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Glen And Old Als Meet In C'ship Semi-final

LAST year's county championship finalists, Glen Rovers and Old Aloysians meet again on Sunday in the semi-final of the 1969 county championship campaign. This game promises to be the most exciting of the championship games so far and a large attendance is expected at the Mardyke.

Down through the years there has been a very keen rivalry between Old Aloysians and Glen Rovers. For the past seven years Glen Rovers have, of course, dominated the championship scene but before that Old Aloysians had taken the title in three successive seasons. So that these two clubs have kept the trophy to themselves for the past decade. Last year they met in the final but from an early stage it was obvious that the Glen experience would be too much for the youthful Old Als side.

This season the champions have practically the same side and with years of playing together they have become a very competent team indeed. They are powerful in all sectors and once again could prove too much for the present Old Als side. On their side Old Als have five of the St. Aloysius school team which went down so gallantly to St. Paul's in the All-Ireland Colleges final. All these girls are very promising players, but with the exception of Liz Garvan, who has already played for Munster, they have not got a great deal of senior experience. Consequently, they could find the strength of the Glen girls too much for them.

SEASONED CAMPAIGNERS

Of course, Old Als have a number of top senior players in their side also. Mary Moran, their captain and goalie, is a great asset to the side, while Marie Garvan is a very solid full back. Schoolgirl Marion O'Leary, at half back, shows great promise, while Nuala Jennings and Nora McAuliffe on the wings will not take any chances. In the centre they have the stylish Mary A. Murphy, who is flanked by the hard-working Rose Long and Munster Sports Star Liz Garvan. The very competent McAuliffe twins, Ann and Kay, fill two of the forward positions while the line is completed by Catherine O'Regan and Rosie Hennessy, both of whom are capable of snapping up chances.

In their first round tie against U.C.C. Old Als looked good although hardly good enough to contend with the Glen challenge. However, on that day they were without Mary Moran and they missed her steadying influence. In that game their lack of experience was very obvious indeed but the game itself must have given them that added bit of confidence. Certainly, like Glen, Old Als always had a tradition of playing better as the competition wore on and following last year's defeat in the final they will be anxious to gain their revenge on Sunday. But what are Old Als up against? At the time of writing

the Glen team was not available but no doubt it will be along the following lines: Deirdre Sutton needs no introduction to camogie followers as a goalie, while Teresa Murphy, Nora O'Mahony and Margaret Buckley are all experienced defenders. Joan Twomey is a newer member of the defence but she is another grand back. Nuala Humphries, Maura Colman and Margaret Murphy make up a very formidable centre trio while Peggy Dorgan, Stephanie O'Connell, Anna Crotty and Mary McDonald form one of the best front lines in the country.

Certainly, on paper, it looks as if Glen are due to reach yet another final, but anything can happen in the championship and maybe this time the undoubted enthusiasm of the Old Als team will overcome the grand fighting spirit of the Glen girls.

As a curtain-raiser to Sunday's big game U.C.C. meet Bishopstown in the junior championship. This should be a very good game indeed with Bishopstown starting as slight favourites.

The remaining fixtures listed are junior and intermediate league ties and as these competitions are in the early stages it will be some time before they will get really interesting.

Arising out of the decision of Congress to implement the recommendation of the Special Commission, Mary Crowley of South Presentation Past Pupils has been appointed as Cork Organiser.

Mary's job will be to offer assistance to new clubs and to endeavour to spread the game in the county. It is a new post and should be of great benefit to Cork. Mary has already given a great deal of her time to camogie. She is a playing member of South Presentation Past Pupils and held the post of Secretary of the Cork County Board for a number of years. She was also Chairman of Munster Council for a time so she has plenty of experience for the post. Incidentally, each county will have their own organiser and this should help to arouse greater interest in the game generally.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Sunday)—At Mardyke: Junior Championship at 3 p.m., Bishopstown v. U.C.C. (referee Youghal); Senior Championship at 4 p.m., Glen v. Old Als (referee A. Comerford).

Thursday (May 22)—At Fermoy: Junior League, 8.00, Sarsfields v. Fermoy.

Old Aloysians Knock Out Glen Rovers

Old Aloysians 3-7
Glen Rovers 3-4

AFTER seven successive senior county camogie championship titles, Glen Rovers are out of this year's competition. Yesterday they were defeated by Old Aloysians in a highly entertaining semi-final and the winners now qualify to meet South Presentation Past Pupils in the decider.

