landers, Marie Foley, Mary Walsh, Barbara Kirby, Angela Sexton, Betty Joyce, Mary Motherway, Catherine Griffin, Pat Moloney (captain), Sally O'Connor, Mary Spillane, Fiona O'Loughlin, Ann Marie Landers, Eileen Seward, Marion Sweeney, Fidelma O'Connor, Mary Seward and Catherine Landers.

FIXTURES

Saturday: At Mardyke: Senior Co. Championship final, Eire Og (holders) v. Killeagh, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Glen Rovers).

Wednesday, June 7: At Ballinure: U-14 L. Nemo Rangers v. Blackrock, 7.30 p.m. At Coachford: U-14 L. Eire Og v. Aghabullogue, 8 p.m. At Na Piarasaigh: U-14 L. Na Piarasaigh v. St. Finbarrs, 7.30 p.m.

CORK BEGIN PREPARATIONS

Examinations have hit the Cork camogie fixture list for the coming weekend, and to facilitate clubs who have players sitting for the Intermediate and Leaving Certificate examinations, the County Board have made no fixtures. However, it will not be a completely blank week as the various inter-county teams will be continuing their training for the coming

Munster Championships. The Cork minors are already well into their training routine in preparation for their tie with the winners of Waterford and Tipperary on June 24, while the Cork Junior selectors have now named their panel to go into training for their campaign which begins for them on July 8.

The panel is: Ger Murray, Liz Lynch, Anne Delaney, Anne Connolly, Eileen Barrett, Eileen Dineen, Christine Penfield, Noelle O'Driscoll, Martha Kearney, Carmel Mulachy, Mary Maher, Marie Coughlan, Anne O'Sullivan, Sara Ryan, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Breda Landers, Anne O'Connor, Geraldine Leahy, Marie Power.

The draws for the Cork county semi-finals of the Under-18 and Under-16 Leagues have been and they are:—

Under 16: St. Fanahans v. Na Piarasaigh; Killeagh v. Eire Og. Under 18: St. Fanahans v. Eire Og; Glen Rovers v. Killeagh.

These semi-finals will be played as soon as possible after the examinations. The championships will also be back in full swing then and with the Junior A, B, Intermediate and Senior Club Championship all still to be decided, it will be all go again in about two weeks time.

Eire Og win gripping final

(By JOAN MORLEY)

Eire Og 3-8, Killeagh 3-6

All the pre-match predictions were that the Cork County Senior camogie championship final between Eire Og and Killeagh would be a thriller — and this it certainly was. Played before a fine attendance in a gripping atmosphere at the Mardyke on Saturday evening, this was surely one of the best "counties" for many a year.

The game had everything to offer — plenty of top class camogie, the lead constantly changing hands, excitement and the destination of the trophy in doubt right up to the final whistle. There was only one regret and that was that any of these fine sides had to lose.

The game fluctuated from end to end with first the holders, Eire Og, pressing for the opening period of the first half, and then Killeagh coming with a purple patch in the last quarter of the half to leave them leaders at the interval by 3-4 to 1-4.

And when Pat Moloney increased Killeagh's lead to seven points just after the restart one felt that here might be new county champions at the end of the game. However, Eire Og, who had outstanding performers in Eileen Galvin, Mairead O'Brien, Eileen Dineen and Noelle and Nancy O'Driscoll, had other ideas and in a marvellous second half whittled down the lead and were ahead after 12 minutes by a point. The game, however, was far from over and from there to the end it was drama all the way. Killeagh, who had their best players in Patricia Fitzgibbon, Betty Joyce, Catherine Landers and Mary Spillane, were level again in the 16th minute and they remained deadlocked until three minutes from time when Eire Og's Noelle O'Driscoll grabbed a point lead and a minute later Mary Geaney scored an insurance point to leave them winners by 3-8 to 3-6.

Scorers: N. O'Driscoll, 2-5; E. Galvin, 1-0; N. O'Driscoll, 0-2 and M. Geaney, 0-1 (for Eire Og). For Killeagh: M. Spillane, 2-0; C. Griffin (1-3), Pat Moloney (0-3), A. Landers and M. Sweeney (0-1 each). Eire Og: R. O'Leary, M. McCarthy,

R. O'Brien, E. Galvin, E. Dineen, M. O'Brien, Noelle O'Driscoll, Nancy O'Driscoll, M. O'Driscoll (capt.), E. Kavanagh, M. Geaney, G. Mackey. Killeagh: P. Fitzgibbon, B. Landers, M. Walsh, B. Kirby, B. Joyce, C. Griffin, P. Moloney, S. O'Connor, M. Spillane, M. Sweeney, F. O'Connor, C. Landers. Subs: B. Murphy for B. Kirby, A. M. Landers for M. Walsh. Referee: Mary Nott (Glen Rovers).

20 YEARS AGO

GLEN ROVERS, the holders, had an easy 6-4 to 1-1 win over Seandun, when they met in the Cork County Camogie final at the U.C.C. Grounds, where the scorers for the winners were A. Crotty (4-3), E. Dempsey (1-1) and M. Murphy (1-0); while A. Healy (1-0) and M. Callaghan (0-1) scored for Seandun. The teams were: Glen Rovers: R. Saville, B. Lucey, M. O'Callaghan, T. Murphy (capt.), B. Kiely, M. Buckley, C. Buckley, N. Browne, M. Murphy, E. Dempsey, P. Deane, A. Crotty. Seandun: D. Cutton, K. Buckley, M. Cuneen, B. Naughton, A. Hanrahan, C. McShane, A. O'Connell, A. Connolly, M. O'Callaghan, A. O'Connor, A. Healy.

40 YEARS AGO

CORK won the Munster Senior Camogie Championship when they easily defeated Waterford by 6-3 to no score at Douglas, where the teams lined out as follows: Cork: Kathleen Coughlan (capt.), Kitty Riordan, L. Delaney, Eileen Lyons, C. Cashman, L. Kirby, J. McGrath, S. Brennan, M. Buckley, B. Cronin, M. Cronin, E. Casey. Waterford: E. Long (capt.), A. Duggan, M. Hayes, M. Walsh, C. Freeman, M. Dermody, C. Hayes, C. O'Sullivan, M. Walsh, C. Fanning, R. Duggan, E. Kinsella.

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Wexford are top of table

By TAOBH LINE

COMPARED to the Western Section, progress has been slow in the Eastern Zone of the National Camogie League, due to some of the counties being engaged in the preliminary stages of the Leinster Championships.

At the moment, Wexford, who have defeated Antrim and Down, top the table in the Eastern Section, but they are likely to be joined on the four-point level on Sunday next by either Kilkenny or Dublin, who meet in a vital game at Thomastown (2.0).

Both these teams have had one League outing already. Dublin were hosts to Antrim, and after finding supremacy hard to achieve in the opening half, pulled away after the interval to gain a well-deserved success.

On the other hand, Kilkenny travelled to Down and were very hard-pressed indeed to return with both points. Even through the all-Ireland champions fielded that day without such prominent players as Angela Downey and goalkeeper Teresa O'Neill, they looked anything but impressive and on this display will have plenty of trouble in retaining their crown.

When the teams met in last year's League, Dublin won easily, but Kilkenny reversed that verdict in the subsequent championship.

The Dublin girls have been in training for some time past and powered by goalkeeper Sheila Murray, defenders Bernie Conway and Sheila Wallace, with Marion Conroy giving them added power around mid-field and Evelyn Sweeney and Noreen Fleming effective in attack will be very hopeful of taking a fall out of the champions.

POWERFUL TEAM

However, Kilkenny fit and in form can still be a power-packed side. They were due to start training immediately after the clash with Down, and if Angela Downey can finish her degree examination at Maynooth, then they should show much greater power in attack this time.

Still, Dublin looked good in that second half against Antrim, and Kilkenny will need to be at their best to be sure of taking the points now.

Besides, both counties will be using next Sunday's game as a final trial for the opening round

of the all-Ireland championship in which both face equally tough assignments, as Kilkenny have to travel to face Wexford whom they narrowly defeated in last year's final, but subsequently lost to in a National League play-off.

Dublin, too, have a very difficult first-round hurdle to cross as they have to travel to take on last year's all-Ireland junior champions Limerick who have had a great League run to date having accounted for Clare, Galway and Tipperary in turn. These games are scheduled for June 25.

The opening game of the Senior, Open Draw Championship is fixed for June 17 when Down are at home to Antrim, with the winners advancing to meet the survivors of the Dublin v Limerick clash in the quarter-final.

VITAL GAME

Also on June 18, Galway are at home to Cork in which could prove a vital National League game for both counties. Galway have already lost to Limerick, while Cork have dropped a point to Tipperary so that the losers of this clash will be virtually out of League contention.

Eire Og, who won the Cork title for the first time a year ago, retained the honour at The Mardyke last Saturday night but only after a tremendous battle with Killeagh.

Killigh, inspired by inter-county players Pat Maloney and Marion Sweeney, led by three points, 2-4 to 2-1 at half-time, but Eire Og came back at them in the second half, led by Nancy O'Driscoll, Marion McCarthy and Irish international hockey goalkeeper, Mary Geaney, to eventually win a wonderful game by two points, 3-8 to 3-6.

Dublin champions, Celtic, can clinch the League and Championship double once again on Tuesday night next when they meet Eoghan Ruadh in their concluding League game. Unbeaten so far, even a single point from this encounter would ensure the Celtic girls of the double.

MAYO CAMOGIE HOPES BRIGHTER

THE MAYO camogie revival is gaining momentum. The effort started during the G.A.A. Congress in Ballina at Easter, when the President of the National Camogie Association, Una Bean Uí Puirseil, met a few enthusiasts in the town. Then followed a coaching course conducted by national coach Mary Moran (Cork), which was attended by over 100 girls representing new and revived clubs from Ballina, Ardarae, Parke and Westport.

A County Mayo Camogie Board has now been set up under the chairmanship of Joe Healy, N.T., Parke, with Mairead Malone (Westport) as Hon. Secretary and Carmel Casey (Ballina) as Hon. Treasurer.

Yesterday, an Under-16 "blitz" tournament was staged in Castlebar and in July club teams from Cavan will travel to Ballina to take on the Mayo clubs in an inter-county tournament.

Draws have been made for a Mayo Championship, which is being played on the league system to give the clubs maximum competition, and the first round will be played on July 3.

Further plans will be discussed at a meeting of the Mayo Co. Board in the Imperial Hotel, Castlebar, tomorrow night at 8.30 p.m.

The Board members are very pleased with the progress made. They are sensibly putting the

emphasis on under-age group promotion so that a solid foundation can be established for further expansion.

The Mayo Board will be delighted to help any group who may be interested in forming a camogie club.

KILKENNY ON TOP

Kilkenny, 5-6; Dublin, 3-3.

KILKENNY, with a decisive victory over Dublin at Thomastown yesterday, maintained their unbeaten National League record. Dublin started well but squandered many chances in the first ten minutes. Then Angela Downey had a point followed by a goal in the eleventh minute. Kilkenny dominated the remainder of the first half. Their mid-field was in control. Mary Fennelly and Margaret Farrell particularly impressive. They led at the interval by 3-2 to 0-1.

Though Dublin did try in the second half, Kilkenny added 2-1 to their interval score. Angela Downey, Jen. Dunne and Helena O'Neill were always threatening in attack. The Dublin attack were luckier this half; Anne Byrne had two goals while Anna McManus scored the third.

Scorers—Kilkenny—J. Dunne (2-1), A. Downey (2-3), H. O'Neill (0-1), M. Fennelly (0-1). Dublin—A. Byrne (2-0), A. McManus (1-0), E. Sweeney (0-1), M. Conroy (0-1).

Galway hold out

Galway, 3-8; Cork, 4-3

IN THIS very keen and well contested National Camogie League game Galway just held out to collect the points from Cork at Ballinacorney yesterday.

Galway, who had a strong wind behind them took a long time to settle down and were two goals in arrears after 15 minutes when Cork led 2-nil. Then the home side went on a scoring spree and added first a point, next a goal and then five more points before half-time to lead 1-6 to 2-0 at the interval.

Despite Cork's wind advantage Galway strengthened their position with a goal from Teresa Duane just after the interval. Mary O'Leary sent a "30" to the net for Cork to keep the pressure on the Galway defence in which Margaret Kileen in goal and Ann Duane were particularly impressive.

Patricia O'Riordan and Pat 1).

Moloney trix hard in the Cork attack and were unlucky as their shots hit the upright and cross-bar in the closing stages. Although the visitors scored three more points they failed to match the winners' tally and the home side had two points to spare at the end.

Best for Galway were Margaret Kileen and Ann Duane in defence, Una Jordan at midfield with Teresa Duane and Midge Hobbins particularly active in the forward line.

Cork, who were without their regular full back, Maire Costine, were well served by Maire McCarthy in goal, Nancy O'Driscoll, Pat Moloney and Mary O'Leary.

Scorers: Galway — T. Duane (3-2), M. Hobbins (0-5), C. Ward (0-1); Cork — P. Moloney (2-1), M. O'Leary (2-1), P. Riordan (0

Antrim in late rally

Antrim, 3-5; Down, 1-1

ANTRIM defeated Down by 3-5 to 1-1 in the preliminary round of the All-Ireland Camogie Championship at Portaferry, yesterday, in a closely contested match despite what the scoreline suggests. It was only in the last quarter that Antrim got the vital scores.

Antrim had outstanding players in Mairead McAtamney, Kathleen Kelly, Rita McAtee, Ann McAllister, Bernie Heffernan and goalkeeper Sue Dillon. Down's best were goalkeepers Dawn McCrickard, Susan Kelly, Dawn Hamilton, Anne Rooney and Margaret Lennon.

Scorers for Antrim were: M. McAtamney (0-5), B. Heffernan (2-0) and J. McLennon (1-0). Scorers for Down were: M. Lennon (1-0) and M. McGarvey (0-1).

FIFTH YEAR OF THE OPEN DRAW

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship begins on Sunday and it will again be played on an open draw. This is the fifth year of the Open Draw and the honours have been shared by Kilkenny and Wexford.

The former were the champions in '74, '76, and '77 and Wexford took the title in '75. Down and Antrim are first out this time and the game will be played at Portaferry (3.0).

Both counties have had two unsuccessful games in the National League. Antrim lost to Dublin at Blarney and failed to hold Wexford at Glenariffe. Down went down to Wexford but were only two

points behind in their game with the All-Ireland champions Kilkenny.

Both Antrim and Down are improving all the time so this should be a very even game. Antrim, who have a more experienced side, should advance to the next round, but they will need to be on their toes.

Cork travel to Galway to play their third National League game. In their opening match, they lost a valuable point to Tipperary after being well ahead at the interval. They were most impressive when beating Clare and most of their players should be in fine form as Eire Og who have four players on the team, retained the Cork Championship title only last week.

In Galway's only game, they went under to Limerick at Adare. Though well beaten on the scoreboard, the game was closely contested. If they muster at full strength, and that may be difficult as many of the team that played at Limerick could be involved in examinations, they will give the visitors a run for it.

Kilkenny, who were lucky to survive against Down, were back in form last Sunday when they defeated Dublin in their National League encounter at Thomastown.

In fact Kilkenny led 3-2 to 0-1 at half time and increased that lead to 4-4 in the third quarter. The visitors then scored a hat-trick but Kilkenny justified their earlier form by add-

ing one goal and a point before the final whistle.

This was a disappointing performance for Dublin, who are due to play Limerick in the championship next Sunday week. They got off to a bad start last Sunday as their coach broke down and they arrived late at the pitch and that could have affected their game.

The Wexford Junior team, which were runners-up in the All-Ireland Final in the past two years reached the Leinster Final against Dublin or Wicklow when they defeated Louth last Sunday.

Although the final score 5-0 to 2-3 gave the winners a two goal victory, Louth put up a fine performance, and the winners only made victory sure in the last few minutes.

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By
AGNES
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CAMOGIE AFFAIRS

Champions
face stiff
test at
Clonroche

BY TAOBH LINE

ALL-IRELAND Camogie champions Kilkenny, setting out in quest of their third successive title, could hardly have feared a stiffer first-round hurdle than the one they face on Sunday next.

The champions must travel to Clonroche (3.0) to take on their greatest and keenest rivals Wexford. It will be remembered that it was Wexford whom Kilkenny beat narrowly in the All-Ireland final last September, but the Wexford girls subsequently avenged that defeat when they defeated Kilkenny in an Eastern Zone play-off in the National League, and then went on to take that title for the first time.

So this clash of the All-Ireland champions and the National League title-holders should provide one of the great games of the entire championship at Clonroche on Sunday — it is surely deserving of a setting at Wexford Park or Enniscorthy — and the winners must be long-odds favourites to win the All-Ireland.

IMPRESSIVE

Wexford were very impressive when defeating Cork on the same pitch in the League final in the Spring and, with home advantage, are entitled to be slight favourites now.

They were impressive in the current League in their victories over Down and Antrim and with the Walsh sisters, Margaret Lacey and Kathleen Tonks all in top form will be very hard to beat.

Kilkenny, in their opening League game, were far from impressive when only edging out Down, but they showed considerable improvement when scoring a good win over Dublin a fortnight ago.

Angela Downey, freed from examination worries, can be a match-winner in attack, and if Mary Fennelly, Jo Dunne and Bridie Martin play as well now as they did against Dublin, the champions could reverse that League decision.

But, one way or another, it will be a very close-run affair, and well worth going to see.

REASON TO HOPE

The other first-round championship game is at Adare (3.0) where Limerick, last year's junior champions, have every reason to hope for a winning debut in senior championship ranks when they entertain Dublin. In the League campaign the Limerick girls have had three impressive victories in the Western zone, defeating Clare, Tipperary and Galway in turn.

MANY important decisions were taken at Congress '78 in Kilkenny but none more vital to the progress and advancement of the entire Camogie Association than the decision to empower Central Council to go ahead with arrangements to appoint a full-time officer. Camogie is now being played on an organised basis in all but one of the thirty-two counties, with steps being taken at the moment to organise the game in Leitrim, the only county that lacks a Camogie Board.

The present position is a culmination of ten years of constant progress and development during which the Association has taken on a completely new look. Competitions are now being run at national level in senior, junior and minor grades. Three Colleges Councils, at primary, post-primary and third level are doing tremendous work in promoting and popularising camogie among the rising generation at all educational levels. The Coaching Committee, which organises two national courses at Gormanston College each summer, has published a coaching book produced by the national coaches, Ann Carroll and Mary Moran.

The Committee's Coaching Plan has already produced 40 certified Grade C coaches and a number of these have advanced to earn Grade B badges. A committee has revised the rules governing administration; another is at present revising the playing rules.

Within the past few years Central Council sub-committees have been set up which are doing

tremendous work in dealing with finance, administration, referees, fixtures, etc., all contributing magnificently to the Association's rapid progress and expansion.

All these voluntary workers, aided by those on provincial councils, county boards and at club level, continue to display a dedication and enthusiasm that cannot be equalled.

But because of that very expansion and progress the time is long past when it has become absolutely essential that the Association has a full-time officer to co-ordinate and consolidate the wonderful work of all those voluntary officials.

There is, for example, very keen interest at present in camogie in counties where interest had lapsed and has recently been revived. If a full-time officer were available to keep close contact with these counties and help them with any problems during the initial stages, their progress would be faster, their organisation on a sound and lasting basis and any administration problems could be quickly explained and ironed out.

The basic problem is, of course, where is the money to come from to pay for such a full-time official, and there is no use in offering a meagre salary if we are to get the best, and the Association deserves the best we can afford.

That brings me at once to another fundamental problem. Camogie has everything going for it except a fitting attendance at our games. The competitions are almost invariably well

organised, the skill of the players, especially at inter-county level, is undoubted, and improving every year. If camogie matches got the crowds they deserve, the problem of financing the appointment of a full-time officer would be well on the way to solution.

But, whether from gates or otherwise, money to pay that full-time officer must be found if the Association is to continue to progress as it should. Ways and means of so doing were suggested at Congress. One was an annual levy of 10p from each of the Association's registered members, now well in excess of 30,000. Expansion of membership of Ciste Gael among camogie clubs and councils is another avenue that could be readily and remuneratively explored. The club affiliation fee of £1 could be doubled without undue hardship.

Then, as 1979 will mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Association, a National Camogie Walk should provide a handsome sum. But the sooner all these ideas are explored and exploited the better. The provision of that full-time officer is a matter of extreme urgency.

The senior championship gets under way this month with the plum game of the first round—that between the champions Kilkenny and League champions Wexford, on June 25. On the same day Limerick entertain Dublin, while a week earlier Down will be at home to Antrim. The remaining games, between Clare and Tipperary and Cork and Galway, will not be played until July.

The dynamic Carrie Clancy is a great source of inspiration to the O'Briens, Bridie Stokes and Vera Mackey, and, before the home supporters at Adare, they will not lack for encouragement.

Dublin, after a good start to the season, when they scored well over Antrim in the League, disappointed next time out against Kilkenny, and will need to show far better finish in attack if they are to nip Limerick's championship ambitions in the bud.

In the League, at Roslevin Park Ennis (3.0), there is a Western Zone game between Clare and Tipperary which may have little bearing on the ultimate outcome of the section, but will provide both counties with a useful warm-up for the championship. Tipperary's best achievement in the competition to date has been a draw with Cork, while Clare have yet to win a game.

URGENCY

However, with the championship looming, the home side are bound to show increased urgency and could have a surprise in store for Tipperary.

There was already a surprise in the Western Zone last Sunday when Galway pipped Cork in a thrilling game at Ballindereen and thus are hot on Limerick's heels in the race for sectional honours.

In the opening game of the senior championship, Antrim had a hard-earned but well-merited victory over Down at Portaferry and thus become the first county to move on to the quarter-finals.

The Camogie section of Feile na nGael will present a real feast of the game at Kilkenny on the second week-end in July. No fewer than 24 under-14 teams will be taking part, twelve from visiting counties who will play twelve teams from Kilkenny.

TWO GRADES

The competitions will be in two grades, A and B. The B final will be played at St. Kieran's College on the evening of Saturday July 8, with the final on Sunday, July 9, at Nowland Park, in conjunction with the Feile hurling finals.

An innovation this year is a camogie skills competition, in which contestants cannot be members of teams participating in the Feile.

30 YEARS AGO

OLD ALOYSIANS won the Oireachtas camogie final by defeating Glen Rovers by 5-0 to 1-1 after an exciting game at Douglas. Scorers for the winners were A. Lane (3-0) and M. Linehan (2-0), while M. Kelleher scored for the Glen.

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THE GIRLS AVENGE ALL-IRELAND DEFEAT

WEXFORD SENIOR CAMOGIE TEAM GAINED SWEET REVENGE FOR LAST YEAR'S ALL-IRELAND FINAL DEFEAT WHEN THEY DESERVEDLY DEFEATED THE CHAMPIONS, KILKENNY, 5-7 TO 4-3, IN A THRILLING CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST ROUND GAME AT CLONROCHE ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON LAST.

The boundaries of this win are unknown, but it must put Wexford in with an excellent chance of winning this year's All-Ireland. For, having won the National League title and now defeating Kilkenny, Wexford are the team in form at the moment.

Any Wexford/Kilkenny clash is always worth seeing and a Wexford victory is something

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to savour, this fixture being no exception.

Wexford gave us plenty to enthuse about as they took the game to Kilkenny from the start and by the final whistle had given the Noresiders a far

sounder thrashing than the final scoreline would suggest.

TEAM SPIRIT

Wexford's victory was founded on a gallant team performance, though the game did produce its own heroine in Brigid Doyle. Nevertheless, it was the team spirit that Wexford had built up through the National League and their recent trip to Antrim, that saw them through as each and every girl did what was asked of her.

That wonderful spirit was never so evident as in the first half, when Wexford, defending against a strong wind, went 3-3 to 2-1 in front and the issue was as good as decided at that stage.

That outstanding first half display, in which Margaret Leacy, Deirdre Cousins and Bridie Doran were prominent, laid the foundation for their victory.

Major assets to Wexford, too, were the displays of Bridget Doyle and Elsie Walsh. Bridget showed she has lost none of her scoring prowess finishing the game with a personal tally of 3-4. Elsie's role, policing Kilkenny star, Helena O'Neill, was also a major factor in the Wexford win.

With O'Neill subdued, Kilkenny and Angela Downey, in particular, lacked an adequate supply of the ball to really worry the Wexford defence.

The defeat of Kilkenny represents the removal of one major stumbling block from Wexford path to the final. If they can maintain Sunday's form they must be in with a real chance.

Scorers—B. Doyle (3-4), D. Walsh (2-0), E. Kehoe (0-3).

The Team—Kathleen Tonks (Buffers Alley), Bridie Doran (do.), Deirdre Cousins (do.),



BRIDGET DOYLE, who capped an outstanding display on Sunday by scoring a total of 3 goals, 4 points.

Margaret Leacy (do.), Martin Cousins (do.), Brigid Doyle (Cloughbawn), Elsie Walsh (Buffers Alley), Breda Murphy (St. John's), Eileen O'Gorman (Cloughbawn), Bernie Doyle (Cloughbawn), Eileen Kehoe (do.) and Dorothy Walsh (Buffers Alley). Subs.—Teresa Duggan (Buffers Alley), Bridie Darcy (St. Anne's), Margaret Hearne (Buffers Alley) and Joan Murphy (Cloughbawn).

Dublin earn 'semi' spot

Dublin 3-1;
Limerick 1-4

CAMOGIE

DUBLIN A advanced to the semi-final stage of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship with a hard earned victory over Limerick at Adare yesterday.

Neither side scored in a keenly contested first quarter. Noreen Fleming's 17th minute goal put the Dublin girls ahead and a Pauline McCarthy point for Limerick followed. Each side added a point before the interval. Dublin at this stage had two points to spare over the newly promoted Limerick side.

When Anne Byrne goaled after five minutes of the second half Dublin might have been expected to push ahead for victory. However, Limerick and in particular the O'Brien sisters and Pauline McCarthy played with great determination. For Dublin, Bernadette Conway, Catherine Docherty, Barbara Redmond and Anna McManus were particularly impressive.

A point from Helen Mulcaire followed by a Brid Darcy goal

left Limerick trailing by only one point midway through the second half. An exciting five minutes ensued. Then Ann Byrne finished and an Eivlyn Sweeney hot to the net. Though Limerick added a nother point they allied on atchDublin.

Scorers: Dublin — A. Byrne (2-0), N. Fleming (1-0), M. Mer-nagh (0-1), Limerick B. Darcy (1-0), H. Mulcaire (0-2), P. McCarthy (0-1) M. Doyle (0-1.)

Wexford, 5-7; Kilkenny, 4-3

WINNERS of the all-Ireland senior camogie championship in 1977, Kilkenny made their exit from the 1978 campaign when they lost by seven points to Wexford in the opening round at Clonroche.

Wexford started well with a point by Brigid Doyle in the opening minute and it was the brilliant Cloughbawn forward who dominated the game finishing with a personal tally of 3-4, the Wexford girls led by 3-3 to 2-1 at the interval and the issue was as good as decided at that stage.

Kilkenny made a number of positional switches and brought in Carmel Savage to lead the attack but the threat was more than counteracted by the steadfast defending of Deirdre Cousins, Margaret Leacy and Bridie Doran. Elsie Walsh had a great game in the centre of the field and Dorothy Walsh and Eileen Kehoe gave good support to Brigid Doyle in attack.

The Noresiders had energetic workers in Ann Downey, Mary Fenelly, Norah Fogarty and Angela Downey but they lacked the consistency of the winners.

Scorers — Wexford — B. Doyle (3-4), D. Walsh (2-0), E. Kehoe (0-3). Kilkenny — Angela Downey (3-3), Ann Downey (1-0).

National Camogie League
Tipperary 1-7; Clare 0-2.

WEXFORD FANCIED FOR CAMOGIE DOUBLE

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The camogie double of the National League and the All-Ireland championship has never been achieved—admittedly the National League competition has only run for two years as yet—but Wexford, the current league title-holders, must fancy their chances of securing both trophies this year following their victory over Kilkenny in the quarter-final of the current championship at Clonroche on Sunday.

Kilkenny have dominated the championship scene in recent times, having won three of the last four senior finals, and

petition since Cork beat them in the semi-final of 1975.

By Sunday's victory, Wexford are already through to the All-Ireland semi-final, in which they will meet the winners of the forthcoming quarter-final between Dublin and Antrim, both of whom had to play in preliminary-round games.

Antrim got the better of Down last Sunday week, while Dublin had a very meritorious victory over last year's junior All-Ireland champions Limerick at Adare last Sunday.

This was a game that Limerick were more than hopeful of winning, as they had already run up a string of victories in the National League, defeating Clare and Tipperary in the

But, even before the home fans at Adare, they found Dublin just that fraction the better side and had to give best in a close and very entertaining contest.

So, Dublin advanced to meet Antrim in a quarter-final on July 16 with the winners going on to face Wexford in the August 13 semi-final.

At the other end of the draw, two quarter-finals remain to be decided. Clare entertain Tipperary in the first of these on July 16, while Cork are at home to Galway in the other the following Sunday, July 23.

The meeting of Tipperary and Clare in the league last Sunday should be a useful

meeting. Though the game was at Ennis, Tipperary won with eight points to spare and, on that form, look likely to repeat that success when they clash in the championship.

Sunday's league victory does not, however, bring Tipperary back into contention in that competition. They are already three points down, having drawn with Cork and lost to Limerick, who are still unbeaten at the top of the table with only one match to play.

Senior inter-county competition will be suspended through the next couple of weekends. Today will see the start of the national coaching course at Franciscan College, Gormanston. The official opening will

will continue tomorrow and until tea-time on Sunday.

There will be separate courses for candidates seeking the B and the C coaching certificates. As usual, the course will be under the supervision of the joint national coaches, Misses Mary Moran from Cork and Ann Carroll from Kilkenny.

The following weekend, the action switches to Kilkenny, where some 24 camogie teams take part in their section of Feile na nGael. All camogie games except the final of the A grade will be played on Saturday, July 8, and that final will be decided with the Feile hurling finals on July 9. There will also be an individual test

Minors Have Tough First-round Tie

CORK MINORS have a difficult first round tie in the Munster Minor Championship in which they play Tipperary at Cappawhite on tomorrow (Sat.) evening. And following last season's first round surprise exit, they will need to be on their toes right from the beginning.

Cork won the Munster Minor title in 1974, 1975, and 1976 but only Martha Kearney remains from the 1976 side. Martha is a stylish player who has also played under-18 for Cork and is on the current junior panel. However, Ger O'Donovan, Imelda Cronin, Ger McCarthy and Claire Kelleher played minor last season but the remaining players are all new to inter-county camogie. However all the players have experience of Colleges camogie which means they have for the most part played all over Munster. Among the newcomers: Helen O'Hea, Ann O'Shea, and Carol Roe, although they play for less

prominent clubs, have won places on the side with their own undoubted ability and should fit in well with the rest of the side.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, have dominated the Colleges scene in Munster for a number of years now and are All-Ireland junior champions at present. All those players are eligible for Tipperary and must at least form a very strong nucleus.

Tipperary have yet to win a Munster minor title but they have given very good Cork

teams some great matches and with a home venue they will give Cork a tough evening. So a good start will be absolutely vital for Cork.

On tomorrow also there will be a Primary School Blitz competition at Ballinure while on Wednesday next, Eire Og and Glen Rovers meet in the Senior League and three junior "B" League ties will be decided.

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FIXTURES

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Dublin retain title

DUBLIN 1-3
WEXFORD 1-2

DUBLIN retained the Leinster minor title with a one-point victory over Wexford at Clonroche, yesterday.

Dublin went ahead in the first minute when Claire Bolger pointed. The only other score in this first quarter was Terry Butler's equalising point.

Though Dublin did most of the attacking they missed many scoring opportunities.

BOLGER SCORES

Claire Bolger goaled to put them ahead in the 17th minute but Wexford, through Theresa Kearney's goal, equalised from the puck out, just before the interval. Edel Murphy put Dublin ahead when she pointed a '30', a lead they held to a great extent because of the skill of Yvonne Redmond, their goalkeeper.

The second half, though it yielded few scores, was an exciting period. Edel Murphy stretched Dublin's lead with a good point and Terry Butler replied when she pointed a 30 yards free for Wexford.

Shortly before the final whistle Dublin appeared to have scored a goal, but the umpires did not indicate that the ball had crossed the line. Wexford fought hard to equalise, but had no answer to the quality of Dublin's defence.

Scorers: Dublin: C. Bolger (1-1) and E. Murphy (0-2). Wexford: T. Kearney (1-0) and T. Butler (0-2).

Upper Minor Championship: Semi-final - Monaghan 7-3; Derry 10-

Cork make impressive start

Cork 5-8 Tipperary 3-1

Cork made an impressive debut in the Munster Minor Camogie Championship at Cappawhite, Co. Tipperary on Saturday evening when they defeated Tipperary by 5-8 to 3-1.

Cork made amends for their shock defeat in the first round last season and with good performances by their newcomers, the future looks bright for this young side. Anne O'Shea had a marvellous game at centre-back and she was ably assisted by Helen O'Hea, Anne Lee, Imelda Cronin, Ger McCarthy and Martha Kearney while the accuracy of Carol Roe was a feature of the Cork side.

Tipperary, who had no less than seven players from Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, the Junior All-Ireland champions, contributed to their own defeat by overplaying the ball. Caroline Kelly, Clare Bargery and Eithne Bonnar were best for Tipperary who had no real answer to Cork on this occasion.

Senior All-Ireland champions Kilkenny are out of the 1978 campaign and Wexford, who defeated them yesterday by 5-7 to 4-2, were well worth this fine win, outplaying the champions in all sectors.

Limerick made their debut in the Senior All-Ireland yesterday also at Adare but they went out to Dublin by a single goal after a creditable performance. The score in this game was Dublin 3-1, Limerick 1-4.

Cork take chances

Cork 2-7, Limerick 1-2

An ability to capitalise on opportunities when they were presented, paved the way for this Cork victory over a very good Limerick team in the semi-final of the Munster Junior Championship played at Douglas on Saturday.

Noelle O'Driscoll was particularly effective in this respect. She scored five vital points in the first half and when Limerick staged an impressive comeback in the second period and reduced Cork's 1-6 to nil interval lead to a mere four points, she snatched a marvellous opportunist goal. This goal completely disheartened Limerick and put Cork well on their way to the final.

Cork now meet Tipperary in the Munster final.

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Record Feile at Kilkenny

FEILE NA nGAEL, which was inaugurated in Tipperary, in 1971, has been an outstanding success and as far as Camogie is concerned has proved a great asset to the game in more ways than one.

Kilkenny, this year's hosts, have a record number of twenty four teams participating in the festival and these visiting teams had to win out an under 14 championship in their respective counties in order to be eligible. That means that hundreds of young girls have been involved in the festival up to the moment.

THE DRAW

The draw, venues and times for both Camogie Competitions are:

July 8 — (10 a.m.) first round — Zone A — A: Wexford v. Ballycallan; B: Cork v Young Irelands; C: Dublin v Clinstown; D: Donegal v Freshford; E: Cavan v. Piltown; F: Wicklow v. Mooncoin; G: Limerick v Thomastown; H: Armagh v Slieverue.

Second round (2.30 p.m.) — A v B at Kilmamanagh; C v D at Gowran; E v F at Mooncoin; G v H at Tullogher.

Semi - Finals — A or B v C or D at St. Kieran's College (6 p.m.); E or F v G or H at St. Kieran's College (7 p.m.). Final on Sunday July 9 at Nowlan Park.

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Second round (2.30 p.m.) — A v B at Kilmacow; C v D at St. Kieran's College. Final on Saturday, July 8 at St. Kieran's College (8 p.m.).

Skilful Deirdre Carries Cork Hopes

A pretty eleven-years-old Cork girl, Deirdre O'Shea from Fairhill, will represent her native county in the camogie skills competition which will be staged in Kilkenny in conjunction with the GAA's great festival of juvenile hurling, Feile na nGael this weekend.

A daughter of former St. Vincents and Cork star Christy, young Deirdre is a member of the all-conquering Na Piarasigh club which swept to victory in the Feile held at Paire Uí Chaoimh two years ago and subsequently went on to win the Cork county under 14 championship title.

The honour to represent Cork in the All-Ireland arena was conferred on Deirdre when she was adjudged the best exponent of camogie skills, a 30 metre free, solo run, catch-turn-strike, doubling on a dropping ball, block down, and solo run during the recent Cork competition to find the county's representative for the Feile.

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Mr. Michael O'Sullivan, General Manager, Barry's Tea, making a presentation to Frances McCarthy, chairperson, Blackrock Camogie Club, for the Feile na Gael competition in Kilkenny in which the club is taking part. Included is Veronica Kennefiek, club secretary. ("Echo")

CAMOGIE

Zone A—Batters Alley (Wexford)
3-0: Ballycallan, 1-0: Blackrock, (Cock), 2-2: Gowran, 0-0: Dublin, 4-1: Clinstown, 0-0: St. Eunan's, (Kilkenny), 5-0: Freshford, 0-0: Piltown, 1-0: Cavan, 2-0: Avoca, (Wicklow), 11-0: Mooncoin, 2-0: Croke-Kilfinny, (Limerick), 2-0: Thomastown, 0-0: Slieverue, 1-0: Armagh, 0-0.

Zone B — Roscommon, 12-0: Tullogher, 0-0: Kilmacow, 2-1: Kerry, 1-0: Castlecomer, 3-1: St. Mamó's (Westmeath), 1-1: Johnstown, 4-0: Carlow, 2-0.

The camogie results were:
Zone "A" Croke-Kilfinny, Limerick 3-1; Marino, Dublin 3-0. Zone "B" Johnstown, Kilkenny 5-1; Knockcroghery, Roscommon 3-0.



Eleven years old Deirdre O'Shea, Tree Tops, Croppy Boy, Fairhill, Cork, who won the camogie skills competition at Feile na nGael in Kilkenny, is pictured with (from left) Mr. Con Murphy, President of the G.A.A.; Ann Barry (camogie trainer for Na Piarasigh G.A.A. Club), Mrs. Breda O'Shea and Mrs. Agnes Purcell, President, National Camogie Board. Deirdre is daughter of former Cork All-Ireland hurler Christy from the the St. Vincent's Club.

Dublin take on Antrim

By TAOBH LINE

MAIN Camogie attraction for next Sunday will be the quarter-final of the All-Ireland Senior Championships between Antrim and Dublin at Corrigan Park, Belfast (3.0).

There were some very fine games in the fifties and early sixties between these two counties. In fact, Antrim were Dublin's closest rivals in their long series of All-Ireland successes in that period.

These two counties have already met in the National League in early May. On that occasion, Dublin were victorious. Antrim put up a fine performance through the first half and the teams were level at the interval. It was not until the last quarter that Dublin mastered their visitors and ran out comfortable winners on the scoreboard.

Antrim, however, were very hopeful of their future chances after that game as they had not started their training. Their trainer, Brian Gormley, was injured at the time.

If the Antrim girls have put in their preparations this, on home ground could for them be the start of the road back to the top. In their opening game they conquered Down while Dublin eliminated Limerick, last year's Junior champions, in a very hard fought game. On paper, Dublin's twelve would appear to have more experience. Their greatest problem seems to be in attack where the forwards do not always turn the chances provided into scores.

SUCCESSFUL FEILE

A record number of Camogie teams took part in Feile na nGael in Kilkenny last weekend. Congratulations to the Camogie Committee for the efficient way the whole programme was organised. Congratulations also to the mentors of clubs for the splendid turn-out of all the clubs both from Kilkenny and from the twelve other counties.

The standard of the games was very good while the semi-finals, especially the Blackrock (Cork) and Marino (Dublin) game, were magnificent.

Dublin stride to semi-finals

DUBLIN, 2-4; ANTRIM, 0-2.

DUBLIN ADVANCED to the semi-final stage of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship with a comfortable victory over Antrim, at Corrigan Park, Belfast, yesterday.

CAMOGIE

Antrim started well and the centre field trio of Anne McAllister, Mary Luncy and Rita Moran set up many attacks in the early stages but thanks to some fine goalkeeping by Sheila Murray the home team were held scoreless.

Barbara Redmond's 30 yard free in the 11th minute was deflected to the net by an Antrim defender. This score helped a still shaky Dublin side to settle down.

Ann Byrne increased their lead with a point soon afterwards. Antrim's two points in this half came from 30 yards frees both taken by Ann McAllister and the home side trailed by three points at the interval.

The second half was keenly contested, especially in the early stages. Evelyn Sweeney, un-

marked on the edge of the square in the 10th minute, had Dublin's second goal. From this point on the visitors were in control with Sheila Wallace and Bernie Conway impressive in defence. Ann McManus and Marion Conroy dominating at midfield.

It was Marion Conroy who went on to add two further points to leave Dublin with eight points to spare at the final whistle. Antrim were best served in this game by full back Maureen Kelly, Josephine McClements, Ann McAllister and Rita Moran. Dublin now face Wexford on August 13th.

Scorers—Dublin—Barbara Redmond (1-0), E. Sweeney (1-0 each), M. Conroy (0-3), A. Byrne (0-1). Antrim—A. McAllister (0-2).

Cork Will Need To Be In Top Gear

A CORK senior team will be in Paire Uí Chaoimh again on Sunday — this time the camogie girls — and it is to be hoped that we will get a better result than the footballers managed last weekend. On Wednesday in Adare the Cork minors will meet Limerick in the Munster minor final, and with a full list of fixtures down for decision during the coming week, it will be all go again for camogie followers.

The Cork senior selectors have named their team to meet Galway in Paire Uí Chaoimh on Sunday. They continue with Marion McCarthy, the converted midfielder from South Presentation Past Pupils in goal, and also retain Catherine Landers in her new position at centre-back. Both these girls did well against Galway. Marie Mackey and Patricia O'Riordan are on the wings, while Marie Costine makes a welcome return at full-back. The centrefield trio will be Claire Cronin, Angela Higgins and captain Nancy O'Driscoll, and in the half forward line Mary O'Leary, Marion Sweeney and Pat Moloney will be in action, with Mary Geaney at full forward.

In Cork's last outing against Galway — in the League — Cork went down to a 3-8 to 4-3 defeat after having a dream start of two quick goals in the opening minutes.

On that day Galway's full forward, Teresa Dwane, gave Cork a very difficult time, while another who looked very good was Una Jordan at centrefield. Midge Poniard was missing but will be in

action on Sunday, while other players Cork will have to worry about are Margaret Killeen, Alma Dwane, Olive Coady, Madge Hobbins and Catherine Ward.

Galway have won every All-Ireland honour with one exception — the senior title — and are determined to win this. They are present All-Ireland club champions (Athenry) and they have also won the colleges junior and senior as well as minor and junior All-Ireland titles. And Cork have always made heavy weather of defeating them even in the halcyon days of the early seventies.

So it looks like being a tough one for Cork on Sunday and they will certainly need to be in top gear from beginning to end if they are to go on to the semi-final, where they will meet the winners of Clare and Tipperary. This tie will also be played on Sunday and it is difficult to suggest likely winners here.

The second semi-final pairing is already known, with Dublin and Wexford through.

Cork minors had a good win over Tipperary on their way to the Munster final and no doubt most of that team will again be in action on Wednesday evening next when they meet Limerick at Adare. Limerick are always good at minor level and with the advantage of a home venue they will be hard to beat. However, Cork's minors are pretty competent and should give Limerick a good run for the title.

The remainder of the fixtures are all club competitions.

Cork senior team: M. McCarthy, M. Costine, M.

Mackey, C. Landers, P. Riordan, C. Cronin, A. Higgins, M. O'Driscoll (capt.), M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, P. Moloney, M. Geaney. Subs.: M. O'Sullivan, B. Joyce, K. Doherty, M. Twomey, E. Kavanagh, C. Hackett, A. O'Donovan.

Cork minor panel: H. O'Hea, F. O'Connor, A. Lee, G. O'Donovan, A. O'Shea, I. Cronin, C. Roe, H. Fox, M. Carney, G. McCarthy, C. Kelleher, C. Madden, T. Kelleher, U. Downey, S. Barry, S. Fitzgibbon, A. M. Landers, M. Hourigan, M. Fox, L. Zinkant.

FIXTURES

This (Friday) evening: J.B.C. at Mon Field, Glen Rovers v. Cobh, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Old Aloysians).

Sunday: All-Ireland Championships (First round) at Paire Uí Chaoimh: Cork v. Galway, 3 p.m. (Dublin referee).

At Roslevin, Co. Clare: Clare v. Tipperary, 3 p.m.

J.A.C.: At St. Finbarrs, St. Finbarrs v. Na Piaras, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Bishopstown).

Tuesday: J.B.C. St. Panahans v. Bishopstown at Bishopstown, 7.45 p.m. (Ref. Old Aloysians).

Wednesday: Munster minor final at Adare: Cork v. Limerick, 7.45 p.m. (Clare ref.).

Under-16 C. at Cloyne: Cloyne v. Ballincollig, 7.45 p.m. (Ref. Youghal).

At Middleton: U-16 L.: Churchtown v. Blackwater, 7.45 p.m. (Ref. Killeagh).

Thursday: U-14 L.: at Bishopstown, Bishopstown v. Redmonds, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Bishopstown).