Before the game it was felt that Old Aloysians would lack the experience of the champions as they have five schoolgirls on their side. But this was not the case, as from the outset Old Als showed that they meant business and the speed and splendid stick-work of this youthful side had Glen in trouble early on.

At half time Old Als were ahead by 1-6 to 0-3, which was a fine tribute not only to a very clever attack but also to a grand defence. It is no easy task to hold this Glen front line to such a small score and here a great deal of the credit must go to captain Mary Moran, who inspired confidence with a fine display between the posts. Nuala Jennings and Marion O'Leary were other outstanding defenders for the winners.

In the second half Old Als did not have things all their own way, however, as a gallant Glen comeback saw them score two great goals in as many minutes, but at this stage Old Als had added 1-1 to leave them ahead by four points. At this stage, however, Glen looked as if they might pull the game out of the fire with their top forwards Anna Crotty, Peggy Dorgan and Stephanie O'Connell going all out for the winning scores. However, Old Als dampened their ardour with another great goal from their star forward Kay McAuliffe and although Glen came back with yet another major, it was too late, and Glen were out of the championship.

This was a tremendous team display from Old Als, who in addition to those already mentioned had top performers in Liz Garvan, Rose Long and Catherine O'Regan. Glen, who never gave

up until the final whistle blew, had their top players in Deirdre Sutton, in goal, Stephanie O'Connell and Anna Crotty.

Scorers for the winners were: Anne McAuliffe (3-2), Catherine O'Regan (0-2), Rose Hennessy, Kay McAuliffe and Liz Garvan (0-1 each); while Peggy Dorgan (2-2), Anne Crotty (1-1) and Stephanie O'Connell (0-1) were on the mark for Glen.



Eamonn Lankford, manager Gael Linn, Cork, presenting the trophy to Marion Lehane, captain of the Convent of Mercy, Macroom, team after their point win over St. Patrick's "A" in the Intermediate final at Bishopstown, Cork. ("Echo")

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OLD ALS. BACK - B. McAULIFFE, A. O'DWYER, A. COURTNEY, R. LONG
K. McAULIFFE, C. O'REGAN, M. A. MURPHY, N. McAULIFFE
FRONT - A. McAULIFFE, M. O'LEARY, L. GARYAN,
M. BARYAN, M. MORAN (CAPT), R. HENNESSY, N. JENNINGS



The Old Aloysians team (above) which beat the Glen Rovers team (below) by 2-1 to 3-4 in the camogie semi-final at the U.C.C. Grounds.

GLEN - BACK - N. HUMPHRIES, M. NOTT, M. HIBBINS,
T. MURPHY, M. COLEMAN, M. MURPHY, D. SUTTON
FRONT - M. McDONALD, J. TWOMEY, P. BOREAN
S. O'CONNELL (CAPT), A. CROTTY, M. BUCKLEY, N. O'MAHONY

TIPPERARY DEFEAT LIMERICK

(By "ATLAS")

Tipperary, 4-6; Limerick, 4-0
Tipperary junior team scored a convincing win over Limerick on Sunday last in the Munster junior championship at Kildimo, County Limerick.

Played in brilliant sunshine and on a dry sod, the game produced a sparkling exhibition between two evenly matched teams who put all they knew into a bid for victory.

Tipperary won because they had a match-winner in Kathleen Downes, the former Roscrea star, now playing with Thurles. Kathleen, out of camogie for a year or two, made a brilliant comeback at full-forward and scored no less than 4-5 of Tipp's tally. The only other scorer was Margaret Kirwin, Thurles.

Tipperary went into an early lead and built an interval score of 1-4 to 1-0 for Limerick (scored by T. Fennessey).

LIMERICK TRIED VALIANTLY

After the change-over, Limerick tried hard to reduce the leeway, and narrowed the gap with goals by M. Tierney and S. Hanley.

Tipp, however, went further ahead when Kathleen Downes notched a further 2-2, to bring her tally to 4-5 and Tipp's to 4-6.

Just before the final whistle P. Ryan had another Limerick goal, but by then the result was cut and dried.

Best for Tipperary were: M. Brophy, J. Power, K. Downes, and M. Kirwin; while Limerick's best were P. Ryan, M. Tierney and S. Hanley.

Tipperary: C. Mannion; E. Dermody, B. Loughnane, M. Brophy, A. Browne, F. Maher, S. Tynan, J. McCoy, J. Power (captain), A. Míogúe, M. Kirwan, K. Downes. Subs: E. Hackett, J. Carroll, B. Cashee and S. Myles. Ref: B. Moloney (Tipp).