CORK MADE FAVOURITES

TWO LEINSTER counties are already through to face one another in the first semi-final of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship. The second set of semi-finals should be known next Sunday evening after Cork have faced Galway and Clare take on Tipperary in the two remaining quarter finals.

By an unusual coincidence, the same pairings prevailed in the Western Zone of the National League a few weeks ago. In their League meeting Galway were at home to Cork, and though the visitors led for most of the way, the young Galway side rallied late in the game to snatch a narrow victory that ended the Cork girls interest in the League competition.

However, next Sunday's game will be at Paire Uí Chaoimh (3.0) and Cork have not alone gone through a rigorous course of training for this encounter, but will have Catherine Landers and their fine full-back Marie Costine, both of whom missed that last League game. So despite the League defeat Cork will be favourites now. However, Galway have a young and talented side and, if at full strength, could cause an upset.

In the other quarter-final, Tipperary return to the Roslevin Ground, just outside Ennis where they had a clear-cut win over Clare in that League game. With Deirdre Lane, the Tynan sisters and Margaret Butler in top form, Tipperary will be more than hopeful of winning again. But Clare have experienced performers in Claire Harrington, Maureen Davoren, Catherine McNicholls, Fleece Fitzgibbon

and Elizabeth Condon and will be more anxious for success now that their League hopes have vanished.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER

In the only game last Sunday, Dublin travelled to Corrigan Park, Belfast, to play Antrim, but, though they won with a little to spare, there was very little between the teams and had Mairead McAtamney not been missing from the home line-out the issue could have been very close indeed.

Dublin will now be at home to Wexford in the all-Ireland semi-final on August 13. They have already scored a hard-won victory over Wexford's representatives in the provincial minor final.

There will be two Munster Championship finals through the week ahead. On Wednesday night Cork travel to Limerick in the minor final to take on the home county. Limerick are the titleholders, but many of that victorious side are not now eligible. Cork, who won the all-Ireland honours in this grade in 1976, will now be captained by Martha Kearney the only survivor of that team on the present squad, and on form in the earlier championship games will be favourites to regain the provincial honours.

On Saturday Cork travel to Waterford to take on the local representatives in the junior final, and will be firm favourites to win this one also.

DERRY THROUGH

In the North, Derry with good victories over Antrim and Armagh in turn have qualified for the junior Ulster in which the opposition will be provided by holders, Monaghan, who are also in the minor final where Down will be the opposing side.

The Central Council meets in Dublin tomorrow to make arrangements for the remaining all-Ireland championship games at all levels.

Cork and Clare to meet

By JOAN MORLEY

CORK 3-13, GALWAY 0-3

CORK are only one step away from Croke Park on All-Ireland final day by virtue of an impressive 3-13 to 0-3 win over Galway in the first round of the Senior All-Ireland Championship at Pairc Ui Chaoimh, yesterday.

A few weeks ago Cork lost two valuable National League points to Galway, after a dream start, and it was obvious yesterday that the Cork girls did not intend to take any chances this time, as they never relaxed pressure and ran out the easiest of winners.

The Cork attack was efficiency itself, especially in the second half. Pat Moloney, Marion Sweeney and Mary O'Leary showed a marvellous work rate and points were picked off from all angles. Centre Angela Higgins kept the ball moving forward throughout; Marion McCarthy was again sound in goal and Catherine Landers, Maria Mackey and Patricia Riordan were fine defenders.

Galway for their part were never really in this game, especially after the interval when they were already 1-6 to 0-2 behind and facing a stiff breeze.

However, they did have a number of top class individuals, including goalie Margaret Killeen, Mary Kilkenny, Ann Delaney, Teresa and Ann Duane, all of whom did everything in their power to keep their county in the game. But on the day they were no match for this spirited and accurate Cork team.

Scorers—Cork: P. Moloney 2-2, M. O'Leary 0-6, M. Geaney 1-2, M. Sweeney 0-2, C. Cronin 0-1. Galway: M. Hobbins 0-2, M. Poinard 0-1.
Cork: M. McCarthy, M. Costine, M. Mackey, C. Landers, P. Riordan, C. Cronin, A. Higgins, N. Driscoll, M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, P. Moloney, M. Geaney.

Galway: M. Killeen, M. Kilkenny, A. Duane, N. Treacy, B. Larkin, M. Poinard, P. Connolly, A. Delaney, P. Foy, M. Hobbins, C. Ward, T. Dwane. Sub: B. Linnane for P. Connolly.
Ref.: P. Breslin, Dublin.

CLARE 1-1
TIPPERARY 0-3

Clare caused a major upset in the first round of the senior All-Ireland championship at Roslevin, yesterday when they defeated a fancied Tipperary side by a single point.

At halftime the sides were level at 0-1 each and after the interval the game continued at a gruelling pace with victory at all times in the balance.

However, Margaret O'Toole, proved the match-winner for Clare in this period with a dramatic goal, which was one point more than Deirdre Lane (0-2) could manage for Tipperary.

So Clare are through to the All-Ireland semi-final against Cork on August 29 next, at a Cork venue.

Scorers—Clare: M. O'Toole 1-0, A. M. Russell 0-1.
Tipperary: D. Lane 0-3.



● WINNERS . . . The Cork team which beat Galway in the first round of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship at Pairc Ui Chaoimh yesterday.

CORK GIRLS SHOW CLASS

CORK 3-13

GALWAY 0-3

The final score reflects all too clearly Cork's superiority over Galway in this All-Ireland Senior camogie championship quarter-final in Pairc Ui Chaoimh yesterday.

The opening quarter with each side scoring two points, gave promise of an exciting contest. But then Cork took control and added a goal and four points to leave it 1-6 to 0-2 at half-time.

There was only one team in it in the second half, Cork hammering home a further 2-7

while giving a delightful display of combination and scoring ability.

Galway could manage only one further point but had the outstanding player on the field in goalkeeper Margaret Killeen, who repeatedly saved her side from disaster. Mary Kilkenny, Ann Duane and Catherine Ward also worked hard but could do little in face of the well-balanced opposition.

It was no real test for Cork but the talent of Marie Costine, Clare Cronin, Mary O'Leary and Pat Moloney was all too obvious.

SCORERS: Cork—Pat Moloney (2); Mary O'Leary (0-6); Mary Geaney (1-2); Marian Sweeney (0-2); Clare Cronin (0-1). Galway—Madge Hobbins (0-2); Midge Poinard (0-1).

GALWAY — M. Killeen; M. Kilkenny; B. Larkin, A. Duane, N. Treacy; P. Connolly, M. Poinard, A. Delaney; C. Ward, M. Hobbins, P. Foy; T. Duane.

CORK — M. McCarthy; M. Costine; M. Mackey, C. Landers, P. Riordan; C. Cronin, A. Higgins, N. O'Driscoll; M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, P. Moloney; M. Geaney.

Referee — Phyllis Breslin (Dublin).

Derry Girls Leave It Late

DERRY 3-2

MONAGHAN 2-1

Two goals in the closing minutes gave Derry victory over Monaghan in the final of the Ulster junior camogie championship at Bellaghy, yesterday.

SCORERS: Derry — B. McCloskey, M. O'Kane, B. Deighan (1-0 each), B. McWilliams (0-2). Monaghan—B. Hanratty and E. Hughes (1-0 each), N. McMahon (0-1).

Tipperary Shocked

CLARE 1-1

TIPPERARY 0-3

Clare scored a surprise victory over Tipperary at Ennis yesterday to qualify for the all-Ireland senior camogie championship semi-final.

Tipperary, who defeated the Clare girls in the National League three weeks ago, did not have the same stamina yesterday and this proved the key factor.

Clare were ahead early in the first half, when Anne Marie Russell scored a point, but Deirdre Lane equalised before half-time. A goal from Margaret O'Toole put Clare ahead shortly after the interval and although Deirdre Lane scored two further points for Tipperary, the Clare girls would not be denied and held on in an exciting finish.

Scorers—Clare—M. O'Toole (1-0); A. M. Russell (0-1). Tipperary—D. Lane (0-3).

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Cork forwards Pat Moloney (left) and Mary Geaney combining to beat a Galway defender Mary Kilkenny during the All Ireland senior championship game at Pairc Ui Chaoimh on Sunday. (Echo)



Cork forward, Mary O'Leary, beating Galway 'keeper, Margaret Killeen, only to see her effort go just wide during the All-Ireland Senior Championship game at Pairc Ui Chaoimh, yesterday. (Echo)



Cork players Marion Sweeney and Mary O'Leary beating a Galway defender during the All-Ireland senior camogie championship game at Pairc Ui Chaoimh yesterday. ("Examiner")

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Cork Now Face Clare In Semi-Final

By AGNES HOURIGAN

After a weekend of surprise results, the pairing for the second All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi-final is now known.

Cork, who lost by a point to Galway in the National League, scored a decisive victory over the Westerners at Cork last Sunday.

In fact, the visitors were not in contention after the first quarter and could have suffered a bigger defeat if goalie, Margaret Kileen, was not in such fine form.

Their opponents are Clare, who were classed as underdogs, but in last Sunday's game with Tipperary at Ennis they bravely withstood a determined rally. The visitors, who won the corresponding League tie by seven points, never reached that peak last Sunday.

The Cork-Clare game will be played on August 20 at a Cork venue.

Wexford, the National League winners, who knocked out the All-Ireland champions, Kilkenny, face Dublin, who defeated Limerick and Antrim on August 13 at a Dublin venue.

There is only one National League game next Sunday when Antrim travel to play Kilkenny at Ballyragget (3.0).

Antrim have been improving with every outing, while the home side will be without their ace scorer, Angela Downey, who is in America. In form, the Antrim mentors will have in mind that Kilkenny had only two points to spare over Down in their National League encounter and, on that occasion, Angela was also missing. Antrim had a comfortable victory over Down in the

championship, so they should be in with a great chance this time to collect their first points.

The first semi-final of the Willwood Tailteann All-Ireland Minor Championship is scheduled for Sunday at Russell Park (7.0).

Dublin, last year's beaten finalists, face the Connacht champions, Roscommon, who defeated the All-Ireland champions, Galway.

The Leinster champions won all their games comfortably until the provincial final when they only held out by one point over Wexford in a thriller.

The Connacht champions are making their first appearance in an All-Ireland semi-final in this grade. Greatly heartened by their victory over fancied Galway, Roscommon will be full of confidence and hopeful

of reaching the All-Ireland final on August 27.

Wicklow qualified for the Leinster Junior final last Sunday when they defeated Dublin, after extra time. They now play Wexford on August 6.

Derry ousted champions Monaghan, in the Ulster Junior Championship final and so advance to the All-Ireland semi-final against Connacht champions, Galway, on August 13.

The Munster champions in this grade will be known on Saturday evening when Cork travel to play Waterford. The visitors could prove too experienced for the home side in this game.

Derry are holding a coaching course next weekend at Killea. It will be run by national coaches, Mary Moran and Anne Carroll.

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Minor Final Place For Dublin Girls

DUBLIN 5-2
ROSCOMMON 2-0

Dublin advanced to the All-Ireland minor camogie final with a good victory over Roscommon at Russell Park, Blanchardstown, yesterday.

In a closely contested game, Edel Murphy put the Dublin girls ahead with the first goal of the game. Dublin had many wides in this first quarter. Mairead Coyle's goal midway through the half brought Roscommon into the game.

Her second goal gave the visitors the lead. Dublin has a point soon after, but two goals just before half-time from Grainne Burke and Claire Bolger, left the Dublin girls leading by 3-1 to 2-0.

Edel Murphy's second goal, after five minutes of the second half put Dublin further ahead. Though Roscommon still worked hard — particularly Mairead Coyle and Kathy Hoey — they could not penetrate an improved Dublin defence.

Meanwhile, Josephine Holden, having a great game in attack, added another goal for Dublin.

Dublin now face the winners of the Munster (Cork) v Ulster (Down) semi-final.

Scorers: Dublin — Edel Murphy (2-2); Josephine Holden, Grainne Burke, Claire Bolger 1-0 each). Roscommon — Mairead Coyle (2-0).

KILKENNY 6-8
ANTRIM 1-8

Kilkenny overwhelmed Antrim in the National Camogie League at Ballyragget yesterday, although the first half of the game was closely contested.

Antrim went ahead with a first-minute goal; Kilkenny equalised in the seventh minute.

ute—the first of five occasions in this half on which the sides were level.

They exchanged points until the 21st minute, when Bridie Martin's point put the home side ahead, 1-5 to 1-4. Then, just before the interval, Mary Purcell goalied to increase the lead to four points.

The second half saw Kilkenny add four goals and three points. Antrim getting only four points in reply.

Scorers: Kilkenny—A. Downey (3-3); J. Dunne (2-1); M. Purcell (1-0); H. O'Neill (0-3); B. Martin (0-1). Antrim—R. Moran (1-2); A. McAlister, C. Blaney (0-3 each).

Cork regain title

Cork 5-9,
Limerick 2-2

Cork won the first Munster title of the inter-county camogie season at Meanus, Co. Limerick, last evening when they defeated Limerick, the holders, to take the Munster minor championship.

Cork gave a brilliant

display in this game. Playing with the wind in the first half they looked good while building up a 2-5 to 1-0 interval lead. On the resumption Limerick made a gallant effort to reduce the arrears, but then came a purple patch for the winners which saw them score three goals in a ten-minute spell which completely disheartened their opponents. From there on it was all one way traffic, with Cork running out easy winners.

Clare Kelleher, Ger McCarthy and Martha Kearney were brilliant in the Cork forward line, while Sandie Fitzgibbon, Fidelma O'Connor, Ann O'Shea and Ann Marie Landers were others who impressed for the winners.

For Limerick Gene Murphy, Eilish Bourke, Ann O'Sullivan and Caroline Tuohy were best. Cork, who last held the title in 1976, now go on to meet the Ulster champions in the All-Ireland semi-final on August 6.

Scorers—Cork: C. Kelleher 3-2; G. McCarthy 1-3; M. Kearney 1-2; G. O'Donovan 0-2. Limerick: A. O'Sullivan 1-0; M. O'Rourke 1-0; A. O'Sullivan and H. Clifford 0-1 each. Cork: H. O'Shea, A. Lee, C. Rowe, F. O'Connor, A. O'Shea, I. Cronin, C. Madden, N. Kearney, H. Fox, J. McCarthy, C. Kelleher, G. O'Donovan, Subs: S. Fitzgibbon for H. Fox; A. M. Landers for C. Madden.

Limerick: M. O'Donoghue, J. Crowley, B. Shanahan, J. Murphy, A. O'Sullivan, H. Fitzgerald, M. Fitzgerald, E. Bourke, A. O'Sullivan, M. O'Rourke, H. Clifford, C. Tuohy. Subs: E. Mooney for B. Shanahan, M. Noonan for M. O'Donoghue. Referee: M. Davoren, Clare.

CORK JUNIORS SWEEP TO VICTORY

WATERFORD 1-1
CORK 3-5

A young and skilful Cork side, which worked well as a unit, swept to their first Munster junior camogie championship title since 1973 with a comprehensive victory over Waterford at Ardkeen Hospital Grounds in Waterford on Saturday evening.

Annette O'Donovan got Cork off to a flying start with a goal and a point in the first ten minutes, but they lost full back Breda Landers who received four stitches in a nasty cut over her left eye.

Breda was taken to the casualty unit but was back to see Annette O'Donovan, Geraldine Murray and Marie Power tack on further points for Cork. A goal before half time by Catherine Hawkins for Waterford left the score at 1-4 to 1-0 at the break.

Cork moved the ball about delightfully in the second half and Ger Leahy added a point. Geraldine Murray goalied after a good passing movement and Miss Leahy sealed the issue with a goal in the final minute. Waterford's only second half reply was a point from Catherine O'Donoghue.

Betty Joyce in defence and Liz Lynch at midfield were brilliant for the winners whose best players up front were Ger Leahy and Annette O'Donovan. Waterford had good players in Breda Larkin, Chrissy Mulcahy, Mary Walsh and Lillian Howlett.

Cork: E. Barrett, M. Maher, B. Landers, E. Dineen, B. Joyce, M. Coughlan, L. Lynch, A. Delaney, G. Leahy, A. O'Donovan, G. Murray, M. Power. Subs: A. O'Sullivan for B. Landers, M. Kearney for M. Power.

Waterford: B. Larkin, C. Mulcahy, M. Walsh, W. Barry, M. Purcell, H. Hannon, M. Crowley, C. O'Donoghue, L. Howlett, A. Kennedy, C. Hawkins, G. Kent. Subs: J. Hyland for M. Crowley, J. Kiely for J. Hyland.

Referee: Ide Ni Se (Kerry).

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Tipperary Disappoint At Ennis

Clare 1-1;
Tipperary ... 0-3.

It was a disappointing day for Tipperary camogie at Ennis on Sunday last, when hopes of success in the championship were levelled for another year. When these teams met in the League, Tipperary proved to be the better side, with more fitness and scoring power, but this time they lacked speed and the scores never came. Yet, after the game, players and supporters alike felt that they could have won and the match was a give away.

From the throw-in, it was obvious that the teams were evenly matched. Tipperary opted to play against the strong breeze and opened the scoring after ten minutes with a point from a Deirdre Lane thirty. Tipperary continued to pressurise the Clare defence, but they held off all attacks and Tipperary created her own downfall by wasting the frees and thirties that were conceded to her. The Clare forward line made many efforts at scoring, but to no avail, with Ann Ralph, Siobhan Tynan, Rosie Ryan and Bernie Feehan fighting off all attacks. At last Ann Marie Russell put the sides level with a point from a free and that was how it remained until half-time, one point each.

The second half was a long battle for scores that were so hard to win. But, after a great solo run, Deirdre Lane put Tipperary ahead with another point and it looked as though more scores were imminent. But the spirit of Clare was not to be underestimated and when Margaret O'Toole rushed through from centre-field to grab a goal, the Tipperary side almost fell into disarray.

For the next few minutes, the ball flew from attack to defence and back again and still no scores came until Deirdre Lane took Tipperary's third and final point of the game. Monica Butler rushed in at the last minute to strike for Tipperary, but her rocketing shot went wide by inches. That was how the match finished and Clare went into the all-Ireland semi-final with a one point victory.

The narrow margin made defeat all the more heart-breaking for Tipperary who must now set their sights on the Munster Championship, if they are to bring any honours home this season.

Scorers: Clare: Margaret O'Toole (1-0), Ann Marie Russell (0-1).

Tipperary: Deirdre Lane (0-3).
Teams: Tipperary: M. O'Brien, A. Ralph, S. Tynan, B. Feehan, R. Ryan, D. Lane, M. Troy, B. Wright, A. White, M. Butler, M. M. Tynan, M. Maher.

Subs.: K. Tynan, M. Moynihan, Clare: M. Kelly, C. Harrington, G. Fahy, M. O'Toole, B. McGirl, J. Tuohy, K. McNicholas, M. Davoran, E. Condon, A. M. Russell, M. Saunders, A. Harrington.
Subs.: R. Kelleher, K. Hayes.



The Cork Junior camogie team who beat Waterford in the Munster final in Waterford last weekend.



The Waterford team



● PRESENTATION . . . Given Sloan, captain of the Down team, receiving the Ulster Camogie Championship Cup from Mrs. M. Lynch, chairman Ulster Council after Down had beaten Monaghan at Carrickmacross.

Stern Test Ahead For Cork Minors

CORK MINORS, who won the Munster Championship nine days ago meet Down at Na Piarasigh Grounds on Sunday next in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Championship. On this evening (Friday) Cork seniors will be in action against Tipperary in a Tournament game at Youghal. The remaining fixtures will be on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday next.

Cork who did so well against Limerick in the Munster Minor Final will face a very difficult task on Sunday. Like Cork, Down have been prominent in minor camogie. In 1974, the first year of the All-Ireland competition, Down beat Cork in Croke Park to become the first All-Ireland Minor champions. In 1976 Cork made amends when they defeated Down at Mayobridge to win the title. Down have a number of Ulster championships to their credit as the Ulster competition had been going for several years before the All-Ireland started.

What of this season? Down showed early promise when they beat a fancied Antrim side in the first round of the Ulster campaign. In the final on Sunday last at Carrickmacross, they defeated Monaghan by 3-3 to 2-5.

Down field a very big side, although all but two will be eligible to play minor again next season.

They are strong at midfield where Pepe McKee and Gwen Sloan are two fine players. Michelle Morgan at centre forward proved to be a good opportunist on Sunday and will need watching. Star of their win at Carrickmacross was right forward Kay McParland, sister of Down senior footballer, John. Fast with good control, Kay picked off some very nice scores.

Down are coached by senior players Bel O'Loughlin and Liz Gibson and play with great spirit.

However, Cork proved against Limerick that they too have spirit when they had a very impressive win. Their forwards in particular were most effective with Clar Kelleher and Ger McCarthy blending well together and Martha Kearney keeping the ball flowing. Anne Marie Landers played very well after coming on as a sub the last time while Anne O'Shea, Sandra Fitzgibbon and Anne Lee were others to impress.

A home venue should help Cork also but they will have to be at their best if they are to reach another final. However, they have got the talent to make it.

Cork seniors meet Tipperary in a Senior Tournament this evening, and this should be good match practice for them before their All-Ireland semi-final clash against Clare, while the remainder of the fixtures include one Junior B. Championship tie in which Carrigtwohill should advance at the expense of Eire Og, an Under-16 Championship

which should see Bishopstown get the better of Redmonds and a number of League ties.

TEAMS

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Subs: Clare: Madden, Teresa Kelleher, Helena Fox, Mary Fox, Mary Hourigan, Una Downey, Lillian Zincant.

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TONIGHT (Friday) — S. Tournament at Youghal, Cork v. Tipperary, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. K. Dunne).

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CORK MINORS REACH FINAL

Cork 3-4; Down 3-2

AFTER a fast and close scoring game, Cork beat Down by two points in the All-Ireland minor camogie semi-final at Na Piarasigh Grounds, Cork, yesterday. The win puts Cork through to the All-Ireland final later this month when they meet Dublin at a venue yet to be decided.

Cork were down by two points at the end of the first half, the scoreboard reading, Cork 0-2 Down 1-1. They put a great deal of pressure on Down in the half but all to no avail.

Early in the second half, Cork again exerted pressure on Down and opened the scoring with a goal from G McCarthy, making the score 1-1 to 1-2. However, this lead was not enjoyed for long. Four minutes later K McParland scored from play and put Down back in the lead.

The lead kept changing and the game turned into an evenly balanced, quick flowing match. However, in the dying minutes of the game, Cork snatched two

scores and managed a two point win.

Scorers: Cork, M. Kearney 0-3; G McCarthy 2-0; S. Fitzgibbon 1-0; L. Zincant 0-1. Down: A. Linden 1-1; and K. McParland 2-1. Teams:

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Down: J. McCrickard, J. Traingez, P. Canavan, R. Daly, A. McCambrey, G. Sloane, P. Magee, C. Magee, M. Morgan, K. McParland, A. Linden, L. Sloane.

Ref., Marie Gibson, Kildare.

Cork shake off Down's challenge

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CRK QUALIFIED to meet Dublin in the All-Ireland minor (Willwood Tailteann) camogie final by beating Down in Cork yesterday. This meeting of two counties with vastly contrasting traditions produced an absorbing struggle despite the inclement weather conditions.

Down opened the scoring after two minutes with a point by Anne Linden. Martha Kearney replied with two points for Cork which gave them the lead — the first of eight times it was to change hands during the game. Before the interval Anne Linden restored the balance in Down's favour with a well-taken goal.

SEE-SAW DUEL

On the restart Geraldine McCarthy and Katherine McParland exchanged goals in the 4th and 9th minutes respectively.

Then Cork seemed to have gained the upper hand with a point and a goal in the next five minutes, but straight from the puck out Down replied with another McParland goal.

Cork's decisive goal came three minutes from the end. Each team added further points but Cork helped greatly by an impressive Imelda Cronin on the wing eld out to win.

Down had the game's star, Patricia McKee who got good support from forwards Katherine McParland and Marie Morgan.

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Ahane concede walk-over

Ahane, arguably one of the greatest club sides ever, failed to muster a full line-out for the county senior final against Ballyagran at the Gaelic Grounds on Saturday last and conceded a walk-over.

It was generally known that Ahane would find it difficult to field a side, but when the moment of truth did arrive at rain-drenched Limerick on Saturday it was hard to believe that this was the club who did so much for the advancement of camogie during the last decade.

The dramatic drop in the fortunes of Ahane is a big blow to local camogie and this, coupled with the withdrawal of Ballinvreena from the championship, simply means we have only two senior.

The future of Ahane looks bleak and is certainly uncertain. One has a feeling, however, that the people who took Ahane to the top will again set about re-building the side.

Without Ahane, camogie in Limerick will be the loser.

LIMERICK LOSE TITLE

Limerick relinquished their under 16 Munster title at Meanus when they fell to Cork in the current final on Thursday last. They lost 4-9 to 1-2 in a disappointing game.

Martina O'Donoghue, Ann O'Sullivan, Helen Clifford, Eilish Bourke and Caroline Tuohy were best for Limerick.

Limerick — M. O'Donoghue, J. A. Crawley, J. Murphy, B. Shanahan, C. Tuohy, A. Sullivan, H. Fitzgerald, M. O'Rourke, W. Clifford, A. Sullivan, E. Bourke, M. Fitzgerald. Subs.: E. Moloney, M. Noonan, R. Fitzgerald.

Cork: H. O'Hea, A. Lee, F. O'Connor, A. O'Shea, C. Roe, J. Cronin, H. Fox, C. Madden, S. McCarthy, M. Kearney, G. O'Donovan, C. Kelleher.

Referee: M. Donovan (Clare).

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Youghal Chase Senior Grade

Youghal, who won the 1977 Junior 'A' Camogie Championship, take on Sarsfields in the final of the intermediate championship tomorrow night. A victory would see the club return to the senior grade where they figured some years back. Marie Power, Angela Russell, Gloria White and Margaret Beausang will be in action for Youghal. It would be no surprise if the game were to mark the return of dual All-Ireland medallist Cally O'Donovan who has not fielded for several months.

Sarsfields, who had to give second best to Watergrasshill in last year's decider, will be represented by a strong and determined twelve. Catherine and Kay Kennally, Eithna and Maria Barry and Lilian Zincont will be in the mood for success and anxious to take the cup to Riverstown. The pairing should provide a top-class final with little between the sides at the finish.

Three other championship games are down for decision. Na Piarsaigh, who had a good win over St. Finbarrs, have strong players in Martha Kearney, Brenda Newman, Imelda Cronin and Marion Twomey. They may carry a little more than Nemo Rangers can cope with despite the attentions of Sarah Ryan, Ger McCarthy, Ber Sheehan and Catherine Cassidy.

The issue appears open between Bishopstown and Redmonds. Bishopstown look to Helen O'Hea, Deirdre Daly and Anne Duggan, whereas Redmonds will be hoping that Anne O'Shea,

Nollaig Roe and Catherine Murphy will see them through. Blackrock, Cork Feile na nGael champions, would appear to have too much talent in Ursula O'Keeffe, Joan Hyde, Patricia Darcy, Judy and Frances Deasy for Youghal who rely on Breda O'Flaherty and Caroline O'Neill.

Keen rivals, Eire Og and Killeagh meet in the Senior League. The top players of both sides are in training with Cork and are very fit. The match could be decided by their supporting players. With the holiday season in full swing, it may not be possible for either side to field their first choice. As usual, there will be little between them.

Congratulations to Cork minors who reached their fourth All-Ireland final in five years. Although the team did not find their usual rhythm against Down, it was great to finish two points up against a county which is highly respected in the minor grade. Cork will be at home to Dublin on August 27. Dublin contested last year's final against Galway and are highly rated by those who have watched the current team.

Next Sunday is a free day for Cork teams but they will have more than a passing interest in matches up the country. Dublin are at home to Wexford in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Senior Championship. Dublin overcame Limerick and Antrim so far and the vastly experienced Nell McCarthy has taken over management of the side. Wexford were very impressive in dethroning All-

Ireland champions Kilkenny. It has the makings of a great game with the winners going into the final.

In Wicklow on Sunday night, the home county face Wexford in the Leinster junior final. The winners have a date with Cork on August 20. Wexford have been knocking on the door of All-Ireland honours in this grade for the past few seasons and should advance. Wicklow have been improving steadily but may not have the necessary experience as yet. Galway travel to play Derry in the second All-Ireland junior semi-final. Galway held back Una Jordan and Bridie Cuniffe for this game. Derry, who won the junior title in 1969, have an experienced side and Sarah Quinn, Bridget McLoughlin and Brid McWilliams may see them to Croke Park.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow — Under-16 Championship at Bishopstown, at 7.30, Bishopstown v. Redmonds (referee S.P.P.P.).

Saturday, August 12 — Intermediate County Final at Youghal at 7.30, Youghal v. Sarsfields (Glen Rovers).

Sunday, August 13 — Senior League at Killeagh at 7.30, Killeagh v. Eire Og (Watergrasshill); Under-16 Championship at Youghal at 3.30, Blackrock v. Youghal (Cloyne); Junior 'A' Championship at Na Piarsaigh at 3.30, Na Piarsaigh v. Nemo Rangers (Glen Rovers); All-Ireland Senior Semi-final at Russell Park, Dublin, at 2.00, Dublin v. Wexford (M. Moran).

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By TAOBH LINE

The first of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi-finals is scheduled for next Sunday at Russell Park, Blanchardstown (2.0) between keen rivals Wexford and Dublin.

Many thrilling encounters have been witnessed between these two counties for many years. In the early sixties while Dublin, who won the Leinster title thirty times in succession, were just pipping Wexford, there must have been great frustration for the Slaneysiders and great joy when they finally, in 1968, won the title.

Although they did not have the satisfaction of defeating the Dubliners that year, it was Kilkenny's achievement. Now looking back over the ten intervening years Wexford, who are current league champions, have won the O'Duffy Cup three times and have been runners-up on two other occasions. Dublin, on the other hand, have only appeared in one final and lost, on that occasion, by one point, to Kilkenny.

The most recent meeting of these counties was just over twelve months ago in the National League.

VERY CLOSE

That was a very close game with never more than a score between the sides and the Wexford girls took the honours on that occasion by a single point. There are very few changes on either team in the meantime so we can expect another close game.

However, Wexford may feel happier if they consider that they scored a comfortable victory over the All-Ireland champions, Kilkenny, while the Nore-siders ran up a tall score against Dublin just two weeks before they lost to Wexford.

On the way to this semi-final, Dublin scored an easy victory over Antrim on the scoreboard but yet the Antrim girls wasted many scoring chances by over-playing the ball. In the next outing against Limerick, the Metropolitan had to fight all the way to emerge winners by four points.

They have a sound defence, a reliable midfield line, but the attack has not, in any of the games so far, made the best use of the amount of the play they have enjoyed. If they are to advance on Sunday there must be an improvement in this sector.

Wexford, on the other hand, must benefit greatly from their defeat of the All-Ireland champions, Kilkenny and from the fact that they have not lost a game since they failed to Kilkenny in the all-Ireland final last September and as an added bonus they captured the league title in early spring.

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Just Make It

DUBLIN 2-4; WEXFORD 2-3

DUBLIN advanced to the All Ireland senior camogie final by beating Wexford in a thrilling match at Russell Park yesterday.

It was Dublin's superior ground play which proved decisive in the torrential rain which made conditions extremely difficult.

A point from Bridget Doyle after two minutes put Wexford into an early lead and when they added a goal through the same player shortly afterwards it looked as if they might take control.

But the Dublin girls soon found their form and a point from Evelyn Sweeney in the eighth minute and an Ann Byrne goal immediately after-

wards brought them level. Then a fine opportunist goal by Mary Murnagh put Dublin into a lead which they never relinquished.

However, the Dublin girls—best served by Sheila Murray, Bernie Conway and Noreen Fleming—had to fight hard throughout the second half to hold off Wexford's determined rally.

Dublin will now meet the winners of next Sunday's Cork-Clare encounter in the All-Ireland final in September.

Scorers: Dublin—A. Byrne (1-0), M. Murnagh (1-0), E. Sweeney (0-3), N. Fleming (0-1). Wexford—B. Doyle (2-3).

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WICKLOW DEMOLISH WEXFORD

By MARK KENNEDY

WILD SCENES of delight and frenzied excitement from the Wicklow team and supporters greeted the final whistle of the Leinster junior camogie final on Sunday.

And Wicklow had every reason to feel proud of themselves. For that final whistle heralded the news that Wicklow had just shed the mantle of the vanquished and joined the laurels of victory after 14 years of barren endeavour.

The nearest that the Wexford side, whose players were always trailing in the race for the ball, came to scoring was when Fiona Cousins hit the side netting with a line-ball.

helping the defence, clearing her lines at midfield, and pressing home attacks.

It was a moment for all Wicklow people to savour as the team heroes had just turned in a powerful performance at rain-soaked Aughrim to demolish the challenge of Wexford by 2-4 to 0-1 in the provincial final.

VITAL AREA
Geraldine Duggan had also taken up a midfield position for Wexford in place of Orla O'Mahony and she was expected to redress some of the imbalance that existed in this vital area.

Cathleen O'Neill was a bundle of energy, courage and determination at centre-forward; no situation was too daunting for her to tackle and she showed a clean pair of heels to Eileen Bolger.

Wexford was one such team that consistently lowered the Wicklow colours in their recent meetings; and, therefore, the fact that the title win was at the expense of their more vaunted opponents made Wicklow's cup of victory all the sweeter.

But at this stage Geraldine and Wexford were rowing unsuccessfully against the strong Wicklow tide, whose attacking waves brought three further points from Cathleen O'Neill, that irresistible force at centre-forward, Bernie Kelly from a free and Breda Whelan in the first 12 minutes of the second half.

WICKLOW—Annette O'Loughlin (Ballycoog), Pat Kelly (Kiltegan), Mary Kelly (Kiltegan), Ann Lawlor (Kiltegan), Mary Gallagher (Avondale), Mary O'Loughlin (Aughrim) 1-0, Bernie Kelly (Kiltegan) 1-2, Kay Barry (Avoca), Bernie Doran (Avoca), Kathleen O'Neill (Aughrim) 0-1, Ann Darcy (Ballysoog), Breda Whelan (Kiltegan) 0-1.

POWER-HOUSE

Power-house of this Wicklow supremacy was their midfield trio of Mary O'Loughlin, Kay Barry and Bernie Kelly who put the shackles on Wexford's Fiona Cousins. Orla O'Mahony and Teresa Hobbs from the very beginning.

Still there was no let-up from Wicklow, who harboured the fear that Wexford could come back for two snap goals and it was not until ace free-taker Bernie Kelly gave them the "insurance" point that they were able to breathe a sigh of relief.

WEXFORD—Margaret Kelly (Cloughbawn), Martina Cousins (Buffers Alley), Bridget O'Connor (Rathnew St. Anne's), Eileen Bolger (Clonee), Patricia Higgins (Rathnure), Fiona Cousins (Buffers Alley), Orla O'Mahony (Castlebridge St. Ibars), Theresa Hobbs (Buffers Alley), Cathy Smith (Clonee), Carmel Higgins (Rathnure St. Annes), Mary O'Connor (Rathnure St. Anne's), Ann Butler (Buffers Alley), Sub: Geraldine Duggan (Buffers Alley) 0-1 (for Orla O'Mahony).

The Wexford cause was not helped by the fact that they had to line-out without centre-back Geraldine Duggan due to her late arrival at the venue; but in the end her inclusion or exclusion mattered little to the result as when she came on late in the first half there was no lessening of the dominance exerted by Wicklow.

And, as if to make doubly sure, Mary O'Loughlin landed her side's second goal from a 60 yards free in the 20th minute; while Geraldine Duggan picked off Wexford's only score, a point before the end.

After the game Mary O'Loughlin, Captain of the Wicklow team, received the Cup from Mrs. Timmins, Dublin, Chairman of the Leinster Camogie Board. The medals were presented to the team at a function in Lawless Hotel after the game.

With the "classical" Bernie Kelly and the industrious Kay Barry raining balls into the Wexford goal-area, the Model County were somewhat fortunate to be only trailing by a single goal at the break.

This Wicklow team, which has only 14 players in the squad, went into this contest with the right motivation; there was fire and flair, determination and skill in their play and they never allowed Wexford to settle or get a grip on the exchanges.

That Wexford was still in the hunt at this stage was due to a combination of bad shooting by the Wicklow attack, particularly from scoreable frees, and the tight-marking of the Wexford defenders, who withstood severe pressure at times.

TOOK COMMAND
From the start they took command of the vital midfield through the work of Mary O'Loughlin, Kay Barry and Bernie Kelly and this slotted Wexford into a defensive role, from which the latter was never able to break loose.

Bernie Kelly took over as free-taker, from Mary O'Loughlin just

Dublin Qualify For Final Again

By AGNES HOURIGAN

DUBLIN, who reached the final of the Willwood Tailteann Minor All-Ireland last season, have qualified once again.

They defeated a very strong Roscommon side last Sunday evening at Russell Park, Dublin.

The home side concentrated on the fast ground style and this paid dividends for them, while Roscommon used the lift and strike style more often and were sometimes foiled in their efforts.

The game was of a very high standard for this grade. The players of both teams gave an excellent display and although they had contrasting styles it did not detract from the entertainment.

Their defence did extremely well to hold the Dublin attack so well, considering the amount of pressure they experienced.

The other semi final pair have now qualified. Cork has won out in Munster defeating holders Limerick last week, while Down, who won the inaugural title, came out of Ulster last Sunday after dethroning holders, Monaghan.

This game is scheduled for Sunday at Na Piarasigh Grounds, Cork has a very strong side on duty. Ann O'Shea, Imelda Cronin, Martha Kearney, Gerladine McCarthy and Claire Kelleher were outstanding against Limerick and the Southerners, on home territory, should prove too strong for Down who will pin their hopes on Gwen Sloan, Michelle Morgan, Pat McKee and Kay McPartland who is a sister to Down footballer, John.

Wicklow's First Title In The Rain

WICKLOW 2-4
WEXFORD 0-1

Wicklow earned their first victory in the Leinster Junior camogie championship when they defeated Wexford in yesterday's final in Aughrim. The home team did very well, considering the appalling weather conditions to defeat Leinster champions, Wexford.

Three of the four Junior Provincial champions are now known. Cork, who defeated Waterford last Saturday, are Munster's representatives and they will be at home to the Leinster champions Wexford, holders, or Wicklow on August 20.

Mary O'Loughlin opened the scoring with a goal from a free that was deflected to the net in the 24th minute after an unexciting first half with many missed opportunities on both sides.

Derry, who have not won out in Ulster since they captured the All-Ireland title, in 1969, are the new Ulster winners and they shall be at home to Co.acht champions, Galway, on August 13.

Immediately after the restart the home team consolidated their lead with points in quick succession from Kathleen O'Neill and Bernadette Kelly. Despite the best efforts of the Wexford team, they could find no answer to players like Mary O'Loughlin, Bernadette Kelly and Kathleen O'Neill. A goal from Mary O'Loughlin midway through the second half assured Wicklow of a place in Sunday's All-Ireland semi-final against Cork. The home team were to add a further two points before the finish to win by a nine-points margin.

Kilkenny scored a convincing victory over Antrim in their National League tie last Sunday. They have only one game left to play in the Eastern Zone.

Scorers: Wicklow — Mary O'Loughlin (2-0), B. Kelly (0-2), K. O'Neill (0-1), B. Whelan (0-1). Wexford — G. Duggan (0-1).

That is against their keenest rivals, Wexford, who recently knocked them off their All-Ireland championship pedestal.

With these two counties there is only one other county still on full points and that is Limerick, who have yet to play neighbours, Cork. The latter have lost three points while Galway are only two points behind to date.

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Meet the players

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MARY O'LOUGHLIN, Captain (Aughrim), Centrefield. Mary has been the inspiration of the County team for many years. She has been keenly interested in camogie since childhood and has always been a good leader. She has many honours to her credit which include representing Leinster for three years in the Gael Linn competition which brought her an inter-Provincial medal in 1976. She holds County senior and junior championship medals with Aughrim, as well as winning the Wicklow People Cup Player of the Year award. Mary is a natural choice for captain, she was captain of her club's senior and junior teams and of the Wicklow Vocational School team in 1973. She is presently Secretary of Wicklow Co. Board.

ANNETTE O'LOUGHLIN (Ballycoog), goalie. Annette first wore the County colours as a minor in 1975, but only made the junior team this year. She won a Co. junior championship medal with Ballycoog in 1976.

PAT KELLY (Kiltegan), full-back. Pat played for the County minors in 1974 and captained the 1975 team. She has played on the County junior team since 1975. She won player of the year award in 1975, and is the holder of minor and senior championship medals with Kiltegan as well as senior and junior vocational school medals with Baltinglass 1974/76. She captained the 1976 Baltinglass school team which won the Kavanagh Cup three times in a row. She has also captained her club minor and senior winning sides.

ANN LAWLOR (Kiltegan), right half-back. Ann is one of two sisters on the team. She has represented her county since 1974 and has won junior and senior championship medals with Kiltegan and vocational school medals with Baltinglass.

MARY KELLY (nee Lawlor) (Kiltegan), centre half-back. Mary has been on the County team since 1974. She has won County junior and senior medals with Kiltegan, and was captain of the first Baltinglass school team to win a senior championship medal.

MARY GALLAGHER (Avondale), left half-back. Mary first represented her county at minor level in 1974, but this is her first year on the junior team. She holds both junior and senior vocational school medals won with Rathdrum V.S. and was captain of the Wicklow V.S. U-16 and senior teams. Mary is currently chairman of her club.

KAY BARRY (Avoca), centrefield. Kay first represented Wicklow at the age of 13. She played on the minor team for three years and has been on the junior team since 1976. She won an interprovincial medal with Leinster in 1976 and was captain of the Avoca team which won the Wicklow People Cup in 1975 and '76. She won player of the year award in 1976 and a junior championship medal with her club this year.



The Wicklow Junior Camogie team who won the Leinster championship at Aughrim on Sunday.

BERNIE KELLY (Kiltegan) centrefield. Bernie is an inspiring player. She was captain of the championship-winning Kiltegan minor and senior teams as well as the 1976 Baltinglass team that won the schools senior championship. She is noted for her ability to score goals from the half-way mark and has been on the junior county team with sister Pat (full-back) since 1975, and was on the minor team of 1974.

K. O'NEILL (Aughrim), centre-forward. Kathleen holds a Leinster interprovincial medal as well as Co. junior and senior championship medals with Aughrim. She has a happy knack of finding the back of the net from all angles, including sideline cuts.

BERNIE DORAN (Avoca), left half-forward. Bernie represented the County on the minor team of 1975 and '76, and the junior team since last year. She has captained her club's team and also Arklow Vocational school team. She won her first county junior championship medal with Avoca this year.

ANNE D'ARCY (Ballycoog), right half-forward. Anne holds a unique distinction of playing for the County minor team for four years. She was captain last year. She won the Wicklow People Cup 1977 Player of the Year award and was captain of the Ballycoog team which won the 1976 junior championship. She was also captain of Arklow Vocational School senior team this year.

BREDA WHELAN (Kiltegan) full-forward. Breda has represented her county at junior and minor level. She has won senior championship medals with Kiltegan and was captain of the Dunlavin School junior and senior teams 1975 and '77. She won a senior vocational schools medal with Dunlavin this year. Breda is noted for her accurate scoring ability.

JANE CLINCH (Kiltegan), Sub. Jane played for the County minors in 1975 and '76. This is her first year on the junior panel. She holds senior championship medal won with Kiltegan and senior vocational school medal with Baltinglass.

PAULINE MELLON (Avoca), Sub. Pauline is the youngest player on the junior team, indeed at 13, she may be the youngest girl ever to win a Leinster junior championship medal. She played on the county minor team this year, and is also on the U-14 County team. She is noted for her goal getting ability especially on the minor team. She has also won U-14, minor and junior championship medals with Avoca this year.

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ON SAT. evening, Wicklow Junior camogie team travel to Cork to take on Cork in the All-Ireland Junior semi-final. A bus will leave with the Wicklow team and its supporters on Saturday evening.

Anyone intending to travel on this bus should contact Mrs. K. Walsh, Co. Chairman, at 868021 or Co. Secretary, Mary O'Loughlin at 0402/6186 for further details.

This match is being played in Paire Uí Chaoimh and will be the curtain raiser to the Senior All-Ireland semi-final between Cork and Clare.

This is a young, strong Cork team, but not lacking in experience, since

they include a number of Minor All-Ireland medal holders from the winning team of two years ago, and so could prove stiff opposition. But Wicklow, refreshed with their victory of last Sunday will now be determined to go all the way, and must stand a fair chance.

Cork are quite strong at centre field. However, good luck, girls, and every success from one and all in Wicklow.

UNDER 14 TEAM

On Saturday, the county under-14 team travel to Russel Park, Blanchardstown, to play Dublin in the

semi-final of the Inter-Counties competition at 3 p.m.

This team under their trainer, Sergeant O'Rourke, Avoca, will no doubt be all out to get their names in the list and be in fashion with the Juniors win last Sunday. Every success is expressed to both team and trainer from the Co. Board.