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WILL DUBLIN BE BACK?

TIME was, and not too long ago, when consideration of the All-Ireland camogie championship was confined to speculation about the team which would qualify to play Dublin in the final.

Those days are gone and so we face very intriguing speculation as to the possibilities of the season just ahead.

It seems fair to forecast that Antrim will again come out of the North, even though last year's junior champions, Down, may well take a shake out of them on the way. But that is about the only firm forecast that anybody can make and even that may well be proved wrong.

In the West, of course, Galway, as winners of both the senior and junior titles last season, must be named favourites; but they had not all that much to spare in the senior final last season and, if Mayo regroup their forces, they could create a surprise, while I hear good reports from Roscommon.

In the South, Cork, so narrowly beaten in both All-Ireland finals last year, will be strongly fancied again, but in the senior grade it must be remembered that they had precious little to spare over either Waterford or Tipperary a year ago, and both these counties should pose an even greater threat now.

Greatest enigma of all is Leinster, where Wexford step out in defence of their All-Ireland title, won for the first time last Sep-

tember. The champions will have to go all out from the start this time, for they meet Kilkenny in the first round and Dublin await the winners in the provincial final.

Kilkenny, who caused the sensation of the championship last season by defeating Dublin in the Leinster semi-final, were subsequently routed by Wexford in the provincial final, but the fact that Kilkenny subsequently won the All-Ireland club championship, and have already this year won the All-Ireland Colleges' title, shows that the county has a great deal of talent available, and they could well give the Wexford champions a fright even on Wexford soil.

What is more, Dublin will be waiting for either Wexford or Kilkenny in the final, and Dublin this time will be a far different side than they were when beaten by Kilkenny a year ago.

The fact of the matter is that it had been so long since they suffered defeat in Leinster, that Dublin really did not look upon defeat as possible. But beaten they were and the shock of that defeat will send Dublin out this year grimly determined to win not only the Leinster but the All-Ireland title as well.

Moreover, Una O'Connor, who was playing out of position for her club last season is back to her best, as are others of the Dublin stars of '66 and '67. So that I would not be at all surprised to see Dublin back among

the chief contenders for senior honours.

It all adds up to one of the most intriguing All-Ireland series ever in senior ranks, which in the ultimate analysis is what a championship is really all about. There is very little point to a competition in which anyone can nominate the winners beforehand.

The success of the All-Ireland Colleges' series was tremendous—so much so that the people most concerned are already talking about further advances next year, such as a band and organised excursions to Dublin for the event from camogie playing schools other than those directly concerned.

Certainly, the enthusiasm we saw and heard at this first final will not be easily forgotten and Presentation, Kilkenny, will long be proud of the fact that they brought the very first Colleges' title home to the Nore.

The second session of Congress did not make any remarkable amendments to the Rules, but at least the delegates did straighten out a number of important matters, and the recommendations of the Special Commission were very thoroughly discussed.

What is more, the recommendation that more coaching courses be held has already borne fruit in Dublin, Kilkenny and Cork, which will all help to ensure that 1969 is another record camogie year.

Eoghan Ruadh for final

THOUGH BEATEN in the first round by Austin Stacks, Dublin camogie champions Eoghan Ruadh, who then had to make their way back into contention via the losers' group, will be well fancied to reach the senior final once again when they play Celtic in the semi-final at Croke Park tonight.

The holders had a clear-cut victory over the present opposition in a recent league engagement, and with their Wexford star Margaret O'Leary, back to top form, will be ably assisted by Kay and Connie Lyons, Jean Foley and Maureen Kearns, they should have the measure of Celtic.

Celtic, however, usually reserve their best performances for Croke Park, and if Una O'Connor, Kitty Murphy, Alice Hussey, Eithne Leech and Mary Fennelly play their best, a surprise could be in store.

In Dublin Eoghan Ruadh (holders) are through once again to the final and should make a brave bid indeed to win the title for the third successive year when they meet Austin Stacks at Croke Park on next Tuesday.

2-1 to 1-2



HILL-HENNERTY WEDDING—The marriage took place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ballinlough, on May 10. M. David Hill, Fir Hill, Monkstown, Co. Cork, and Miss Angela Hennerty, 'Thornhill Cottage,' Ballinlough Road. (MacGill).

GLANWORTH WIN CAMOGIE LEAGUE

Glanworth 6-3, Munster Institute 4-0

In the final of the Junior League Championship (1968) played at the Munster Institutes Grounds, the young Glanworth girls annexed their first title, after a very exciting game, in which both teams served up a high standard of camogie.