The panel of players for this game is as follows: P. Mellon (captain), C. Dowling, R. Meehan, A. Hurley, Margo Hughes, Mary Carter, J. Andrews, M. Cahill, M. Woods, R. Smith, M. Whelan, E. Ivors, M. Doyle, A. Kelly, M. Lawless and K. Fogarty.

The referee for this game is M. Cribben, Kildare.

PIPPED

In the replay they were pipped by Wexford by a late goal and the Slaneysiders went on to take the laurels that September.

However, Clare did not live up to that promise in the intervening years. Still with most of that junior champion side still available, they are bound to rise to the occasion and make a brave bid for victory on Sunday.

They have a fine goalie in Maureen Kelly, who captained St. Mary's Teacher Training College to victory in the Purcell Cup, the Higher Institutes Championship.

Margaret O'Toole, who was a former stalwart for Carysfort College is an outstanding defender, Claire Harrington, Maureen Davoren, Kitty McNicholls, Ann Marie Russell and Ann Harrington will not give up easily but I expect Cork to be too experienced for the girls from the Banner County and they should advance to meet Dublin in the final of September 17.

WICKLOW

Wicklow, who won the Leinster Junior Championship for the first time last Sunday, defeated the holders Wexford 2-4 to 0-1.

Actually Wexford's only score came from a free and that remarkable feat by the Wicklow girls augurs very well for their chances. They have very strong players in Mary O'Loughlin, who starred on Gael-Linn teams for the past two seasons.

Supported by Kay Barry, Kathleen O'Neill, Brid Kelly and Anne Lawlor, Wicklow will make a brave bid for victory in Cork on Sunday, but this is a very experienced Cork side.

Many of their players have had senior experience in the National League and these players, Annette O'Donovan, Betty Joyce and Eileen Kavanagh, together with minor All-Ireland holders Anne Delaney, Geraldine Murray, Ann Connolly could sway the verdict in Cork's favour.

CROKE PARK TRIP IS THE PRIZE

A TRIP to Croke Park is the prize at stake for both Cork senior and junior camogie teams at Paire Uí Chaoimh on Sunday. Wicklow will be novel visitors in the junior game. Apart from their three interprovincial players, Kay Barry, Mary O'Loughlin and Kathleen O'Neill, they are completely unknown in this part of the country. However, their record speaks for itself. To date, they have left Carlow, Meath, Dublin and Wexford in their trail. It must be remembered that Wexford contested the last two All-Ireland finals in this grade. Therefore, this must be a good side.

Six of the Cork junior team, Betty Joyce, Anne Delaney, Marie Coughlan, Martha Kearney, Ger Murray and Eileen Kavanagh hold All-Ireland minor medals. Mary Maher, Eileen Dineen and Liz Lynch have played with Cork at under-18 level while Annette O'Donovan has lined out with the juniors for the past few seasons. Despite the fact that this is a young side, they have all seen plenty of action. If the side can settle down to play the camogie of which they are capable, they will give a very good account of themselves.

In the senior game Cork field an unchanged team from the Galway tie. The defence which held Galway scoreless from play may expect a busier afternoon. Clare Cronin is enjoying the freedom of centre-field. She and her partners Nancy O'Driscoll and Angela Higgins can contribute much with a free-flowing supply of ball to the forwards. Mary O'Leary, Pat Moloney, Marion Sweeney and Mary Geaney have been scoring regularly and will need every score they can get on Sunday.

If Cork think back to last season's league outing with Clare, they will recall how hard pushed they were to scrape home with two points to spare. On that occasion, Clare were without their goalkeeper, Maureen Kelly. This Clare side are together for several seasons and players like Claire Harrington, Margaret O'Toole, Ann Marie Russell, Kitty McNicholas, Maureen Davoren and Eleece Fitzgibbon know each other's play well and will give Cork nothing soft.

Dublin's victory over Wexford in the other semi-final last Sunday had added extra spice to the Paire Uí

Chaoimh game. Clare will be most anxious to reach their first ever senior final. On the other hand, Cork would dearly love to regain the status which they held a few seasons back and renew rivalry with a side with whom they had so many great battles in the past.

Cork Seniors: M. McCarthy, M. Costine, M. Mackey, C. Landers, P. Hoordan, C. Cronin, A. Higgins, N. O'Driscoll (capt.), M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, P. Moloney, M. Geaney. Subs: M. O'Sullivan, M. Twomey, K. Doherty, M. McCarthy, C. Hackett, E. Kavanagh, A. O'Donovan, B. Joyce.

Cork Juniors: P. Fitzgibbon, M. Maher, E. Dineen, B. Joyce, B. Landers, L. Lynch, A. Delaney, M. Coughlan, G. Murray, M. Kearney, E. Kavanagh, A. O'Donovan. Subs: E. Barrett, A. O'Sullivan, C. Mulcahy, A. Connolly, C. Pinfield, S. Ryan, M. Power, N. O'Driscoll, G. Leahy.

FIXTURES

Sunday: All-Ireland semi-finals at Paire Uí Chaoimh, 2.30 Junior, Cork v Wicklow (Ref. H. O'Neill, Kilkenny); 3.45 Senior, Cork v Clare (Ref. M. Higgins, Dublin).

Tuesday, Aug. 22, U-16 championship at Youghal at 7.15, Blackrock v Youghal (Ref. Killeagh).

Wed. Aug. 23, U-18 League at Ballygarvan, 7.15, Ballygarvan v Inniscarra (Ref. Carrigaline).

Junior 'B' championship at Carrigtwohill, 7.15, Carrigtwohill v Watergrasshill (Ref. Sarafields).

Thurs. Aug. 24, U-14 League at Ballincollig, 7.15, Ballinora v Ballincollig (Ref. Eire Og).

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WICKLOW WERE ALMOST THROUGH

Wicklow County Junior Camogie team playing in their first ever Junior All-Ireland semi-final, travelled to Cork last week-end to take on the challenge of the home team—(favourites for this game) at Pairc Ui Chaoimh, and some challenge it proved to be.

WICKLOW 2-4;
CORK 1-7

Cork nowhere in second half

Cork dominated play in the first 20 minutes or so of the game notching up one goal and three points in the first nine minutes without any reply from Wicklow. This dominance came from their midfield players L. Lynch, A. Delaney and M. Coughlan, who had the edge on Wicklow in this sector, and who fed their fast-shooting forwards, G. Murray, M. Kearney, E. Kavanagh and A. O'Donovan, well by obtaining their scores from almost any angle.

A switch in the Wicklow side at this point in play, where team captain and centre-field player, M. O'Loughlin and centre half-back, K. O'Neill, switched respectively proved fruitful and got the Wicklow side moving with B. Doran deflecting a well taken free by B. Kelly to the back of the Cork net in the tenth minute to open the score for Wicklow.

Cork added three more points to their total before K. O'Neill had a good point from play for Wicklow, to leave the half-time score line looking gloomy for

the visitors at 1-6 to Cork, Wicklow 1-1. Certainly this was Cork's half and no one could but think that they were a winning side. However, they had missed a couple of scoreable goals in this half which in the long run proved advantageous to Wicklow.

At the restart Wicklow reappeared with the dash and spirit they lacked in the previous twenty-five minutes and took complete control at centre-field and in the forward line, a dominance they held almost entirely throughout this half, with B. Kelly scoring their second goal in the first three minutes and another point in the tenth from a 30 yard free. These scores brought down Cork's lead and set the many Wicklow supporters on their toes with enthusiasm, sensing per-

haps a victory or probably a draw.

Cork added one point to their half-time total, and this was to be their only score in the second half. Wicklow were dominating play at midfield where K. Barry seemed to be inspired and who played a marvellous second half. Unfortunately their forwards had approximately five wides between the twelfth and the 20th minute and this is where and when they failed to clinch the match.

On the few occasions that the Cork forwards made advances into the Wicklow backline, they were driven back by the stout-hearted defensive play of M. Kelly, M. O'Loughlin, M. Gallagher, and at times K. Barry (centrefield), assisting in the back line. If there was an award for player of the match she cer-

tainly would have deserved it. Wicklow's B. Kelly added another point in the twentieth minute to bring them within one point of the leaders. And in the twenty-third minute, B. Whelan had the equalising point for Wicklow, but try as they did, Wicklow failed to get the winning point and so held out for a replay at a home venue on Sunday, 10th September.

The second half most certainly was Wicklow's and on their performance, they are well worthy of the full hearted support of each and everyone in Wicklow on the day of the replay. Wicklow's scores came from B. Doran (1 goal), K. O'Neill (0-1), B. Kelly (1-2), B. Whelan (0-1), while Cork's scores in the first half were secured by A. O'Donovan (2 points), E. Kavanagh (1-2), M. Kearney (0-1), G. Murray (0-1) and A. O'Donovan had Cork's only score of 1 point in the second half.

Wicklow Team: A. O'Loughlin, P. Kelly, K. O'Neill, M. Kelly, M. Gallagher, M. O'Loughlin (captain), K. Barry, B. Kelly, A. D'Arcy, J. Clinch, B. Doran, B. Whelan, Sub.: P. Mellon.

Cork Team: P. Fitzgibbon, M. Maher, E. Dineen, B. Joyce, B. Landers, L. Lynch, A. Delaney, M. Coughlan, G. Murray, M. Kearney, E. Kavanagh, A. O'Donovan. Subs.: G. Leahy, M. Power, A. Connolly, all of which Cork substituted.

The referee for this game was K. Quinn, from Galway.

U-14 SEMI-FINAL

Unfortunately for the Wicklow under 14 county team, they did not meet the same measure of success as the Juniors, when on Saturday afternoon last at Russell Park, Blanchardstown, they were defeated by Dublin in the semi-final of the Inter-Counties Under 14 Competition with the score Dublin 3-1, Wicklow 0-0. However, this scoreline is not a true reflection of the efforts and skills attempted by the Wicklow girls, who were most unlucky not to score on a number of occasions, and who held Dublin to a one point lead at the interval. Wicklow tried hard at all times, but the Dublin backs continuously drew out the Wicklow forwards too far, and rendered them scoreless. Dublin's score of 1 point at half time was secured by A. Thorpe, while A. Cooper, B. Clinton and E. King, who got a goal each in the second half, assured Dublin of their place in the final.

Wicklow Team: A. Fogarty, E. Ivors, M. Doyle, M. Carter, M. Cahill, R. Smith, M. Whelan, A. Hurley, C. Dowling, M. Woods, M. Hughes, P. Mellon (captain) Subs.: K. Kelly, M. Lawless, I. Andrews, R. Meehan.

Dublin Team: E. Redmond, M. Byrne, A. Kelly, D. Byrne, E. Fennell, M. Connell, E. Keogh, A. Thorpe, S. Cronin, A. Cooper, A. Ryan, B. Clinton. Subs.: E. King, D. O'Hara, F. Lennon, M. Murray, P. Mullen.



Mary O'Loughlin (left), in action for Wicklow in Sunday's semi-final.

CLARE SUBMERGED BY FLAIR AND FINESSE

By BRENDAN MOONEY

CORK 5-15; CLARE 3-1

CORK LAID claim to this year's All-Ireland senior camogie championship crown when they handed out a hammering to Clare in a semi-final tie that lost much of its interest well before the halfway stage was reached at Pairc Uí Chaoimh yesterday.

This game was as good as over at half-time when Cork led by 4-6 to 2-1 having played into a fresh wind. Clare got off to a dream start when Margaret O'Toole ran in to flick a Joan Tuohy sideline cut to the net after five minutes, but they quickly lost the initiative and once Cork clicked into top gear the outcome was painfully obvious.

Mary Geaney started the landslide when she goaled after 10 minutes and then Mary O'Leary, sister of Cork hurling star Sean, had their second goal a minute later. Pat Moloney, who along with Mary O'Leary dominated the exchanges in this sector, goaled after 21 minutes and then finished off a Mary O'Leary - Marian Sweeney move with another just before half-time.

Submerged in a flood of flair and finesse, Clare's only reply was a goal by Maureen Davern, her second from a free, 10 minutes into a second half that belonged entirely to Cork who now go on to meet Dublin in the All-Ireland final on September 17.

Apart from Mary O'Leary and Pat Moloney, who left their mark indelibly on this game, Cork had an outstanding full-back in Marie Costine who turned in another polished performance. Catherine Landers also shone in a sound defence, while in the centre of the field Angela Higgins and Nancy O'Driscoll held sway and kept the attack, in which Mary Geaney and Marian Sweeney were also dangerous, well served.

Joan Tuohy strove throughout to get Clare moving but even her persistence could make little impression against the all round superiority of the Cork girls. Maureen Davern gave her plenty of support and, along with Margaret O'Toole, featured prominently in the opening exchanges.

Scorers for Cork: M. O'Leary 2-7; P. Moloney 2-5; M. Geaney 1-1; A. Higgins and M. Sweeney 0-1 each. Clare: M. Davern 2-1; M. O'Toole 1-0.

CORK: M. McCarthy, M. Costine, M. Mackey, C. Landers, P. O'Riordan, M. O'Driscoll, A. Higgins, C. Cronin, M. Sweeney, M. O'Leary, P. Moloney, M. Geaney.

CLARE: M. Kelly, A. M. Russell, R. Doyle, C. Harrington, B. McGill, J. Tuohy, M. Davern, M. O'Toole, A. Harrington, L. Condon, G. Fahy, K. McNicholas. Subs: A. Fahy for B. McGill and A. O'Connor for G. Fahy.

Referee: Mary O'Higgins (Dublin).

Wicklow battle back

Cork 1-7; Wicklow 2-4

Level after an exciting semi-final at Pairc Uí Chaoimh yesterday, Cork and Wicklow must meet again to decide who goes through to the All-Ireland junior camogie final. Cork, due largely to an Eileen Kavanagh goal at the outset, were six points clear before Bernie Doran nipped in to finish a Bernie Kelly free to the net, but they recovered sufficiently to lead 1-6 to 1-1 at the interval.

Wicklow, with the wind in their favour, had a goal by Breda Whelan on the resumption and Bernie Kelly cut the arrears to the narrowest of margins with a point from a 30 and Breda Whelan put them on level terms with three minutes remaining in a pulsating second half.

Scorers for Cork: E. Kavanagh 1-1, A. O'Donovan 0-4, M. Kearney and G. Murray 0-1 each. Wicklow: B. Whelan 1-1, B. Doran 1-0, M. O'Loughlin 0-2, B. Kelly 0-1.

Cork: P. Fitzgibbon, M. Maher, J. Downen, B. Joyce, B. Landers, M. Goughlan, A. Delaney, L. Lynch, G. Murray, M. Kearney, E. Kavanagh, A. O'Donovan.

Cork cruise into final

CORK 5-15; CLARE 3-1.

CORK WILL play Dublin in the All-Ireland Senior camogie final in Croke Park on September 17th. They earned their place with a most convincing victory over Clare at Pairc Uí Chaoimh yesterday. Apart from the opening five minutes, Cork were in complete control. Their back line was sound and their mid-field were superior throughout.

However, it was the brilliance of their forward line which ensured that their victory was so overwhelming — they took every opportunity. As a team Mary O'Leary, Marian Sweeney, Pat Moloney and Mary Geaney combined well. Pat Moloney displayed good anticipation and was always well positioned for both pass and score.

For Clare Maureen Daverne and the Harrington Sisters tried especially hard. They had no answer though to the play of a vastly superior Cork side.

Clare goaled in the sixth minute to which Cork replied with 2-4 in the next ten minutes. Maureen Daverne's goal from a free in the 17th minute might have signalled a Clare recovery, but 2-1 in the period just before the interval from Pat Moloney left the home side ahead by 4-6 to 2-1 at this point.

The first five minutes of the second half saw Cork add four points without reply. Clare's only relief was a tenth minute goal from Maureen Daverne's free.

Scorers — Cork: P. Moloney (2-6), M. O'Leary (2-1), M. Geaney (1-1), M. Sweeney (0-1), N. O'Driscoll (0-1), A. Higgins (0-1). Clare: M. Daverne (2-0), K. McNicholas (1-1).

Wicklow, 2-4; Cork, 1-7

WICKLOW playing in their first All-Ireland Junior Camogie semi-final, held Cork to a draw in their game at Cork yesterday. The home side led by 1-6 to 1-1 at the interval. However, Wicklow, particularly their mid-field, were in control throughout the second half.

Mary O'Loughlin goaled a free in the early minutes. Though attacked constantly in the second half their scores came mainly from frees — Mary O'Loughlin had two and Brid Whelan the equalising point. The replay will be in Wicklow at Aughrim on September 10.

Scorers — Wicklow: M. O'Loughlin (1-2), B. Dolan (1-0), K. O'Neill (0-1), B. Whelan (0-1). Cork: E. Kavanagh (1-1), N. Cantey (0-2), A. O'Donovan (0-3), A. Delaney (0-1).



A Wicklow defender, in possession, chased by a Cork forward during the junior All-Ireland camogie semi-final at Pairc Uí Chaoimh yesterday — ("Examiner")

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CLARE CRUSHED BY CORK'S FORWARD POWER

CORK, 5-15 CLARE, 3-1

By Gerry Slevin

THOUGH boosted by a 5th minute goal—the first score of the game—Clare's joy at Pairc Ui Chaoimh, Cork, on Sunday was short-lived, as the home side proceeded to take a firm grasp of this All-Ireland semi-final game and with an attack that showed remarkable ability, skill and scoring know-how, they ran out easy victors over a Clare side that, for all its heart and determination, had no positive answer to the power of their opponents.

Cork were not flattered by the 20-point margin that separated them from the gallant Clare ladies. They played with complete authority throughout the fifty minutes; their confidence oozed at all times and try as Clare did to come to terms with them, they hadn't the experience or the craft to make anything but token resistance to a rampant Cork side that must be in with a great chance of regaining the All-Ireland title when they take on Dublin next month.

Interest in the game had completely faded by half time when Cork led by 4-6 to 2-1 and with the tempo slackening off considerably in the second half, the Cork attack gave an exhibition in accurate shooting and some of the points taken would be hailed as classics if notched by male caman wielders. Two members of the attack, Pat Maloney and Mary O'Leary between them contributed 4-12 of Cork's total and they made it all look so easy as the luckless Clare defence could do little to stem the tide.

Sister of Cork hurling forward, Seanie, Mary O'Leary clearly showed that all the hurling skills are not confined to the male side of the family and it must surely be something of a record to have two members of the one family—a male and a female—in line for Senior All-Ireland medals in the same year.

With the limited possession they got, the Clare attack could do little with it against a very strong Cork defence and apart from the opening goal which gave promise of things that went unfulfilled, the remainder of Clare's scores came from frees and all from the stick of Maureen Davoren. Clare's opening goal came when Joan Tuohy flighted a line ball into the Cork goalmouth and Kitty McNicholas dashed in to push it over the line. Cork quickly responded and within five minutes had not alone wiped out the deficit but had taken a five point lead.

After fifteen minutes Maureen Davoren pointed a Clare free and after Cork had come back with a point, Maureen found the net with

a very well taken free. Cork struck back almost immediately and when Clare keeper, Maureen Kelly, brought off a fine save, she was unable to get the ball away quickly enough and Cork forward, Pat Moloney, nipped in to crash it home. The same lady added two points to leave the home side 4-6 to 2-1 to the good to the interval.

For the second half Clare introduced Anne Fahy into the side in place of Bridie McGirl, and a glaring miss in the first ten seconds of the half was punished by Cork who continued to press home the advantage and added five points before Maureen Davoren again found the net from a close free.

Spectator interest was now centered more on the happenings in Croke Park through the courtesy of transistor radios, but Cork continued in rampant fashion and the free-scoring Mary O'Leary had an added goal and three points before Pat Maloney ended the scoring with a point just on full time.

If Clare hadn't the skills of their opponents, their determination and heart didn't let them down. They played courageously even when defeat was a foregone conclusion long in advance of the final whistle. Maureen Kelly, in goal, made a number of excellent saves and both Ann Marie Russell and Claire Harrington struggled tenaciously to keep the eager Cork attack at bay. Joan Tuohy also tried very hard and Maureen Davoren showed her skill as a free-taker as well as her unyielding spirit. The attack, though, was out of it and apart from the sporadic contributions of Kitty McNicholas and Anne Harrington, there was never any real penetration.

For Clare it is the end of the road for this season but in losing to a side of Cork's class there was nothing to be ashamed of. Provided the enthusiasm remains, they can only learn from the experience gained, bitter though that experience may have been on Sunday. As one Clare lady said after the game: "At least we cut the margin of our league meeting by ten points."

Cork's scores came from M. O'Leary, 2-7 (1-3 frees), P. Maloney, 2-5 (0-2 frees), M. Geaney, 1-1, A. Higgins, 0-1, M. Sweeney, 0-1.

Clare replies came from M. Davoren, 2-1 (frees), K. McNicholas, 1-0.

CORK: Marie McCarthy, Marie Costine, Marie Mackey, Catherine Landers, Patricia O'Riordan, Nancy O'Driscoll, Angela Higgins, Claire Cronin, Marie Sweeney, Mary O'Leary, Pat Maloney, Mary Geaney.

CLARE: Maureen Kelly, Ann Marie Russell, Rose Doyle, Claire Harrington, Bridie McGirl, Joan Tuohy, Maureen Davoren, Margaret O'Toole, Anne Harrington, Liz Condon, Gerajdine Fahy, Kitty McNicholas.

Like Brother —Like Sister

THE O'Leary household in Middleton, Co. Cork could be adorned with two senior All-Ireland medals before the end of next month, writes Michael Ellard.

Because while much of the limelight surrounds Sean O'Leary the great Cork senior hurling corner forward who will seek his third successive Celtic cross medallion when the champions meet Kilkenny at Croke Park on Sunday week next his sister Mary is also an accomplished wielder of the ash.

In fact Mary is also a corner forward of renown and is a leading light with the Cork senior camogie team which has qualified for the All-Ireland final against Dublin programmed to be played on September 17.

A member of the vibrant Watergrasshill club, Mary is Cork's principal free-taker and her accuracy has made her one of the leading scorers in the game.

There will be much rejoicing in East Cork if the O'Learys, Sean and Mary succeed in bringing off a unique All-Ireland double.



Mary Moran,

and Nancy O'Driscoll,

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The Cork team (top) which played Clare in the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final at Pairc Ui Chaoimh.



A Cork forward soloing down the wing, chased by two Wicklow defenders, during the All-Ireland Junior Camogie semi-final at Pairc Ui Chaoimh. (Echo)

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ALTHOUGH boosted by a 5th minute goal—the first score of the game—Clare's joy at Pairc Ui Chaoimh, Cork, on Sunday was short-lived, as the home side proceeded to take a firm grasp of this All-Ireland semi-final game and with an attack that showed remarkable ability, skill and scoring know-how, they ran out easy victors over a Clare side that, for all its heart and determination, had no positive answer to the power of their opponents.

Cork were not flattered by the 20 point margin that separated them from the gallant Clare ladies. They played with complete authority throughout the fifty minutes; their confidence oozed at all times and try as Clare did to come to terms with them, they hadn't the experience or the craft to make anything but token resistance to a rampant Cork side that must be in with a great chance of regaining the All-Ireland title when they take on Dublin next month.

Interest in the game had completely faded by half time when Cork led by 4-6 to 2-1 and with the tempo slackening off considerably in the second half, the Cork attack gave an exhibition in accurate shooting and some of the points taken would be hailed as classics if notched by male caman wielders. Two members of the attack, Pat Maloney and Mary O'Leary between them contributed 4-12 of Cork's total and they made it all look so easy as the luckless Clare defence could do little to stem the tide.

Sister of Cork hurling forward, Seanie, Mary O'Leary clearly showed that all the hurling skills are not confined to the male side of the family and it must surely be something of a record to have two members of the one family—a male and a female—in line for Senior All-Ireland medals in the same year.

With the limited possession they got, the Clare attack could do little with it against a very strong Cork defence and apart from the opening goal which gave promise of things that went unfulfilled, the remainder of Clare's scores came from frees and all from the stick of Maureen Davoren. Clare's opening goal came when Joan Tuohy flighted a line ball into the Cork goalmouth and Kitty McNicholas dashed in to push it over the line. Cork quickly responded and within five minutes had not alone wiped out the deficit but had taken a five point lead.

After fifteen minutes Maureen Davoren pointed a Clare free and after Cork had come back with a point, Maureen found the net with

a very well taken free. Cork struck back almost immediately and when Clare keeper, Maureen Kelly, brought off a fine save, she was unable to get the ball away quickly enough and Cork forward, Pat Maloney, nipped in to crash it home. The same lady added two points to leave the home side 4-6 to 2-1 to the good to the interval.

For the second half Clare introduced Anne Fahy into the side in place of Bridie McGill, and a glaring miss in the first ten seconds of the half was punished by Cork who continued to press home the advantage and added five points before Maureen Davoren again found the net from a close free.

Spectator interest was now centered more on the happenings in Croke Park through the courtesy of transistor radios, but Cork continued in rampant fashion and the free-scoring Mary O'Leary had an added goal and three points before Pat Maloney ended the scoring with a point just on full time.

If Clare hadn't the skills of their opponents, their determination and heart didn't let them down. They played courageously even when defeat was a foregone conclusion long in advance of the final whistle. Maureen Kelly, in goal, made a number of excellent saves and both Ann Marie Russell and Claire Harrington struggled tenaciously to keep the eager Cork attack at bay. Joan Tuohy also tried very hard and Maureen Davoren showed her skill as a free-taker as well as her unyielding spirit. The attack, though, was out of it and apart from the sporadic contributions of Kitty McNicholas and Anne Harrington, there was never any real penetration.

For Clare it is the end of the road for this season but in losing to a side of Cork's class there was nothing to be ashamed of. Provided the enthusiasm remains, they can only learn from the experience gained, bitter though that experience may have been on Sunday. As one Clare lady said after the game: "At least we cut the margin of our league meeting by ten points."

Cork's scores came from M. O'Leary, 2-7 (1-3 frees), P. Maloney, 2-5 (0-2 frees), M. Geaney, 1-1, A. Higgins, 0-1, M. Sweeney, 0-1.

Clare replies came from M. Davoren, 2-1 (frees), K. McNicholas, 1-0.

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A member of the vibrant Watergrasshill club, Mary is Cork's principal free-taker and her accuracy has made her one of the leading scorers in the game.

There will be much rejoicing in East Cork if the O'Leary's, Sean and Mary succeed in bringing off a unique All-Ireland double.



Mary Moran,

and Nancy O'Driscoll.

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Cork's Pat Moloney races for the ball during the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final against Clare at Paire Uí Chaoimh yesterday —(Examiner)



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MARTHA'S THREE GOALS GIVE CORK THIRD TITLE

Cork Side Not Lacking In Experience

CORK'S camogie minors can bring an All-Ireland title — the first of the season — to the Lee on Sunday next when they meet Dublin in the minor decider at Na Piarasaigh Grounds. These Cork girls are all very young (minor is under 16) but from the pen pictures below it can be seen that they are already quite experienced in their game.

Helen O'Hea (Bishopstown): First season in Cork colours. Helen learned her camogie at Mount Mercy. Has played in all the matches of the campaign. Munster minor award is her biggest award to date.

Ann Lee (Canovee): A prominent member of Mercy, Macroom team. Won Cork Schools intermediate league medal and has helped her school to Cork Schools under 15 final. Was a member of Muskerry panel for senior championship.

Fidelma O'Connor (Killeagh): Holds Cork Schools senior and under 15 medals with Loreto, Youghal, Cork under 18 championship and Community Games medals with Killeagh. Has lined out for Killeagh seniors. Won two All-Ireland relay medals with Youghal Athletic Club.

Anne O'Shea (Redmonds): Anne is the first girl from Redmonds to play for Cork. Was very impressive in the matches against Tipperary and Limerick. Plays colleges camogie with South Pres.

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Imelda Cronin (Na Piarasaigh): Was a member of the 1976 Cork All-Ireland minor panel. Third season with Cork. Helped Na Piarasaigh to win Feile na nGael. Holds a Cork Schools senior championship medal with North Pres. Very hard working player.

Ger McCarthy (Nemo Rangers): Played in Croke Park with Sacred Heart in junior colleges final. Top scorer so far this season with Cork minors. Played minor for Cork last year. Holds Munster colleges and minor awards.

Lilian Zinkant (Sarsfields): Second season on Cork minor team. Fielded for Imokilly in the senior championship. Plays colleges camogie with South Pres. Won a Munster minor medal for football.

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Claire Kelleher (Eire Og): Has a Cork Co. Championship, under 16 Cork championship and Cork schools intermediate medals in her collection. Scored 3-2 in Munster final. Played senior camogie for Eire Og. Fields with Mercy, Macroom in colleges camogie. Is twin sister of reserve goalkeeper, Teresa.

CORK 5-1; DUBLIN 3-4

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DUBLIN DEFENCE SHAKY

The game got off to a slow start in the great heat of the afternoon. Cork did much of the early attacking and the Dublin defence looked shaky at this stage.

Captain Martha Kearney put the Cork girls ahead when she finished a passing movement to the net in the 10th minute. The equaliser came from a free from Dublin captain Ita Murphy in the 16th minute and she pointed another free a minute later to put her side ahead. But Martha Kearney was back with her second goal within minutes to leave the home side ahead by 2-0 to 1-1 at the interval.

The third quarter was Cork's. They attacked

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constantly and as in the first half the ability of the Cork forwards on the ground and particularly in the air baffled the Dublin defence. Martha Kearney scored, Lilian Zinkant then added 1-1. Dublin's only scores came from frees from Ita Murphy.

SPIRITED RALLY

The last quarter saw Dublin put up a spirited battle in their attempt to capture this elusive Willwood Tailteann title.

Jermain Noonan's 17th minute shot was deflected over the bar. Ger McCarthy brought release to Cork with a goal in the 20th minute. In was Germaine Noonan again who replied for Dublin with a goal in the 21st minute.

Edel Murphy sent a 30 yards free to the net but this was almost the last shot of the game. So Cork stronger and more determined side recaptured the title they last held in 1976. Dublin must still wait.

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At half time Cork were ahead by 2-0 to 1-1 and after the interval a fast goal from Lilian Zinkant appeared to put Cork well on the way to victory. But in spite of further scores from Zinkant, Martha Kearney and Ger McCarthy, Dublin came back with a dramatic late rally which saw them whittle the Cork lead of 5-1 to 1-4 down to three points with less than six minutes to go. So, from a position of great strength Cork were fighting for their lives, but as in the semi-final against Down, they hung on to the end.

Martha Kearney, the captain, was once again a shining light for Cork, scoring three brilliant goals, while Lilian Zinkant was not far behind with another sterling performance. Ger McCarthy and Claire Kelleher, so good in the Munster final, also played their part. Little Sandie Fitzgibbon was a tremendous worker in midfield where she got able assistance from

Anne Marie Landers; Helen O'Hea was sound in goal, while Fidelma O'Connor was pick of the Cork defence and she got great help from Anne Lee, Anne O'Shea and Ger O'Donovan.

For Dublin, Edel Murphy was their star performer. Edel, whose mother hails from Cork, was her side's top scorer, with 2-3, in addition to her tremendous midfield work. Pauline Lynham in defence, Aileen Redmond at wing centre and Germaine Noonan at corner forward were others to impress for Dublin.

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CORK minors have won their All-Ireland title and the seniors are through to the premier decider on September 17. And on Sunday Cork juniors have an opportunity of playing in Croke Park on Finals days when they meet Wicklow in the replay of their semi-final at Aughrim.

Because of the involvement of so many players in the county teams over the next two weeks this is the only fixture listed for the coming week.

Cork and Wicklow met at Pairc Uí Chaoimh on August 20 and on that occasion Cork went into a good lead but missed a number of easy chances which would have consolidated their position. And they nearly paid the penalty for this lapse, for when Wicklow switched Mary O'Loughlin to centreback she curtailed Cork's attacking movements and chances became few and far between. Mary also sent

her own side into attack again and again and in the second period Cork could only manage a single point.

In the hope of strengthening the side Cork made two changes. Marie Power, who captained Loreto, Youghal to win the Cork schools senior championship a few months ago, comes in at centrefield, a sector which Wicklow dominated on the last occasion. And Sarah Ryan of Nemo Rangers makes her inter-county debut when she comes in at left forward.

Patricia Fitzgibbon is again between the posts while the remainder of the defence is made up of Mary Maher, Eileen Dineen, Betty Joyce and Breda Landers, all sound backs.

Liz Lynch and Anne Delaney, two hardworking centres join Marie Power in midfield, while Eileen Kavanagh and Annette O'Donovan, both with senior experience lead the attack which is completed by captain Marie Coughlan and Sarah Ryan.

It is perhaps a bit surprising that Noelle O'Driscoll, who did so well in the Munster championship tie against Clare, has not regained her place for this game, having been left out in the first meeting.

Wicklow were practically unknown when they came to play in Pairc Uí Chaoimh but Cork now realise that it will take a top quality performance to get them through to Croke Park. The away venue will not help either but Cork teams are notorious for producing the goods when the odds are stacked against them and let's hope that the juniors will follow this tradition and join their senior

colleagues in the finals on September 17.

Yet another Cork inter-county side has now gone into training. They are the Under-18's who are now preparing for their Munster Championship.

There were no fixtures in Cork on Sunday last because of the All-Ireland hurling finals and what a great day the girls had cheering on their male counterparts to those two great successes.

At this week's County Board meeting Mary Nott, the Chairman, expressed the sentiments of all Cork camogie followers when she congratulated the senior hurlers on their fabulous three-in-a-row and the minors on their marvellous win.

Cork—P. Fitzgibbon, M. Maher, E. Dineen, B. Joyce, B. Landers, L. Lynch, M. Power, A. Delaney, E. Kavanagh, M. Coughlan (capt.), S. Ryan, A. O'Donovan. Subs: E. Barrett, C. Mulcahy, A. O'Sullivan, G. Leahy, M. Kearney, G. Murray, C. Pinfield, A. Connolly and N. O'Driscoll.

Wicklow—A. O'Loughlin, P. Kelly, K. O'Neill, M. Kelly, M. Gallagher, M. O'Loughlin (capt.), K. Barry, A. D'Arcy, J. Clinch, B. Doran, B. Whelan.

Cork Under-18 panel — P. Fitzgibbon, C. Freyne, M. Maher, A. O'Sullivan, C. Mulcahy, R. O'Brien, F. O'Connor, A. Delaney, C. Cronin, C. Hackett, M. Power, G. Leahy, M. Kearney, S. Ryan, G. Murray and L. Zinkant.

FIXTURES

Sunday—All-Ireland Junior semi-final replay at Aughrim: Cork v. Wicklow, 2 o.m.

Cork take the first title of 1978

By TAOBH LINE

THE FIRST of the Camogie titles for 1978, the Willwood Tailteann Minor Championship, has been won by Cork for the third time. This minor competition was inaugurated in 1974, became associated with the Willwood Tailteann Foundation last year, and had a record entry of twenty-nine counties competing.

Dublin, the beaten finalists were also runners-up last year and despite the fact that the Metropolitans hold the record in Senior and Junior titles won they have yet to capture Corn Tailteann.

Cork and Dublin are also contesting the All-Ireland senior final on September 17 at Croke Park and the Cork Junior side, who played a draw with Wicklow in the semi-final at Cork have also a chance, in the replay, to set up a new record — to appear in the three All-Ireland finals in the same year.

These two counties have not met in a final since 1965, when Dublin, who hold twenty-five titles, were victorious. By coincidence Cork come next, on the honours list with ten victories while the most junior titles (three) have also been won by Dublin in '70, '71 and '75.

ONLY COUNTY

By last Sunday's minor victory, the Leesiders still remain the only county to have won the three inter-county All-Ireland titles — senior, junior and minor and Dublin is the only other county to have won both senior and junior titles before.

Although there was only a goal between last Sunday's contestants, Cork were more dangerous in attack, where their players were nipper and faster.

The Dublin Senior Camogie Board holds its first meeting of the new season at Parnell Square next Monday evening.

Draws and fixtures are already made for the opening competitions — the Curran Cup — Senior, the McCarthy Cup — Intermediate A and the Isle Cup — Intermediate B.

The Annual Camogie seven-a-side, organised each year by Kilmacud-Crokes Club for the Saturday preceding the All-Ireland Camogie Final, is arranged for Saturday, September 16. Clubs from the four corners of Ireland have entered for this very popular tournament.

CLOSED DATE

Next Sunday, All-Ireland Hurling Final day is a closed date for inter-county Camogie, but Tipperary and Galway are down to play their National League tie on the following Sunday.

Galway, who have only lost one game, and that to Limerick, who are League leaders in that division, will be very anxious to stay in the reckoning as Limerick's remaining game is against the Ireland Finalists, Cork, who have lost two games to Galway and Tipperary.

Cork win and set up new record

Cork 3-5, Wicklow 2-2

CORK qualified for the All-Ireland junior final against Derry yesterday when they defeated Wicklow in the semi-final replay at Aughrim.

By this victory, Cork, the only county to have won senior, junior and minor titles, have set up a new record — to appear in the three finals in the one season. Their minors, have already won the Willwood Tailteann All-Ireland and their seniors will also be appearing in Croke Park next Sunday against Dublin.

Though the game was not won until the last five minutes, Cork always looked the more dangerous and were in a strong position when they were on level terms at the interval after facing the strong wind.

Wicklow, with the wind behind them, enjoyed most of the play in the opening minutes but from several attempts only managed two points. Cork's Eileen Kavanagh put the Munster champions ahead when she landed a goal which was negated minutes later as Anne Darcy goaled to regain the lead for Wicklow. Points from Annette O'Donovan and Liz Lynch for Cork made the score 1-2 each at the interval.

A goal by Sarah Ryan and a point from Annette O'Donovan put the Cork girls ahead early in the second half.

The home fans, however, were heartened again when Breda Whelan goaled to put her side back in contention. Wicklow tried desperately to get on top at this stage but the more accurate Cork girls dominated and strengthened their position with two points from Annette O'Donovan and finally clinched the issue in the closing minutes with a goal from Eileen Kavanagh.

Best for the winners were Betty Joyce at centreback, whose clearances against the wind were a powerful asset to her side. Others to shine were Annette O'Donovan, Eileen Kavanagh, Marie Coughlan and Breda Landers.

For Wicklow, Ann Lawlor, Bernie Kelly, Mary O'Loughlin and Kay Barry were best.

Scorers: Cork — Eileen Kavanagh 2-0, Sarah Ryan 1-0, Annette O'Donovan 0-4, Liz Lynch 0-1.

Wicklow: Anne Darcy 1-1, Breda Whelan 1-0, Bernie Kelly 0-1.
Cork — P. Fitzgibbon, M. Maher, E. Dineen, B. Joyce, B. Landers, M. Coughlan (capt.), M. Power, A. Delaney, S. Ryan, L. Lynch, E. Kavanagh, A. O'Donovan. Sub: M. Kearney for M. Power.

Wicklow — A. M. O'Loughlin (capt.), P. Kelly, A. Lawlor, M. Gallagher, M. Kelly, M. O'Loughlin (capt.), K. Barry, B. Kelly, B. Whelan, K. O'Neill, A. Darcy, B. Doran. Sub: B. Melon for B. Whelan.
Referee: Kathleen Quinn (Galway).

40 YEARS AGO

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

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We wasted our chances

Wicklow waged a lion-hearted second half battle against the odds before succumbing to a 3-5 to 2-2 defeat at the hands of Cork in the junior camogie All-Ireland semi-final at Aughrim on Sunday.

However, the home side had wrecked their chances of success in the first half when they were forced by loss-winning Cork to play with the wind advantage and failed to make use of it.

In that first period when Cork should have been reeling and topping under pressure, Wicklow girls failed to click into gear, and were guilty of poor marking of their opponents, and as a result found themselves only level 1-2 each with Cork at the break, whereas they should have been well-in-front.

RAMPANT

The Cork centre-back Betty Joyce was rampant in the opening 25 minutes, hurling every

Spirit lacking in first half

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Wicklow attack back in their faces, and she was allowed the freedom of her whole area of the field in which to operate to such devastating effect.

Joyce was showing a clean pair of heels to Wicklow's Kathleen O'Neill but truth to tell Kathleen was not the only area where Wicklow had problems as the team was generally slow to settle down.

Against such strong opposi-

tion as Cork, an opposing team cannot afford the leisure of such slack marking and no doubt Cork felt happy with the situation turning over to play with the wind advantage on level terms with Wicklow.

Wicklow's midfield was toiling to break-even with the opposition while the defence had one or two narrow shaves when Cork goals looked on the cards.

Too much hesitancy by the Wicklow goalie Annette O'Loughlin in effecting a clearance allowed Cork's ace scorer Eileen Kavanagh rush in and crash the ball to the net midway through the half; a goal that put Cork in front after Ann Darcy and Bernie Kelly had earlier given Wicklow the lead with points.

Ann Darcy restored Wicklow's lead in the 14th minute when she crashed home a goal but Cork were allowed come back again for two points by Annette O'Donovan to tie the scores at 1-2 each at half time.

At this stage Wicklow looked to be facing total annihilation in the second half, considering their poor performance in the first half and the fact that Cork would now have the advantage of the strong wind.

But the Wicklow girls were a revelation in the second half, when they came out and hurled with the spirit and determination that characterised their performances in earlier games and for a period they had Cork more worried than they should have been in the first half.

REDUCED ARREARS

After Eileen Kavanagh with a goal and Annette O'Donovan with a point had put Cork in front, Wicklow began their tremendous rally and a Breda Whelan goal in the ninth minute reduced the arrears to a minimum.

Mary O'Loughlin had switched from midfield to centre-back and was repulsing Cork attacks consistently. Ann Lawlor was also making a big impression.

Kay Barry was also working like a beaver at midfield, giving great assistance to that stylish player, Bernie Kelly, who was easily Wicklow's shining light of hope in that dark first half.

Kathleen O'Neill had switched to the wing and was now playing with the dash and spirit that one expected of her, with her surging solo runs raising the hopes and expectations of the big home crowd at Aughrim.

On a few occasions the Cork goal narrowly escaped being pierced even though Wicklow lacked power and penetration in its front row forward line.

Even when Cork had stretched their lead to a goal with two further points, Wicklow were still coming gamely at the opposition and came very near to snatching an equalising goal. It was not until Sarah Ryan got Cork's third goal that the Leesiders could breathe a sigh of relief.

Juniors bid for second leg of Cork treble bid!



BETTY JOYCE . . . an experienced member of the Cork Junior Team.

By TAOBH LINE

WITH THE minor title already won, and the senior side facing Dublin in the premier All-Ireland final on Sunday week, the Cork junior side can set the Leeside county in line for what would be a unique triple crown of Camogie honours when they take on Leinster champions Wicklow in their semi-final replay at Aughrim on Sunday next (2.0).

When the teams meet at Pairc Uí Chaoimh a few weeks ago, the Cork girls, who fielded a team containing several players who had National League experience, reinforced by some who had won minor All-Ireland medals in past years, were firm favourites. Certainly they looked the part through most of the first half, as it took the visitors a long time to find their feet.

But once the Wicklow representatives got over their early nerves, they soon began to show the form that had carried them to a first-ever victory in their own province and very richly deserved to finish on level terms. They are likely to be an even stronger force now, before their own supporters and on home ground at Aughrim.

But the experienced and talented Cork line-up, backed by Annette O'Donovan, Betty Joyce, Eileen Kavanagh and Mary Maher, with that Triple Crown in prospect, is bound to make an extra effort this time.

However, if interprovincial players Mary O'Loughlin, Kathleen O'Neill, Bernie Kelly, Kay Barry and Anne Lawlor hit top form for Wicklow, it will be no surprise to see these girls from the Garden County reach an All-Ireland final for the first time.

CURTAIN RAISER

Derry have already qualified for the final which will be a curtain raiser for the Dublin-Cork senior final at Croke Park on Sunday, September 17.

Championship games have taken precedence over National League fixtures through the past few months, but there will be a resumption in both the Eastern and Western zones on Sunday next. In the West, Galway, who have only lost one game, Limerick, will travel to Littleton to take on Tipperary who, having lost to Limerick and drawn with Cork, are not out of contention but will be using the match as a training spin for the Munster Championship commitments.

Galway must win if they are hoping to force a play-off with Limerick whose remaining game in the zone will be against Cork.

In the North, Antrim Down, though they are both out of the League race, will put plenty of effort into their game as they are due to meet again a few weeks time in the Ulster senior final, and the result of Sunday's match will provide very useful pointers.

The gold medals for the County Games went across to Shannon for the first time last Sunday when Ballygar from County Galway had a surprise but well deserved, victory over the favourites, the Dublin Leinster champions, Woodville in the final. Ballygar, winners of the bronze medals last year, had their closest call from the Carrigrohane representatives in a low-scoring semi-final.

DOING WELL

With the local post-primary school also doing well in County competitions, camogie would seem to be thriving in the Ballygar area where the schools draw pupils from Roscommon as well as Galway.

Kilkenny All-Ireland player Helena O'Neill has been appointed to referee the senior All-Ireland final between Cork and Dublin.

BALLYAGRAN'S DRAMATIC COMEBACK

BALLYAGRAN 4-4
EIRE OG 2-5

The holders Ballygran (Limerick) came from being five points behind with only ten minutes remaining to score a dramatic and exciting win over Cork champions Eire Og in the Munster Club Camogie Championship at Ballygran on Saturday night.

It was the second successive year in which Ballygran came with a late flourish to beat Eire Og, who had two hockey internationals Nancy O'Driscoll and Mary Geaney in action, and between them they contributed a goal and two points.

Ballygran deserved their win and had good players in Geraldine O'Brien, Anne Marie Murphy, Pauline McCarthy, Cathy Morrissey and Margaret Carroll.

For Eire Og, Eileen Dinneen, Regina O'Brien, Eileen Cavanagh, Mary Geaney and Grainne Mackey were best.

Scorers: Ballygran — P. McCarthy 0-4, E. Hayes, B. O'Brien, K. Morrissey, M. Carroll 1-0 each.

Eire Og — Noeleen O'Driscoll 0-3, Nancy O'Driscoll and G. Mackey 1-0 each, M. Geaney 0-2.

BALLYAGRAN: H. Butler, A. Fahy, B. Murphy, E. Hayes, G. O'Brien, A. M. Murphy, P. McCarthy, B. O'Brien, K. Morrissey, M. O'Keeffe, M. O'Connell, M. Carroll.

EIRE OG: R. Leahy, E. Dinneen, B. O'Leary, R. O'Brien, M. McCarthy, E. Garvin, E. Cavanagh, M. O'Driscoll, N. O'Driscoll, M. Geaney, G. Mackey, N. O'Driscoll.

DUBLIN 7-2
MEATH 1-0

Dublin became the first ever under-14 Leinster camogie champions when they defeated Meath in Russell Park.

DOWN FIGHTING

The pity was that Wicklow did not play with the same fire and spirit in the first half as they did in the second; but in any event they went down fighting and giving Cork a great run for their money.

Ann Lawlor, Mary O'Loughlin, Bernie Kelly and in the second half, Kay Barry and Kathleen O'Neill, were the stars of this young Wicklow team, which this year has made Wicklow a team to be reckoned with in camogie circles.

Wicklow Team — Annette O'Loughlin (Ballycoog); Pat Kelly (Kiltegan); Mary Kelly (Kiltegan); Ann Lawlor (Kiltegan); Mary Gallagher (Avondale); M. O'Loughlin (Aughrim); Kay Barry (Avoca); Bernie Kelly (Kiltegan) 0-1; Ann Darcy (Ballycoog) 1-1; Kathleen O'Neill (Aughrim); Breda Whelan (Kiltegan) 1-0; Bernie Doran (Avoca). Sub.: Pauline Mellon for B. Whelan.

Referee was Kathleen Quinn, Galway.



The Cork senior camogie team pictured during a training session at Paire Ui Chaoimh.

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TREBLE CHANCE EXCITEMENT IN CORK CAMOGIE CAMP

By JOAN MORLEY

THERE was an air of expectancy at Paire Ui Chaoimh when I visited there during the week to watch Cork's junior and senior camogie teams going through their paces for the All-Ireland finals at Croke Park on Sunday.

Not since the fabulous "four-in-a-row" years of 1970 to 1973 has there been such excitement in the Cork camp. Already the minors have their All-Ireland and talking to both junior and senior players one gets the impression that they are intent on following that lead and winning the elusive treble.

Trainer Tom Nott would only say that Cork had a 50/50 chance, while sister Mary, who is also chairman of the Cork County Board, and has already led the minors to success, was also cautious. She said that any team must be good to get to an All-Ireland final so Cork can expect it tough all along the way.

Mary Moran, chairman of Munster Council and a senior selector, also feels that it will be difficult and said that after refereeing the Dublin game against Wexford, Cork will need to watch the Dublin corner forwards very carefully.

Marie Costine, one of the four remaining "four-in-a-row" players, felt that Cork had a very good chance of regaining the senior crown. She has never played against Dublin and was looking forward to the challenge and she said that if Cork could continue to pick off points as they had in their last two outings they should make it.

International hockey player Nancy O'Driscoll, who captains the side, felt that as she had not seen Dublin play she found it difficult to say how it would go. As she explained "any team who could beat Wexford must be good" and Cork were bound to be up against it.

Marion McCarthy, who played in the centre-field for Cork in the "four-in-a-row" years, is now playing between the posts and enjoying it. She paid tribute to the Cork defence — "you have to play behind them to

know how good they are" — and felt that the Cork forwards are good enough to win it for them. However, she said she would not like to feel over-confident.

GREAT RESPECT

All the players had the greatest respect for both Derry and Dublin, and they all know that neither title will be easy to annex. However, I feel that they are

all quietly confident that they can complete the treble.

Finally a word of tribute to the G.A.A. people who not only set up camogie posts for the training sessions in Paire Ui Chaoimh but also had a second crossbar in position. This second crossbar is always used in Croke Park, although not often here, and it can be very "off-putting" for Cork forwards to suddenly find themselves faced with a points bar.

CORK CHASE UNIQUE CAMOGIE TREBLE

By
JOAN MORLEY

ALL roads lead to Croke Park on Sunday next when the camogie fraternity take over G.A.A. headquarters for their senior and junior All-Ireland finals. And what a day it will be for Cork as the county contest both finals.

Cork are the only county to have won all three All-Ireland titles — minor, junior and senior. This year they have also become the first county to qualify for all three finals in the same year. And, if they can succeed against Derry in the junior and Dublin in the senior then they will have achieved a unique treble as the minors have already won their title.

What are Cork's chances of a double on Sunday? In the senior competition they meet surprise packet Dublin. The latter caused one of the major upsets of the campaign by beating hot favourites Wexford in the semi-final and that alone should be enough to warn Cork. They are a team who concentrate more on ground play and they are also very effective at marking key players. Sheila Murray, Sheila Wallace, Marion Conroy and Evelyn Sweeney are all to-class players and they will make Cork fight all the way.

It must be said that although Cork had impressive wins over Galway and Clare they have never really been tested this season. Galway fielded a somewhat

depleted side, following an internal dispute, while Clare were no match for the Leesiders, in spite of their victory over Tipperary. However, Cork looked marvellous in both these games, with their forwards being particularly effective and if they can manage to get away from the Dublin backs then they should get the vital scores. Mary O'Leary, Marion Sweeney, Pat Moloney and Mary Geaney have been combining well all season, and all four are capable of becoming matchwinners. Marion McCarthy is steady in goal while Marie Costine, Marie Mackey, Catherine Landers and Patricia Riordan are sound defenders. And captain Nancy O'Driscoll, Claire Cronin and Angela Higgins have been a most effective midfield trio.

Certainly Cork have the talent to take the senior title but they will need to face Dublin, coached by that shrewd mentor Neil McCarthy, with the greatest respect.

It is difficult to know how the junior game will go. Derry, who beat Cork in the junior final in 1969, have beaten Antrim, Armagh, Monaghan and Galway on their way to the final. They have fine players in Brid McWilliams, Sarah Quinn, M. O'Kane, B. Deighan, and Bridget McLaughlin and have impressed all season.

For their part Cork, who will be contesting their fifth All-Ireland junior final, accounted for Limerick, Waterford, and really proved their worth when they had to travel to Aughrim on Sunday last to beat Wicklow in a replay.

Patricia Fitzgibbon is a stylish goalie while Mary Maher, Eileen Dineen, Betty Joyce, and Breda Landers are all proven defenders. Liz Lynch, Martha Kearney and Anne Delaney make up a fine midfield trio while Sarah Ryan, Marie Coughlan, Eileen Kavanagh, and Annette O'Donovan are fine opportunist forwards.

The juniors are determined to lead the way for Cork on Sunday

Cork Senior: M. McCarthy, M. Costine, M. Mackey, C. Landers, P. Riordan, C. Cronin, A. Higgins, N. O'Driscoll (capt.), M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, P. Moloney, M. Geaney. Subs: M. O'Sullivan, M. Twomey, C. Hackett, M. McCarthy.

Dublin: S. Murray (capt.), S. Wallace, A. Redmond, B. Conway, C. Doherty, A. McManus, M. Conroy, B. Redmond, E. Sweeney, M. Mernagh, N. Fleming, A. Byrne.

Cork Junior: P. Fitzgibbon, M. Maher, E. Dineen, B. Joyce, B. Landers, L. Lynch, M. Kearney, A. Delaney, S. Ryan, M. Coughlan (capt.), E. Kavanagh, A. O'Donovan. Subs: A. O'Sullivan, C. Pinfield, A. Connolly, G. Murray.

The Derry team was not available at time of writing.

Fixtures: Sunday, at Croke Park: All-Ireland finals, 2.00 p.m. Junior: Cork v. Derry (ref. Phyllis Breslin, Dublin); 3.30 p.m., Senior: Cork v. Dublin (ref. Helena O'Neill, Kilkenny).

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CORK CAN CREATE HAT-TRICK HISTORY

TWO CORK Camogie teams come to Croke Park on Sunday next striving to complete what would be a unique achievement, a clean sweep of the three 1978 All-Ireland titles, a Triple Crown that has never before been even within the grasp of any other county.

Already the Cork minors have won through in the minor championship, the Willwood Tailteann All-Ireland. On Sunday next the seniors and juniors will strive to follow their example, and both these Leaside teams are already firm favourites.

In the senior game the opposition to Cork, as was the case in last month's minor decider will be provided by Dublin. Time was when Cork and Dublin were regular rivals in the final, but they have not met at this stage for more than twenty years, away back in 1955, when Dublin won by 9-2 to 5-6.

FAILED

Their last championship clash was in the semi-final of 1963 when after a drawn game at Cork, Dublin then with home advantage won the replay very easily. Dublin, however, have failed to win a senior All-Ireland since 1966, while Cork took four in succession from 1970 to '73.

Three of the present side started in those four consecutive successes, Marie Costine, Pat

Moloney and Marion McCarthy while Marion Sweeney was there for two. Four more were on the junior side that completed the 1973 Croke Park double, and hockey international Nancy O'Driscoll, who captained the junior side that day, captains the seniors on Sunday and so will complete an unusual double of her own if the Cork seniors win.

As well as Nancy, Cork will have a second hockey international on duty, Kerry-born Mary Geaney, Ireland's regular goalkeeper in recent seasons, who will be playing at full-forward.

Cork have been very impressive in this championship campaign scoring clear-cut victories over Galway and Clare, their scoring power being particularly effective in both games. Mary O'Leary, sister of hurling star Seanie has been particularly accurate.

HARD-FOUGHT

But Dublin also have two excellent achievements to their credit. They travelled to Adare for their opening game and there in a hard-fought contest defeated last year's junior champions Limerick who, as of now are top of the National League table in the Western zone.

Even more creditable was their victory in the All-Ireland semi-final over National League

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champions Wexford, who had in the previous round ousted the 1977 champions Kilkenny. It is a good mark in Dublin's favour that Wexford defeated Cork in the League final in the late Spring.

Although this present Dublin team has not often been in the senior limelight in recent years, eight of the present squad were on the line-out that lost by a single point to Kilkenny in the senior final of 1976, while four helped defeat Cork in the junior final of 1971 and four more won junior medals in 1975.

STAR PLAYER

Oddly enough their star player and captain goalkeeper Sheila Murray has never won an All-Ireland inter-county medal, although she has won two All-Ireland club medals with Austin Stacks.

Cork on the grounds of experience and their form in the earlier rounds are entitled to start favourites, but if Sheila Wallace, Marion Conroy, Evelyn Sweeney, Anna McManus and Moreen Fleming play up to their best form Dublin, now trained by former Chairman, Miss Nell McCarthy could upset the odds.

Form in the junior game is not easy to assess for while Cork beat holders Limerick in the Munster semi-final, Limerick had to find a completely new side from the previous year, while Waterford were no real problem in the provincial final.

However, they found Wicklow a real stumbling block in the semi-final at home in Paire Uí Chaoimh and had to settle for a draw, but showed considerable improvement when winning the replay at Aughrim last Sunday.

Several of this Cork side have already won All-Ireland medals in the minor grade while Breda Landers has a sister Catherine on the senior team.

Derry appearing in their first All-Ireland final since 1969, when they beat Cork in the junior decider are trained now by Kathleen Henry who, then Kathleen O'Hagan, captained that winning team.

IMPRESSIVE

On their way to this final the Derry girls were most impressive when defeating Antrim, Armagh and Monaghan in succession to take the Ulster title and then accounted for a much-fancied Galway side in the All-Ireland semi-final.

They too can boast of a current Irish hockey international Caroline McWilliams in their line-up, and have the great

Coleraine Colleges star S. Quinn at centre-back. A Cork will be favourites. Derry must be there with chance.

JUNIOR TEAMS

MARTHA KEARNEY, who captained the Cork Minors to All-Ireland camogie victory last month, has been brought into the Junior All-Ireland team at midfield where she replaces Marie Power. The line-out for Sunday at Croke Park (2.07) is as follows:

CORK — P. Fitzgibbon; M. Ma E. Dineen, B. Joyce, B. Landers; Lynch, M. Kearney, A. Delaney; Ryan, M. Coughlan; E. Kavanagh; O'Donovan. Subs—A. O'Sullivan, Finfield, A. Connolly, G. Murray.

DERRY — P. McCloskey; M. Lee; McLoughlin, S. A. Quinn, E. McClean, M. Convery, B. McWilliams, Loftus, K. Marrion, C. McWilliams; McCloskey, B. Deignan. Subs—McCowan, S. Burke, K. McTearan, O'Kane.

SEVEN-A-SIDE

THE 5th annual All-Ireland camogie seven-a-side arranged for Saturday next, promoted by Kilmacud-Croc Camogie Club was launched at Gleadin last evening when Mr. Gregory Donnelly, managing director of Hospital Enterprises Ltd. presented a cheque to the committee to cover cost.

It was announced that a record number of clubs (28) from 16 counties have entered, and the former winners Drom and Inch Topperary, the holders Buffers Alley (Wexford) Celtic (Dub) and St. Pauls (Kilkenny) are all presented.

The winners will receive the Croc Cup and a set of plaques. There is a set of plaques for the losers with trophy for the Star of the Tournament which was presented by Ardk Camogie Club, Waterford.

PEN PICTURES OF THE FINAL TEAMS



MARY O'LEARY . . . Cork's right forward.



NANCY O'DRISCOLL . . . captains Cork in the All-Ireland senior camogie championship final against Dublin on Sunday.



EILEEN KAVANAGH . . . on the Cork junior side against Derry.

medals with Holy Faith, Clontarf, Ashbourne Cup medals with U.C.D., All-Ireland club and league and championship medals with her club. She's a brilliant player outfield as well.

SHEILA WALLACE (Cuala Naomh Mhuire, full back) — A sound defender. Is an active administrator both for her club and County Board. Won an All-Ireland J. Medal in 1971.

ANN REDMOND (Cuchulainn) Right Back — A sister of Barbara on the wing. Is a good marker and long striker. Won Leinster Colleges medals with Assumption Convent, Walkinstown and a Leinster Championship medal with Dublin.

BERNIE CONWAY (Cuala Naomh Mhuire) Centre-back — A fast and accomplished player. Missed 1975 final as she was abroad. Has won medals in most grades with her club.

CATHERINE DOHERTY (Celtic) Left-back — First played with Naomh Mhuire School, Kings Inn. Is playing in her first All-Ireland. A member of the Celtic club with whom she has won three league and three Championship medals.

ANNA McMANUS (Austin Stacks) right Wing — The speediest player on the team. Won a Junior medal in 1971. Learned her camogie with Naomh Padraig and won medals in all the junior grades before moving to her present club.

MARION CONROY (Austin Stacks) Centre-field — A native of Laois. Started to play with The College, Mountmellick but left school the year before they had their All-Ireland Colleges success in 1971. Was on the All-Ireland winning team of 1971. A very skilled player.

BARBARA REDMOND (Cuchulainn) Left Wing — A strong player with a speed won a Junior medal in '75. Learned to play at Assumption School, Walkinstown with whom she won Leinster Colleges medals.

EVELYN SWEENEY (Celtic) Right Forward — First played for her native Galway and Mercy Convent Tuam. Holder of Connacht Colleges medals. Was on Junior team of 1971.

MARY MERNAGH (E. Ruadh) Centre Forward — The star of her College team. Assumption College, Walkinstown. Won a Junior medal in '75. Is an active member of An Oige.

NOREEN FLEMING (Celtic) Left Forward — A native of Tuam where she first played camogie. Holds one Connacht medal and one Leinster medal. She is fast and enterprising.

ANN BYRNE (Austin Stacks) Full Forward — won a Junior medal in 1975. And is the holder of two All-Ireland club medals. She has won League and Championship medals with her club.

DUBLIN
SHEILA MURRAY (A. Stacks) I. Goolie (Capt.) has played a vital role in the success of the team for the past few years. Has won Leinster Colleges



MARION SWEENEY . . . at centre-forward for Cork on Sunday's All-Ireland Camogie final against Dublin at Croke Park.



MARY MAHER . . . the full-back on Cork's Junior All-Ireland Camogie team for their final tilt with Derry at Croke Park on Sunday.

CORK AND DUBLIN RIVALRY RENEWED

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By AGNES HOURIGAN

WHEN Cork and Dublin line-out in the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday, they will be renewing the rivalry that was the keenest of all in the earliest years of the championship.

Between 1932, when the competition was first instituted, and 1944 no other county except Dublin and Cork ever won the O'Duffy Cup and the all-Ireland title. Then, Antrim staged the big breakthrough but, not until 1968, was another new name added to the roll of honour when Wexford won their first title.

Between 1947 and 1966 we had the decades of Metropolitan supremacy when Dublin teams won the supreme title 19 times in 20 years, but it is a dozen years now since the title and trophy last rested beside the Liffey, while Cork, who failed to win through for almost 30 years, came back with a flourish to take four championships in succession from 1970 to 1973.

Only on a replay did the Cork girls go down to Kilkenny in the final of 1974, while, playing in their sixth successive final, they failed to Wexford in 1975.

FAVOURER

Now, after a three-year lapse, Cork are back in the final again and will start favourites, despite the fact that they were scarcely considered when the championship season began, because of a relatively poor showing in the National League.

But, like the county hurlers, these Cork camogie players have proved themselves a different proposition in the championship from what they were in the league.

They were defeated by Galway by a point in the league, but were convincing winners when the teams met again in the opening round of the championship. They were in even more impressive form when racing past Clare in their semi-final, a victory which should enable them to come to Croke Park in relaxed, yet confident, mood.

Particularly effective that day were their forwards, Pat Moloney (who scored 2-6) and Mary O'Leary, sister of all-Ireland hurling star—Seanie.

Dublin, on the other hand, have had a thin time in the senior championship through the last 10 years. The end of their long dominance came in 1967 when they lost their title to Antrim on a replay. Since then, though they have won three all-Ireland junior titles, they have had consistently to give best to Kilkenny and Wexford in their own province.

DISAPPOINTING

Only once in the past decade have they reached a senior final, and that was in 1976, when they failed to Kilkenny in a somewhat disappointing game, but only by a single point.

However, this year they have certainly proved the surprise team of the championship. In the opening round, they tra-

velled to take on Limerick, last year's junior champions and current leaders in the Western Zone of the National League.

Dublin emerged victorious after a well-contested game, but were still rank outsiders when they took on Wexford in the semi-final. However, Wexford had not only won the National League earlier in the season, incidentally defeating Cork in the final, but had franked that form by defeating the reigning all-Ireland champions, Kilkenny, in the first round of the current competition.

But, although the semi-final at Blanchardstown was a desperately close-run affair, Dublin deserved their one-point victory on the day and having trained hard for this final, will

be very hopeful now of springing yet another surprise.

Yet, Cork, on their performances in this championship to date, must be entitled to start favourites, especially as they have shown such tremendous scoring power.

However, it must be remembered that Dublin have a superb goalkeeper in Sheila Murray and, if their forward power has been suspect, they still have got the scores that mattered in this championship to date.

There is another factor that could count heavily in Dublin's favour. In the years when, through the late 50s and early 60s, Dublin completely dominated this senior championship, those winning teams were trained by Miss Nell McCarthy, for many years chairman of

the Dublin Board and subsequently president of the Camogie Association.

After years of absence from such activities, Miss McCarthy, who is ironically a native of Carrigtwohill, County Cork, has returned to train the Dublin team.

As proved by the semi-final victory over Wexford, the McCarthy methods are again paying dividends and even as favourites, Cork will have their work cut out for them.

The senior grade game will be refereed by Kilkenny all-Ireland star, Helena O'Neill, who although in charge of her first senior final, has already proved herself as a referee of National League and minor all-Ireland finals as having won the praise of players, officials and spectators alike.

VERSATILE STARS



Cork camogie stars Nancy O'Driscoll (left) and Mary Geaney

NANCY O'DRISCOLL, who captains the Cork senior team in the All-Ireland final against Dublin on Sunday next, will enter the camogie record books if Cork win. For she has already captained Cork to a junior success in 1973 — and so will become the first player to lead Cork to success in two grades.

Nancy could also share a second record with team-mate Mary Geaney. Both these girls are international hockey players and a win on Sunday would make them the first girls to play hockey for their country and win senior All-Ireland medals at camogie.

There could also be a double success for the O'Driscoll family on Sunday, as sister Noelle is a member of the junior panel in their final against Derry. In fact, all the girls in Nancy's family, six in all, have played camogie. Nancy, Noelle, Mary and Mairead are still playing, although Kitty and Eileen have now retired from the game.

Aged 27, Nancy practices as a solicitor in Cork. She began her camogie career with Eire Og, with whom she has won two senior inter-county championship medals, and plays her club hockey with Old Ursulines. Nancy is also a useful badminton player.

MARY GEANEY is the only Kerry girl lining out in Croke Park on Sunday next, when the All-Ireland senior and junior finals will be staged.

Why a Kerry girl playing for Cork? Well, Mary, who is a member of the famous Castleisland family, spends a great deal of her time in Cork, and as Kerry have no senior camogie team she elected to field for the county.

Mary is an all-round sportstar, who excels in many games. In camogie, she plays for Eire Og, with whom she has won two senior inter-county championship medals. She plays hockey for Old Ursulines and was Ireland's international hockey goalie when this country won the Triple Crown last season.

Mary is also a recognised badminton player, having won the Munster doubles title and, as there is no ladies' squash league in Kerry, she plays on the Castleisland men's.

Aged 24, Mary works in the family business in Castleisland. Both her father Con and brother Dave played senior football for Kerry, while brothers Dick and Niall played minor inter-county.

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CORK ON THE TREBLE

CAN Cork complete a unique treble? This is the question which will be answered at Croke Park on Sunday next, when G.A.A. Headquarters becomes the venue for Cork's premier games — the senior and junior All-Ireland finals.

Cork already have the distinction of being the only county to have won all three camogie All-Irelands — minor, junior and senior. And this season they have already added another chapter to camogie history by becoming the first county to qualify for all three finals in a single season. Thus if they can win both games on Sunday they will become the first county to annex all three trophies in the same year.

Cork followers will travel to Dublin in force for this great occasion. Not since the fantastic "four-in-a-row years" of 1970-73 has there been so much interest in camogie in Cork, as in recent weeks once inter-county success followed another. The minors, of course, have given a tremendous lead to their colleagues by winning their All-Ireland in splendid style and now it is up to the county's junior and senior strings to complete the treble.

Can it be done? First of all let's take the senior final against Dublin. These sides, who met so often and so regularly in the thirties, forties and fifties, have not played each other since the 1963 All-Ireland semi-final replay which Dublin won by 8-4 to 1-0 and the last time they met in a final was in 1955 with Dublin again victorious (9-2 to 5-6).

During the 40s, 50s and most of the 60s Dublin were almost unbeatable but then hit a low period and only emerged again in 1976, when they lost the senior final to Kilkenny.

This year to reach the decider they beat Limerick, Antrim and Wexford. In defeating Wexford they caused one of the biggest shocks of the season as Wexford, after beating holders Kilkenny, were strongly fancied to win the All-Ireland.

Dublin are coached by Neil McCarthy, who has many All-Ireland successes to her name, and is a very shrewd mentor. They will probably mark the Cork forwards very closely and as they play a "ground" game of camogie Cork will be facing a very different side from Galway or Clare.

Sheila Murray, captain of the side, is generally accepted as Dublin's best player; Sheila Wallace is a dependable full-back while Eileen Redmond, Bernie Conway and Catherine

Doherty are sound rather than brilliant half-backs. Anna McManus, Marion Conroy and Barbara Redmond make up an effective centrefield trio while wingers Evelyn Sweeney and Noreen Fleming will take a lot of watching, as will Anne Byrne at full-forward.

What of Cork? Well after much chopping and changing early in the season the selectors settled on a fixed combination which has proved most successful so far under the guidance of Tom Nott, brother of Co. Board Chairman, Mary, who steered the minors to success.

Marian McCarthy, the converted centrefielder, is doing well in goal, while Marie Costine, Marie Mackey, Catherine Landers and Patricia Riordan make up a solid defence. Clare Cronin, Angela Higgins and captain Nancy O'Driscoll are a stylish centrefield trio while the attack of Mary O'Leary, Marion Sweeney, Pat Moloney and Mary Geaney have perhaps been Cork's most exciting sector this season.

Cork, who have not won the title since 1973, when they completed their fabulous four-in-a-row, are determined to get back in the "top spot" on Sunday. And they have the talent to do so but it will be a tough struggle from beginning to end.

In the junior decider Cork meet Derry. Cork have played in four junior finals so far, winning only one, in

1973. This will be the second time that Cork and Derry contest a final, the latter emerging victorious in 1969. The only link remaining between the teams from that occasion is in the person of Kathleen O'Hagan, who now trains the present Derry team.

Derry defeated Antrim, Armagh, Monaghan and Galway on their way to the final, and have brilliant players in Brid McWilliams, Sarah Quinn, Bridget McLaughlin, M. O'Kane, B. Deighan and B. McCloskey.

Cork had to account for Limerick, Waterford and Wicklow, the last named taking Cork to a replay, and they have improved with each outing. Patricia Fitzgibbon continues to impress in goal while Mary Maher, Eileen Dineen, Betty Joyce and Breda Landers are effective defenders. Liz Lynch, Martha Kearney and Anne Delaney combine well in midfield while captain Marie Coughlan, Sarah Ryan, Eileen Kavanagh and Annette O'Donovan, can all snap up scoring opportunities.

Cork should be god enough to win, and what a boost this would be to their seniors, but again they will have to treat Derry with the greatest respect.

FIXTURES

Sunday, Sept. 17: All-Ireland finals at Croke Park. 2.00 Junior Derry v Cork, Ref. Phyllis Breslin, Dublin; 3.30 senior, Cork v Dublin, Ref. Helena O'Neill, Kilkenny.



● Cork senior camogie players Marie Mackey (wing back), Clare Cronin (wing centre) and Pat Moloney (wing forward). (Echo)

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Camogie Pen Pictures

CORK'S intercounty teams are in the running for a unique treble. The minors have already won their All-Ireland title, while Cork's junior and senior strings will meet Derry and Dublin respectively in the All-Ireland Finals at Croke Park on Sunday next.

The following are pen pictures of the Cork junior and senior panels for that occasion.

CORK JUNIORS

Marie Coughlan (Na Piar-saigh): Captain of team, Marie has already played in Croke Park with North Pres. in All-Ireland Colleges junior final. Has All-Ireland minor, Munster minor, under-18 and junior and a Gael-Linn medals.

Patricia Fitzgibbon (Killeagh): Plays in goal for Killeagh senior team. Won Cork under-18 medal with her club. Helped Loreto, Youghal, to win 1978 Cork Schools Championship title.

Mary Maher (Ballinlough): Mary has made great strides since coming on Cork panel. Although lacking the experience of colleges or minor camogie, Mary holds a Munster under-18 medal with Cork. A useful basketball player.

Eileen Dineen (Eire Og): Was part of Eire Og's success in Cork senior championship victories of 1977 and 1978. Played colleges camogie for Mercy, Macroom. Eileen also holds Cork intermediate and Munster under-18 medals.

Betty Joyce (Killeagh): Has inter-county experience with Cork in all four grades and won a Gael-Linn medal with Munster. Had a number of National League outings with seniors. Possesses an All-Ireland minor as well as a number of Munster medals. Well known at show-jumping.

Breda Landers (Killeagh): Sister of senior centre-back, Catherine. Won a Cork Schools senior championship medal with Loreto, Youghal. Won Cork under-18 and senior club medals with Killeagh. Likes basketball.

Anne Delaney (Glen Rovers): Formerly played colleges camogie with St. Patrick's but now with St. Aloysius. Has worn Cork colours in minor, under-18 and junior grades. Won All-Ireland minors in 1975 and 1976.

Liz Lynch (Douglas): Made her inter-county debut at under-18 level and was a member of successful 1976 team. A niece of former Cork camogie player, Annie Cummins. Liz is a stylish striker.

Ger Murray (Glen Rovers): Won Munster junior colleges and Cork schools championship medals with North Pres. A member of Cork All-Ireland winning minor team in 1976. Ger plays senior for her club regularly.

Martha Kearney (Na Piar-saigh): Captained Cork minors to All-Ireland success last month. Holds two All-Ireland minor, Munster medals and a Cork schools senior championship medal with North Pres. Has represented Cork in three grades.

Eileen Kavanagh (Eire Og): Played colleges camogie with South Pres. Has fielded for Cork at minor, under-18, junior and senior levels. Won a Gael-Linn with Munster, All-Ireland minor and Munster minor, under-18

add junior medals with Cork and Cork intermediate and senior medals with her club.

Annette O'Donovan (South Pres.): Sister of Cork minor, Geraldine. Won two Cork Co. Championship and a Munster Club medal with South Pres. Holds a Gael-Linn medal with Munster and has National League experience with seniors. An inter-county referee.

Noelle O'Driscoll (Eire Og): Sister of senior captain, Nancy. An Ashbourne Cup player with U.C.C. Noelle, who is an accurate free-taker, holds two Cork Co. championship and intermediate championship medals with Eire Og.

Marie Power (Youghal): Captained Loreto, Youghal, to win Cork schools championship this season. Holds Cork junior and intermediate championship medals with her club. Fields with Imokilly divisional side in senior championship. Played under-18 with Cork. Good basketball player.

Ann Connolly (Glen Rovers): Paid an earlier visit to Croke Park with North Pres. in All-Ireland Colleges junior final. Represented Cork in minor, under-18 and junior grades. Holds All-Ireland minor, Munster minor, under-18 and junior medals and a Cork Schools championship award.

Sarah Ryan (Nemo Rangers): Learned her camogie with Sacred Heart in colleges competitions. A very hard hitter of ball. Sarah holds a Cork Schools medal. Won an All-Ireland award at Sulky Racing.

CORK SENIORS

Marion McCarthy (South Pres.): Goalkeeper. Marion will be playing in her 6th All-Ireland Final. She lined out at centre-field in the five other outings. A very versatile player, Marion is effective in any position. She has played minor, junior and senior for Cork as well as donning Munster colours. A well known badminton player, Marion holds four All-Ireland, six Munster senior, three Munster Junior, Secondary, minor and inter-club and three Cork Co. Championship medals.

Marie Costine (Cloyne): Full-back. Most experienced player on Cork team. Captained Cork to All-Ireland success in 1973. Renowned for her long clearances and superb ball control. Has been acknowledged as best full back in the game over the past decade. Marie, who has played for Munster, has four All-Ireland, six Munster senior, three Munster Secondary and five Cork senior championship medals in her collection.

Marie Mackey (Glen Rovers): Right-back. Won an All-Ireland junior medal with Cork in 1973. Her second season on senior team. Marie holds Munster under-18 and junior medals. She played for Blarney and the Muskerry Divisional side before joining Glen Rovers. Refereed Munster senior final last season.

Catherine Landers (Killeagh): Centre-back. Captured the headlines in 1975 when she played for Cork in all grades, u-16, u-18, junior and senior, winning All-Ireland honours in the minor grade. Holds Munster medals in all grades. Cork senior awards with Imokilly and Cork under age trophies with Killeagh. Has found her best form since moving to centre-back position. Played colleges camogie for Loreto, Youghal.

Patricia Riordan (Ballin-lough): Left-back. Played in Croke Park in 1974 All-Ireland minor final. Made her champion-

ship debut against Wexford last season. Formerly a colleges player with South Presentation Convent. Patricia has come up through minor, under-18 and junior ranks.

Clare Cronin (Ballyphehane): Right Centre. Won Levi Youth Sports Award for Camogie in 1976. Starred for St. Aloysius in their All-Ireland Colleges victory. Featured in Cork's minor successes in 1975 and 1976. Clare, who was pleased with her recent Leaving Cert. results, is a lovely ball player.

Angela Higgins (Watergrass-hill): Centrefield. Learned her camogie in Loreto, Fermoy, and soon progressed to Cork under-18 and junior sides. Coaches camogie in Mercy, Macroom, where she teaches physical education. Won All-Ireland junior medal with Cork in 1973 and holds Munster under-18, junior and senior Munster medals, Cork senior championship with Imokilly and Cork intermediate championship with Watergrasshill.

Nancy O'Driscoll (Eire Og): Left centre. If Cork win on Sunday, Nancy will enter the record books. In 1973 she captained Cork to win All-Ireland junior championship. As captain of present senior team, she would then become first player to lead her county to success in two grades. She would also share a second record with team-mate Mary Geaney — the first players to win senior All-Ireland camogie medals and represent their country at hockey. Nancy holds two Cork senior championship medals with Eire Og.

Mary O'Leary (Watergrass-hill): Right forward. Was captain of Cork in 1975 All-Ireland final against Wexford. Played centre-forward on Cork's All-Ireland winning junior team in 1973. Was prominent in Watergrasshill's rise to senior grade. A prolific scorer, Mary is a sister of hurling star, Seanie. An accurate free-taker, she has won Munster under-18, junior and senior medals and Cork senior awards with Imokilly.

Marion Sweeney (Killeagh): Centre-forward. Was on Cork's winning teams in 1972 and 1973 and captained the 1974 team in the final against Kilkenny. A former colleges player with Loreto, Fermoy, she won five Cork senior championship medals with Imokilly as well as Munster senior, junior and under-18 awards. Has represented her province.

Pat Moloney (Killeagh): Left forward. A most experienced and talented player, Pat will be playing in her seventh All-Ireland final. Has fielded with Presentation, Youghal, as a colleges player, with U.C.C. and Combined Universities in her student days and with Cork from the colleges to the senior grade. An interprovincial player, she holds four All-Ireland, six Munster senior, five Cork senior championship medals and has brought Killeagh from the junior ranks to the edge of senior honours.

Mary Geaney (Eire Og): Full-forward. An all-round sports star, Mary was the Irish goalkeeper in the Triple Crown hockey win, has won the Munster badminton singles title, is acknowledged as best ladies squash player in her native Kerry and is a handy footballer. Mary, who previously played camogie for Kerry, hopes to add to her vast collection of trophies on Sunday. A former pupil of Ursuline Convent in Cork, she won two Cork senior championship medals with Eire Og.

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DASHING CORK TOO GOOD FOR DUBLIN

CAMOGIE FINALS

CORK 6-4; DUBLIN 1-2

CORK, displaying tremendous flair and with a host of fine individual performances, were worth every score to take the O'Duffy Cup back to the Lee for the first time since 1973, the year they completed the four-in-a-row, when they beat Dublin by 6-4 to 1-2 in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

**Hockey star
helps Derry
to title**

Derry 3-4, Cork 1-4

THE girls of Derry proved too much a handful for Cork at Croke Park yesterday and repeated their success of 1969 with a better balanced display to win the All-Ireland junior camogie final by 3-4 to 1-4.

Derry's hopes were boosted by two sparkling goals within a couple of minutes between the 10th and 12th minutes of the second half. The scorers were Kathleen Marrion from Greenlough and Caroline McWilliams, the hockey-camogie star, who had only returned from Edinburgh on Saturday night following a successful debut in Ireland's under 23 side in the home countries international series.

Sarah Ann Quinn gave a tremendous display in the heart of the Derry defence, fetching and clearing with great authority at the same time emphasising the paucity of the Cork attack.

Cork could manage only a feeble reply of three second half points, two of them off frees. Sarah Ryan had their first goal but they rarely looked like augmenting the score to any appreciable extent.

Scorers for Derry were — C. McWilliams (2-0), K. Marrion (1-1), B. Deignan (0-2), B. McWilliams (0-1) and S. Quinn (0-1). Scorers for Cork were — S. Ryan (1-0), E. Kavanagh (0-2), M. Kearney (0-1) and G. Murray (0-1).

The lively Cork side mounted attacks with confidence and dash from the start. Pat Moloney was a constant menace to the Dublin defence. She inspired most of Cork's dangerous moves with incisive solo running.

Mary O'Leary showed touches of the style which has enabled her brother Seanie win so many matches for Cork's hurlers. These two constituted the ideal wing combination, with hockey Mary Geaney possessing the very useful facility to be in the right place at the right time to knock home three of the goals.

Dublin took hammer blows in the form of first-half goals by Mary Geaney (2) and Pat Moloney (2) to slump into a 4-2 to 0-0 interval deficit.

Noreen Fleming, who might perhaps have been classed as one of Dublin's best forwards, did not inspire confidence when moving slowly into a goal chance, only to see Marion McCarthy sweep clear early in the second half.

Miss Fleming at last had Dublin's first score, a goal scooped to the net following a side-line free from MARIAN Conroy, after six minutes of the second half. Dublin, who last won the title in 1966, had a further score a point off a free by Miss Fleming shortly afterwards, but then had to wait until late in the game for their next and final score, a point from substitute Helen Roche.

Scorers for Cork were: M. Geaney (1-0), P. Moloney (2-0), O'Leary (2-3) and N. O'Driscoll (0-1). Scorers for Dublin were: N. Fleming (1-1) and H. Roche (0-1).

Cork — M. McCarthy; M. Costine; M. Mackey, C. Landers, P. Riordan; C. Cronin, A. Higgins, N. O'Driscoll; M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, P. Moloney, M. Geaney.

Dublin — S. Murray; S. Wallace; A. Redmond, B. Conway, C. Doherty; A. MManus, M. Conway; B. Redmond; E. Sweeney, M. Mernagh, N. Fleming; A. Byrne. Subs — F. Sutton (for M. Conroy); H. Roche (for E. Sweeney); M. Murphy (for B. Conway).

Referee — Helena O'Neill (Kilkenny).



Dublin defenders get to the ball to halt a Cork attacker during the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.



Cork's Marion Sweeney shooting past Dublin back Bernie Conway during yesterday's senior final at Croke Park.

—(Examiner)

Early Cork blitz leaves Dublin with no hope of victory

CORK 6-4 DUBLIN 1-2

THE CELEBRATIONS, which had just begun to wane in Cork after that county's great hurling three-in-a-row, will probably be sparked off again by the return to the Lee of Cork's girls, with the O'Duffy Cup, the all-Ireland senior camogie trophy, following their brilliant, if somewhat one-sided, victory over Dublin at Croke Park yesterday. It was a performance of great power and skill and was a fine advertisement for the game of camogie itself.

The Dublin girls were left with a completely hopeless task after only 20 minutes, by which time Cork had scored three goals and two points, without reply. By half-time, Cork had added another goal and Dublin were still scoreless.

BY
SEAN KILFEATHER

However, the second half saw Dublin put up a plucky fight and we were left wondering why they had been so ineffective earlier. Yet still they could never really dominate the game and, towards the end, Cork put on another spurt to knock in two more goals and a couple of points, to leave the issue completely beyond doubt.

Had Dublin adopted different tactics from the start, they would scarcely have been outscored to the extent of 17 points. Their tactics were to play the ball on the ground first time and it seems to me that this was playing into the hands of the Cork girls and did not suit the less physical Dublin team either.

Had the Dublin players slowed down the pace of the game by bringing the ball to hand, or by trying to lob it over the Cork defence, things might have been closer, but the Cork team simply revelled in the girl-to-girl marking and they were adept and nimble in lifting the ball and in driving the Dublin girls back time and again with long clearances.

In this respect, none was more impressive than Cork's full back, Marie Costine, whose catching and clearing were heartbreaking for Dublin.

DEADLY ACCURACY

As if that were not enough, Cork had three forwards of such deadly accuracy and skill that the Dublin defence was always at full stretch. In this department, Patricia Moloney was the outstanding player on the field and it was her contribution, particularly early in the match, which left Dublin without any hope.

Even more devastating in terms of scores was Mary Geaney, who hit the back of the Dublin net three times, while Mary O'Leary also needed constant watching. Her clean striking of the ball and unselfish contribution to the team effort was a constant worry to the bewildered Dublin defence.

All through, however, Sheila Murray in the Dublin goal remained defiant, even though she got little protection from her defence. Bernice Conway and Barbara Redmond tried valiantly to turn the tide and Evelyn Sweeney and Noreen Fleming did much to save Dublin's pride in the second half, but with Cork in such marvellous form there was little anyone could do.

MORALE-BREAKER

Cork weathered an early Dublin attack to grab a morale-breaking goal after seven minutes. Patricia Moloney ran through the Dublin defence and Mary Geaney drove the ball into the net when Sheila Murray blocked the first shot. Earlier, Mary O'Leary had whipped over a point with a fine shot from the left and after 15 minutes Nancy O'Driscoll scored another point to give Cork a 1-2 to 0-0 lead.

Dublin's defence was caught badly out of position after 12 minutes when Patricia Moloney was left all alone and palmed an easy goal. She added another in the 20th minute and Mary O'Leary delivered a fine pass to Mary Geaney for the fourth, just before half-time.

Dublin showed greater spirit in the second half and nearly scored just after the break when Noreen Fleming failed to control the ball in a good position. Three minutes later, however, she was in the right place to deflect a free from Marlon Coghrey to the net. Miss Fleming

added a point from a "30" soon after this, but Miss O'Leary pointed a similar free soon after and then a Dublin attack was broken up in a brilliant burst by Cork with the ball travelling from Miss Moloney to Miss Geaney to Miss O'Leary for a goal. A minute later, Miss O'Leary returned the compliment to put Miss Geaney in for another goal. Dublin had no answer and, even though two subs were called into action, they could not make any impression.

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Derry 3-4
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CORK saw the chances of a historic treble slip from their grasp in the all-Ireland junior camogie final when the girls of Derry proved too much of a handful and repeated their success of 1969 with a better-balanced display.

Derry looked the stronger side in almost every facet of the game and indeed they would not have been flattered by a bigger winning margin. Their hopes were hoisted by two sparkling goals within a couple of minutes between the 10th and 12th minutes of the second half.

The scorers were Kathleen Morrison from Greenlough and Caroline McWilliams, the hockey-camogie star who had only returned from Edinburgh on Saturday night following a successful debut in Ireland's under-23 side which ran up in the home countries hockey international series.

Sarah Ann Quinn provided one of the most memorable displays in the heart of the Derry defence, fetching and clearing with great authority, all of which emphasised the paucity of the Cork attack.

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Referee: Phyllis Breslin (Dublin).

Majestic Cork give Dublin camogie lesson

By JOAN MORLEY

CORK 6-4, DUBLIN 1-2.

A MAJESTIC display of camogie gave Cork their 11th All-Ireland senior title at Croke Park yesterday when they defeated Dublin by 6-4 to 1-2.

Right from the throw-in Cork showed that they were all-out to regain the title they last held in 1973, when they completed the fabulous "four in a row."

Dublin were never in this game with a chance as they were outclassed in all sectors. They did get an amount of possession early in the second half, but could never finish off their chances. At half-time they trailed by 4-2 to nil.

This was where Cork were truly magnificent. Their forwards were in lethal form and all through the game had the Dublin defence in tatters. Pat Moloney, surely the best forward on view, Mary Geaney, Marion Sweeney and Mary O'Leary were unbeatable yesterday, as they slammed home score after score to completely demoralise their opponents.

Claire Cronin, Angela Higgins and captain, Nancy O'Driscoll, were an effective midfield trio, while the Cork defence dealt readily with any Dublin attack. In this sector Marie Costine was a majestic figure at full-back, while goalie Marion McCarthy was sound and Marie Mackey, Catherine Landers and Pat Riordan were always in command.

Dublin may have been overawed by the occasion as they never reproduced the form which saw them knock out hot favourites Wexford in the semi-final. Barbara Redmond, Mary Mernagh, and

Noreen Fleming worked very hard for the Metropolitans but they were always fighting a losing battle.

The stage was set for this premier day in camogie by the Artane Boys' Band and a number of distinguished guests attended. These included Mr. Con Murphy, president of the G.A.A.; Mr. Jim Tunney, Minister for State with the Department of Education, with special responsibility for Sport, and Mrs. Tunney; Mr. Brian Croisne, Lord Mayor of Cork; Councillor Chrissie Aherne, Mr. Ronald Delaney, B+I; Joan O'Reilly, president; and Gladys Raddock, secretary, Irish Hockey Union.

The trophies were presented to the winning captains by Mrs. Agnes Purcell, president of the Camogie Association.

Finally there were a number of "firsts" to come out of this win. Nancy O'Driscoll became the first player to captain a winning All-Ireland team in two grades while both Nancy and Mary Geaney became the first hockey internationals to win senior All-Ireland medals.

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● Dublin's Sheila Wallace clears her lines despite the attention of Cork's hat-trick star, Mary Geaney (with helmet) during yesterday's camogie final in Croke Park.