Playing with the advantage of the incline and a strong wind, Glanworth dominated the first half, but found it difficult to get through a resolute Institute defence.

Glanworth had two goals by H. Bellhan and a goal and a point per A. Kirby before half-time.

Soon after the turn-over the Institute put in a magnificent rally which yielded quick goals by Mary Releghan and C. Sheehan, followed by a third from a goalmouth melee. But the Glanworth girls responded in splendid style and had further scores by A. Kirby 1-2, M. O'Neill 1-0, and H. Bellhan 1-0, before the Institute's "never-say-die" spirit brought their final goal.

DUBLIN BOARD TRIAL

In view of the forthcoming inter-county camogie contests, the Dublin County Board has made the following selections for a trial game, which takes place at Phoenix Park this evening (7.30 p.m.):

A team—S. Murray, O. Ni Shiochain, B. Keenan, A. McAlister (A. Stacks), M. Kelly (U.C.D.), P. Rafferty, A. Ashton, M. Murphy, E. Tooner (Eoghan Ruadh), U. O'Connor (Celtic), F. Whelan (Naomh Aoife).

B team—E. Leech, K. Murphy, M. Finlay, A. Hussey, S. Creevy (Celtic), M. Ryan, M. Sherlock, A. Sheehy (Austin Stacks), P. Timmins (Naomh Aoife), C. Lyons (Eoghan Ruadh), D. Barber, V. Finnegan.

Subs.—P. Morrissey (U.C.D.), S. Sullivan (A. Stacks), F. Walsh (do.), T. Walsh (do.), P. Brennan (do.), A. Carey (E. Ruadh).



a ngnóthaigh Laighin "na lann go briomhar teann" an trófaí. Tá comhghairdeas dlíte, freisin, do Chlub Naomh Pól, Cill Chainnigh, a rug leo an teideal sa Chomórtas Club Uile-Eireann.

I Mumhain bhí na contaetha uile cleamhnaithe le Comhairle na Mumhan. I gContae an Chláir, bhí ocht gclubanna, ach tá an cluiche sna doldrama san áit a líonann na scairdeitleáin thrasatlantacha na spéartha: instealladh sa ghéag a dhíth go géar anseo. I gCiarraí, is oth linn a chur ar breacadh go bhfuil an cluiche beagnach i ngairdín calm, chomh maith. Tuairiscí maithe chugainn ó Luimneach, Tiobrad Árann, Port Láirge, agus gan amhras Corcaigh.

Cé nár éirigh leis an Mhumhain a Cúrsa Oilúna a chur ar siúl sa bhliain dheireanach, is rún é a bheith ann i mbliana. I gComórtas Scoileanna na Mumhan, bhí troid chorráitheach idir Coláiste Mhuire, Inis, agus Naomh Alabhaois, Corcaigh.

Tá Eithne Ní Niadh, Rúnaí Chumann Camógaíochta na Mumhan, sásta go leor le forbairt an chluiche. Ach molann sí feidhm a bhaint as luise agus meallacht chun a thuilleadh imreoirí agus lucht féachana a mhealladh chuig an spórt. Fadhb moltóireachta sa deisceart — an caighdeán íseal.

I measc na Laighneach is í Aine Ní Astún

Foicéann Chlochar na Toirbhirte, Cill Chainnigh, a bhuaigh comórtas Coláiste Uile Eireann i bPáirc a' Chrócaigh ar 19 Aibreán, tar éis an-chluiche le Naomh Alabhaois as Corcaigh.

— Grianraf le Brett

an Rúnaí Cúige. Naoi gcontaetha atá cleamhnaithe anseo, ach tá Cill Mantáin agus Ua bhFáilí i réigiún na lagar. Sa chathair cois Life, tá Bord Contae deá-eagraithe, ach ar ndóigh, is fada Áth Cliath ag plé leis an geluiche. Rinne Cill Dara dul chun cinn mór, buíochas le dianshaothar na n-oifigeach. Bíodh go bhfuil Cill Chainnigh ina naíonán, nach mór, léim sé ar aghaidh le céimeanna fathaigh.

"Tá feabhas mór ar an bhfeisteas sa séasúr deireanach," deir Áine linn, "agus molaim do chlubanna agus do chontaethe teacht amach gléasta i gceart."