Hat-Trick Mary Stars For Cork

By PADRAIG PURSEAL

CORK 6-4

DUBLIN 1-2

MARY GEANEY, Ireland's International hockey goalkeeper, made her Croke Park debut as full forward for Cork in the All-Ireland senior camogie final yesterday and celebrated the event with a hat-trick of goals as a superb Cork side romped to a victory that brought the O'Duffy Cup to the Lee for the first time since 1973 and the eleventh occasion in all.

Indeed it must have been a happy occasion for the officials of the Irish Ladies Hockey Union who were guests of the Camogie Association on the Hogan Stand, as the Cork team was captained by another hockey international, Nancy O'Driscoll who set a record of her own yesterday in being the first player to captain teams to All-Ireland success in two grades, as she also led a Cork junior side to the title in 1973.

Although Cork, for whom nothing could go wrong yesterday, were obviously far the superior side from the start, the game was always entertaining, even though it lacked a real competitive element. All through it was a delight to watch the speed, style and skill of such long-serving Corkonians as Pat Moloney from Killeagh and full-back Marie Costine.

Indeed the tall defender from Christy Ring's old club Cloyne, gave a really wonderful display of stickwork, and ball control and her long clearances and uncanny anticipation must have broken the hearts of the Dublin forwards long before the end.

Nervous

On a bright, fresh day, with the breeze not unduly affecting the trend of play, both teams seemed nervous at the start but Mary O'Leary, sister of All-Ireland hurler Seanie, quickly settled Cork with a beautifully taken point from the right wing.

That was in the fifth minute. Two minutes later Pat Moloney raced through the Dublin defence on one of her magical solo-runs. Dublin goalkeeper Sheila Murray saved the cracking shot but the red-helmeted Mary Geaney cracked the rebound to the net for the first goal of the game.

Cork captain, Nancy O'Driscoll, finished a beautifully combined move for a neat point before Pat Moloney really bemused the Dublin defence on her way to scoring two memorable goals.

Three minutes from the interval, Mary O'Leary drew the defence to leave the road open for another Geaney goal and the half-time scoreboard, Cork 4-2 Dublin nil, made a doleful reading for home supporters.

Dublin, however, came out undismayed and at last we heard a cheer from their followers as Noreen Fleming finished a Marion Conroy free for a goal and then pointed from a thirty.

No Impression

But, though Dublin were now winning a fair share of the ball around mid-field they could make no impression on the Cork defence, and when Mary O'Leary first pointed a goal and then was sent through for a picture goal by the bus,

Mary Geaney, Cork were firmly back in control.

The same Mary Geaney really put the icing on the cake when she handpassed in her third goal five minutes from time, and then Anne Byrne for Dublin and Mary O'Leary for Cork exchanged points in a quiet finish.

In many years watching Cork camogie teams I do not think I have ever seen one play better than the new All-Ireland champions did yesterday. Former mid-fielder Marion McCarthy was an excellent goalkeeper while if Marie Costine always looked as though she could keep out the Dublin forwards on her own she had particularly able assistants in Marie Mackey and Catherine Landers. Angela Higgins had some bright mid-field movements while Nancy O'Driscoll, despite a first-minute knock, worked hard on the wing. In the attack Mary Geaney, Mary O'Leary and Pat Moloney were all equally brilliant.

Against this galaxy of talent Dublin — fair play to them — battled as best they might but I doubt if any team in Ireland could have held the Cork girls yesterday.

Indeed goalkeeper Sheila Murray saved her side from heavier defeat with several fine saves while Catherine Docherty stood up best in a defence that too often had no answer to the crafty forays of the Cork forwards. Barbara Redmond and Anna McManus worked hard on the wings, while Noreen Fleming and Evelyn Sweeney tried hard but vainly to find any weak spots in the stonewall Cork defence.

A word of praise too to referee Helena O'Neill, who,

while always in full control, remained completely unobtrusive, but then she had no trouble in keeping the play flowing between two such sporting teams.

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A Berry forward gets through with the ball in spite of Cork defender during the Junior Camogie final.



Dublin defender Catherine Docherty clearing from Cork forwards Pat Moloney and Mary Geaney during the senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

JUNIORS BOW TO SUPERIOR DERRY

DERRY 3-4; CORK 1-4

CORK had to bow to a superior Derry team in the junior final. Derry looked the stronger side all through and when Caroline McWilliams and Kathleen Marrion scored two golden goals early in the second half, the writing was on the wall for Cork (writes Joan Morley).

Derry were the longer hitters and their forward quartet, led by Caroline McWilliams, was always dangerous. In fact, Caroline, who played one game on Friday and two on Saturday, for the Irish Hockey Under-23 team in Scotland, was surely the "Player of the Game" as she constantly stretched the Cork defence.

Patricia Fitzgibbon played well in goal for Cork while Martha Kearney, Breda Landers and Eileen

Kavanagh worked hard, but on the day they had no answer to a superb Derry team who were winning the title for the second time.

Scorers — Derry: C. McWilliams 2-0, M. Marrion 1-0, B. Deighnan 0-2, and S. A. Quinn and B. McWilliams 0-1 each. Cork: S. Ryan 1-0, E. Kavanagh 0-2, G. Murray and M. Kearney 0-1 each.

Derry: P. McCloskey, M. Lee, B. McLuaghlin, S. A.

Quinn, E. McQuinnan, M. Convery, B. McWilliams, S. Loftus, K. Marrion, C. McWilliams, B. McCloskey, B. Deighnan. Sub., M. O'Kane for B. McCloskey.

Cork: P. Fitzgibbon, M. Maher, E. Dineen, B. Joyce, B. Landers, Liz Lynch, M. Kearney, A. Delaney, S. Ryan, M. Coughlan, E. Kavanagh, A. O'Donovan. Subs.: G. Leahy for M. Coughlan, G. Murray for S. Ryan, N. O'Driscoll for A. O'Donovan.



Cork captain Nancy O'Driscoll in jubilant mood after receiving the All-Ireland senior camogie trophy from Mrs. Agnes Purseil, President of the Camogie Association after her side's brilliant victory over Dublin in yesterday's final at Croke Park. On left is Mr. Con Murphy, President of the G.A.A.

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TOP SPORTS
WRITER

And our girls are the best too, boy

CORK is not so much a place as a state of mind — no county in Ireland is so richly varied in its scape of land and water.

In the south-west of the county you might be in Cornwall — it is deepest remembered for all its fishing villages perched above the sea.

In most of the northern part of the county you might be in Normandy — it is a land of broad acres, until it begins to merge with the bogs and rocks of Kerry.

And the south-east is a different world again. It is a quiet secluded corner — between Cork Harbour and Youghal you might be in some part of southern England.

It is a flat land of well-cultivated fields and walled orchards. Even the sea is different there—like a quiet brother of the tearaway that roars through the long inlets of West Cork.

It is speckled with English placenames—one thinks of Whitegate and Springfield and Lady's Bridge as typical of the place.

And the prevailing accent there is different from the semi-Welsh sing-song of the city or the musical melancholy of the south-west.

You might venture to say that it is farther removed from the days when Gaelic was the language of meadow and garden and kitchen and pub.

And yet it is not long since there was a Gaelic-speaking community tucked away in the little village of Knockadoon, only a few miles from the bustling tourist town of Youghal.

CLEARLY ILLUSTRATED

And east Cork is hurling country. Midleton used to be a heartland of Gaelic football in the early days — but long since the caman and the sliotar have taken over.

Cork city is the country's other great seedbed of hurling — its back streets and waste lots have been the school where many a young lad learned the alphabet of the ancient craft.

And the facts of Cork's hurling geography were clearly illustrated in Croke Park yesterday.

The county sent thirty-two young lassies to do battle in the senior and junior All-Ireland camogie finals — all but one came from clubs in the city and the south-east.

The programme contained too the paths of the four competing teams to the final — and that of Cork's seniors was especially impressive.

Camogie score-lines differ from those of hurling in that goals tend to be as common as points — it is a game played mainly on the ground.

Cork's form figures were unusual: they had beaten Galway 3-13 to 0-3, and Clare 5-13 to 3-1.

And those 26 points indicated that the Cork girls are wont to lift the ball and essay the long-range point.

And so they are: yesterday one felt like attempting a sweeping summary and saying that Dublin were playing camogie — and that Cork were playing hurling.

However, it would be more correct to say that Cork were playing camogie to the full — they showed the value of the long ball.

WON HANDSOMELY

And the long ball is best sent by air—the ground ball too often is intercepted by the foe.

And curiously yesterday Cork's total tally contained more goals than points—they scored 6-4 to Dublin's 1-2.

The reason was simple enough: in this extraordinary game Dublin had most of the territorial advantage but Cork got most of the scores.

Points usually come from dominance in and around mid-field—Cork never achieved that yesterday.

And yet they won handsomely. And the result illustrated an old axiom.

It is one often quoted in the world of the navy: "It isn't how high you raise the pick—it's how deep you sink it."

The Dublin girls yesterday worked very hard and for long periods kept the ball within shooting distance of Cork's goal—and yet went in at half-time without a score to their credit.

Part of the reason was the excellence of the Cork defence—but a far greater part was the failure of the Dublin girls to take their chances.

The chances came—but Dublin's efforts resembled those of a golfer who plays well everywhere except on the greens.

And Cork sank their putts—and so the final score-sheet was not a true reflection of the flow of play.

KEPT POSSESSION

But Cork were by far the better team—at least on the day. They knew how to go about scoring—that was the difference.

When they attacked—and indeed it was true of all their play—they did not just hit the ball hopefully towards goal: they looked for a well-placed colleague.

A few of their girls too knew the value of keeping possession when there is a fair bit of green territory in front of you.

Pat Moloney especially knew the value of the judicious run—and in the first quarter when the game was very much in the balance her incursions gravely harmed Dublin.

But equally valuable in that testing time was Marie Costine at full-back.

Marie is not only tall and strong: she is also very skilful—and yesterday was like a mobile moat.

In front of her she had a brilliant centre-back: Catherine Landers raced around the field mending and repairing like a maintenance mechanic.

And in goal was another consummate hurler: Marion McCarthy, star midfielder of yesteryear, is now a 'keeper who makes the goal look like a wicket-gate.

She showed her extraordinary confidence just on half-time when a tricky ball floated into her forecourt.

Noel Skehan or Martin Coleman or any of their fellows would have been glad to catch it — Marion first-timed it far downfield.

OVER-AMBITION

And up in front, playing wide on the right, was Mary O'Leary, a lovely striker whose only fault was over-ambition.

She sent over several wides — by shooting from positions from which few girls would dare.

And there was Mary Geaney, goal-poacher extraordinary. She got five chances — and sank three.

And a few minutes from full-time she was senior partner in one of the finest goals ever seen in a camogie game.

She took the ball on the boss of her hurley for 30 yards up the left, unhinged the defence, and then hand-passed across goal to Mary O'Leary; the net danced.

And among the game's ironies was that even though Dublin conceded six goals, their best players were the 'keeper, Sheila Murray, and full-back Sheila Wallace.

Anna McManus had a fine game too at right-back. Twice she attempted to double on the ball — and succeeded.

Derry had a fine win over Cork's juniors — 3-4 to 1-4. And there is a little problem for the sociologist there.

Derry is not a famous hurling county — and yet the girls from Glenmullan and Bellaghy and Swatragh and Ballerin won their second title in ten years.

And Mary Geaney was born and reared in a part of Kerry where hurling is mainly seen only on the screen.

She learned the rudiments of the craft in Currans National School and on Castlesland's wide main street. Tradition isn't everything.

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Cork forward Mary O'Leary creating havoc in the Dublin defence as she beats Sheila Wallace (left) . . . and Catherine Doherty during yesterday's camogie final at Croke Park. —(Examiner)



Pat Maloney of Cork races away from Dublin's Ann Redmond with the ball juggling on her stick during yesterday's All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park. —(Photograph by Dermot O'Shea)

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Those were innocent days I

suppose and, although my mother's youth would have coincided with the suffragette movement, there was little talk of women's liberation and the equality of the sexes. Yet there was great fun in watching and supporting our team and some of that excitement came back to me at Croke Park on Sunday. It also occurred to me that it is ridiculous for girls to want to play gaelic or soccer or rugby while such a marvellous game exists.

At the risk of being called a male chauvinist pig, I must confess that I don't think any of those three games is suitable for women and that women look stupid and awkward when they try to play. Yet there is something supremely graceful about camogie which suits women. Even the clothes which they wear are fine to look at and flatter the feminine figure in a way which football jerseys and shorts cannot do. And there is that neatness and dexterity in the nature of the game which puts it miles ahead of the rest. It is, in fact, a much more magical game than hockey which seems to me to be always played with the body at a most unbecoming angle.

Watching Pat Moloney of Cork on Sunday as she ran with the ball on her stick with her hair flying out behind her, one could only be taken by the beauty of it all. It seemed to me to be a perfect picture of female grace and athleticism.

Why then do more girls not

take up this game. It is played all over the country from north to south, from east to west. It is well organised and has the support and blessing of the GAA. We also saw on Sunday that girls who also want to play hockey will not find the rules of either all that difficult to adapt to when the need arises.

In the opinion of this mere male, girls should stop trying to ape the men who play the three football codes and all take up the cudgels . . . sorry camans . . . on behalf of their own most splendid game. They could even change the name to Caman na mBan.

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Those were innocent days I

suppose and, although my mother's youth would have coincided with the suffragette movement, there was little talk of women's liberation and the equality of the sexes. Yet there was great fun in watching and supporting our team and some of that excitement came back to me at Croke Park on Sunday. It also occurred to me that it is ridiculous for girls to want to play gaelic or soccer or rugby while such a marvellous game exists.

At the risk of being called a male chauvinist pig, I must confess that I don't think any of those three games is suitable for women and that women look stupid and awkward when they try to play. Yet there is something supremely graceful about camogie which suits women. Even the clothes which they wear are fine to look at and flatter the feminine figure in a way which football jerseys and shorts cannot do. And there is that neatness and dexterity in the nature of the game which puts it miles ahead of the rest. It is, in fact, a much more magical game than hockey which seems to me to be always played with the body at a most unbecoming angle.

Watching Pat Moloney of Cork on Sunday as she ran with the ball on her stick with her hair flying out behind her, one could only be taken by the beauty of it all. It seemed to me to be a perfect picture of female grace and athleticism.

Why then do more girls not

take up this game. It is played all over the country from north to south, from east to west. It is well organised and has the support and blessing of the GAA. We also saw on Sunday that girls who also want to play hockey will not find the rules of either all that difficult to adapt to when the need arises.

In the opinion of this mere male, girls should stop trying to ape the men who play the three football codes and all take up the cudgels . . . sorry camogians . . . on behalf of their own most splendid game. They could even change the name to Caman na mBan.

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The victorious Cork camogie teams who were given a civic reception by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor Brian Sloane and the Lady Mayoress at the City Hall, Cork. Included are: Mary Nott, chairman, Cork County Board; Nancy O'Driscoll, senior captain; Marie Coughlan, junior captain; Imelda Cronin, representing the minor captain; Mary Moran, chairman, Munster Council; Carmel Desmond, Schools Camogie Board; Mr. Paddy O'Driscoll, vice-chairman, Cork County Board; Ide Bean Uí She, president, Cork Camogie Board; Councillor Chris Ahern and Mr. Jack Higgins, Deputy City Manager.

MINORS KEEP UP CORK'S GOOD RUN

Cork 6-6, Tipperary 2-2

Cork Minors ran out impressive winners over Tipperary in the first round of the Munster Camogie championship at Littleton, Thurles, on Saturday.

The scoreboard belies the situation to a certain extent as the Tipperary girls were in control for periods in the early stages of the game but it was evident before the final whistle that they were a beaten team. Mary O'Brien (captain and full back) tried to rally her side against a fitter and more experienced Cork side. However, they mustered a total of 2-2 and were held scoreless for the entire first half.

Cork had a more even side and were 4-1 up without reply in the first half. They commanded the play except for some brief snatches with Lillian Zinkant and Marie Power most prominent.

Derry Girls Prove The Surprise Packets

By AGNES HOURIGAN

CORK, the senior All-Ireland champions, and Derry, the junior champions, were worthy winners of their respective grades in camogie.

Indeed the Cork girls from the outset were always on top and though the Dubliners tried hard to make their mark on the game, Cork had an answer to each and every effort and were in a very strong position when they led 4-2 to nil at the interval.

The skill and speed of the Cork girls delighted the patrons and while long before the end the destiny of the Sean O'Duffy Cup was a certainty yet Dublin kept trying their best.

Derry, who had not won an Ulster title for nine years, were the surprise team of the finals. Their skill, long striking and confidence in themselves were all a credit to their County Board and trainer Kathleen Henry.

ELIGIBLE

The number of senior counties now goes up to eleven and the number eligible to play in the League is thirteen.

The League has proved a great advantage to the counties who have won out in junior for the past two years. Down who struggled desperately in 1977, showed a marked improvement this year and climaxed their League commitments with a deserved victory over Antrim recently.

Limerick, the 1977 Junior

winner, are the only unbeaten county in the Western Zone of the League and they gave a creditable performance in their championship campaign.

Wickow, the Leinster Junior champions and Monaghan, last season's Ulster champions will, with Derry, be eligible to participate in next season's League.

Before the inauguration of the League it was very difficult for the junior winners to bring their game up to the senior level.

There are no inter-county games this Sunday because of the football final, but there is an attractive inter-county club game between Buffers Alley, Wexford and Celtic, Dublin, arranged for Sunday morning.

This game is timed for 11.30 a.m. at Belfield. Celtic, who have been the Dublin champions for three years have not yet succeeded in taking the Leinster club title. Can they master the holders this time?

The Leinster Colleges Council hold their Annual Coaching Course at Scoil Iosa, Kilcock, on Saturday. Mary Moran, the National coach, will be in charge and students are expected to attend from many of the forty-one colleges now active in the Province.

Running side by side will be a referees' course.

The National League will be resumed on Sunday week. A vital game for the two unbeaten sides, in the Eastern Zone, Wexford and Kilkenny,

is arranged for a Wexford venue.

Kilkenny hopes got a boost last weekend when their county champions, St. Paul's, defeated Wexford's Adamstown-Cloughbawn in the final of the most entertaining seven-a-side series yet organised by the Crokes-Kilmasnoid club at Glenalbyn.

The only competitive game this week-end will be staged at Littleton, Co. Tipperary tomorrow evening (6.0) when Cork and Tipperary meet in the Munster under-18 championship.

Cork, with several players from last Sunday's Croke Park finals, will be favourites, but Tipperary, who have many Cashel Colleges stars to call on, could surprise.

Little Rest For Cork Players

TWO of the three All-Ireland titles are now safely by the Lee and eventhough we lost the third, two out of three is no mean feat. But there will be no resting on their laurels for a number of Cork players as they will be in action again tomorrow (Sat) evening when the Under 18 Munster Championship campaign gets under way.

In this Cork meet Tipperary at Littleton and this game could give a number of last Sunday's disappointed Juniors a chance to get it all out of their system as they again wear the red and white. The team was not selected at the time of writing but no doubt Cork juniors Patricia Fitzgibbon, Mary Maher, Anne Delaney, Sara Ryan and Ger Murray will be challenging for places.

Two Cork seniors Claire Cronin and Clare Hackett will surely win places here while Martha Kearney, captain of the minors, and a junior player last Sunday, must also have a strong claim. Two other minors Lillian Zinkant and Fidela O'Connor are also in the panel.

The Cork panel for this game is a very strong looking one and whatever the make-up of the team it

must be a good one. However, Tipperary, whose seniors were shocked by Clare in the senior All-Ireland will be determined to gain some manner of consolation and a win on Sunday would be a great boost to that County.

Scoil Meara will have a match at Colinstown the last night and no doubt the stars will be in the Sun.

Incl. Reg. Kel. and on O'Brien's fight in the

CAMOGIE - Leinster Club Champions - Buffers Alley, Wexford 2-0; runners - E. Walsh, 1-1; B. Doran 1-0; Celtic, Dublin 0-3; (D. Lane 0-3).

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The Cork senior camogie team which defeated Dublin in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship final at Croke Park.

● The Cork senior camogie team and reserves who regained the O'Duffy cup by defeating Dublin in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park (from left) was: Back—A. O'Donovan, B. Joyce, E. Cavanagh, A. Higgins, M. Twomey, M. Costine, C. Cronin, M. O'Leary, K. Doherty, M. McCarthy. Front—M. O'Sullivan, M. Sweeney, M. Ryan, M. McCarthy, N. O'Driscoll (captain), P. Riordan, C. Landers, P. Moloney, M. Geaney, C. Hackett.

ECUMENICAL REQUIEM FOR 'THE BAN'

By PAT HOLMES

THE GAA ban on certain foreign games, buried by its congress in 1971, got an ecumenical requiem in sunny Croke Park, yesterday, during the All-Ireland junior and senior camogie finals. For the first time, officials of the Hockey Union were VIP guests while three hockey internationals displayed their caman craft on the winning Derry and Cork teams.

For well known former Irish international hockey player, Joan O'Reilly, president, Irish Ladies Hockey Union and Gladys Ruddock, the secretary, the occasion was particularly enjoyable, as Cork senior captain, Nancy O'Driscoll, and their goal-getting star, Mary Geaney, along with Caroline McWilliams, of Derry, played star roles in their teams' victories.

Both hockey officials were guests of Una Bean Uí Phuirseil, president of Cuann Camogaiochta na nGael. Joan O'Reilly was surprised by the Cork girls' advantage in physique but thought they played magnificently.

The Minister of State, Mr. James Tunney, who has responsibility for sport, agreed, saying he had never seen higher camogie skills than those displayed by the Cork girls. The senior game had the skills, sure enough, but was rather one-sided as the Leesiders drubbed the once invincible "Dubs" by 6-4 to 1-2.

The sun shone brilliantly almost throughout, but the senior final, in which Dublin were bidding for their twenty-sixth title and Cork for their eleventh, was totally eclipsed for thrills and excitement by

the curtain-raiser. In this, Derry repeated their 1969 win over Cork in a junior final.

As the Minister, Mr. Tunney pointed out, the standard in the junior final, apart from it being a good contest, was surprising. However, GAA President, Mr. Con Murphy, pointed out that hurling in Derry City is stronger than football, particularly in the juvenile grade. Derry took the New Ireland Assurance Cup on a score of 3-4 to 1-4.

There to see the O'Duffy Cup for the senior championship presented was 93-years-old, Sean O'Duffy, whose brother Seamus donated the trophy in 1932. Sports Council Chairman, Ronnie Delaney, was also present for his first camogie final. He thought it was "fabulous".

The attendance yesterday

was just a few thousand, the vast majority occupying the lower deck of the Hogan Stand, while the terraces lay deserted. But Croke Park patrons, one feels, do not appreciate what they are missing in Camogie. For free-flowing fare — there were no more than half a dozen frees in either final, the callini showed they have something to teach their male counterparts. There was virtual complete concentration on the ball, making for much less body contact. All the traditional artistry of hurling was evident, while all the undesirable features were absent. While the crowd was small for Croke Park, the atmosphere was there, with the different groups of supporters chanting against each other and the team favours being waved in jubilation and encouragement.



Cork camogie team captain, Nancy O'Driscoll, is borne aloft by delighted supporters at Kent Station last evening after the team arrived from Dublin. (Examiner)

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A scene of action in the Cork v. Dublin All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park.

CORK JUNIOR CAMOGIE SIDE



The Cork junior camogie team which was defeated by Derry in the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park recently.

BACK: SARAH RYAN, ANN DELANEY, NOELLE O'DRISCOLL
 BREDA LANDERS, GER MURRAY, ANN O'SULLIVAN
 GER LEAHY, EILEEN DINEEN, BETTY JOYCE,
 PATRICIA FITZGIBBON + EILEEN BARRETT.
 FRONT:- ANNETTE O'DONOVAN, LIZ LYNCH, CARMEL MURKIN
 EILEEN KAVANAGH, MARTHA KEARNEY,
 MARIE COUGHLAN (CAPT), MARIE POWER
 ANNE CONNOLLY, CHRISTINE PINFIELD, MARY MAHER,

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Marie Coughlan, captain of the Cork junior camogie team, pictured with Derry captain, Brigid McLoughlin, prior to the All-Ireland junior camogie final. In centre is referee Phyllis Breslin.



Pictured recently at Croke Park for the All-Ireland camogie finals were G.A.A. President, Mr. Con Murphy, the Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor Brian Sloane, and his wife, Mrs. Monica Sloane.



Nancy O'Driscoll, captain of the Cork senior camogie team, proudly holds high the All-Ireland senior camogie championship cup when they defeated Dublin in the final Croke Park.

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Important day for League contenders

BY TAOBH LINE

SPORT FOR ALL DAY is a very important day for some of the close contenders for National Camogie League honours as Wexford, the holders, are hosts to Kilkenny at Cloughbawn (2.30), where, if the visitors take the points, they will have won out the Eastern Zone and will qualify for the final. Wexford are so far unbeaten but must still play Dublin who have lost two points to Kilkenny.

Galway, too, must defeat Clare to remain Limerick's closest challengers in the Western Zone. In this section Galway lost to Limerick while the latter remain unbeaten, but must still play Cork, the All-Ireland champions, who lost three points in the early stages of the League.

Clare have shown much better form in recent weeks. They readily defeated fancied Tipperary in their League encounter and will give Galway a stiff test, but the home side should win at Ballindereen (3.0).

In the third game Dublin travel to play Down at Leitrim (3.30). Dublin have been back in training since their disappointing display against Cork in the All-Ireland final and will be very keen to remain in the League race. If Wexford should defeat Kilkenny, only Wexford remain unbeaten, but they have to play Dublin yet, so a three-way tie is possible.

Other events organised for Sport For All Day include a Seven-a-side competition for all Roscommon clubs at St. Coman's Park. Antrim and Dublin have a full programme of club games and there will be seminars on Coaching and Refereeing at various centres throughout the country.

Buffers Alley, Wexford, qualified for the Leinster final Club Championship when they defeated Celtic, Dublin, last Sunday. They await the winners of the second semi-final for which Togher, Lough, qualified last Sunday after defeating Kiltegan, Wicklow.

In Munster, Ballyagran, Limerick, travel to Ennis to play Eire Og, the Clare champions, in the Munster Club Final. With about half the players on each team members of the county panels, this should be a very close tie.

RUNAWAY VICTORY

The Cork Under 18 team scored a runaway victory over Tipperary in the Munster Championship semi-final last week and are due to play Clare in the final shortly.

Colleges Councils are busy organising the schools for the forthcoming season. A Coaching Course and a Referees Course were successfully run at Scoil Iosa, Kilcock, last Saturday. This Saturday Munster have organised a course at Killinane under the leadership of Mary Moran, the National Coach. Ann Carroll, the other National Coach, is in charge of the Ulster Colleges course.

Kilkenny girls' accuracy vital

Kilkenny, 2-7; Wexford, 2-4
KILKENNY won the Eastern Zone of the National Camogie League when they defeated the holders Wexford by 2-7 to 2-4 at Craughbawn yesterday.

This was a close and hard-fought encounter in which the Kilkenny girls' greater accuracy proved to be the difference between the sides.

Best for the winners were Liz Neary, the Downey twins, Helen O'Neill and Mary Fennell. Fod Wexford, Kathleen Tonks in goal was outstanding. Bridie Jacob, Margaret O'Leary, Brigid Doyle and Elsie Walsh also did well.

Scorers: Kilkenny - A. Downey (1-2), J. Dunne (1-0), H. O'Neill (0-3), C. Doyle and M. Purcell (0-1 each). Wexford - B. Doyle (1-2), B. Murphy (1-0), B. Doyle, E. Walsh (0-1 each).

Dublin, 3-2; Down, 1-3
DUBLIN, with a hard-earned victory over Down at Leitrim, yesterday, collected two further points in the National Camogie League.

Though the home side played with the aid of the breeze in the first half, it was Dublin who dominated. After Evelyn Sweeney had pointed for Dublin, Noreen Fleming scored their first goal. Newcomer Margaret McMahon, impressive at left forward, goalied to give the visitors a half-time lead of 2-1 to 0-1.

However, Down showed great determination in the second half; long clearances from their defence putting pressure on Dublin throughout. Marian McGarvey and Mary Kelly, who goalied for Down, were particularly impressive.

Dublin's air play was weak, but their ground passing, especially in the forward line, was good. Down lifted the ball constantly but failed to turn their dominance, particularly in the last quarter, to scores.

Scorers: Dublin - N. Fleming (2-0), M. McMahon (1-1), E. Sweeney (0-1). Down - M. Kelly (1-1), M. McGarvey (0-1).

National League - Galway, 6-5; Clare, 1-3

SPIRITED LIMERICK ON TOP

Limerick 3-4; Cork 1-4

All-Ireland champions Cork came a cropper at Adare, Co. Limerick, on Sunday when beaten by Limerick in what was a vital Senior National Camogie League game for the winners.

Limerick went into the game knowing that a draw would put them into the final for the first time ever next month and when the sides were level at 1-1 each at half time it seemed that a draw was likely.

But in the second half they played with great spirit and although Cork were without three of their All-Ireland winning forwards including Mary Geaney, Limerick deserved their win.

It was their first time ever beating Cork at senior level and Margie Neville, Geraldine and Bernadette O'Brien, Helen Mulcair and Bridget Darcy shone, although, essentially it was their better teamwork which gave Limerick their place in the final.

Maria Costine, although not quite up to her best form, Kathleen Landers, Nancy O'Driscoll and Patricia Maloney were best for the losers.

Scorers - Limerick: B. Darcy 1-2, C. Clancy 1-0, V. Fitzpatrick 1-0, P. McCarthy, H. Mulcair 0-1 each. Cork: C. Hackett 1-1, P. Moloney, A. O'Donovan, M. O'Leary 0-1 each.

Munster teams go through

Four Munster colleges are through to the second round of the Munster Senior Colleges camogie championship by virtue of recent victories. They are North Presentation, Presentation De la Salle (Hospital), St. Patrick's (Shannon) and Scoil Mhuire (Cashel).

The results were: North Presentation 12-5, Mount Mercy 0-1; Presentation De la Salle 5-4, Mercy (Macroom) 4-0; St. Patrick's (Shannon) 4-7, Immaculate Heart 0-0, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, beat South Presentation.

Limerick In Confident Mood

AFTER all the heady success of the All-Ireland Cork's seniors come back to earth on Sunday next when they travel to Adare to meet Limerick in the National League campaign. Already three points down Cork have no chance of winning their section at this stage but it is different for Limerick who have full points so far, and even a draw on Sunday would give them a place in the final.

The Colleges Championships get under way on tomorrow Saturday with four first round senior ties down for decision, while on the club scene there is an Under-16 League final, and semi-final and an Under-14 League tie.

The Cork team to meet Limerick on Sunday next shows a number of changes from the All-Ireland winning side. But these are enforced changes as three of the Cork forward line are at present on holidays. They are Mary Geaney, Marion Sweeney and Mary O'Leary and their places will be taken by Eileen Kavanagh, Claire Hackett and Annette O'Donovan. Marion and Mary will be returning from Scotland early on Sunday morning and will probably travel to Adare. But the team will definitely start without them.

Although Cork have no chance of the League - they lost to Galway and drew with Tipperary to be three points down - their prestige will be at stake as All-Ireland champions so there will be no slackening of effort in this tie.

Limerick for their part have everything to gain as they still have full points and even a draw would put them through to the decider against Kilkenny, who have already qualified.

Limerick, winners of the Junior All-Ireland final, two seasons ago, have been playing very well in the League and a win on Sunday would be a great boost for them. They have many first class players in their side including Margie Neville, Geraldine O'Brien, Helen Butler, Brid Stokes, Helen Mulcaire, Cary Clancy, Bridget Darcy and Marion Doyle and they can certainly field a very strong twelve. So Cork can expect to fight for their pride on Sunday as Limerick will enter this game with every intention of winning and not just gaining that vital draw.

Five Cork Colleges will be in action in the first round Munster Senior Colleges ties to be played tomorrow. Two of these will be in direct opposition with North Presentation being at home to Mount Mercy in what should be a very evenly matched game. South Presentation face the unenviable task of taking on top Munster College, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, on their pitch, while Immaculate Heart and Mercy Macroom, will also be on the move with Immaculate Heart going to Shannon to meet St. Patrick's and Mercy travelling to Hospital, to meet Presentation de La Salle.

There will be keen competition in the Under-16 League final between Na Piarasigh and St. Fanahans which will be played at Mitchelstown on Sunday. In the new Under-16 competition old rivals Eire Og and Killeagh will be in action in what must be yet another thriller.

In the final game on the list Aghabullogue and Ballinora dash in the Under-14 League.

Cork Team: Marion McCarthy, Marie Costine, Marie Mackey, Catherine Landers, Patricia O'Riordan, Claire Cronin, Angela Higgins, Nancy O'Driscoll, Eileen Kavanagh, Claire Hackett, Pat Moloney, Annette O'Donovan.

Subs: M. O'Sullivan, M. Twomey, K. Doherty, B. Joyce, M. McCarthy.

FIXTURES

Saturday: All Munster Senior Colleges First round ties.

At Cashel: Scoil Mhuire, Cashel v South Presentation, Cork.

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SUNDAY

At Adare: National League, Cork v Limerick, 3 p.m.

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ON CAMOGIE FIELDS

BY AGNES HOURIGAN

THE rise of Wicklow in the Camogie world this season, taken in conjunction with the earlier bright patches in the county's history must have given the ruling body of the Camogie Association plenty of satisfaction. The reason? — linked with Wicklow's recent resurgence is the return of Derry to the All-Ireland scene after an absence of ten years, and the success of both must be attributed to the spread of the game through the schools and colleges in these two counties.

The very important factor to be considered is that both those counties had been very much to the fore twenty years ago and Camogie was very well established both in Derry and in Wicklow. Indeed Derry not only reached a senior final, but won a junior All-Ireland title. Then both seemed to fall away and the game seemed to decline, until, within the last few years both counties began to concentrate again on fostering the game among the schoolgirls.

This only bears out what has so often been shown before now, that the counties who enjoy the greatest success nowadays are those which have enthusiastic teams participating in the provincial and All-Ireland Colleges' competitions.

The rise of Kilkenny was due to the establishment of the game in the schools of that County, while at around the same time Wexford started to come to the fore for the same reason. Other counties that had not formerly been prominent on inter-county fields, Down, Limerick, Roscommon, Monaghan, Clare and Galway can all attribute inter-county suc-

cesses in recent years to the increase in the number of camogie-playing colleges in their respective areas.

Dublin, Cork and Antrim, who dominated the All-Ireland scene for so long had well-established colleges' competitions for many years before such spread in other counties, so their past successes give further proof of the advantage of getting young girls playing competitively from at least their earliest teens.

As a further example it must be noted that the Cork team which won the Willwood Tailteann Minor All-Ireland on the last Sunday in August was drawn from no fewer than nine Colleges' teams within the county. Most of these girls also play for club teams as well so that they have a double advantage.

So obviously the way to improve the game in the weaker counties is by fostering it in the schools.

What is the Association doing to spread the game among the schoolgirls? It is nearly twenty years now since Ard Coiste issued a directive to all Provincial Councils to set up Colleges' competitions in the areas under their jurisdiction. From a very tentative beginning these Colleges' Councils are now firmly established in all four Provinces and have done tremendous work, work they are still doing.

At least four separate competitions are now run annually in each of the provinces, while the All-Ireland Colleges' Council organises a senior and a junior championship. These All-Ireland finals are amongst the most colourful events in the Camogie year with the participating schools entering fully into the

spirit of the occasion in friendly rivalry making Croke Park a sea of colour with their flags and banners. To facilitate the spread of the game in the schools the All-Ireland Colleges' Council organises an annual Coaching Course at Gormanston for teachers and trainers of Colleges' teams. Three years ago the Association set the wheels in motion for the establishment of the game at Primary School level.

This development is as yet only in its early stages but considerable progress has been made in some counties, especially where the County Boards have shown interest in promoting Camogie at this juvenile level. Feile na nGael has also been a wonderful asset in promoting the game among the juveniles, and the number of teams in this competition has been increasing from year to year. Kilkenny certainly gave a boost to the game in the weaker counties by having a secondary or junior Camogie competition at this year's Feile.

So the weaker counties are not being neglected and if many of them continue to progress as they are doing there will be very few if any weak counties in a few years time.

Meanwhile, it is good to see Wicklow, a county which gave the game a well-loved President, Mrs. C. M. Byrne, and such great players as Jean Hannon and Queenie Dunne from Bray and the Kavanagh sisters from Rathnew, back again in the Camogie limelight, thanks one feels to the wonderful work done in the schools by such as Paddy Maher and their very active Chairman, Mrs. Kathleen Walsh, and her Committee.

Eire Og Battle Back To win

Eire Og, 5-4; Glen Rovers, 5-3

A second half purple patch in which Cork junior Eileen Kavanagh scored three goals helped Eire Og to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat at the hands of Glen Rovers in the Under-18 League final played at Ovens yesterday.

Eire Og trailed by 4-0 to 0-2 at half-time and at that stage Glen Rovers looked well on the way to victory. But then came a marvellous Eire Og revival which saw them whittle away the Glen lead and eventually snatch the narrowest of wins.

Captain Eileen Kavanagh, was the winners match-winner, but she got able assistance from Eileen Galvin, Anne O'Keeffe and Regina O'Brien. For Glen, Sandy Fitzgibbon, who scored three goals, Cork senior Claire Hackett, and Ann Daly, were always prominent.

Scorers — Eire Og: E. Kavanagh (3-2), G. Mackey (1-1), C. Kelleher (1-0), E. Walsh (0-1). Glen Rovers — E. Fitzgibbon (3-0), C. Hackett (1-0), A. Daly (1-0), G. Murray (0-2), A. Delaney (0-1).

Referee, M. Moran (Old Aloysians).

In the Junior Championship semi-final Ballinlough advanced at the expense of Na Piarsaigh by 3-2 to 2-0.

Dublin gain edge in second half

DUBLIN 4-1
WEXFORD 4-0

CAMOGIE

DUBLIN emerged as victors in the last game of the Eastern Zone of the National Camogie League with a one-point victory over Wexford, at Blanchardstown, yesterday (4-1 to 4-0).

Wexford, aided by the strong breeze in the first half, seemed to have the game under control — they had gone two goals ahead before Dublin managed a score, a goal from Margaret McMahon; Dorothy Walsh had her second goal of the game before the interval to leave her side ahead by two goals.

In control at centre field, and with Breda Murphy and Dorothy Walsh in form in the forward line, Wexford looked the stronger side at this stage.

Noreen Fleming goaled for the Dublin girls early in the second half and Barbara Redmond pointed a free to cut the Wexford lead to two points. The exchanges were keener at this stage, and the home side improved on their first-half performance.

It was Helen Roche who goaled to give Dublin the lead, and Margaret McMahon, having an impressive game at left forward, who carried the ball from twenty yards out to increase this lead to four points.

In the last ten minutes, Wexford tried hard to get the all-important scores, but to no avail. Kitt Coad goaled, but this left them one point in arrears at the final whistle. Controversy surrounded a fifteen-yard free some minutes from the whistle—the Dublin defence advanced to meet the free, from Margaret Lacey, and it seemed that they may have been less than the statutory ten yards away from the ball.

Scorers: Dublin: M. McMahon (2-0), N. Fleming (1-0), H. Roche (1-0), B. Redmond (0-1). Wexford: D. Walsh (2-0), E. Kehoe (1-0), K. Codd (1-0).

LEINSTER COLLEGES CHAMP

Senior

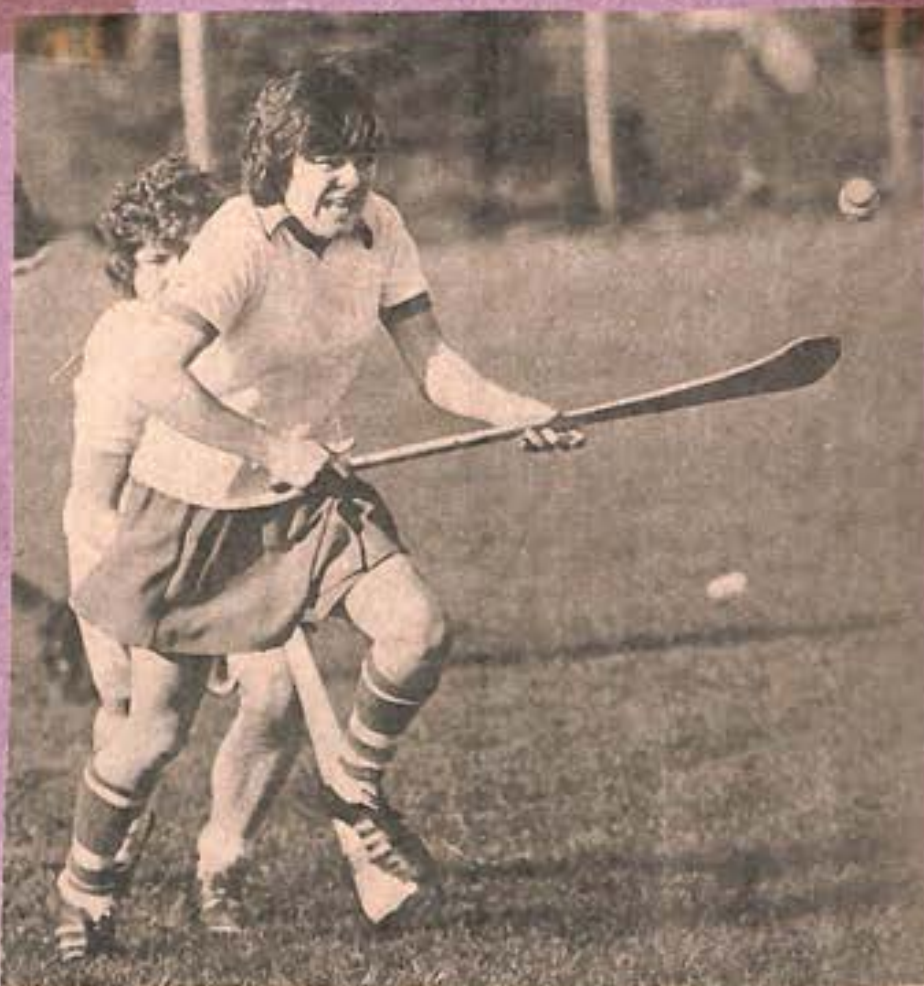
Wicklow Vocational, 3-1 (Deirdre Whelan (2-0), Chris Doyle (0-0), Pat Doyle (0-1)). Bunclody, 2-1 (Mary Bates (1-0), Aileen Kavanagh (1-0), Tina Fitzhenry (0-1)).

Presentation, Terenure, 6-3 (Cathy McWade (3-0), Edel Murphy (2-1), Catherine Feery (1-0)). Maryfield College, 2-0 (Joan Gormley (1-0), Gwen Reddy (1-0)).

Junior

Bunclody, 4-2 (Aine O'Neill (4-0), Tina Fitzhenry (0-2)). Wicklow Vocational, 0-0.

Maryfield College, 3-0 (A. Maguire (1-0), P. Donnelly (1-0), D. Courtney (1-0)). Presentation, Terenure, 2-0 (M. Murphy (1-0), H. Brangan (1-0)).



A determined looking Munster forward breaks away from her Leinster opposite during the semi-final of the Gael Linn camogie championship at Na Piarsaigh Grounds yesterday.

—(Examiner)

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It Easy

Macroom, Scoll Mhuire, Cashel v. Sacred Heart; St. Aloysius v. North Presentation; South Presentation v. Immaculate Heart; Presentation De La Salle, Hospital v. St. Josephs, Tulla; Mount Mercy v. Loreto, Youghal; St. Patricks v. Loreto, Fermoy; St. Marys, Nenagh v. St. Patricks, Shannon.

Sunday

Gael Linn Cup Championships at Na Piarasigh Grounds: Junior: Munster v. Leinster, 2.15 p.m. Senior: Munster v. Leinster, 3.30 p.m.; at Killeagh: U-16, Redmonds v. Killeagh, 3.30 p.m.; at Ballincollig: U-16 L, Blackrock v. Ballincollig, 12 noon; at Watergrasshill: U-14 L, St. Fanahans v. Watergrasshill, 12 noon.

(Limerick), A. Delaney (Cork), M. O'Keefe (Limerick), S. Ryan (Cork), E. Kavanagh (Cork), A. O'Donovan (Cork). Subs: H. Sheehy (Limerick), E. Dineen (Cork), C. Morrissey (Limerick), M. Kearney (Cork).

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday)

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COLLEGE GAMES

It will be all go in the colleges scene tomorrow with no less than eight first round Munster junior championship games down for decision.

In these no less than nine Cork Colleges will be in action.

Finally, the Cork Camogie Board are holding a victory function for the All-Ireland winning teams at Beamish and Crawford's premises on Friday, October 20 (adm. £1.00) and all those interested in attending should contact the County Board.

MUNSTER TEAMS

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Junior — P. Fitzgibbon (Cork), M. Maher (Cork), M. Coughlan (Cork) (capt.), H. O'Sullivan (Limerick), B. Joyce (Cork), L. O'Sullivan (Cork), A. O'Sullivan

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Munster Team



The Munster team which met Leinster in the semi-final of the Gael Linn camogie championship at Na Piarasigh Grounds on Sunday. (Echo)

BACK: - GERALDINE O'BRIEN, MARGARET O'TOOLE,

MARIE COSTINE, MARY GEANEY, MARION MCCARTHY

CLAIRE CRONIN, SIOBHAN TYNAN

BERNADETTE O'BRIEN + MARGIE NEVILLE.

FRONT: - PAT MOLONEY, DEIRDRE LANE,

MARION SWEENEY, NANCY O'DRISCOLL (capt.)

MAOLMUIRE TYNAN, + MARY O'LEARY.

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Leinster hold good rally by Munster

Leinster decider should be thriller

Clare Can Make It Tough For Cork

Leinster, 5-0; Munster, 1-6
LEINSTER qualified for the Gael Linn senior Camogie final with a six point victory 5-0 to 1-6, over Munster at Cork yesterday.

Leinster dominated the first half and led at the interval by 4-0 to 1-3. Pat Moloney had an early goal for Munster and this added to Marion Sweeney's points put them ahead. Angela Downey opened the Leinster scoring with a goal and for the rest of the first half Leinster were in control. Bridget Doyle, Mary Fennelly and Angela Downey each added a goal during this period. Munster managed only two points before the interval.

In the second half Munster attacked constantly but the Leinster defence, in which Bridie Martin was outstanding and was well supported by Catherine Docherty, Ann Downey and Liz Neary, held out well. Mary O'Leary had two points for Munster while Pat Moloney scored a third. However, Angela Downey's goal for Leinster shortly before the final whistle made their victory secure.

Scorers: Leinster — A. Downey (2-0), B. Doyle (1-0), M. Fennelly (1-0); Munster — T. Moloney (1-2), M. O'Leary (0-3), E. Sweeney (0-1).

Munster, 5-1; Leinster, 3-2

In an exciting junior semi-final at Na Piarasigh Grounds, Cork, yesterday Munster defeated Leinster by 5-1 to 3-2. All but one of this Munster side were Cork girls. Star of the game for the winners was full forward Annette O'Donovan who scored four goals. Substitute M. Kearney was impressive and she had Munster's fifth goal.

Leinster, in contrast, had representatives from five counties. Their lack of combination was evident. F. Cousins got their only first half score, a goal. Kildare's M. Malone opened the second half scoring with a goal but Munster's fourth and fifth goal followed to put an end to any hopes of the Leinster revival.

Scorers: Munster — A. O'Donovan (4-0), M. Kearney (1-0), B. Joyce (0-1); Leinster — M. Malone (1-1), S. Cousins (1-0), M. O'Loughlin (1-0), M. Dunne (0-0).

THE CLUB Championship semi-finals are arranged for November 5 and the final will be played on November 19, consequently the Provinces, with so many other commitments, are fully stretched to be ready in time.

The Leinster final is fixed for Sunday and is between St. Pauls (Kilkenny) and Buffers Alley (Wexford).

The rivalry that exists between these two counties, is also present between these two clubs who have so many inter-county players on their line-outs.

St. Pauls, who have won the All-Ireland club title five times, have no fewer than ten of the county team while Buffers Alley can field a full team of inter-county players between seniors and juniors.

MEDALS GALORE!

On the Kilkenny champions team, Teresa O'Neill and Helena, the Downey twins Angela and Anne, Mary Fennelly, Bridie Martin, Mary Purcell, Liz Neary, Marie Canavan and Carmel Doyle are All-Ireland medals holders, while Kathleen Tonks, Margaret O'Leary, Bridie Jacob, the Walsh sisters, Dorothy and Elsie, have also won All-Ireland medals with Wexford.

In addition Deirdre Cousins with her sisters Fiona and Martina have inter-county experience so a first class game is expected.

Whichever side win they will find themselves taking on the holders, Athenry, who are the Connacht champions. Ballyagan, Limerick and Munster winners are due to play the Ulster champions.

The Gael-Linn semi-finals resulted in a victory for the four provinces because all will be represented in the finals, Leinster and Connacht qualified for the senior final and Munster and Ulster reached the junior final. Both games will be played on October 29 in Dublin.

UNDER 18 FINAL

The Munster Under 18 final between Cork and Clare is also down for decision next Sunday. Clare beat the holders, Limerick to reach the final while Cork scored a good win over Tipperary.

Cork can call on inter-provincial player Clare Cronin and other Cork inter-county players such as Claire Hackett, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Anne Delaney, Mary Maher, Martha Kearney, and Sarah Ryan.

On the Clare side, backed by senior inter-county players Liz Garvan, Geraldine Fahy and Joan Tuohy, Alice Russell and Mary Howard will be players from Shannon Comprehensive School.

The second round of the Munster Senior Colleges' Championship will be decided on Saturday. North Pres., who beat Mount Mercy, are at home to Lorreto, Youghal. St. Pauls, Kilmacneag, entertain St. Als, Shannon, who defeated Immaculate Heart Cork, host Pres. de la Salle, Hospital, and Scoll Mhuire, Cashel, who proved too good for South Pres., are out against Sacred Heart, Cork.

The final of the Munster under 18 camogie championship will be played at Douglas on Sunday next when Cork meet Clare in what promises to be a most exciting game. In the only other game listed for Sunday Eire Og meet Douglas in the Junior 'A' League at the same venue. On tomorrow there are three Munster Senior Colleges quarterfinals listed in which four Cork colleges will be involved.

Cork's inter-county players have had a hectic season this year and most of the players in Sunday's final have been involved at either senior, junior or minor level already this season so although still under 18 they have plenty of inter-county experience behind them.

Two Cork seniors Clare Cronin and Clare Hackett, who captains the side, will be in the centre where they will be partnered by Cork junior Anne Delaney. In the defence Patricia Fitzgibbon, Mary Maher, Fidelma O'Connor and Breda Landers have also got junior experience while all four forwards Marie Power, Sarah Ryan, Geraldine Murray and Lilian Zinkant have also played inter-county.

In addition four of the side, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Mary Maher, Anne Delaney and Sarah Ryan won Junior

weekend when they impressed in Munster's defeat of Leinster. So experience is in abundance and they should begin this game as favourites.

However, Clare have been impressive at minor level in recent years and when one considers that St. Patrick's Shannon, are the present Munster senior colleges champions, then one can expect the County to field an impressive under 18 side. They have one Clare senior to call on in the stylish Liz Condron, while Joan Tuohy, Geraldine Fahy and Geraldine McNamara are others who could make the going tough for Cork.

Cork Under 18 team — P. Fitzgibbon (Killeagh), M. Maher (Ballinlough), F. O'Connor (Killeagh), B. Landers (Killeagh), R. O'Brien (Eire Og), C. Cronin (Ballyphehane), C. Hackett (Glen Rovers), Capt. A. Delaney (Glen Rovers), M. Power (Youghal), S. Ryan (Nemo Rangers), G. Murray (Glen Rovers), L. Zinkant (Sarsfields) subs. I. Cronin (Na Piarasigh), M. Kearney (do.), A. O'Sullivan (St. Finbarr's), G. O'Donovan (Glen Rovers), C. Mulcahy (do.), C. Freyne (Ballyphehane).

Tomorrow (Sat) All Munster Senior Colleges quarter finals at 3 p.m. At Kilmacneag: St. Paul's v St. Aloysius. At Cork venue: Loreto Youghal v North Presentation. At Cashel: Scoll Mhuire v Sacred Heart.

Sunday: Munster under 18 Championship Final at Douglas, Cork v Clare, 2 p.m. "A" J.L. at Douglas, Eire Og v Douglas.

CONNACHT ADVANCE

CONNACHT 5-4
ULSTER 1-7

CONNACHT, represented by Galway senior camogie team, defeated Ulster in the Gael Linn competition at Loughrea last Sunday. Playing with the aid of the wind, they led 1-3 to 0-3 at half-time thanks to a fine goal by Teresa Duane.

The Galway side turned on the power in the second half, however, and scored two goals in as many minutes, through K. Warde and T. Duane. As Connacht surged forward, P. Foy added another goal.

Ulster came back into the game sometime later, however, and

launched into attack but got no change from the rock-solid western defence in which B. Larkin was outstanding. Galway broke away again and A. Morris scored another good goal to secure victory for Connacht.

Connacht: M. Killeen, B. Larkin, N. Treacy, A. Duane, A. Delaney, P. Foy, M. Poniard, V. Jordan, K. Warde, T. Duane, A. Morris, K. Quinn. Subs: M. Kelly, B. Glynn, B. Murphy, P. O'Connor.

In the junior Gael Linn match at Loughrea, Ulster proved far too strong for a Connacht team made up of seven players from Galway and five from Roscommon, laying the foundations for victory in the first half when they were aided by a strong wind.

Camogie Interpros. Have A New Look

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE Gael-Linn Interprovincial camogie competition takes on a new look this year. First inaugurated in 1956, the competition was run for nineteen years as a senior competition and in that period all provinces won the cup.

Leinster hold the record with twelve successes, Munster come next with four, Connacht two and Ulster one.

As a result of a motion to Congress the competition was changed to junior status in 1975 for a period of three years.

One of the arguments in favour of the change was that some provinces were using the provincial champions as the provincial team and that was not in keeping with the original idea for the competition.

The three years finished at last Congress and as a result of motions passed there are now competitions for senior and junior players.

Gael-Linn have presented a Shield for the Junior competition and their Cup goes back to the Senior grade.

All four provinces are engaged on Sunday in both grades. The Leinster teams go South to Na Piarasigh Grounds, Cork to play Munster and the Ulster players are due in Ballinasloe to play Connacht.

The Munster senior side has eight players from the All-Ireland champions, Cork, plus one representative each from Limerick and Clare and two from Tipperary.

Leinster's team consists of six from Kilkenny and three each from Dublin and Wexford.

With top class players listed on both teams, a very good game is expected.

On the Munster junior side Cork, who were the runners-up to Derry in the All-Ireland final have nine places on the team with the three remaining going to Limerick.

The Ulster senior side is

made up of seven players from Antrim and five from Down, while Connacht, who have only one senior county have put their trust in the All Galway senior team. Teamwork and home venue should give the Connacht representatives a slight advantage over the visitors.

The victory of Limerick over Cork in the last game of the Western Zone of the National League puts the winners through to the final with full points.

Although Cork were short three of their All-Ireland line-out, it was nevertheless an achievement for the Shannonsiders to gain the points considering that they had not been out in a competitive game for over three months.

Their opponents in the final will be Kilkenny a rather

usual event as they were senior and junior All-Ireland winners in 1977.

MUNSTER—Senior: M. McCarthy (Cork); M. Costine (Cork); G. O'Brien (Limerick), S. Tynan (Tipperary), M. O'Toole (Clare); G. Cronin (Cork), D. Lane (Tipperary), N. O'Driscoll (Cork), captain; M. O'Leary (Cork), M. Sweeney (Cork), P. Moloney (Cork), M. Kearney (Cork).

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ULSTER—Senior: S. Dillon (Antrim); J. Hamilton (Down), J. McClements (Antrim), S. Kelly (Down); A. McAllister (Antrim); M. McAtamney (Antrim) captain, E. Brown (Down); M. McGrath (Down); P. Gillespie (Antrim), M. McGarvey (Down), B. Dixon (Antrim).

CONNACHT—Senior (all Galway): M. Killeen; A. Duane; B. Cunniffe; M. Hobbins.

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CORK-HEAVY MUNSTER LOSE TO LEINSTER

By Noel Spillane

MUNSTER, with eight of the Cork All-Ireland winning side in their line-up, suffered a setback in the Gael Linn Cup Interprovincial series at Na Piarasigh G.A.A. Grounds, Cork, yesterday, losing by a two-goal margin 5-0 to 1-6 Leinster and so failing to qualify for the final at senior level. In the preceding confrontation at Junior level, Munster scored a fine 5-1 to 3-0 win.

In the senior tie, Munster with their eight Cork stars which included the entire forward line of Marian McSweeney, Pat Moloney and Mary Geaney, failed dismally to a well drilled Leinster outfit who showed more composure all through and took their scoring chances with precision during the fifty minutes.

Munster conceded three goals in the opening 10 minutes play and never recovered from this initial Leinster onslaught which yielded goals from Angela Downey, Mary Purcell, and Mary Fennelly in 4, 7 and 10 minutes.

Munster opened the scoring with a point from Marian McSweeney, and followed up with a goal from Pat Moloney, who was the side's most effective player.

At half time, Munster were 1-3 to 4-0 down. Moloney and Mary O'Leary scoring for the home side and Mary Purcell adding another Leinster goal before the break.

Munster made a substitution after only 18 minutes bringing in Bernadette O'Brien (Limerick) for Tipperary's Siobhan Tynan.

In the second half, Munster added three points to their tally with points from Mary O'Leary, twice, and Pat Moloney. Angela Downey of Kilkenny smashed in her second and Leinster's fifth goal mid-way through the half and that was that as far as Munster were concerned.

It was a marvelous display from the Leinster ladies when one considers that it was achieved without the services of Kilkenny girl and goal-scorer in chief, Mary Purcell, who was forced to retire with a head injury before half time to be replaced by Barbara Redmond of Dublin.

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(Clare), C. Cronin (Cork), D. Long (Tipperary), N. O'Driscoll (Cork) captain; M. O'Leary (Cork), M. McSweeney (Cork), P. Moloney (do.), and Sara Ryan (18 minutes), and Margie Neville (Limerick) for Marian McSweeney (Cork) second half.

Leinster: S. Murray (Dublin) captain; L. Neary (Kilkenny), A. Downey (do.), B. Martin (do.), C. Doherty (Dublin), D. Walsh (Wexford), E. Walsh (do.), M. Fennelly (Kilkenny), M. Purcell (Kilkenny), M. Mernagh (Dublin), A. Downey (Kilkenny), and B. Doyle (Wexford). Substitutes: Barbara Redmond for Mary Purcell (first half).

Referee: Miriam Higgins (Dublin).

Munster 5-1, Leinster 3-2

It was a different story in the Junior clash with Cork and Munster forward Annette O'Donovan proving to be the match-winner with a superb four-goal showing.

She rapped in a hat-trick of goals in the opening 10 minutes to devastate the Leinster challenge and Betty Joyce added a point to give Munster a 3-1 to 1-0 lead at the interval. Fiona Cousins of Wexford was the Leinster goal-scorer after just four minutes play.

Munster, with nine Cork representatives in the side, were made to fight harder in the second half playing against the wind but still managed to ease through to the final of the Gael Linn Cup Inter-Provincial series.

The unstoppable O'Donovan smashed in fourth goal of the game, minutes later to give Munster two goals ahead. Second half substitute Martha Kearney, who came in for the injured Sara Ryan, goalied to complete Munster scoring. Leinster finished the match with a third goal from B. O'Loughlin (Wicklow) and Miriam Miggin point in closing stages of an entertaining encounter.

Best for Munster, apart from Annette O'Donovan were full back Mary Maher and midfielder Angela O'Livan from Limerick.

Junior teams: Munster: P. FitzGibbon (Cork), Maher (do.), M. Coug (do.) captain; H. O'Sullivan (Limerick), B. Joyce (Cork), L. Lynch (do.), A. O'Sullivan (Limerick), E. Dineen (Cork), M. O'Keefe (Limerick), S. Ryan (Cork), E. Kavanagh (do.), O'Donovan (do.). Substitutes: Martha Kearney, Sara Ryan, and A. Delaney for Mary O'Keefe (second half), H. Sheehan (Cork) not used.

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Referee: Mary Maher (Cork).



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On the club scene, Killeagh, with Cork minors Ann M. Landers and Fidelma O'Connor to help them, should be too strong for Redmonds, who will be depending on their Cork minor Ann O'Shea in the under-16 league.

In the same competition Blackrock should beat Ballincollig, while in the under-14 campaign Watergrasshill should account for St. Fanahans.

COLLEGE GAMES

It will be all go in the colleges scene tomorrow with no less than eight first round Munster junior championship games down for decision.

In these no less than nine Cork Colleges will be in action.

Finally, the Cork Camogie Board are holding a victory function for the All-Ireland winning teams at Beamish and Crawford's premises on Friday, October 20 (adm. £1.00) and all those interested in attending should contact the County Board.

MUNSTER TEAMS

Senior — M. McCarthy (Cork), M. Costine (Cork), G. O'Brien (Limerick), S. Tynan (Tipperary), M. O'Toole (Clare), C. Cronin (Cork), D. Lane (Tipperary), N. O'Driscoll (Cork) (capt.), M. O'Leary (Cork), M. Sweeney (Cork), P. Moloney (Cork), M. Geaney (Cork). Subs: M. Kelly (Clare), M. Neville (Limerick), B. O'Brien (Limerick) and M. Tynan (Tipperary).

Junior — P. Fitzgibbon (Cork), M. Maher (Cork), M. Coughlan (Cork) (capt.), H. O'Sullivan (Limerick), B. Joyce (Cork), L. O'Sullivan (Cork), A. O'Sullivan

Macroom; Scoil Mhuire, Cashel v. Sacred Heart; St. Aloysius v. North Presentation; South Presentation v. Immaculate Heart; Presentation De La Salle, Hospital v. St. Josephs, Tulla; Mount Mercy v. Loreto, Youghal; St. Patricks v. Loreto, Fermoy; St. Marys, Nenagh v. St. Patricks, Shannon.

Sunday

Gael Linn Cup Championships at Na Piarasigh Grounds: Junior: Munster v. Leinster, 2.15 p.m. Senior: Munster v. Leinster, 3.30 p.m.; at Killeagh: U-16, Redmonds v. Killeagh, 3.30 p.m.; at Ballincollig: U-16, Blackrock v. Ballincollig, 12 noon; at Watergrasshill: U-14, St. Fanahans v. Watergrasshill, 12 noon.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday)

All Munster Junior Colleges Championships at 3 p.m. (First-named college has home venue). St. Pauls, Kilfinane v. Mercy,

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Munster Team



The Munster team which met Leinster in the semi-final of the Gael Linn camogie championship at Na Piarasigh Grounds on Sunday. (Echo)

BACK: - GERARDINE O'BRIEN, MARGARET O'TOOLE,
MARIE COSTINE, MARY GEANEY, MARION MCCARTHY
CLAIRE CRONIN, SIOBHAN TYNAN
BERNADETTE O'BRIEN + MARGIE NEVILLE.
FRONT: - PAT MOLONEY, DEIRDRE LANE,
MARION SWEENEY, NANCY O'DRISCOLL (capt.)
MACKMUIRE TYNAN, + MARY O'LEARY.

Cork-dominated Munster Should Do Well

TEN Cork girls will be in action for Munster in the Junior Gael Linn Cup final against Ulster on Sunday. In the senior final Connacht will meet Leinster and both games will be played at Na Fianna Grounds, Dublin. On the home scene there are two club games listed.

The Cork girls playing for Munster on Sunday next are sure to renew acquaintances with a number of their conquerors in the All-Ireland junior final as no doubt a number of Derry players will be playing for Ulster. Caroline McWilliams, Sarah Quinn and Captain Bridget McLoughlin, must be three certainties for places, while other likely players on the Northern side are Ursula Daly of Tyrone and Eleanor Hughes of Monaghan.

For their part, the Munster team is Cork-dominated with only two Limerick girls as "outsiders". Martha Kearney, who came on as a sub in the semi-final retains her place and this is the only change from that side. This brings Cork's total to ten and if such players as Patricia Fitzgibbon, Betty Joyce, Marie Coughlan, Martha Kearney and Annette O'Donovan, of Cork, and Helen and Anne O'Sullivan of Limerick can produce their best form then Munster should do well. But it will be tough against what must be a good Ulster side.

The senior final in which the star-studded Leinster meet a Galway-orientated Connacht must be a cracker. When one speaks of such names as Angela and Anne Downey, Helena O'Neill and Bridie Martin of Kilkenny, Elsie Walsh, Bridget Doyle and Margaret O'Leary of Wexford, Dublin's Sheila Murray, and Galway's Margaret Kileen, Teresa Duane and Una Jordan, one can only expect an exhibition of camogie at its best.

In the only championship game listed on the club scene St. Fanahans meet Killeagh in the Junior campaign. Here Killeagh should have the edge over a St. Fanahans side who will be depending on Una Twomey and her daughter Mary to see them through.

In the only League game listed, Youghal will be expected to beat Inniscarra, in the Intermediate competition. Youghal have fine

players in Mary Beausang, Maria Power and Mary Barron and will probably be too strong for Inniscarra, who can call on such players as Geraldine and Eileen Ring and Ellen O'Shea.

Finally a word about forthcoming events. Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa time is with us again and clubs are asked to submit entries immediately to the County Board.

On social side the County Board will hold a victory Dinner Dance at Pairc Uí Chaoimh on December 8 next, so keep this date in mind.

Munster: P. Fitzgibbon (Cork), M. Maher (Cork), H. O'Sullivan (Limerick), B.

Joyce (Cork), M. Coughlan (Cork) (capt.), A. Delaney (Cork), M. Kearney (Cork), A. O'Sullivan (Limerick), E. Kavanagh (Cork), L. Lynch (Cork), S. Ryan (Cork), A. O'Donovan (Cork), Subs., E. Dineen (Cork), M. O'Keefe (Limerick).

FIXTURES

Sunday, at Na Fianna Grounds, Dublin: Gael Linn Cup finals, Junior: Munster v Ulster, 2 p.m. Senior: Leinster v Connacht, 3 p.m.

At Killeagh: J. "B" C. Killeagh v St. Fanahans, 3.30 p.m. (ref. Churchtown).

At Inniscarra: I.L. Inniscarra v Youghal, 3 p.m. (ref. Blarney).

Clare shock fancied Cork girls

Clare 0-4, Cork 1-0

Clare are Munster Under-18 champions following a dramatic one-point victory over fancied Cork at Douglas on Sunday. But Cork must still be wondering how it happened.

At half-time Cork were ahead by a point, 1-0 to 0-2, and just after the resumption Clare equalised. Then followed a most amazing 20 minutes in which Cork practically camped in the Clare square. In this period Cork produced many fine moves and got chance after chance but they all ended in the same disastrous way. The misses were unbelievable as Cork became more and more desperate. In this half Clare rarely reached the Cork goal but when they did get their opening they snapped it up. This came with only five minutes to go when the winners won a "thirty" and Clare Jones made no mistake with the match winning point.

Cork had to play without regular goalie Patricia Fitzgibbon and Killeagh club-mate Marie Power, who were late arriving. But sub goalie Catherine Freyne acquitted herself well while Marie eventually came on as a reserve in the second half. Cork seniors Clare Hackett and Clare Cronin were a big disappointment in the centre while forwards Ger Murray, Sarah Ryan and Lillian Zinkant were way below form. Few Cork reputations were enhanced on this occasion although Martha Kearney, Mary Maher and Breda Landers were always trying.

Clare must give most of the credit to their marvellous defence in which Ann Gallery, Rosarie Carroll and Caroline Howard were outstanding. Clare senior Lis Condon, Roisin Broynne and Clare Jones were others to impress for the winners.

Clare: L. Fox, R. Carroll, C. O'Connell, M. Howard, A. Gallery, J. Tuohy (captain); R. Browne, C. Jones, E. Condon, A. Russell, G. Fahy, C. Wall.

Cork — C. Freyne, M. Maher, R. O'Brien, F. O'Connor, B. Landers, A. Delaney, C. Hackett (captain); C. Cronin, M. Kearney, G. Murray, L. Zinkant, S. Ryan, Sub. A. O'Sullivan for F. O'Connor (injured); M. Power for L. Zinkant.

Leinster

fancied

to take

13th title

BY TAOBH LINE

CONNACHT will have an all-Galway side on duty next Sunday when they meet Leinster for the Gael Linn Cup and inter-provincial title.

The Westerners won the title in 1973 and 1974, the last two years that the competition was for senior players.

Next Sunday's confrontation in Na Fianna Grounds Moibi Road takes place just five years after the 1973 final which was won by an all-Galway Connacht team.

TWELVE TITLES

This time the Leinster team is drawn from Kilkenny, Dublin and Wexford.

Leinster, who have won the title 12 times, looked a very powerful side when defeating Munster two weeks ago.

They have very experienced defenders in goalie Shiela Murray (Dublin) and in Bridie Martin, Liz Neary and Ann Downey (Kilkenny), while Catherine Docherty of Dublin did well last time out in the left-back position.

If this combination can play as well as they did against the four All-Ireland winning Cork forwards, the less experienced Galway attack may find it difficult to get enough scores to win.

STRONG MIDFIELD

The Connacht girls have, however, a very strong midfield in Midge Poniard, Una Jordan and Bridie Cuniffe, all of whom are capable of taking scores from well outfield.

Leinster have in attack, Angela Downey, Kilkenny and Brigid Doyle of Wexford, both of whom are capable of outplaying the best, so I expect Leinster to win their thirteenth title on Sunday.

Ulster, who have only once captured the Gael-Linn Cup, in 1967, will travel hopefully after their good showing against Connacht in the semi-final.

ONE CHANGE

Munster who have ten of their All-Ireland winning side, has one change from their selected side.

Martha Kearney, who captained the Cork minors to All-Ireland victory and who came on as sub in the semi-final, is retained, and Margaret O'Keefe is now in the substitutes.

This could be a close encounter, with the vote going rather hesitantly to Munster.

The All-Ireland championship semi-finals fixed for Sunday week bring into contention Ballyagran (Limerick), the Munster champions, and last year's finalists, Portlennone, Antrim.

In the second game Buffers Alley, Wexford travel west to play the holders, Athenry.

JUST QUALIFIED

Buffers Alley just qualified last Sunday when they defeated St. Paul's, Kilkenny, by a single point.

Portlennone also had to fight all the way before they won the title in Ulster, defeating the Derry champions, Swatragh.

The Munster Senior Colleges Championship has made great progress with the semi-finals already known, Loreto, Youghal, will play St. Paul's, Killmone, and St. Patrick's, Shannon qualified to meet Scoll Mhuire, Cashel.

LOOK OUT!

St. Patrick's Shannon, had ten players on the Clare under-18 team that defeated Cork in that championship final last Sunday so Scoll Mhuire had better watch out.

The National League final between Kilkenny and Limerick is fixed for Adare on November 12.

SENIOR INTER-PRO SIDES

CONNACHT (All Galway) — M. Kileen, B. Larkin, M. Treacy, A. Duane, B. Glynn, M. Poniard, B. Cuniffe, U. Jordan, C. Ward, M. Hobbins, A. Morris, T. Duane.

LEINSTER — S. Murray (Dublin), L. Neary, A. Downey, B. Marin (Kilkenny), C. Docherty (Dublin), D. Walsh, E. Walsh (Wexford), M. Fennelly, M. Mucell (Kilkenny), M. Mernagh (Dublin), Angela Downey (Kilkenny), B. Doyle (Wexford).

JUNIOR INTER-PRO SIDES

MUNSTER — P. Fitzgibbon, M. Maher, M. Coughlan (Capt.), B. Joyce (Cork), H. O'Sullivan (Limerick), L. Lynch (Cork), A. O'Sullivan (Limerick), A. Delaney, M. Kearney, S. Ryan, E. Kavanagh, A. O'Donovan.

ULSTER — T. McDonnell (Monaghan), M. Moriarty (Armagh), B. McLoughlin, S. Quinn, E. McQuillan (Derry), U. Daly (Tyrone), D. Finnegan (Monaghan), E. McGeough (Fermanagh), Kathleen Marriot, C. McWilliams (Derry), N. O'Prey (Down), N. McMahon (Monaghan).

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Gael Linn Semi-final — Ulster, Connacht, 1-1.

Ulster Senior Final — Portlennone, 4-2; Swatragh, 2-4.

Leinster Colleges Championship Senior — Wicklow Voc. School, Carrow, 2-0; Pres., Tarentine, 1-2; Carrigrohane, 0-0.

Junior — Carrow, 4-0; Wicklow Voc. School, 0-0.

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HONOURS GO TO MUNSTER AND LEINSTER

MUNSTER 3-2
ULSTER 2-1

THE first of the two interprovincial camogie finals played at Moibhi Road, Dublin yesterday, saw Munster beat Ulster by 3-2 to 2-1 in an entertaining encounter. The tension of the occasion was very much in evidence in the first period and both teams could only manage a point each by half time.

Scores became more frequent in the second period but the teams were still level as the game entered the fourth quarter. Then came two quick goals for Munster which knocked all the fight out of the Ulster girls and at the final whistle it was a deserving Munster team who took the honours.

Scorers: Munster, A. O'Donovan 2-1, S. Ryan 1-1, Ulster, C. McWilliams 0-1, S. Quinn 1-0, N. O'Prey 1-0.

LEINSTER 4-9
CONNACHT 2-2

Following the junior final, the senior representatives of Leinster and Connacht took the field and gave a fine display of camogie. The first period was closely fought as the half-time scoreline of 1-5 to 1-2 in Leinster's favour proved.

The second half saw the match swing towards a Leinster victory which was mainly due to the superior finishing of their forwards, notably Bridget Doyle, and Mary Purcell, who between

them notched up 4-1 of their sides total. Connacht did try gallantly to reduce the arrears but were thwarted by the Leinster backline which remained very calm during a fierce spell of pressure late in the match. Leinster's winning margin of 13 points was slightly flattering though they were certainly deserving winners. Scorers for Leinster: B. Doyle 2-1, M. Purcell 2-0, Ann Downey 0-5, M. Downey 0-2, M. Murnagh 0-1, Connacht: M. Poinard 1-1, T. Duane 1-0, U. Jordan 0-1.

LEINSTER CAPTURE GAEL LINN TITLE

LEINSTER 4-9; CONNACHT 2-2

LEINSTER scored a comfortable victory over Connacht at Na Fianna grounds, Moibhi Road, on Sunday to take the Gael Linn camogie senior title. Leinster led by just three points at the interval, when the score was 1-5 to 1-2. Their first three points came from Angela Downey, who has a skillful display at left-forward. Equally impressive were the next two points from Ann Downey, both from within 30 metres of her own goal, from placed balls. Mary Purcell had Leinster's goal — she was to add another in the second half.

Connacht did well in the opening half, Midge Poinard scored 1-1 while the other score came from Una Jordan. Their attack kept the Leinster defence on the alert, and forced the captain and goalkeeper Sheila Murry to bring off some good saves.

The second half was one-sided — and the issue was never in doubt once Mary Purcell and Wexford Brigid Doyle goalied midway through the period. Connacht's only score was a late goal from Teresa Dunsz.

Scorers — Leinster — B. Doyle (2-1), M. Purcell (2-0), A. Downey (0-5), Ann Downey (0-2), M. Murnagh (0-1), Connacht — M. Poinard (1-1), T. Duane (1-0), U. Jordan (0-1).

Leinster — S. Murray (Dublin capt), M. Lacey (Wexford), A. Downey (Kilkenny), B. Martin (Kilkenny), C.

Docherty (Dublin), A. McManus (Dublin), D. Walsh (Wexford), M. Fennelly (Kilkenny), M. Purcell (Kilkenny), M. Mernagh (Dublin), A. Downey (Kilkenny), B. Doyle (Wexford).

Connacht (All Galway) — M. Kilteen, B. Larkin, M. Treacy, A. Duane, B. Glynn, M. Poinard, B. Cunniffe, U. Jordan, C. Wazd, M. Hobbins, A. Morris, T. Duane.

Munster 3-2; Ulster 2-1

A last quarter effort by the Munster side, during which they scored 2-1 without reply, earned for them the junior title at Moibhi Road on Sunday. The sides had been level at the interval, with 0-1 each, after an unexciting first half. Only Ulster's Margaret Moriarty and Sarah Quinn impressed in this period, both being strong in defence.

Goals from Sarah Quinn and Noreen McPrey early in the second half swung the game in Ulster's favour. At the halfway stage, as Munster looked defeated, Sara Ryan goalied. Munster, encouraged by this goal woke up. It was Sara again who was on hand to finish a pass from Annette O'Donovan to the net to level the scores. She pointed to put her side ahead, and the matter was settled when Anette O'Donovan goalied.

Scorers — Munster — S. Ryan (2-1), A. O'Donovan (1-1), Ulster — S. Quinn (1-0), N. McPrey (1-0), C. McWilliams (0-1).

Camogie Fixtures And Team

As a result of last Saturday's quarter finals, the following are the pairings for the Munster Senior Colleges Camogie semi-finals to be played next month:

St. Patrick's (Shannon) v. Scoil Mhuire (Cashel).

St. Paul's (Kilfinane) v. Loreto (Youghal).

The Munster junior team to meet Ulster in the Gael Linn Cup final on Sunday next has been announced and is as follows: P. Fitzgibbon (Cork); M. Maher (Cork); H. O'Sullivan (Limerick); B. Joyce (Cork); M. Coughlan (Cork) capt; A. Delaney (Cork); M. Kearney (Cork); A. O'Sullivan (Limerick); E. Kavanagh (Cork); L. Lynch (Cork); S. Ryan (Cork); A. O'Donovan (Cork).

Subs: E. Dineen (Cork); M. O'Keeffe (Limerick); H. Sheehy (Limerick); A. N. Other.



A CALL FOR CAMOGIE

AS WE all settle down for the first term of the new school year, I would like to extend an invitation to all schools, whether they have done so before or not, to play camogie this year.

Each player needs a hurley to start with. Football boots are the most suitable footwear. A sliothar is the name given to the ball in playing camogie, but you can use a tennis ball when starting off.

For schools, the greatest difficulty is likely to be finding a pitch. A camogie pitch must be 90-110 metres long, and 60 to 70 metres wide. Goalposts are similar to those used in hurling, but the uprights are 4.5 metres apart. There is a crossbar at a height of 2 metres, the upper limit of the goal area.

A ball passing over the crossbar and between the uprights scores a point, three points being equal to one goal. At the moment, there is an official recommendation that there be a second crossbar joining the upper ends of the uprights, which must be 6 metres high. There is considerable pressure for its removal, and it is not essential that you comply with this recommendation.

A game is of 50 minutes duration, divided into two periods of 25 minutes each. A coaching manual is available, which deals with all the skills of the game, with aspects of team play and with the question of physical fitness in camogie. It is an invaluable aid to all organisers of camogie, and can be obtained through the provincial secretaries.

Below is a list of provincial secretaries who will be only too willing to put you in contact with somebody who can help you and also to see that you are included in the competitions being run in your province and county.

Munster:

Maire Ni Mhorain, 'Uisneach', Firgrove Gardens, Bishopstown, Cork.

Ulster:

Miss Lily Spence, 288 Falls Road, Belfast 12.

Leinster:

Mary Murphy, Presentation Convent, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny.

Connacht:

Miss Dolores Duggan, Convent of Mercy, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Two competitions particularly suited to young beginners are the Provincial Minor and Junior competitions. The entry requirements for the former vary from province to province (contact the secretaries) while for the latter, the age limit is Under 15 on October 1, 1978.

A coaching film, *Camogie: an Introduction* is available from: The Film Institute, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 or Belfast Education and Library Board, Academy Street, Belfast.

Courses for young players are run from time to time in the provinces, often during first term. By contacting your provincial secretary, you can find out about your province.

Mary Murphy



Home venue may swing it for Athenry!

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Easy passage for Kilkenny

By TAOBH-LINE

HOLDERS ATHENRY will take the next step in defending their All-Ireland Club championship title when they meet Leinster Champions, Buffers Alley, Wexford, in the All-Ireland semi-final on Sunday at Athenry (2.30). The second semi-final is also scheduled for Sunday at Portlengone, Antrim, where the local side play Ballyagran, Limerick, and Munster champions, also at 2.30.

Athenry, who won the title for the first time last year, are the only club of the four provincial winners to have won this Cup previously.

Indeed, this is the most difficult of Championships to win and this is evident from the records. In the fourteen years since the competition was inaugurated eight clubs have written their names on the Trophy. St. Pauls are the most consistent contenders having won the competition five times, St. Patricks, Tipperary five times, and Austin Stacks, Dublin are the only other club to have won the Cup a second time.

Celtic, Dublin, who won the first time Eoghan Ruadh (Dublin) Oranmore (Galway) Croagh-Kelfinny (Limerick) have been the other winners

THIRD TIME LUCKY?

Portlengone, who were runners-up last year, were also runners-up in 1972, so since it is their third attempt they will no doubt be hoping it will be their lucky chance

However, they face very strong opposition from the Munster champions. Powered by half the Limerick team, who will be contesting the League Final against Kilkenny on the following Sunday.

But Portlengone, who have one of the finest exponents of the game in Mairead McAtamney, surprised St. Pauls, Kilkenny at this stage last year and are capable of doing so again.

Buffers Alley, so often foiled in their efforts to capture the Leinster title by what we have come to call St. Pauls — the club championship specialists — have reached the final seven times out of 14. They face tough opposition in Athenry who receive tremendous support from their local community.

STRONG SIDE

The Slaneysiders can field a very strong side, every player on the team has represented Wexford in Senior or Junior Championship. Though they will not have Elsie Walsh, one of their stars, as she was injured in the Leinster game, they can call on Margaret Lacey, Bridie Jacob, Dorothy Walsh, Deirdre Cousins and Bernie Murphy of the Wexford seniors.

Athenry have Midge Poniard, Noreen Treacy, the Dirane sisters, Una Jordan and Anne Morris all of whom were on the All-Galway Connacht Interprovincial team.

Though on paper, Buffers Alley look the stronger team, home venue could prove a winner for their opponents.

Dublin travel to Thomastown on Sunday to play Kilkenny in the Leinster semi-final. In their previous meeting in the National League last May, the Kilkenny girls scored a convincing victory yet the Dubliners have improved in the meantime, so a closer contest is expected.

The Munster Colleges quarter finals are arranged for Saturday next. Venue is at first mentioned College. All games start at 3.0.

Scoil Mhuire (Cashel) v St. Pauls (Kilfinane), Immaculate Heart (Ballyphehane) v St. Aloysius (Cork), Loreto (Youghal) v Pres. De La Salle (Hospital), St. Patricks (Shannon) v Loreto (Fermoy) or St. Patricks (Cork).

NARROW WIN FOR LORETO

Loreto Convent, Youghal 2-4
St. Pauls, Kilfinane 1-4

A magnificent goal from a "30" by 13-year-old Patsy Keniry, in the 42nd minute, gave Loreto Convent, Youghal a narrow win over St. Pauls, Kilfinane, in the semi-final of the Munster Schools Senior Camogie Championship at Copperally, Youghal on Saturday.

Youghal, led at the break by 1-3 to 1-1, but they lived dangerously in the opening quarter of the second period, as the Limerick girls, superbly led by the Munster Interprovincial, Angela O'Sullivan, came thundering back. The seaiders captain and goalkeeper, Patricia Fitzgibbon, was inspired and her display, gave her colleagues the inspiration to withstand the Limerick girls rally.

Loreto Convent: P Fitzgibbon, V Motherway, M O'Sullivan, B Walsh, P Keniry, A M Landers, B Kirby, C O'Neill, F O'Connor, M Kelly, B Flaherty, M Power. Subs: F O'Loughlin for C O'Neill, B Shannon for B Flaherty.

St. Pauls: O Quinn, H O'Sullivan, (Capt), M T Fitzgerald, J Crowley, A O'Sullivan, M O'Rourke, E Burke, V Carroll, M Walsh, A O'Sullivan, N Hanley, H O'Sullivan.

KILKENNY 7-6;
DUBLIN 1-4.

CAMOGIE

KILKENNY qualified for the Leinster senior camogie final with a runaway 7-6 to 1-4 victory over Dublin at Thomastown yesterday.

The game was a victory for Kilkenny's stylish camogie. Their defence handled early pressure by Dublin and though Kilkenny did much less attacking in the first half, they led by 2-2 to 1-3 at the interval. Dublin's stereotyped ground play, a feature of which was overpassing, failed to produce the scores they needed.

Kilkenny goaled within seconds of the start of the second half and then added four more in this period. The Dublin defence were unable to handle this Kilkenny attack. Though Dublin again had chances they managed only one point.

Kilkenny now face Wexford in the Leinster final.

Scorers — Kilkenny — J. Dunne 4-0, A. Downey (2-3), M. Purcell (1-0), C. Doyle (0-2), B. Martin (0-1). Dublin — N. Fleming (1-10), E. Sweeney (0-3), M. Mernagh (0-1).

Buffers Alley (Wexford) 2-6;
Athenry (Galway), 0-8.

Buffers Alley qualified for the All Ireland Club championship final for the first time when they defeated the holders, Athenry, by 2-6 to 0-8 at Athenry yesterday.

The winners were a better balanced side with far more penetration in attack. In fact, seven of the holders eight points were scored by their mid-fielder, Midge Poniard, and the remaining point also came from the mid-field winger, Una Jordan.

Although the first half was generally a closely contested one, Buffers Alley made better use of their chances throughout and managed to hold on to a marginal lead.

The home side playing with

wind advantage could do little to penetrate the visitor's defense in which Deirdre Cousins and Margaret Lacey were impressive and at half time Alley led by 2-3 to 0-6.

Buffers Alley were best served by Margaret Lacey, Fiona Cousins, Teresa Hobbs, while Bridie Jacobs and Margaret Hearne did well in attack. Breda Coady in goal, Noreen Teacy and Anne Duane did best for Athenry in defense with Una Treacy and Anne Midge Poniard trying hard at mid-field.

Scorers — Buffers Alley — B. Jacobs (2-0), M. Hearne (0-6). Athenry — M. Poniard (0-7) and U. Jordan (0-1).

Buffers Alley — K. Tonks, M. Lacey, G. Duggan, M. Cousins, D. Cousins, F. Cousins, D. Walsh, T. Hobbs, C. O'Leary, M. Hearne, B. Jacobs, A. Butler.

Athenry — B. Coady, N. Treacy, ZG. O'Brien, A. Duane, A. Delaney, U. Jordan, M. Poniard, M. Daly, M. Hobbs, M. Freany, A. Morris, T. Duane. Subs: A. Poniard for M. Daly. Referee: M. O'Halloran (Clare).

COLLEGES RESULTS

Leinster Colleges Senior Championship — Wicklow 2-1; Bunclody 0-0; Junior Colleges — Bunclody 9-1; Wicklow 0-0. Presentation Tereure 4-0; Goldenbridge 0-0.

BALLYAGRAN FOR FINAL

Ballyagran 4-3
Portlengone 2-5

Ballyagran qualified for the All-Ireland club camogie championship final when they defeated Portlengone at Randalstown, Co. Antrim, on Sunday. They are the first Limerick team to beat the Ulster champions on home ground and they will play Buffers Alley, Wexford in the final in Buffers Alley on Sunday November 19.

Portlengone beaten by Athenry in last year's final were firm favourites to reach their second successive final. Playing with a strong wind they built up a formidable lead in the first half, scoring 2 goals and 4 points against a single point.

Following some astute changes by the selectors, Ballyagran settled down more quickly in the second half, and stormed back to grab a great victory.

KILLEAGH BEST

Killeagh 6-2
Na Piarasigh 2-2

Killeagh, with seven of their senior side on duty had too much power for Na Piarasigh in the final of the Cork County under 16, 1977 League, at Na Piarasigh Grounds on Sunday.

Hero for the winners was Mary Spillane, who scored 4-1, with her sister Shelley, getting 2-0, and Patsy Keniry 0-1.

CAMOGIE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
Athenry — All-Ireland semi-final — Buffers Alley 2-6, Athenry 0-8.
Randalstown — All-Ireland semi-final — Ballyagran 4-3, Portlengone 2-5.
LEINSTER SENIOR LEAGUE
Thomastown — semi-final — Kilkenny 7-6, Dublin 1-4.
McCarthy Cup final — Cumann UI Chonail 2-2, Erin's Isle 2-0.
Isle of Man Cup final — Cuala Naomh Mhuire 1-0, Marino 0-1.
Junior Shield Section finals — Na Pianna 3-0, Marino 1-0; Junior 2 — Ballyboden 4-0, Marino 1-1; Junior C — Good Counsel 4-0, Kilmore 0-0.

Wins for Glen and Watergrasshill

By Joan Morley
Glen Rovers 2-3,
Old Aloysians 1-2

THERE was plenty of drama in this first round Cork senior club championship tie in which Glen Rovers emerged winners after being led for most of the game by a gallant Old Aloysians.

afterwards Clare Hackett added her third point of the day, Glen were on their way to the second round.

Cork players Clare Hackett, Marie Mackey, Carmel Mulcahy and Anne Connolly, laid the foundations for this win for Glen Rovers while Old Aloysians had their best players in Nuala Jennings, Mary Kelleher, Eleanor Hackett and Anne Ryan.

Scorers Glen Rovers: Mary O'Connell Dalton (2-0), Clare Hackett (0-3), Old Aloysians: Anne Ryan (1-1), Nuala Jennings (0-1).

Glen Rovers: D. Sutton, M. O'Brien, C. Mulcahy, M. Mackey, A. Delaney, C. Hackett, A. Connolly, A. Daly, M. Newman, P. Mackey, M. Nott, G. O'Donovan. Subs.: M. O'Connell Dalton for M. Newman; M. Newman for M. Nott.

Old Aloysians: M. Kelleher, C. Coomey, E. Hackett, N. Jennings, A. Ryan, D. Aherne, M. Fitzgerald, A. O'Connor, M. O'Connor, P. Walsh, C. Madden, E. Collins. Subs. D. O'Riordan for M. Fitzgerald; M. Aherne for P. Walsh.