Is cosúil caint Áine le moladh Rúnaí na Mumhan maidir le meallacht agus meallacht a thabhairt isteach sa chluiche, rud atá dodhéanta más dlí di féin gach imreoir maidir le héadaí.

Clubanna camógaíochta i dtuilleamaí na bhfear? Is cosúil go raibh roinnt bheag triobóide maidir le "lucht féachana fireann ar an taobhlíne" i gCúige na Páile. Tá scoil



DUBLIN V TIPPERARY (1965)

Can South Presentation Past Pupils Take The First County Title?

CAN South Presentation Past Pupils take their first Cork Senior County Championship title or will Old Aloysians take their 17th? This question will be answered this Saturday evening (7.30 p.m.), at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, when the sides meet in this season's final. Glen Rovers who dominated the County for the past seven years were defeated in the semi-final by Old Aloysians and after so many successive appearances it seems a strange final without the champions.

However, it must be remembered that prior to Glen's victory run Old AIs had taken the title in three successive seasons and South Pres. had appeared in two of those finals. So that tonight's game promises to be a very exciting one.

Over the past seven years Old Aloysians have been constantly losing many of their top players either through marriage, attendance at U.C.C. or retirements and they have been finding the going rather difficult. This season they have no less than five schoolgirls on their side, but these girls helped by the steady influence of their more experienced colleagues have made a vast difference to the team. These girls too gained valuable experience while playing for St. Aloysius school team in the All-Ireland Colleges competition and having appeared in the final of this they will hardly be overawed by the occasion on Sunday.

IMPRESSIVE WIN

In their first outing in the Championship Old Aloysians played U.C.C. and although they had an impressive win they did not look like possible champions. However, what a different story when they took on Glen in the semi-final. In this game the side struck brilliant form and although Glen made many gallant efforts to save the day, they never really looked as though they would catch this grand side.

Mary Moran had a great game in goal that day while in the defence schoolgirls Marion O'Leary and Nuala Jennings were tremendous. Marie Garvan was a very solid full-back while Nora McAuliffe never put a foot wrong.

Of course Old AIs have Munster Sports Star, Liz Garvan, at centre-field where she is partnered by the stylish Mary Murphy and the up-tiring Rose Long.

In attack Old Aloysians are very effective with all four forwards capable of snapping up chances. The McAuliffe twins, Kay and Ann, are alert and accurate, while Catherine O'Regan is quick to seize an opportunity. The line-out is completed by the diminutive Rosie Hennessy who is a very clever full forward.

Certainly against Glen Old AIs looked good, but on form so far this season they will be up against very much better opposition tomorrow evening.

South Presentation, although seeking their first championship win, have always been a very strong league side. They won the 1966-67 title and are the present leaders of the 1968 campaign. In fact they have been playing extremely well this season. In the championship they defeated a very strong Youghal side by 2-2 to 1-3 before qualifying for the decider. South Pres. have four members of the Cork team that played in the All-Ireland final last September. They are Eleanor Cummins, their outstanding goalie, Hannah Dineen, Sheila O'Sullivan and Anne Comerford.

Besides these four girls South Pres. have a fine team of very useful players who will take a great deal of beating.

Besides Eleanor in goal, South Pres. have a strong full back in Mary Crowley. On the wings they have the hard-hitting Hannah Dineen and Mary Whelton, while at half back they have the very solid Sheila O'Sullivan.

FORMIDABLE LINE

Their centrefield trio is made up of Anne Comerford, Blanche Gibbons and Betty Sugrue, a very formidable line indeed. In the forward line too they have plenty of talent in the person of Marion McCarthy, Joan Fitzpatrick, Angela Cronin and Kay Dunne.

Already the sides have met on three occasions this season. They both won a game and halved the third, so on that score the result must be a close one. But South Pres. have been playing so well this season they will probably be given the mantle of favourites on this occasion.

Certainly it promises to be a game full of excitement with very little separating the sides at the finish.

Teams—
Old Aloysians: M. Moran, M. Garvan, N. Jennings, M. O'Leary, N. McAuliffe, R. Long, M. A. Murphy, L. Garvan, C. O'Regan, A. McAuliffe, K. McAuliffe, R. Hennessy.
S.P.P.P.: E. Cummins, M. Crowley, H. Dineen, S. O'Sullivan, M. Whelton, A. Comerford, B. Gibbons, B. Sugrue, M. McCarthy, J. Fitzpatrick, A. Cronin, K. Dunne, Subs: E. Hurley, R. Nagle, I. O'Halloran.