Referee: N. Dunne.

Watergrasshill 10-2, South Pres. P.P. 2-0

TWO goals inside the opening three minutes set Watergrasshill on the road to the easiest of victories over S.P.P.P. in their championship game at Watergrasshill yesterday in a game that saw the home sides fitness tell throughout.

Four goals from Diane Fenton and one each from Marian Curtin and Helen Sheehan, a point from Mary O'Leary, saw the winners leading by 6-1 to 0-0 at the break, playing against a strong breeze.

They added two more majors before South Pres. P.P. got their first goal from a Marian McCarthy sideline puck. The winners however, with goals from Mairead O'Callaghan and Marie Curtin plus a point from Helen Sheehan saw them 10-2 to a goal ahead before Marian McCarthy got her second goal.

For the winners, Ann Barry, Bernadette Costine, Elizabeth Higgins and Diane Fenton were best.

Watergrasshill: A. Barry, M. Mackey, N. O'Riordan, B. O'Callaghan, B. Costine, E. Higgins, M. O'Leary, D. Fenton, H. O'Callaghan, M. Curtin, H. Sheehan, M. O'Callaghan.

S.P.P.P.: E. Bohane, M. Whelton, B. McCarthy, M. Breen, R. O'Flynn, M. McCarthy, E. O'Halloran, A. Flood, A. Phelan, S. Golden, R. McCarthy, P. O'Connell. Sub.: M. Bohane for P. O'Connell.

Referee: E. Barry (Sarsfields).

SCINTILLATING CORK STROLL INTO FINAL

Cork 5-11; Clare 1-1

CORK'S place in the Munster Championship final was never really in doubt in this semi-final clash against Clare, played at the Glen Rovers Grounds yesterday.

Cork, who won the All-Ireland title in September, began this game in scintillating fashion and within ten minutes were 2-4 to nil ahead. And before half time Cork had increased this lead to 3-6 to which Clare could only reply with a single point.

After the break Clare did come more into the game and moved with greater purpose, but although they managed to score a goal in this period they were never really there with a chance.

Once again the Cork forward line was in devastating form with Marion Sweeney and Marv-

O'Leary particularly effective. Clare Cronin and Angela Higgins were in top form at centrefield while defenders Marie Costine, Patricia O'Riordan and Margo Twomey, who came in for the indisposed Marie Ryan, always had the edge over the Clare forwards. For Clare Maureen Davoren, Maureen Saunders, Joan Touhy, and Ann Marie Russell were always working but to Cork's form yesterday they had no answer.

Cork meet Limerick, the holders, in the final on Sunday next at a Limerick venue.

Scorers: Cork — M. Sweeney 2-4, P. Moloney 2-1, M. O'Leary 1-4, M. Geaney 0-2.

Clare — L. Condon 1-0, M. Davoren 0-1.

Cork: M. McCarthy, M. Costine, M. Twomey, C. Landers, P. O'Riordan, N. O'Driscoll, A. Higgins, C. Cronin, M. Sweeney, M. O'Leary, M. Geaney, P. Moloney.

Clare: L. Fox, A. M. Russell, R. Doyle, M. O'Toole, A. Russell, C. Jones, M. Davoren, J. Tuohy, G. Fahy, M. Saunders, K. McNicholas, L. Condon.

Sub.: M. Howard for A. M. Russell (injured).

encounter from Majella Quish, Martina Ryan and Marian Cunningham.

St. Patrick's too, had their individual star in the person of Ann O'Mahony. Ann, with Dymphna Murphy and Jackie O'Regan, always battled gamely to pull this game out of the fire.

At the interval the Hospital girls were ahead by 2-0 to 1-0 and after St. Patrick's had equalised soon after the resumption the game became a ding dong struggle, with some very good camogie in spite of the miserable weather conditions.

At this stage, the game could have gone either way but a quick 1-1 from Jenny English sealed it for the Limerick side.

Scorers: Presentation — Jenny English 3-1; St. Patrick's — Jackie O'Regan, 1-0, Maria O'Riordan 1-0.

Presentation: D. Cleary, C. O'Brien, M. Quish, T. Byrne, K. Maloney, M. Ryan, A. M. Meaney, M. Hickey, M. Cunningham, J. English, J. McLoone, M. Burke.

St. Patrick's: M. O'Flaherty, A. Gibbs, D. Murphy, N. Burns, P. O'Mahony, A. O'Mahony, J. O'Regan, A. Currid, P. Baldwin, M. O'Riordan, V. Brett, A. Murphy.

Referee: M. Moran (Cork).

Immaculate Heart, Cork 0-0

St. Paul's, Kilfinane 6-3

Immaculate Heart, Cork held a strong Scoil Paul's, Kilfinane team to a 1 goal 2 points lead at half time in the semi-final of the Munster Junior Schools Camogie Cup at Kilfinane on Saturday, but in constant drizzle and on a soft pitch Immaculate Heart failed to make and impact on a well trained St. Paul's who ran out victors with a score of 6 goals 3 points to nil.

Referee Carrie Clancy awarded few frees in a clean hard game. Sister Patricia Coughlan and Mr. Tommy Moore, trainers of St. Paul's are happy that the school team, has, for the first time reached a Munster final.

Immaculate Heart: N. Garvey, J. O'Donoghue, G. Kelleher, M. McGee, C. O'Connell, G. Maguire, P. Abbott, P. Cambridge, C. Purcell, C. O'Connor, B. Linehan. Sub.: P. Buckley, M. Stack.

St. Paul's: M. Walsh, O. Quinn, A. Quish, N. Mee, F. Walsh, A. Sheehy, E. Burke, N. Hanley, E. Murphy, M. Shanahan, V. Carroll, P. Duggan. Subs.: J. Carroll, M. Brazil, M. McMahon, C. Gubbins.

No Cork survivors

Presentation de la Salle (Hospital) 3-1, St. Patrick's, Cork 2-0

St. Paul's, Kilfinane 6-3, Immaculate Heart, Cork 0-0.

Cork's two surviving colleges, Immaculate Heart, Cork and St. Patrick's, are out of the Munster Junior Colleges Championship. On Saturday both made their exits at the hands of St. Paul's and Presentation de la Salle respectively. Now these two Limerick Colleges will contest the final, which will not be played until next February.

Presentation de la Salle 3-1, St. Patrick's 2-0

Young Jenny English was the toast of Presentation de la Salle on Saturday afternoon. Jenny scored all her side's 3-1 tally and at the same time played a tremendous game all over the field. She got able assistance in the marvellous

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The Blackrock Community games camogie team, Cork county champions, winners of Cork area cup. Included are: Mrs. Marie Dorney, chairman; Mrs. Renee Greene; Mr. Paddy Driscoll, committee; Miss [Name], trainer and Mrs. Margaret Barrett, committee. — ("Echo")

**Kilkenny's
experience
may swing
it in final**

By TAOBH LINE

FOR the first time, thanks to a revision of the schedule, the National Camogie League, now in its third season, will be finished in the same year as it began, when Limerick and Kilkenny meet at Adare on Sunday next in the final of the current competition. In fact, this will be the second National League final to be played in 1978 as Wexford, who had been defeated on a replay by Tipperary in the final of the 1976-77 campaign which marked the inauguration of the competition, defeated Cork in the 1977-78 final last March.

Sunday's final is a historic occasion in several respects. It is, as far as I can ascertain, the first time Kilkenny and Limerick have ever met in inter-county competition. It is the first time either county has ever reached the final of the League, and it is a meeting between the junior champions of 1977, Limerick, and the senior champions of the same year, Kilkenny.

Both sides came unbeaten through their respective zones of the League campaign in which Limerick sprang a whole series of surprises.

They beat Clare, Tipperary and Galway in turn, and then on their last appearance accounted for Cork, who had only recently been crowned as the senior champions of 1978. Their morale will have been heightened by the success of county champions Ballyagran who, on Sunday last, travelled North to County Antrim and there defeated Ulster champions, Portlennone, and thus qualified to meet Buffer's Alley from Wexford in the All-Ireland club championship final on Sunday week.

TALENTED PLAYERS

With very talented players in the O'Brien sisters, whose brother Jim is an All-Ireland hurler, Vera Mackey, of another famed Limerick hurling family, and very experienced players in Bridie Stokes, Margie Neville and a great leader in Carrie Clancy, Limerick will make a very bold bid on home ground to win the county's first national senior inter-county honour.

However, they are opposed by a Kilkenny team most of whose members have in recent years won several All-Ireland senior titles and club championships, while five of them figured on the Leinster team that recently recaptured the Gael-Linn inter-provincial trophy.

Though earlier in the season they showed something like lack of motivation when falling to Wexford in defence of their All-Ireland title, they have shown much improved form since with successive League victories over both Dublin and Wexford.

As late as Sunday last they were in scoring mood when routing Dublin in the Leinster senior semi-final, even though they were then without their brilliant winger Helena O'Neill, who was away on her honeymoon but is striving to get back in time for Sunday's game.

Most of these Kilkenny players have already won every honour in the game and, therefore, the Downey twins, Anne and Angela, Bridie Martin, Mary Fennelly, Teresa O'Neill, Liz Neary, Jo Dunne and Mary Purcell will be all the more anxious to complete their collection with a National League award.

So this should be a great game at Adare, with Limerick's advantage of home venue likely to be offset by the greater experience of the Kilkenny girls who may just edge victory in what seems bound to be a very closely contested final.

IN ACTION AGAIN

The various Colleges competitions are in full swing again, after the Hallowe'en break, and very busy programmes are scheduled for this weekend, particularly in Munster and Leinster.

Tomorrow will see the semi-finals of the Munster senior series. Holders St. Patrick's from Shannon, fielding many of the players who recently helped Clare win the Munster under-18 championship, face a stiff task when they travel to Cashel to take on the local Scoil Mhuire, who were All-Ireland junior champions last season. St. Patrick's look good enough to win, but Cashel can strike wonderful form when the need is greatest.

In the other semi-final, St. Pauls from Kilfinane travel to Youghal with high hopes of avenging a narrow defeat by the local Loreto College at the same venue a year ago.

The long list of Leinster games tomorrow include: Senior — St. Brigid's, Callan v Kilkenny Vocational; Mercy, Enniscorthy v Enniscorthy Vocational; Ballyhale v Thomastown A; Presentation, Kilkenny v Thomastown B. Senior and Junior — Carnew v Bunclody; Presentation, Terenure v Clontarf. Junior — Ballyhale v Thomastown.

Down at last end golden age of Antrim

ANTRIM, who have reigned supreme in the Ulster Senior Camogie Championship for over twenty years, were last Sunday defeated by their neighbours, Down, who took the title for the first time.

The Mournesiders, who now have 25 clubs as well as half-a-dozen colleges to chose from, have been coming to the top over the past few years. They have gained valuable experience through their participation in the National League of the past two seasons.

Earlier in the season Antrim scored over Down in the Championship but Down reversed that result in their League encounter so it is not surprising that the

Mournesiders came out on top last Sunday.

The Munster and Leinster Championship Finals have yet to be decided. Cork, the All-Ireland champions, who were dethroned by Tipperary last season, are back in the final again this year against the League Finalists Limerick, on Sunday next at Adare, 3.0.

FIRST TIME

In a League game last October, Limerick defeated Cork seniors for the first time ever but on that day the All-Ireland Champions, Cork, were without some of their key players. So if Cork can field at full strength they should regain the title. However, Ballyagran, who won the All-Ireland club final, are in fine form and with six of the Limerick County team form that club the Limerick girls will not be easily conquered.

The Leinster Final pairing is also known, Kilkenny, the holders, are due to play Wexford at Clonroche on December 3.

Ballyagran is the second Limerick club to have won the title in the past four years. The Limerick champions played with confidence and skill and more than surprised the favourites, Buffers Alley, at their home ground at Monamolin.

The Colleges Competitions are now progressing quickly. The Munster senior finalists are known: Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, and Loreto, Youghal, have qualified. The Munster Junior finalists are also known. Last Saturday St. Paul's, Kilfinane, who defeated Immaculate Heart, Cork, qualified to play Hospital De La Salle who knocked out St. Patrick's, Cork.

DESERVE WIN

In Leinster Walkinstown Assumption College scored a deserved victory over Presentation Terenure, who had not been beaten in Dublin for eight years.

That leaves Presentation two points down but, even if Walkinstown win out unbeaten, it means that both schools get into the play-off.

In the Kilkenny area Thomastown Vocational School are the leaders in their Zone, and in the other Zone in the south, Mercy Convent, Callan, look likely to qualify.

SEVEN-A-SIDE

Ulster Polytechnic won the C.C.I.A. seven-a-side at the annual competition for freshers at third level colleges at Belfield last Saturday. Nine teams participated and the final between Thomond College and the winners was dominated by Polytech.

The All-Ireland Colleges Council holds its Annual General Meeting at Cooke Park next Saturday. In her report Miss Mary Moran, Secretary, gives a comprehensive account of the Colleges' activities in the four Provinces. There are now 132 colleges affiliated between the four Provinces and approximately 450 teams engaged at senior, junior and minor grades.

All provinces organised senior, junior and minor championships with secondary competitions as well.

Kilkenny's Camogie Honours

KILKENNY 2-4
LIMERICK 1-5

Kilkenny won the National Camogie League title (A.I.B. Cup) for the first time when they defeated Limerick in a keenly-contested game between two well-matched sides at Adare yesterday.

Helena O'Neill, now Mrs. McCormack, interrupted her honeymoon to take part in the final and played a vital role in her side's victory, scoring all four points. The winners' success was all the more meritorious as they had to field without two of their star players, Liz Neary and Angela Downey.

This was a game which Limerick could have won had they taken their chances. They had three good scoring opportunities in the first half and muffed a 15-yards free in the closing stages. However, the winners' experience was the vital difference between the two sides.

Best for the winners were Bridie Martin, Helena O'Neill, Anne Downey, Mary Fennelly and Mary Canavan, while for Limerick, the O'Brien sisters, Helen Muleare, Pauline McCarthy and Marjorie Neville played well.

SCORERS — Kilkenny: A. Downey (1-0), P. Mulrowney (1-0), H. O'Neill (0-4); Limerick: P. McCarthy (1-0), B. Stokes (0-2), M. Doyle, H. Muleare, C. Clancy (0-1 each).

KILKENNY: T. O'Neill, A. Downey, A. Holden, B. Martin, M. Canavan, H. O'Neill (McCormack), P. Mulrowney, M. Fennelly, M. Purcell, C. Doyle, M. Farrel, J. Dunne.

LIMERICK: H. Butler, M. Neville, B. O'Brien, G. O'Brien, L. Hayes, A. O'Sullivan, H. Muleare, P. McCarthy, B. Darcy, C. Clancy, V. Fitzpatrick, B. Stokes.

Ref.: M. Cribben (Kildare).

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Cork girls make it a title double

CORK 4-3; LIMERICK 2-2

ALL-IRELAND champions Cork have now added the Munster Championship to their successes, thanks to their win over Limerick in the final at Adare yesterday.

The first half of this game was excellent in spite of the dreadful weather conditions and in this period Cork — fielding their full All-Ireland side — looked particularly good. Most of the Cork scores came in this half and two splendid hand-passed goals from Marion Sweeney and Mary Geaney shortly before half-time, put Cork in a very strong position at the interval, when they led by 4-1 to 0-1.

The ground was a virtual quagmire in the second period, when the game deteriorated as a spectacle. However, Limerick managed to adapt to the awful conditions with better effect and came more into the game in this half, scoring 2-1. But it wasn't enough, and when Cork struck back with two further points the issue was beyond doubt.

ALL PLAYED WELL

Once again, all the Cork girls played well and it is difficult to single out any players for particular

mention. However, Marie Costine, Patricia Riordan and Mary Mackey were particularly effective in defence. Clare Cronin was a wonderful centrefielder and Marion Sweeney was in devastating form in attack.

For Limerick Helen Mulcaire and Pauline McCarthy were very effective centrefielders while the O'Brien sisters, Geraldine and Bernadette, were their top defenders.

Scorers — Cork: M. Sweeney 2-0, M. Geaney 1-2, M. O'Leary 1-1. Limerick: V. Fitzpatrick 1-0, B. Stokes 1-0, B. Darcy 0-1, M. Doyle 0-1.

Cork: M. McCarthy, M. Costine, M. Mackey, C. Landers, P. Riordan, C. Cronin, A. Higgins, N. O'Driscoll, M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, P. Moloney, M. Geaney.

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

Referee: M. Davoren (Clare).

Colleges council A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of the Colleges Camogie Council was held at Croke Park on Saturday. There was no election of officers, as the posts are for two years, so the Council elected last year will serve for another twelve months. They are President, Mrs. Carmel Desmond (Cork); Vice-President, Mrs. Agnes Purcell (Dublin); Secretary, Miss Mary Moran, Cork; Treasurer, Miss Lily Spence (Antrim).

To mark the 75th Anniversary of the Camogie Association in 1979 the Colleges Council will run an Inter-provincial Colleges series. Both semi-finals and the final will take place on April 28.

Mrs. Agnes Purcell, President of the Camogie Association, is now in the third and final year of her term of office, and when the Colleges named their nominations for Central Council, Miss Mary Moran of Cork was nominated for the post of President. The remaining officers nominated are all outgoing. Finally the draws for the All-Ireland Colleges were made and resulted as follows: Senior (to be played March 10) Connacht champions v Ulster at Connacht venue; Leinster v Munster at Leinster venue; Junior (to be played March 24): Munster v Leinster at Munster venue; Ulster v Connacht at Ulster venue. All-Ireland finals: Croke Park, April 7.

Clare only
county to
interrupt
Cork's run

By TAOBHLINE

THE SENIOR county side, who had already re-captured the all-Ireland honours, completed a very fruitful year for Camogie in Cork when they also won back the Munster senior title at Adare last Sunday when defeating Limerick. The senior provincial championships have become separate competitions since the premier all-Ireland series changed over to an open draw system some few years ago.

This Munster final victory was especially satisfying to the Cork girls as, only a few weeks before, they had been well beaten by Limerick in the National League. However, the all-Ireland champions were well below full strength that day, and, with their hockey stars, Nancy O'Driscoll and Mary Geaney back in action, were a far more effective force last Sunday.

Both teams must be complimented on their high standard of play, considering the bad weather conditions, but Cork built up a commanding lead in the first half and then contained a very strong Limerick rally after the interval.

So, for 1979, Cork can boast of the Munster senior, junior and minor (Under-16) titles and conceded only one honour to Clare, who captured the Under-18 provincial honours.

SURPRISE IN NORTH

In the North, there was a surprise in the senior Ulster final with the Down girls confirming recent improvement by scoring their first victory over Antrim in this grade in many years.

With the All-Ireland competitions all now completed the conventions are already coming into the news and we had the first of them on Saturday last when the all-Ireland colleges' Council held its annual get-together at Croke Park.

The rise in popularity of the game in the colleges and post-primary schools continues on its remarkable way. A grand total of 132 schools affiliated during the 1977-78 season, 43 in Leinster, 42 in Ulster (including three Leinster schools that played in Ulster to reduce travelling costs), 32 in Munster and 15 in Connacht, while around 350 teams participated in the various competitions.

In the all-Ireland championships, Scoil Mhuire Cashel won the junior crown by defeating Bawnboy Vocational School, Cavan, while Presentation Ahenry recaptured the senior title by narrowly defeating Loreto, Coleraine after a wonderful game.

To mark next year's 75th anniversary celebrations of the founding of the Camogie Association, the convention decided to run a special Colleges' interprovincial competi-

Another title for Ballyagran

Ballyagran 2-3,
Croagh-Kilfinny 1-0.

All-Ireland club camogie champions, Ballyagran, beat the 1976 All-Ireland winners, Croagh-Kilfinny in the final of the Co. Limerick Under-21 championship in rain soaked Kilfinane yesterday.

Ballyagran captain Triona Fitzgerald, who scored two goals against Bruff in the semi-final had two early goals again yesterday, following points from Mairita Murphy, Ber O'Brien and Pauline McCarthy. Croagh-Kilfinny's only score was a great goal from a second-half free by Helen Mulcaire.

The Colleges also aim to play an important part in the National Walk which is being organised by Central Council.

Through the year past, Colleges coaching courses again provide a tremendous success and it was pointed out that schools, not hitherto very much in the limelight, have come right through to the forefront with the advantage of proper coaching.

The outgoing officers were all re-elected: Chair — Mrs. Carmel Desmond (Cork). Vice-chair — Mrs. Agnes Purcell (Dublin). Secretary — Miss Mary Moran (Cork). Treasurer — Miss Lily Spence (Antrim).

The convention also made the following nominations for Central Council offices — President — Miss Mary Moran (Cork). Secretary — Miss Jo Golden (Kilkenny). Treasurer — Miss Lily Spence (Antrim). Trustees — Mrs. I. Leonard and Mr. Sean O'Duffy.

Eire Og make it a double

Eire Og 1-3, Ballinlough 0-0

EIRE OG completed a championship double at Ovens yesterday when they added the Cork County Junior A. Camogie Championship title to the senior trophy they retained earlier this year. But they had to fight all the way for this win over a gallant Ballinlough side who were appearing in the final for the first time.

This was Eire Og's second success in the Junior A Championship. They first took the title in 1974 and since then won promotion to the senior ranks. This meant they had to find a completely new second "string" and their win yesterday is a worthy tribute to a club, which has achieved so much in a comparatively short time.

Eire Og laid the foundations for this win in the first half, and when they were ahead at the interval by 1-1 to nil Ballinlough were up against it, for, although the score was not all that high, defences on both sides were on top. Ballinlough did try very hard in the second period to level matters and had two "goals" disallowed.

But it was the winners who finally broke away and two

quick points from Clare Kelleher put the issue beyond doubt.

Scorers: Eire Og Patsy O'Reilly 1-0, Clare Kelleher 0-3.

Eire Og: A. Brennan, S. O'Brien, T. Kelleher, C. Kelleher, P. Lucey, H. Horgan, A. O'Keefe, P. Cullinane, P. O'Reilly, J. Shannahan, A. O'Leary, E. Madden.

Ballinlough: C. Furlong, M. Maher, R. Riordan, G. Riordan, P. Sullivan, P. Riordan, C. Maher, B. Buckley, M. Hayes, A. O'Sullivan, C. Colman, N. Hackett.

Referee: Margo Twomey.

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Buffers Alley gain first club title

Camogie Competitions under the control of the Camogie Association will be completed on Sunday next with the final of the All-Ireland Club Championship. Buffers Alley, Wexford, and Croagh/Kilfinny, Limerick, have both reached the decider for the first time.

The coincidence of the final being played at home, where Buffers Alley are the champions, is a happy one. The Buffers Alley girls, who were defeated by 2-6 to Croagh/Kilfinny in the semi-final at home, were the only county to have travelled to the final.

Outstanding players in the Buffers Alley team include the outstanding goalkeeper, E. Walsh, who is expected to be a star at the Buffers Alley club in Gorey.

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petition is played on a league system in zones, Presentation, Terenure, and Vocational, Wicklow, are through to the play-off stage.

KILKENNY'S TRIUMPH
Congratulations to Kilkenny who last Sunday captured their first National League title when they had a close call from Limerick at Adare. For Mary Fennelly and Helena O'Neill, this was a great occasion as they have now won All-Ireland Colleges' medal, three All-Ireland medals, five club championship medals, Gael-Linn interprovincial medals and a National League medal. It was also an occasion for Helena, who interrupted her honeymoon to play for her county.

First Club Title For Ballyagran

**BALLYAGRAN 1-3
BUFFERS ALLEY 0-1**

Ballyagran (Limerick) took the all-Ireland club camogie championship title for the first time when they defeated Buffers Alley (Wexford) in Monamolin yesterday. The Limerick girls gave an altogether more convincing display and proved the better side on the day.

Buffers Alley were surprisingly unsettled for such experienced players. Margaret Carroll opened the scoring with a point for Buffers Alley after two minutes.

Two points from frees by Ballyagran captain Pauline McCarthy put the Limerick girls into a lead which they never lost. A strong Ballyagran defence featuring Helen Butler, Ann Fahy and Liz Hayes did very well to hold Buffers Alley scoreless until half-time.

Despite some good clearances by Deirdre Cousins, the Buffers Alley midfield, obviously missing Elsie Walsh, was unable to cope with the speed and skill of Ballyagran girls Bernadette O'Brien and Vera Mackey, who gave an impressive display of ground play and decision striking.

A cross from Maggie Hearne to Dorothy Walsh just before the interval made a Wexford goal seem inevitable, but a brilliant save by Helen Butler kept Ballyagran's three-point lead intact.

The second half was a story of more missed chances by Buffers Alley. A point from Dorothy Walsh six minutes from the end was their only score. A late goal from Ide Ni Laoire assured Ballyagran of victory.

Scorers: Ballyagran—Ide Ni Laoire (1-0), Pauline McCarthy (0-2), Margaret Carroll (0-1). Buffers Alley—Dorothy Walsh (0-1).

ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Ballyagran take title

Geraldine O'Brien and Ann Fahy the stars

**BALLYAGRAN 1-3
BUFFERS ALLEY 0-1**

Ballyagran, the Limerick senior champions, confounded the critics and shocked hot favourites, Buffers Alley, in the final of the All-Ireland Camogie Club Championship at Monamolin, Co. Wexford, on Sunday last. It was by no means a great decider, but this did not worry the Ballyagran girls, who have emulated the feat of Croagh/Kilfinny, the first Limerick side to lift this particular competition.

Buffers Alley, the Wexford title holders, threw away numerous scoring chances and have nobody to blame only themselves for defeat. Their only contribution to the scoreboard came from a placed ball and after the game both players and mentors were speechless. All of the Buffers Alley team played either senior or junior with Wexford and their failure to make use of some good scoring opportunities will be the talking point of camogie folk down Wexford way for many a day.

Out around Ballyagran they will tell you that the Wexford girls came up against one of the best defensive set-ups at club level in the country. Their theory may be right, but one thing is certain, they came up against two of the best defenders in the game today in full-back Ann Fahy and centre half-back Geraldine O'Brien.

In recent games, Geraldine seemed to have lost some of her greatness, but on Sunday she reached heights that one would think to be unattainable. With her side clinging to a two-point lead for the greater part of the game, she realised that one mistake would cost victory. With an impeccable performance, she met ground and overhead balls and played herself to a standstill for the honour of Ballyagran.

Ann Fahy, a Clare girl, made an enormous contribution at full-back and her alertness and timely clearances when under pressure thwarted many dangerous Wexford raids.

Helen Butler, in goal, made a super save in the second half and marshalled her front line expertly.

The captain of the side, Pauline McCarthy, scored two very valuable points from play and full-forward Margo O'Connell had the first score, a point, from play after three minutes.

Substitute Ide O'Leary scored

the only goal six minutes from the end, the score that ended any hope of a Buffers Alley comeback.

While all the above mentioned were the stars from a Ballyagran viewpoint, the efforts of Breda Murphy, Liz Hayes, Bernadette O'Brien, Vera Mackey, Margaret Mary O'Keefe, Marita Murphy and Margaret Carroll are deserving of mention.

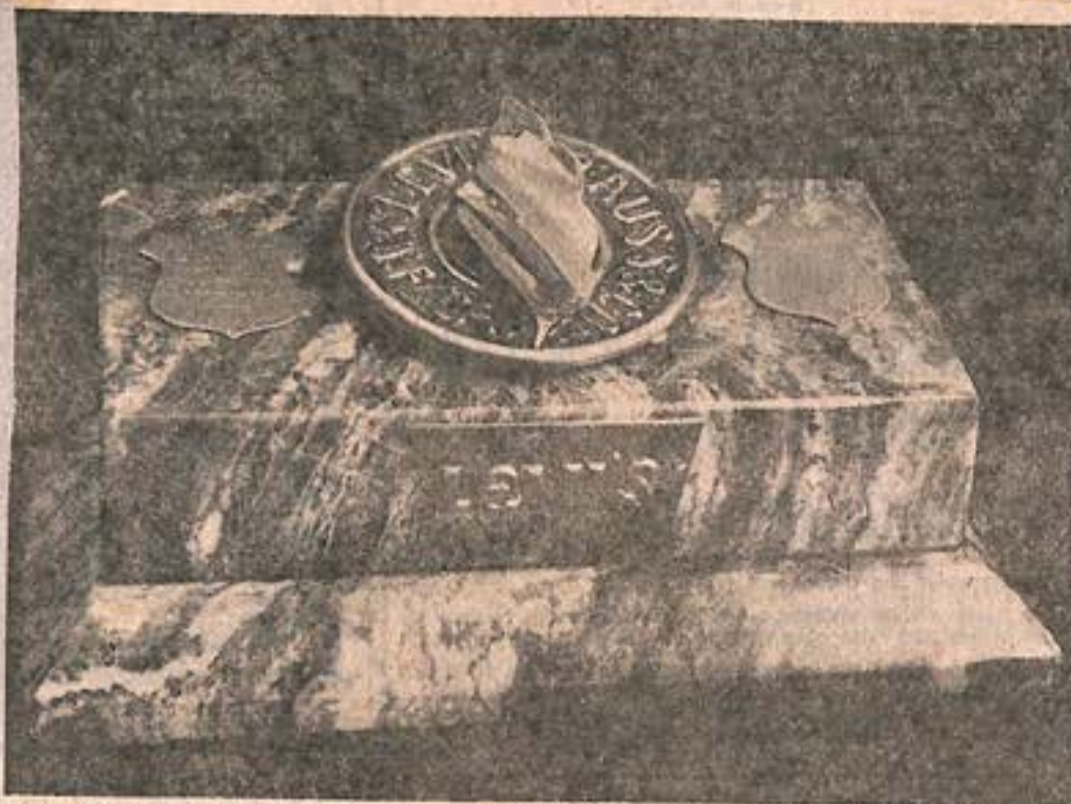
Deirdre Cousins at left back was the best in the Buffers Alley lineout, and she received good support from Margaret Leavy, Fiona Cousins, Dorothy Walsh, Treasa Hobbs and Ann Butler.

Ballyagran: H. Butler, A. Fahy, B. Murphy, G. O'Brien, L. Hayes, B. O'Brien, P. McCarthy, V. Mackey, M. M. O'Keefe, M. Murphy, M. Carroll, M. O'Connell. Sub.: I. O'Leary for M. Carroll. Other substitutes: T. Fitzgerald, M. Fitzgerald, N. M. Bagnell, L. Simcox.

Buffers Alley: K. Tonks, M. Leavy, G. Duggan, M. Cousins, D. Cousins, F. Cousins, D. Walsh, T. Hobbs, M. Hearne, C. O'Leary, B. Doran, A. Butler. Sub.: E. Walsh for M. Aherne. Referee: J. Beatty (Galway).

After the game, at a special dinner, Ballyagran were presented with their trophies by Mrs. Agnes Purcell, president of the Camogie Association. Mrs. Purcell, a native of Ballingarry, has almost completed her three years as president and last Sunday's presentations were her last. Her first public function three years ago was to present Croagh/Kilfinny with their All-Ireland club championship awards and she finished on Sunday last with Ballyagran. In between she had the honour of seeing Limerick win the All-Ireland junior championship. Not a bad three-year spell for a Limerick woman.

Levi's Youth Sports trophy



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THE BEAUTIFUL TROPHY (above) will be presented to the winners of this year's Levi's Youth Sports Awards at a banquet in the Burlington Hotel on the 22nd of this month. Three trophies, gold, silver and bronze, will be awarded in both the Barney Rock (Dublin), boys' and girls' section, and the winners will be selected from the following nominations:

ATHLETICS

Colman O'Flaherty (Pearse A.C., Galway); Michelle Walsh (Glen Abbey A.C.); Carol Meagan (Dundrum A.C.).

BADMINTON

John McArdle (Dundalk).

BASKETBALL

Patrick Boylan (St. Vincent's C.B.S., Glasnevin, Dublin).

BOXING

Barry McGuigan (Smithboro B.C., Co. Monaghan).

CAMOGIE

Sarah Ann Quinn (Swatragh Club, Derry).

CANOEING

Shay Cassidy (Liffey Valley Canoe Club, Dublin).

GAELIC FOOTBALL

Barney Rock (Dublin)

GOLF

Carol Wickham (Laytown-Bettystown).

HANDBALL

Alan Kenny (Dublin).

HURLING

Tadhg McCarthy (Cork).

JUDO

Aidan Mitchell (Belfast); Joyce Malley (Dungannon).

LAWN TENNIS

Peter Hannon (Leinster); Louise Tuff (Ulster).

MOTOR CYCLING

Laurence Spence (Belfast).

NETBALL

Louise Kelly (Rathnew).

ROWING

Gerry Murphy (Neptune / St. Johns).

SHOWJUMPING

Francis Connors (Pallas Stud, Co. Waterford); Vira Lyons (Saintfield, Co. Down).

SWIMMING

David Cummins (Cormorant S.C.); Miriam Hopkins (King's Hospital S.C.).

WATER-SKIING

Carl Cautley (Blackrock College); Michelle Cautley (Holy Child Convent, Killiney).

YACHTING

Gordon Maguire (Howth Y.C.); Heather McDowell (Strangford Lough Y.C.).

The winners will be announced in the evening papers and on R.T.E. on Tuesday next, November 14.

Three remain for honours

ONLY three teams now remain in the Cork Senior Club Camogie Championship. Watergrasshill are already through to the final, thanks to an impressive 6-7 to 1-2 win over U.C.C. in the first semi-final played at the Mardyke yesterday. On the other side of the campaign, Killeagh advanced to meet Glen Rovers in the second semi-final by virtue of a 5-5 to 4-3 win over Eire Og, in yet another thriller between these two sides.

Watergrasshill 6-7,
U.C.C. 1-2

Watergrasshill chalked up their second substantial win when they defeated U.C.C. by 6-7 to 1-2. The University girls, only back in action after their long summer recess, looked out of touch in this game, and although they had one quite good spell in the early part of the second half they were never really able to match the fitter and more efficient Watergrasshill side.

Scorers: Watergrasshill — M. O'Leary 1-5, A. Higgins 2-0, H. O'Callaghan, M. Curtin and D. Fenton 1-0 each, M. O'Callaghan 0-2. U.C.C. — M.

Murphy 1-0, M. Twomey and N. Egan 0-1 each.

Watergrasshill — A. Barry, N. O'Riordan, B. O'Callaghan, M. Mackey, M. Curtin, M. O'Callaghan, A. Higgins, H. O'Callaghan, M. O'Leary, H. Sheehan, D. Fenton, E. Higgins.
U.C.C. — M. Hanrahan, B. Mitchell, M. Lynch, M. Twomey, N. Egan, V. O'Dwyer, T. Ryan, B. Golden, N. Courtney, Mary Murphy, M. Murphy, A. Hayes.
Referee — M. Moran (Old Aloysians).

Killeagh 5-5,
Eire Og 4-3

Mary Spillane was the heroine for Killeagh in another thrilling encounter between county champions Eire Og and beaten finalists Killeagh, at the latter's venue yesterday, when the home side had four points to spare over the champions.

Miss Spillane assured her side of a place in the semi-finals when she got a hat-trick of goals. The winners led by 2-2 to 1-2 at the break and Eire Og came to within a point of their rivals with seven minutes remaining.

Killeagh — P. Fitzgibbon, P. O'Connor, B. Joyce, B. Landers, C. Landers, Ann Marie Landers, P. Moloney, M. Sweeney, S. O'Connor, M. Spillane, B. Kirby.
Eire Og — R. O'Leary, B. O'Brien, M. O'Brien, N. Lombard, M. McCarthy, N. O'Driscoll, M. O'Driscoll, E. Cavanagh, G. Mackey, M. Geaney, N. O'Driscoll.

30 YEARS AGO



BLACKROCK, famous for its hurlers, won the final of the Cork county senior camogie championship for the first time when they defeated the holders, East Cork, by 3-2 to 2-2 in a close game at Douglas. The teams were: Blackrock — T. Warren (goal); M. Delea (capt.); E. Cashman, M. Cashman, Madge Hayes, T. Healy, H. Dempsey, Maura Hayes, E. O'Shea, E. O'Leary, M. Hennebery, B. O'Shea. East Cork — R. Coleman (goal); M. Walsh, M. Ahern, N. Duggan (capt.); K. Barry, E. O'Callaghan, E. O'Sullivan, A. O'Brien, Ina Cotter, B. Nolan, S. Cotter, E. Kearney.

(Picture shows the Blackrock team).

Shannon Regain Crown

SHANNON won back the Clare senior camogie championship title after a one year lapse when they beat their arch rivals Eire Og, Ennis, in a game which produced some fine play at the Church Field in Shannon recently. In 1976 the Shannon girls won their first title at the expense of Eire Og who have dominated this competition over the past decade. Last year after a great battle Eire Og got back on top but this time Shannon made no mistake and are deserving champions.

And the Shannon girls win is all the more meritorious when one realises that after five minutes they were 4 points behind to the defending title holders and favourites. But the new title holders showed tremendous courage and spirit and they fought back to take command of the situation.

Within three minutes of the throw in Margaret O'Toole who lined out at full forward crashed through for 5 goal and this was quickly followed by a pointed free by Maureen Davoran. Shannon trainer Fr. Michael McNamara then made the first of a number of positional switches which were to pay a big part in the game. He brought Rose Doyle to full back to curb Margaret O'Toole, moved Bridie McGill to wing back with Ann Gallery going to the centre of the defence.

Proof of how well these switches worked can be seen from the fact that Eire Og did not score again until five minutes from the end when they had a point from a free. Claire Jones pointed a '30 to open the winners account. After sustained pressure Francis Glennon scored from a goalmouth scramble to level matters and this was how the sides finished the opening half.

Shannon resumed with Elizabeth Condron at wing forward and this was to prove another vital move. Eire Og did the early attacking in this half but narrow misses and a great save by Mary Dolan prevented them from scoring. A goal by Joan Tuohy after a great solo run was disallowed for a

square infringement.

The winners went into the lead for the first time when Claire Jones pointed a '30. The winners midfield trio of Claire Jones, Roisin Brown & Chrissie Daly were now in complete control and they increased their lead with a fine goal from Liz Condron.

Eire Og defended gallantly and none more so than Maureen Kelly and Anna Marie Russell. Maureen Davoran reduced the leeway to one goal when she pointed from a free

but shortly afterwards Shannon sealed the issue with a goal from Liz Condron. This came as a result of a great puck out by Mary Dolan to Joan Tuohy who passed to Siobhain Morrissey who in turn set up the score.

This was certainly a team victory and it would be unfair to single out any of the winning side. For the losers Maureen Kelly, Anna Marie Russell, Margaret O'Toole, Mary Brennan and Maureen Davoran played well.

Shannon: Mary Dolan, Bridie McGill, Rose Doyle, Rosarie Carroll, Ann Gallery, Claire Jones, Roisin Brown, Chrissie Daly, Joan Tuohy, Siobhain Morrissey, Elizabeth Condron, Francis Glennon.

Eire Og: Maureen Kelly, Mary Carey, Anna Marie Russell, Mary Howard, Carmel Kenny, Kitty McNicholas, Alice Russell, Anne Daly, Maureen Davoran, Margaret O'Toole, Mary Brennan.

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Clare senior camogie champions, Shannon

Tough first hurdle for Cork

Cork face tough opposition in next season's All-Ireland Camogie Championship, when they face Kilkenny in their first step in defence of the title, which they won in such marvellous fashion in September.

The draw for the 1979 All-Ireland was made at a Central Council meeting in Dublin last weekend and resulted as follows: First Round: (A) Derry v. Dublin. (B) Galway v. Antrim. (C) Cork v. Kilkenny.

Byes to Wexford, Clare, Limerick, Down and Tipperary. Second Round: (D) Wexford v. Clare. (E) Winners of C. v. Winners of B. (F) Winners of A v. Limerick. (G) Tipperary v. Down.

Semi-Final: G v. F. E v. D.

It was also decided that the 1979 National League will have four sections, as against two at present. The Sections are: (A) Down, Monaghan and Galway. (B) Clare, Limerick and Kilkenny. (C) Tipperary, Cork and Wexford. (D) Derry, Antrim, Wicklow and Dublin.

The semi-finals will then be decided between the winners of D v. C and B v. A.



● The Eire Og Camogie team, Cork senior champions 1978. Back row: (left to right): Sheila O'Brien, Noelle O'Driscoll, Mary Geaney, Regina O'Brien, Eileen Dineen, Grainne Mackey, Ann Brennan, Mairead O'Brien, Patsy O'Reilly. Front row (left to right): Mai Lombard, Eileen Galvin, Eileen Cavanagh, Mary O'Driscoll (captain), Rose O'Leary, Marion McCarthy, Nancy O'Driscoll, Pauline Cullinane.

CAMOGIE AFFAIRS

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BY AGNES HOURIGAN

WHAT a pleasant day all Camogie folk had at the All-Ireland finals in Croke Park, a day that was blessed with everything but the one thing All-Ireland Camogie finals always lack—a crowd worthy of the entertainment provided. It was of course a historic day from several view-points not the least being the fact that for the first time, hockey internationals appeared on both the winning teams, Cork and Derry.

Two of these were of course no strangers to Camogie followers. Nancy O'Driscoll had already captained Cork to All-Ireland victory in the junior grade and set a record all of her own on the third Sunday of this September when she led the senior side to All-Ireland triumph also. Mary Geaney, though she had won most of her fame as Ireland's hockey goalkeeper had not alone played for but captained her native Kerry on the Camogie fields and had also been at one time Secretary of the Kerry Camogie Board. Now Mary had a wonderful first All-Ireland scoring three goals from her full-forward position. However, Cork, who had already won the minor title, failed in their bid for what would have been a unique Triple Crown, when their minors failed to a fine team from Derry.

One of the chief architects of Kerry's victory was yet another hockey international, young Caroline McWilliams from Swatragh, who had a couple of brilliant scores for the winners. But she too must have set several records all her own. On the previous Friday afternoon she played in a hockey international in Edinburgh. On the Saturday she played another hockey game in the forenoon and another in the

afternoon. That night she flew from Edinburgh to Dublin to set the remarkable record of having played in three hockey internationals and an All-Ireland final, all in just under 48 hours.

But if Nancy O'Driscoll, Mary Geaney and Caroline McWilliams stole so much of the honours and rightly so there were other outstanding performers. In the senior final there was a really wonderful display by the Cork full-back Marie Costine, who was winning her fifth All-Ireland medal, an honour shared by Pat Moloney who was just as magnificent and even more spectacular in the winners' forward line.

Yet, if I had to name a Player of the Day surely the Derry centre-back Sarah Quinn would have to stand at least level with these two great Cork stars?

This player had already given a wonderful exhibition at Croke Park in a Colleges final, and confirmed the impression in the junior final that she must now rank as one of the outstanding exponents of the game in the country. Another pleasing feature of this year's finals was the presence, as guests of the Camogie Association of the President and Secretary of the Irish Ladies Hockey Union, the Lord Mayor of Cork and of course, the Minister for State in charge of Sport, Mr. Jim Tunney.

Afterwards I was interested to be faced with two questions by an observant spectator. He queried the fact that the touch-line officials were supplied by the counties concerned, whereas the referee usually provides the umpires. Well, the fact is that until a relatively few years ago, the competing counties also provided the umpires. Doubtless when there is a little further

improvement in the Association's finances, neutral touch-line judges will also take over. Indeed, when one comes to think of it, why could not a neutral county competing in the junior game supply the touch-judges for the senior game and vice-versa?

The second interesting observation was that so many long drives went so far past the end lines, has the time come to lengthen the playing pitch?

To my mind, the answer to this query is that, on All-Ireland Day, the players on view are the very best in the country, and in such matters as making over-all rules we must cater for the weak player as well as the strong. The present length of the pitch is sufficient for the average player to cope with. If some of the stars may make it at times look short, all the more credit to them.

Finally, the honours of the year were reasonably well divided. Wexford won the National League, some compensation for their defeat in the previous season's inaugural final. Athenry brought the All-Ireland club championship to Connacht, U.C.C. retained the Ashbourne Cup for yet another year, St. Paul's from Kilkenny, usually the All-Ireland club specialists, had some solace by winning the Glenalbyn Sevens, a real All-Ireland event this year while Limerick and Kilkenny will contest the National League final. It was an excellent season at juvenile level, with Croagh-Kilfinny taking the senior Feile na nGael medals, Johnstown (Kilkenny) the junior and Ballygar from the Galway-Roscommon border surprise but deserving winners in the Community Games.

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COUNCIL LOOKS FORWARD TO THE COMING YEAR

BY TAOBH L NE

THE ARD Choiste of the Camogie Association, contented in the knowledge that all the 1978 competitions have been successfully completed, looked ahead to 1979 made the draws for the Senior Championships and formed new zones for the National League, at last Saturday's meeting.

Derry, the All-Ireland Junior champions, enter the senior ranks for the first time since the open draw was introduced four years ago, so there are now eleven counties participating in the senior championship.

The draw resulted as follows: Preliminary Round — A: Derry v Dublin; B: Galway v Antrim. C: Cork v Kilkenny. Quarter-finals — D: Wexford v Clare. E: "C" v "B". F: "A" v Limerick. G: Tipperary v Down. Semi-finals — "E" v "D". "G" v "F".

The National League will now have thirteen counties taking part. The new entrants are Derry, Wicklow, the Leinster champions, and Monaghan, the 1977 Ulster champions.

TWO ZONES

Since the inauguration of the League in 1976 the competition has been run off in two zones.

This year it was felt that seven counties in one section would be too big and entail too much travelling, so the Council decided that it would be better to have four semi-finalists, so four zones were arranged as follows: A: Down, Monaghan, Galway. B: Kilkenny, Limerick, Clare. C: Kerry, Antrim, Wicklow, Dublin. D: Tipperary, Cork, Wexford.

The League has been most beneficial to the weaker counties and this has been proved in the showings of Limerick and Down. The former, in their first year in senior ranks came to the final with full points, but were just pipped by Kilkenny, who took the title for the first time.

Down, has also improved its standard and were rewarded for their dedication when they won the Ulster Senior Championship for the first time last month.

PLAYERS HONOURED

Two well-known camogie players were honoured last week. Bridie Martin, Kilkenny, and Elsie Walsh, Wexford, were named the Sports Stars of the Year in their respective counties.

Bridie Martin played a prominent part in her county's campaign and was the star of the victorious National League team. She also played brilliantly for her club St. Pauls.

Elsie Walsh, the Wexford and Buffers Alley player, has also been outstanding for her club and county and, although recovering from a broken collarbone, took the field in the Club Final against Ballygran in a bid to turn defeat into victory.

Two All-Ireland titles, senior and minor, three Munster titles, senior, junior and minor made Cork's victory dinner a happy occasion last Friday.

The function was also a reunion for many former Cork players amongst whom were two former Presidents, Lil Kirby and Lil O'Grady. It was also attended by Una Bean Uí Phuirseal, the Association's President.

Cork take senior and minor titles



CAMOGIE
by
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EVENTS on the local scene were overshadowed by the feats of our inter-county teams. First into action were the seniors in the National League final against Wexford in March. Marie O'Sullivan, Marie Mackey and Mary Geaney made their senior debut in a game which Wexford won, 2-5 to 0-4. Although high-lighting an attacking problem, the match produced encouraging signs from a Cork point of view.

Rather than breaking up following the league set-back, it was agreed to continue training under the direction of Tom Nott. The panel was increased and 1978 league matches saw the selectors experiment. While league points were dropped, valuable experience and team-work were gained.

Cork faced Galway in the championship with established players in new positions. Marion McCarthy, who won four All-Ireland medals in outfield positions, was now asked to turn her undoubted talents to goalkeeping. Catherine Landers moved successfully from right wing to centre-back. Clare Cronin dropped back to fill the vacancy. Pat Moloney found herself at left forward. Cork made it look easy as they picked off 3-13 from all angles to Galway's reply of three points.

UNCERTAIN START

Following an uncertain start against Clare in the semi-final, Cork clicked into top gear and motored home by 5-15 to 3-1. Dublin, intense rivals of former days, provided the opposition in

the final. On the day, Cork exhibited skill, flair and combination to which Dublin had no real answer.

Cork received complimentary press reports from all quarters for their 6-4 to 1-2 victory.

Main talking point at the finish was whether Pat Moloney, Marie Costine or Mary Geaney deserved the 'girl-of-the-match' tag.

No change or substitution was made during the championship campaign. For their great dedication and hard work this team is worthy of the highest praise. Team: Marion McCarthy, Marie Costine, Marie Mackey, Catherine Landers, Patricia Riordan, Clare Cronin, Angela Higgins, Nancy O'Driscoll (capt.), Mary O'Leary, Marion Sweeney, Pat Moloney, Mary Geaney.

With Limerick promoted to the senior ranks, the way was open for the Cork juniors to take up where they left off in 1973. Noelle O'Driscoll's accuracy saw Cork through against Limerick's second string. Betty Joyce, Liz Lynch, Ger Leahy and Annette O'Donovan were mainly responsible for the defeat of Waterford

and Cork's sixth Munster junior title.

Wicklow provided novel opposition in the All-Ireland semi-final. Cork, who were six points clear at one stage, allowed Wicklow back into the game and were fortunate to get a second bite of the cherry.

BANDLEADER

A goat, attired in Wicklow colours, led the pipe band in the pre-match parade for the replay at Aughrim. Cork concentrated on the game itself and did well to hold the home side in the first half despite playing against a gale force wind and a huge home following.

With Betty Joyce playing majestically at centre-back Cork gradually took command.

Sterling displays by Eileen Kavanagh, Annette O'Donovan, Breda Landers and Marie Coughlan booked their passage to the final.

At Croke Park, Cork had to give way to an all-round superior side from Derry. With seven of the Cork team still playing under-18 camogie, their day of glory is sure to come.

Disappointed by the standard of the trials, the minor selectors were more than pleased with the spirit and commitment displayed by their charges against Tipperary. Anne O'Shea, from Red-

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monds, showed great promise. Helen O'Hea, Anne Lee, Imelda Cronin, Ger McCarthy and Martha Kearney all contributed to a satisfactory 5-8 to 3-1 win.

Cork won the Munster crown by eliminating Limerick 5-9 to 2-2. Claire Kelleher, Ger McCarthy, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Martha Kearney, Fidelma O'Connor and Ann-Marie Landers captured the limelight on this occasion.

MANY PROBLEMS

Ulster champions, Down, fielded a strong, talented side which presented many problems for Cork. The unyielding play of Fidelma O'Connor, Imelda Cronin, Ger McCarthy and Sandie Fitzgibbon was sufficient for Cork to achieve a two-point victory. Dublin, 1977 season's runners-up, were determined to leave no room for error as they lined out against Cork in the final.

The game produced some wonderful camogie before Cork's Martha Kearney stepped forward

to receive the All-Ireland Minor Cup.

Team: Helen O'Hea, Anne Lee, Fidelma O'Connor, Anne O'Shea, Ger O'Donovan, Imelda Cronin, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Ann-Marie Landers, Ger McCarthy, Lilian Zinkant, Martha Kearney (capt.)

Claire Kelleher.

Mary O'Leary scored a phenomenal 9 goals 35 points for the Cork seniors. Close behind her was Pat Moloney with an impressive 11-17. Mary Geaney added a sizeable 5-5. For the Cork juniors,

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● The Cork senior captain, Nancy O'Driscoll, in happy mood as she holds the O'Duffy Cup in Croke Park.

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● The Cork senior camogie team — All-Ireland champions 1978. BACK (l to r.): Annette O'Donovan, Betty Joyce, Eileen Kavanagh, Angela Higgins, Margo Twomey, Marie Costine, Clare Cronin, Mary O'Leary, Kay Doherty and Marion McCarthy. FRONT (l to r.): Marie O'Sullivan, Marion Sweeney, Marie Mackey, Marion McCarthy, Nancy O'Driscoll (capt.), Patricia Riordan, Catherine Landers, Pat Moloney, Mary Geaney and Claire Hackett.

● The Cork minor Camogie team—1978 All-Ireland champions.

BACK (l to r.)— Ann-Marie Landers, Ger O'Donovan, Fidelma O'Connor, Anne Lee, Imelda Cronin and Helen O'Hea.

FRONT (l to r.)— Sandie Fitzgibbon, Ger McCarthy, Martha Kearney (Capt.), Claire Kelleher, Lilian Zinkant and Anne O'Shea.



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Annette O'Donovan shaded Eileen Kavanagh by 1-10 to 3-3. Ger McCarthy and Martha Kearney tied on 6-5 each for the minors with Claire Kelleher on the 4-4 mark.

Eire Og, Killeagh, Watergrasshill and Glen Rovers were the most talked-about sides as the Cork county championship opened. Killeagh showed early promise in defeating Imokilly 4-9 to 5-2. Watergrasshill made a successful debut leaving Muskerry six points behind when the final score was totted. Avondu failed to show for their contest with S.P.P.U. Glen Rovers had a comfortable passage past U.C.C. Old Als matched Eire Og in the early stages but collapsed before the end.

DOUBLE SCORES

Glen pulled away from South Pres in the second half to win 2-6 to 0-3. In the semi-finals, Eire Og beat Watergrasshill by double scores and Killeagh finished in front of Glen 1-9 to 3-0 in an entertaining game. The final lived up to expectations.

The sheer excitement, thrills and skills kept fans on their toes. Champions, Eire Og, held on to their title by the narrow margin of 3-8 to 3-6.

Youghal, who won the 1977

Junior championship, took a step further up the ladder by adding the intermediate title. Eire Og and Ballinlough were due to contest the 1978 junior final.

For the first time since the inauguration of the Munster Colleges in 1968, no Cork school figured on the winners list. Loreto, Youghal, made the bravest attempt. In a thrilling semi-final, they held out to defeat St. Pauls, Kilfinane. They led St. Patricks, Shannon, at the half-way stage in the senior final but great work by Patricia Fitzgibbon, Breda Landers and Vera Motherway could not prevent St. Patricks taking the Dripsey Cup to Clare.

Loreto gained some compensation when they won the Cork Schools championship with two points to spare over South Pres. Mercy, Macroom, and South Pres contested the Munster junior semi-finals against Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and St. Patricks, Shannon. While both failed to advance, the Macroom girls were only 2-2 behind the eventual All-Ireland champions.

Ashbourne Cup holders U.C.C. had little difficulty in disposing of N.U.U. in the preliminary round. Their scoring touch deserted them in the semi-final. U.C.C. advanced by 0-3 to 0-1 and later captured the Ashbourne Cup at

the expense of Maynooth College. Margo Twomey, Mary Roche and Mary Walsh won places on the Combined Universities side.

JUST REWARD

Eire Og, who have given us many a laugh with their novelty acts in the C.C.D. competitions over the years, met their just reward in Roscommon. Rose O'Leary, Patsy O'Reilly and Teresa Kelleher won All-Ireland honours. Mary O'Callaghan from the same club was successful at Munster level in the instrumental music section.

Blackrock, following an impressive win in Cork Feile na nGael competition, went on to represent the county in Kilkenny.

Effortlessly, they reached the semi-final where they met Marino (Dublin) in a game which was described as the match of the tournament. Although Marino were slightly ahead on the scoreboard at the finish, spectators readily acknowledged that Blackrock possessed the more skilled camogie players. The Kilkenny Feile Committee introduced a skills competition. 11 year-old Deirdre O'Shea, from Na Piar-saigh Club, was a worthy winner.

All-in-all, 1978 will be recalled as a very good year for Cork Camogie. May 1979 be as good.

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MARY MORAN

EVENTS on the local scene were overshadowed by the feats of our inter-county teams. First into action were the seniors in the National League final against Wexford in March. Marie O'Sullivan, Marie Mackey and Mary Geaney made their senior debut in a game which Wexford won, 2-5 to 0-4. Although high-lighting an attacking problem, the match produced encouraging signs from a Cork point of view.

Rather than breaking up following the league set-back, it was agreed to continue training under the direction of Tom Nott. The panel was increased and 1978 league matches saw the selectors experiment. While league points were dropped, valuable experience and team-work were gained.

Cork faced Galway in the championship with established players in new positions. Marion McCarthy, who won four All-Ireland medals in outfield positions, was now asked to turn her undoubted talents to goalkeeping. Catherine Landers moved successfully from right wing to centre-back. Clare Cronin dropped back to fill the vacancy. Pat Moloney found herself at left forward. Cork made it look easy as they picked off 3-13 from all angles to Galway's reply of three points.

UNCERTAIN START

Following an uncertain start against Clare in the semi-final, Cork clicked into top gear and motored home by 5-15 to 3-1. Dublin, intense rivals of former days, provided the opposition in

the final. On the day, Cork exhibited skill, flair and combination to which Dublin had no real answer.

Cork received complimentary press reports from all quarters for their 6-4 to 1-2 victory.

Main talking point at the finish was whether Pat Moloney, Marie Costine or Mary Geaney deserved the 'girl-of-the-match' tag.

No change or substitution was made during the championship campaign. For their great dedication and hard work this team is worthy of the highest praise. Team: Marion McCarthy, Marie Costine, Marie Mackey, Catherine Landers, Patricia Riordan, Clare Cronin, Angela Higgins, Nancy O'Driscoll (capt.), Mary O'Leary, Marion Sweeney, Pat Moloney, Mary Geaney.

With Limerick promoted to the senior ranks, the way was open for the Cork juniors to take up where they left off in 1973. Noelle O'Driscoll's accuracy saw Cork through against Limerick's second string. Betty Joyce, Liz Lynch, Ger Leahy and Annette O'Donovan were mainly responsible for the defeat of Waterford

and Cork's sixth Munster junior title.

Wicklow provided novel opposition in the All-Ireland semi-final. Cork, who were six points clear at one stage, allowed Wicklow back into the game and were fortunate to get a second bite of the cherry.

BANDLEADER

A goat, attired in Wicklow colours, led the pipe band in the pre-match parade for the replay at Aughrim. Cork concentrated on the game itself and did well to hold the home side in the first half despite playing against a gale force wind and a huge home following.

With Betty Joyce playing majestically at centre-back Cork gradually took command.

Sterling displays by Eileen Kavanagh, Annette O'Donovan, Breda Landers and Marie Coughlan booked their passage to the final.

At Croke Park, Cork had to give way to an all-round superior side from Derry. With seven of the Cork team still playing under-18 camogie, their day of glory is sure to come.

Disappointed by the standard of the trials, the minor selectors were more than pleased with the spirit and commitment displayed by their charges against Tipperary. Anne O'Shea, from Red-

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monds, showed great promise. Helen O'Hea, Anne Lee, Imelda Cronin, Ger McCarthy and Martha Kearney all contributed to a satisfactory 5-8 to 3-1 win.

Cork won the Munster crown by eliminating Limerick 5-9 to 2-2. Claire Kelleher, Ger McCarthy, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Martha Kearney, Fidelma O'Connor and Ann-Marie Landers captured the limelight on this occasion.

MANY PROBLEMS

Ulster champions, Down, fielded a strong, talented side which presented many problems for Cork. The unyielding play of Fidelma O'Connor, Imelda Cronin, Ger McCarthy and Sandie Fitzgibbon was sufficient for Cork to achieve a two-point victory. Dublin, 1977 season's runners-up, were determined to leave no room for error as they lined out against Cork in the final.

The game produced some wonderful camogie before Cork's Martha Kearney stepped forward

to receive the All-Ireland Minor Cup.

Team: Helen O'Hea, Anne Lee, Fidelma O'Connor, Anne O'Shea, Ger O'Donovan, Imelda Cronin, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Ann-Marie Landers, Ger McCarthy, Lillian Zinkant, Martha Kearney (capt.)

Claire Kelleher.

Mary O'Leary scored a phenomenal 9 goals 35 points for the Cork seniors. Close behind her was Pat Moloney with an impressive 11-17. Mary Geaney added a sizeable 5-5. For the Cork juniors,

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● The Cork senior captain, Nancy O'Driscoll, in happy mood as she holds the O'Duffy Cup in Croke Park.

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● The Cork senior camogie team — All-Ireland champions 1978. BACK (l. to r.): Annette O'Donovan, Betty Joyce, Eileen Kavanagh, Angela Higgins, Margo Twomey, Marie Costine, Clare Cronin, Mary O'Leary, Kay Doherty and Marion McCarthy. FRONT (l. to r.): Marie O'Sullivan, Marion Sweeney, Marie Mackey, Marion McCarthy, Nancy O'Driscoll (capt.), Patricia Riordan, Catherine Landers, Pat Moloney, Mary Geaney and Claire Hackett.

● The Cork minor Camogie team—1978 All-Ireland champions. BACK (l. to r.)— Ann-Marie Landers, Ger O'Donovan, Fidelma O'Connor, Anne Lee, Imelda Cronin and Helen O'Hea. FRONT (l. to r.)— Sandie Fitzgibbon, Ger McCarthy, Martha Kearney (Capt.), Claire Kelleher, Lillian Zinkant and Anne O'Shea.



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Annette O'Donovan shaded Eileen Kavanagh by 1-10 to 3-3. Ger McCarthy and Martha Kearney tied on 6-5 each for the minors with Claire Kelleher on the 4-4 mark.

Eire Og, Killeagh, Watergrasshill and Glen Rovers were the most talked-about sides as the Cork county championship opened. Killeagh showed early promise in defeating Imokilly 4-9 to 5-2. Watergrasshill made a successful debut leaving Muskerry six points behind when the final score was totted. Avondhu failed to show for their contest with S.P.P.U. Glen Rovers had a comfortable passage past U.C.C. Old Als matched Eire Og in the early stages but collapsed before the end.

DOUBLE SCORES

Glen pulled away from South Pres in the second half to win 2-6 to 0-3. In the semi-finals, Eire Og beat Watergrasshill by double scores and Killeagh finished in front of Glen 1-9 to 3-0 in an entertaining game. The final lived up to expectations.

The sheer excitement, thrills and skills kept fans on their toes. Champions, Eire Og, held on to their title by the narrow margin of 3-8 to 3-6.

Youghal, who won the 1977

Junior championship, took a step further up the ladder by adding the intermediate title. Eire Og and Ballinlough were due to contest the 1978 junior final.

For the first time since the inauguration of the Munster Colleges in 1968, no Cork school figured on the winners list. Loreto, Youghal, made the bravest attempt. In a thrilling semi-final, they held out to defeat St. Pauls, Kilfinane. They led St. Patricks, Shannon, at the half-way stage in the senior final but great work by Patricia Fitzgibbon, Breda Landers and Vera Motherway could not prevent St. Patricks taking the Dripsey Cup to Clare.

Loreto gained some compensation when they won the Cork Schools championship with two points to spare over South Pres. Mercy, Macroom, and South Pres contested the Munster junior semi-finals against Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and St. Patricks, Shannon. While both failed to advance, the Macroom girls were only 2-2 behind the eventual All-Ireland champions.

Ashbourne Cup holders U.C.C. had little difficulty in disposing of N.U.U. in the preliminary round. Their scoring touch deserted them in the semi-final. U.C.C. advanced by 0-3 to 0-1 and later captured the Ashbourne Cup at

the expense of Maynooth College. Margo Twomey, Mary Roche and Mary Walsh won places on the Combined Universities side.

JUST REWARD

Eire Og, who have given us many a laugh with their novelty acts in the C.C.D. competitions over the years, met their just reward in Roscommon. Rose O'Leary, Patsy O'Reilly and Teresa Kelleher won All-Ireland honours. Mary O'Callaghan from the same club was successful at Munster level in the instrumental music section.

Blackrock, following an impressive win in Cork Feile na nGael competition, went on to represent the county in Kilkenny.

Effortlessly, they reached the semi-final where they met Marino (Dublin) in a game which was described as the match of the tournament. Although Marino were slightly ahead on the scoreboard at the finish, spectators readily acknowledged that Blackrock possessed the more skilled camogie players. The Kilkenny Feile Committee introduced a skills competition. 11 year-old Deirdre O'Shea, from Na Piar-saigh Club, was a worthy winner.

All-in-all, 1978 will be recalled as a very good year for Cork Camogie. May 1979 be as good.

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Camogie

by Mary Murphy



1978 was a year of surprise in camogie — all of the major titles changed hands during the year. Cork became Senior Champions after a lapse of five years; Derry took the junior title for the second time; Cork regained the minor title which they last held in 1976; Kilkenny though unsuccessful in their bid to capture their third All-Ireland in a row, won the National League for the first time; Limerick's Ballyagran became All-Ireland club champions — a first for them also; U.C.G. were Ashbourne champions — Queen's University, Belfast were hosts for the first time since the recent Northern troubles; in Colleges Competitions, Presentation College, Athenry were Senior Champions, while Scoil Mhuire, Cashel took the junior title. Finally, the Gael-Linn interprovincial titles, junior and senior went to Munster and Leinster respectively — this was the first year in which this competition was run at both levels.

Many will remember 1978 as the year in which Cork had no fewer than seventeen points to spare in their All-Ireland senior victory over Dublin — the final score being 6-4 to 1-2. Cork had defeated Clare and Galway en route to the final, while Dublin had accounted for Limerick and Wexford. Can it be concluded that Cork occupy a lone place, vastly superior to all other senior teams?

Good though they are, their huge margin can be accounted for, I would think, by the very different approaches to the game of the two teams on that day. Faced with a choice between choosing a system to which players must conform or taking a group of players and developing a game based on their play, broadly it seems that Dublin, at all levels, tend to opt for the former approach, while this Cork team at any rate seemed to practice the latter. The Dublin approach is to play ground camogie, demanding speed and accuracy from the players. Cork make use of a far greater variety of skills on September 18th — as Con Houlihan in his account

of the game in 'The Evening Press' of the following day put it, "Cork were playing camogie to the full."

In this publication last year, progress was reported in the spread of organised camogie in weaker counties. This year, by focusing on Feile na nGael and the part which camogie played in it, the pace at which the game is expanding to include young players can be appreciated. Twelve Kilkenny clubs participated, each hosting a visiting team. Two competitions were run, one for the stronger sides, the other for the weaker. The final of the section A, that for stronger teams was played as the third of five finals in Nowlan Park on Feile Sunday — it proved a really close contest with never more than a puck of the ball between the two sides. Limerick's Croagh-Kilfinny and Dublin's Marino — at the final whistle the Limerick girls had a point to spare. A skills contest was also run, which was won by Cork girl, Deirdre Hayes.

Events at Congress in 1978 indicate the direction in which the association is moving: a major topic was the question of a full-time officer. Steps are being taken to make the necessary financial provision for embarking on this new stage in the growth of the Association. It is hoped to stage a National Walk, which will also mark the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Association. This is planned for May 1979. No doubt, other events will also take place during the coming year as part of the anniversary celebrations — All-Ireland Colleges for instance will run a special interprovincial competition.

Let me conclude by referring to the revision of playing rules at present in progress. There were occasions in 1978 when concern was expressed, and with justification, on the increasing incidence of rough play, particularly at intercounty level. While competition there must be, and winning will always be important to players at this level, the end must never be allowed to justify foul means.

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Star of the Year

SARAH ANN QUINN

Centre-back star of Loreto College, Coleraine, starred in Senior Colleges' Final which Loreto lost to Athenry Presentation Convent by one point.

She was also the centre-back on the Junior Derry side which won the All Ireland title. In both games she played a major part in her team's endeavours. She won her place as well on the Junior Ulster Gael-Linn team.

Sarah is the winner of the Gaelic Stars Camogie Star of the Year trophy which is presented and sponsored by Allied Irish Banks Ltd.

We congratulate Sarah and wish her every success in her future camogie career.

Record-makers and record-breakers are part of the proud traditions of any sporting organisation, but not till I pored back over the results down the years did I realise how many record-holders we have in the Camogie Association.

Pride of place must, of course, go to the one and only Kathleen Mills who is the only person in Gaelic sport to have won 15 senior All-Ireland medals on the playing fields, a feat surpassed only by handballer J. J. Gilmartin, and it must be remembered that it is possible to win more than one All-Ireland handball medal in one year.

The fair-haired Kathleen ruled the left wing in the Dublin colours for twenty amazing years, from 1942 to 1962, and looked as speedy and as effective in her last All-Ireland as she did in her first. Close on Kathleen's heels comes another Dublin player, that queen of forwards, Una O'Connor, who not alone won 13 senior All-Irelands, but surpassed even the great Mills by winning 10 medals in succession from 1957 to 1966.

As are obvious from the Mills and O'Connor records, Dublin for two decades dominated the championship Camogie fields. Between 1947, when they lost narrowly to Antrim in the final in Belfast, and 1967 when they went down again to Antrim on a replay in Croke Park, Dublin contested every final but one and won 18 of the 19 finals between 1948 and 1966. Oddly enough, their only defeat in that period was in 1956 when they lost to Antrim in the Belfast semi-final.

In all, between the inauguration of the All-Ireland senior series in 1932 and 1966, Dublin

CAMOGIE'S RECORD MAKERS

By Agnes Hourigan

won 25 of the 35 titles, and have not won one since.

Cork, next in line with 11 senior titles can boast of a number of records all their own. They have won five of the nine finals since 1970. They are the only county to have won All-Ireland titles in all three grades, Senior, junior and minor, to have played in all three finals in the same year, and to have won both the senior and junior finals in Croke Park in the same afternoon.

That was in 1972 when Youghal-born Caly Riordan then a student at U.C.C. played first on the junior team, and then came on as a substitute with the seniors, thus winning two All-Irelands at Croke Park in one afternoon.

However, four Galway girls achieved an even more remarkable feat at Croke Park in April 1974. The girls from Presentation Athenry reached both All-Ireland colleges finals which were played in succession at Croke Park on a Satur-

day afternoon. In the opening game, Athenry won the junior title, and then the seniors came out and completed a unique double. Four players were in action right through both games for Athenry. They were Bernadette Duffy, Noreen Tracey, Olive Coady and Eileen Hynes.

Present Cork captain, Nancy O'Driscoll, holds a record all her own. She led Cork seniors to All-Ireland victory last September having already captained the All-Ireland winning junior side of 1973. Incidentally, in this year's senior final Nancy O'Driscoll and teammate Mary Geaney became the first international hockey players to win senior All-Ireland Camogie medals.

They were just pipped however for the record of being the first hockey international to win All-Ireland medals in any grade by Caroline McWilliams who starred on the victorious Derry side in the curtain-raising junior final. A feature of Camogie championship in the

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GENEVIEVE HICKEY and Pauline Flanagan, members of the Cremartin (Co. Monaghan) camogie team with the All County League Cup at the club's annual re-union in Ballybay.



Ned Buggy, Hurling and Mary Geaney.

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Mr. Peter Barry T.D. (third from left) presenting a cheque on behalf of Barry's Tea to Mary Nott, Chairman, Cork Co. Board. The cheque was donated to help finance the three Cork camogie teams expenses in the All-Ireland. The photograph was taken at their Victory dinner at Pairc Ui Chaoimh and also includes from left: Ide Bean Ni She, President Cork Co. Board; Ide Ni She, Registrar, Cork Co. Board; Mrs. J. Morley; Rose O'Leary, Sec., Cork Co. Board and Angela Higgins, Vice Captain Cork Senior team. (Echo)

A Year Of Celebration

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THIS year is a year of celebration for the Camogie Association as it marks the 75th anniversary of its founding.

The Association had a slow start, but its present strength must be a source of great pride to that wonderful veteran, Sean O'Duffy, who has been the guide and inspiration of the Association through almost 70 of these 75 years.

Thanks are also due to those early enthusiasts who worked with O'Duffy through the formative years and who kept going, despite many troubled times.

The Tailteann Games of 1928 and 1932 makdesuch an impact on the Camogie scene of the time that, finally, the structure as we know it today—Ard Choiste and four provincial councils—WAS SET UP through the latter part of 1932 and 1933.

Provincial championships and All-Ireland finals have been played regularly since that time.

The predominance of Dublin in the honours lists may have been a hindrance to the spread of the game for many years, but the founding of the Colleges Councils brought about a raising of standards in the mid-sixties and, since then we have seen many new developments which have given the Association a new national status.

The Gael Linn Cup, the interprovincial series, which sprang from the Golden Jubilee celebrations in 1954—did much for the stars of counties who seldom had an opportunity to prove themselves.

Ten years later, on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee, the All-Ireland club championship was established after the

success of the Jubilee competition.

By 1968, the four provinces were running Colleges championships, motivated by Ulster who were well established at this stage. 1969 saw the first All-Ireland Senior Colleges championship with the junior championship following in 1974.

In 1972, Ard Choiste requested the Universities, who had been running the Ashbourne Cup since 1915, to join an All-Ireland Higher Institutes Council to involve all third-level colleges.

This council now runs two championships, a National League and a very popular Freshers seven-a-side.

In 1974 the senior championship was changed to the open-draw system and it has proved very successful. In 1976 a National League was inaugurated—a development which has greatly helped the participants to raise their game.

A National Council, led by national coaches, Mary Moran and Ann Carroll has been doing tremendous work since.

Preparations are already well advanced for the 75th Anniversary.

Ard Choiste plans to hold a national walk in May. This will be at all levels and clubs and colleges are being urged to start planning now.

The All-Ireland Colleges Council is running a Colleges Interprovincial which should prove a very interesting competition.

Each Jubilee year has brought about a great step forward. Hopefully 1979 will also bring a new impetus.

Kay's a star



Kay Maxwell, Presentation Convent, Cashel from Goulds Cross, Co. Tipperary, winner of the camogie award at the Tipperary Sports Stars presentations at the Clonmel Arms Hotel.

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CONVENTION time is with us again with the Cork Co. Board annual meeting scheduled for Paire Uí Chaoimh on Sunday next, and a large attendance of delegates is expected.

Two of last year's officers, Chairman Mary Nott and Secretary Rose O'Leary have been returned unopposed for the coming year. Mary, of Glen Rovers, who took over the Chair last year, has worked well during the year while Rose, of Eire Og, has completed six sterling years with the Board, so it is no surprise that they are not challenged.

The Co. Board will have a new Treasurer, however, in Ide Ni She of Nemo Rangers. Ide takes over from Mary Casey, who has held this difficult office for six years, but who now finds it impossible to continue, and so is not seeking re-election. Ide, as the only nominee now takes over the post.

There are four names down for the position of Vice-Chairman and here competition will be very keen

between Mary O'Callaghan of Inniscarra (outgoing) and Kay Dunne (Bishopstown), Angela Higgins (Watergrasshill) and Phil Crowley (Sarsfields).

Another post in which there is keen interest will be that of Registrar. Here Ide Ni She is outgoing, but as she will be the new treasurer, the position is now wide open. Contestants for the office are Annette O'Donovan (S.P.P.), Kay Dunne (Bishopstown), Mary Salter (Churchtown), and Josie Knowles (Churchtown). There will also be an election for Press Officer in which Joan Morley (outgoing) is opposed by Mary O'Leary of Watergrasshill.

FIXTURES SECRETARY

It was decided at last year's Convention that a Fixture Secretary should be appointed by the County Board during the year. However, this was not carried out so now the post is on the Agenda for Sunday with five, names listed as

possible choices. They are Marie Ryan (Glen Rovers), Marian Mackey (Watergrasshill), Christine Pinfield (Douglas), Margaret Baugh (Watergrasshill) and Angela Higgins (Watergrasshill).



Mary Nott, chairman, speaking at the annual convention of the Cork County Camogie Board at Paire Uí Chaoimh, yesterday. Included are (from left): Ita Ni She, registrar; Rose O'Leary, secretary; Maire Ni Ceallachain, vice-chairman, and Mary Casey, treasurer. —("Examiner")

Camogie convention

Chairman appeals to clubs

By JOAN MORLEY

APPEALS for greater attendance at County Board meetings and games, particularly inter-county ties played in Cork were made by Miss Mary Nott, the Cork County Camogie Board chairman, addressing her first convention when the Cork annual general meeting was held at Paire Uí Chaoimh yesterday.

Miss Nott of Glen Rovers, who has just completed her first year in office, and is unopposed for the coming term, said that she was very disappointed at the response to nomination papers sent to clubs, but was delighted to see the large attendance present. However, she asked clubs to attend at least one Co. Board meeting a month — some never attend at all — and said that in this way both Club and Board would benefit.

The Chairman then went on to discuss Cork's very successful season, with senior and minor All-Ireland wins, as well as C.C.D. victories, and junior All-Ireland runners-up.

MADE APPEAL

"These victories, Miss Nott continues "prove what can be done when we all pull together." However, here she made the appeal for greater attendance at inter-county games, especially when they are played in Cork. Finally the Chairman called for encouragement and attention to camogie in primary schools, where it all begins.

Miss Rose O'Leary (Eire Og), beginning her seventh year as Secretary, stated in her extensive report that there are now 40 clubs affiliated to the Board, an increase of two on the previous year.

In the course of her report, Miss O'Leary said that a shortage of referees continues to pose a problem, especially in the East Cork area. "For the continuation of our games every club must accept the responsibility of providing referees and use whatever method they judge best in encouraging players and former players to take up refereeing. Our programme of matches is being extended every year, and unless new referees come

forward the Board in the future could experience serious problems.

The County Board President, Ide Bean Uí She, was unable to attend yesterday's meeting.

TWO ELECTIONS

There were only two elections for positions on the Board, as Mary Nott (chairman), Rose O'Leary (Secretary) and Joan Morley (Old Aloysians) (press officer) were returned unopposed, and Ide Ni She (Nemo Rangers) (the outgoing registrar) was the only nominee for the post of treasurer and so takes over from Mary Casey of Blarney, who did not seek re-election.

Mary O'Callaghan (Inniscarra), the outgoing vice-chairman, faced opposition from Kay Dunne (Bishopstown) and Phil Crowley (Sarsfields), but won through on a vote.

The second election was for registrar, in which Annette O'Donovan (S.P.P.) won the position from Kay Dunne of Bishopstown.

A new post on the Board, fixtures secretary, was decided on last year, but it was only at yesterday's Convention that it was put into operation when Marie Ryan of Glen Rovers was appointed to act in this position. The delegate to Munster Council is Mary O'Callaghan, while Rose O'Leary, Mary Nott, Pat Moloney and Mary O'Callaghan will be delegates to Congress.

There were four selection committees elected and they are:

- Senior — Rose O'Leary, Kay Dunne, Mary O'Callaghan and Mary Nott, plus nominee from senior county champions.
- Junior — Mary O'Leary,

Rose O'Leary, Mary Nott, plus nominees from intermediate and junior "A" champions.

Under-18 — Annette O'Donovan, Marie Costine, Mary Nott, Mary O'Callaghan and Angela Higgins.

Under-16 — Angela Higgins, Mary Nott, Mary Whelton, Marie O'Sullivan, Margo Twomey.

Nominations to Munster Council are: Chairman, Mary O'Halloran (Clare); vice-chairman, Rose O'Leary (Cork); secretary, Eithne Neville (Limerick); treasurer, Mary Casey (Cork); registrar, Anne Marie O'Lourhlin (Clare).

DRAWS DEFERRED

The championship draws were deferred until after the Co. Board meets for its annual grading meeting. But in the meantime there was keen interest in the transfer requests passed, which included senior inter-county players Marian McCarthy (S.P.P.) to Eire Og; Marie Costine (Cloyne) to Killeagh; Annette O'Donovan (S.P.P.) to Glen Rovers and Clare Cronin (Ballyphehane) to Old Aloysians.

Only one motion was passed at Convention. This was a call from Eire Og to change the Cork senior club championship to the Cork senior club tournament.

Finally, as 1979 will be the 75th anniversary of the Association, the National Walk, to be held in May to commemorate the occasion, was discussed and an organising committee was set up to ensure its success. The committee is Mary Moran, Kay Dunne, Pat Moloney, Marie Lynch and Margo Twomey. And it was also decided to hold a Primary Schools Pádraig Pearse Commemorative Competition to mark the 1979 Pádraig Pearse Commemoration.

The County finals of the Ceol Caint agus Damsha competitions were held at Coachford Hall on Tuesday, January 9. The results were as follows: Fixture dancing, Aghabullogue Club; Recitation, Mary McAuliffe, Castlemagner; Solo singing, Mary Nott, Glen Rovers; Comedy act, Eire Og; Question time, South Presentation Past Pupils; Instrumental music, Mary O'Callaghan, Eire Og; Ballad group, Castlemagner.

Cork, who figured in three All-Ireland camogie finals won out the senior and minor titles and captured the three Munster trophies, proved themselves the most successful county in 1978.

The Cork junior side who lost to Derry in the final, had their hour of glory later when ten of the side helped to win the junior Gael Linn title for Munster.

Cork, who have the biggest affiliation in the country have 19 schools playing col-

and minor titles figured in the Feile na nGael final but they were out of luck here also, when Marino lost to Croagh-Kilfinny of Limerick.

However, a number of the Dublin players were on the senior interprovincial team which won the Gael-Linn Cup and so gained some consolation from that victory.

A second national title, the National League also came to Leinster when Kilkenny won

champions, the Club Championship defeating fancied Buffers Alley, Wexford.

Ulster also figured in the national successes when Derry won back the junior title which they last held in 1969. Cork were the conquished in this final.

Connacht the fourth and last province found their national victory in the colleges' field when Presentation,

were the finalists and were only a point behind at the final whistle. A feature of that game was the brilliant performance of their centre-back Sarah Ann Quinn, who was on the winning Derry team.

The junior Colleges winners Presentation, Cashel, took that title for the second time.

In the Higher Colleges competition University College,

colleges was won by Belfast, who became the Ulster college to win the Purcell Cup (the Championship equivalent of the University Cup) was Mary Immaculate, Limerick the second year. Congratulations to winners and good losers and all those not qualify for final.

CAMOGIE AFFAIRS

By
Agnes Hourigan

AT the start of 1978 the Central Council of the Camogie Association and its Fixtures Committee set out on what at first glance seemed an over ambitious effort to get all its inter-county competitions finished before the end of November. Especially when you remember that, in recent years, the arrangement had been, that the All-Ireland semi-finals and final of the club championship and the final of the National League had been officially fixed for the Spring.

In fact the 1977 finals of those competitions had been played in March 1978, so it seemed a kind of utopian dream to pack a whole season into at the most eight months.

How was it done? In the first place by drawing up a fixture list at the start of the year and sticking rigidly to it.

This could only be done of course with the willing co-operation of clubs, counties and provinces, and this was faithfully given. In addition to its normal schedule, the Fixtures Committee had to run off the Interprovincial Championship for the first time in two grades, senior and junior, and this too was successfully accomplished.

What was the secret of these achievements? Firstly, as I have said, a combination of advanced planning, followed by willing co-operation. Secondly, the decision to run the National League right through the season in conjunction with the championships, and no problem was found in doing so. Indeed, we had the remarkable situation that in 1978 two National League finals, and two All-Ireland club finals were played in the same year.

The wisdom of playing a majority of the National League games through the summer was quickly obvious, the earlier rounds proving a very valuable training ground for the championship. In addition the wisdom of allowing counties graded junior to play was proved by the improved standards in such counties as Down and Limerick.

Indeed, the greatest proof of the success of the National League is further proved by the fact that three more counties will be competing in the season ahead—Derry, Monaghan and Wicklow.

1978 was also a year that saw a number of young players come into the limelight, with a promise of even better days ahead for them in the future. Limerick had very promising starlets in

Bernadette O'Brien, Liz Hayes, Helen Mulcaire, Pauline McCarthy and the O'Sullivan sisters, while I was impressed by Cork's Claire Cronin, Eileen Kavanagh, Martha Kearney, Betty Joyce and Anne Delaney.

Clare had a rising star in Liz Condron, Wexford produced Deirdre and Fiona Cousins and Teresa Hobbs, while Dublin can look forward to even better performances in future from Mary Mernagh, Edel Murphy and Teresa McCann.

Kilkenny's young entry, as instanced by Margaret Farrell, Ann Holden and Jo Dunne is very promising too while Una Jordan and Bridie Cunniffe look likely to become very bright Galway stars. Impressive young Down players were Bernie Brown and Mary McGrath, while I liked the performances of two Antrim newcomers, Carol Blaney and Philomena Gillespie.

But both in Colleges, and junior intercounty ranks the Rising Star of 1978 was surely the very talented schoolgirl from Loreto Coleraine, the Swatragh Club and Derry's junior All-Ireland champions, Sarah Anne Quinn. She played magnificently in both the All-Ireland finals in which she figured.



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The great annual occasion for camogie folk, the Player of the Year Award sponsored, as are the monthly G.A.A. Awards by B+I brought yet another honour to Cork yesterday when the Cuchulainn Trophy went to Pat Moloney from Killeagh for her brilliant displays in helping the girls from the Lee-side County regain the All-Ireland title. It will be remembered that the hurling final Award had also gone to a Cork player, Tim Crowley, writes PAD-RAIG PURSEAL.

But although this was the first time she has gained the honour of being named, and unanimously at that, as camo-

Pat Moloney Is Camogie Queen

gie Player of the Year, winning All-Ireland medals is no new experience for Pat Moloney as she also starred on the great Cork teams that won the O'Duffy Cup in four successive seasons from 1970 to 1973.

She was a mere school-girl in Presentation Convent Youghal when she won the first of those titles and subsequently was a great stalwart of vic-

torious U.C.C. sides in the annual inter-varsity battle for the Ashbourne Cup. Having graduated in social science she is now a social worker in Cork City.

The presentation was made by Ron Delany, assistant chief executive of the sponsors, who said he hoped this annual award made some worthwhile contribution to the game of camogie, too often in some quarters

very undeservedly regarded as the Cinderella of the G.A.A.

The attendance included Mrs. Agnes Purcell, president of the Camogie Association, general secretary Miss Jo Golden and treasurer Miss Lily Spence, together with officers of the Cork County Board, Leinster, Munster and Ulster Councils and of Dublin the defeated finalists. Sean O'Siochain, director general of the G.A.A. was also present.

Picture shows Pat Moloney (centre) with (from left) Morris Moloney (father), Ronnie Delaney, Neil Moloney (mother) and boy friend Eamonn Lenihan.

PAT DESERVES PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

BY TAOBH LINE

AT THE first Camogie occasion of 1979, the 75th Anniversary Year of the first camogie game, which was very pleasant, the B & I Line Awards Committee named Pat Moloney, of Killeagh, Co. Cork, as the Camogie Player of 1978.

Pat, who has had a brilliant career on the camogie playing fields, while at school in Youghal, at UCC and with the Cork teams, is a social science graduate.

Perhaps this brilliant young

player has been also blessed with a share of luck as she won an Ashbourne Cup medal on each of the four years while she was studying for her Social Science Degree at UCC. These successful years were also the ones when Cork appeared in six All-Ireland Finals in a row winning the title four times between 1970-73.

In all those years Pat was consistently at midfield, where, more often than not, was the star of her team. In 1978, Cork moved her to left forward and with even greater success she

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graced her new position and figured prominently on the scoring lists to win her fifth All-Ireland Senior medal.

Congratulations, Pat and may your great success and sportsmanship on the playing fields continue to influence the young girls of your area.

FIXTURE LIST

Ard Choiste meets next Satur-

day to ratify the fixture lists for the new season. The senior championship open draw was made at the December meeting to enable the Fixtures Committee to work out the dates.

With thirteen counties taking part in the National League there will be four zones for the first time. Heretofore there were ten counties involved and the League was played off in two sections.

Four zones enables the Association to have an exciting

climax to the competition with two semi-finals and a final.

Leinster Colleges Council also meets on Saturday to make arrangements for the remainder of their competitions. The Senior Championship run on the league system, in six zones before Christmas, will now be played off as a championship between the two leading teams from each zone.

The minor competition for 1st years will be also arranged at Saturday's meeting.

CAMOGIE AWARD FOR CORK STAR



By JOAN MORLEY

Pat Moloney, of Killeagh, made it a 1978 G.A.A. double for Cork when she was named yesterday as the B and I Line Camogie Personality of the Year.

Last September Tim Crowley, of Newcestown was voted the B and I Line Personality of the All-Ireland Hurling Final.

For her vital role in helping Cork to regain the All-Ireland title, in addition to her outstanding all-round displays throughout the year, Miss Moloney was the unanimous choice as the Camogie Personality of 1978.

At a luncheon in Dublin she was presented with her award by Mr. Ronald M. Delany, Assistant Chief Executive, B and I Line.

Pat Moloney, who now plays at left forward for Cork, is generally regarded as one of the great stylists of the game and has a most impressive record of achievements behind her in recent years.

At University College, Cork, where she took a Social Science degree, Pat, playing then as a left winger, was one of the top players in the college side

and won three medals in the Ashbourne Cup.

She was still at school when she duly took her place on the Cork side in 1970 and went on to share in the four-in-a-row All-Ireland run between 1970 and 1973.

Subsequently, she was on the losing sides in the All-Ireland finals of 1975 and 1976, but she came back in 1978 to collect her fifth All-Ireland medal in seven All-Ireland final appearances.

On the club front Pat has played a major role in putting camogie on the map in East Cork. She has won two senior championship medals with selected side Imokilly, and has also helped her home team Killeagh to become one of the top clubs in the county. They only lost in the final to Eire Og in the 1978 county final, and on Sunday last they qualified for the 1978 Cork senior club championship final against Watergrasshill.

Now a social worker in Cork, Pat Moloney is the fourth camogie player to be honoured under the B and I Line G.A.A. Personality of the Month award scheme.

The previous winners were: Bridget Doyle,

Wexford (1975), Bridie Maher, Kilkenny (1976) and Angela Downey, Kilkenny (1977).

Receiving her award, she said: "Between Cork winning the All-Ireland title and now this honour, it has been a great year for me. And, of course, I am delighted to be the first Cork player to win this award".

Making the presentation, Mr. Delany said: "This annual award to the Camogie Personality of the Year epitomises the spirit of the B and I Line awards in recognising achievements throughout the G.A.A."

"I hope this award makes some contribution towards furthering the game of camogie which is too often regarded in some quarters as the Cinderella of the G.A.A."

Picture above shows (left to right): Sean O Siachain, Director General, G.A.A.; Jo Golden, General Secretary, Camogie Association, Ronnie Delany, Assistant Chief Executive, B. and I. Line; Miss Pat Moloney, Miss Lily Spence, Treasurer, Camogie Association and Mrs. Agnes Purcell, President, Camogie Association.

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Pat Moloney, the Cork player, was voted the B + I Camogie Personality of 1978. Pictured receiving her award from Ronnie Delaney, Assistant Chief Executive.