FIXTURES

Tonight, Senior Championship Final at Mardyke at 7.30: Old Aloysians v. South Presentation Past Pupils.

County Title For South Pres

South Pres. P.P. 2-2
Old Aloysians 1-2

SOUTH PRESENTATION PAST PUPILS, CORK, made camogie history on Saturday when they emerged champions, beating Old Aloysians by 2-2 to 1-2 in the Cork Senior Co. Championship final at the Mardyke.

It was the fourth occasion on which South Pres. got to the final but until Saturday the final glory always eluded them. On the other hand, Old AIs, who have figured in a great many finals down through the years, were seeking the title for the 17th time.

South Pres. deserved their victory. They put up a very good fight all through but the game lacked the sparkle and excitement which one would expect from a county final.

Conditions were excellent at the Mardyke and within a short time of opening play Old AIs took the lead with a point by Liz Garvan. A short time after Joan Fitzpatrick equalised for South Pres.

The pace intensified with both sides trying hard to get on top and Carmel O'Regan put Old AIs in the lead once more with another point.

The half-time whistle saw Old AIs ahead, 2 pts. to 1 pt.

TAKE LEAD

Shortly after the resumption, South Pres had a goal when Kay Buckley followed through a fast pass from Anne Comerford and shot the ball under the bar. Within minutes their lead was increased when Angela Cronin put the ball over the bar to leave St. Pres. one goal ahead. At the end of the third quarter, Kay Buckley again goaled.

Old AIs then came back with renewed determination and their efforts were rewarded by a goal from Mary Murphy. But South Pres., now leading by a goal, fought hard and while, on one or two occasions, it seemed that the equaliser was imminent, they succeeded in holding their lead to the final whistle.

South Pres. P.P.—E. Cummins, M. Crowley, H. Dineen, S. O'Sullivan, M. Whelton, A. Comerford, B. Gibbons, B. Sugrue, M. McCarthy, J. Fitzpatrick, A. Cronin, K. Buckley.

Old Aloysians — M. Moran, M. Garvan, N. Jennings, M. O'Leary, N. McAuliffe, R. Long, M. A. Murphy, L. Garvan, C. O'Regan, A. McAuliffe, K. McAuliffe, R. Hennessy.

Referee—Miss S. Dineen (U.C.C.)

South Pres. Made Camogie History On Saturday

SATURDAY last was the biggest day in the history of South Presentation Past Pupils camogie club. On that evening they won the Cork Senior County Camogie Championship for the first time and although Old Aloysians' players and followers must have been disappointed, they - along with every other follower in the country - will not begrudge them this hard earned title.

This was their fourth appearance in the final in the last decade and they must have been very anxious facing Old Aloysians, conquerors of seven-in-a-row winners Glen Rovers. However, they went into this game with plenty of confidence and not even the most ardent Old AIs follower can say they did not deserve victory. Old AIs in fact were rather disappointing in this game, following their tremendous display against Glen, but they have a very young side, which includes five schoolgirls, and they must be expected to be a very strong side again next year.

It was good to see players of the calibre of Ann Comerford, Sheila O'Sullivan and Eleanor Cummins, all stalwarts of the club for many years now, gaining their first county title. These girls have also been giving their dedicated services to the Cork side for many years without an All-Ireland success so they must have felt that a major trophy was never going to come their way.

PLAYED WELL

Certainly on Saturday these three played marvellous games and they thoroughly deserved their long-awaited medals. Of course there were others on the South Pres side who have been around for some time also. Mary Crowley, the captain, has given a great deal of her time to camogie both on and off the field, while Betty Sugrue, Hannah Dineen, Angela Cronin, Joan Fitzpatrick, Blanche Gibbons and Kay Dunne are others who have been devoted to the game in recent years. On Saturday there wasn't a weak link on this side and though I have singled out the stalwarts, every member of the side deserves congratulations for this fine victory.

Condolences too to Old AIs, who did so well against Glen Rovers

and who tried so hard in the second half to pull the game out of the fire.

There are congratulations in order also for two schools sides this week. They are Drishane Convent, Millstreet, who had a 4-1 to nil win over Scel Tractalain the O'Callaghan Cup Final and Mount Mercy Convent who defeated Cobh by 7 goals to nil, in the O'Sullivan Cup Final.

COUNTY PANEL

Big news this week is the selection of 28 players to take part in trial games for the Cork County team. Cork play Tipperary in the Munster championship at Thurles on Sunday week so that the training is likely to be pretty intensive.

The players named are: T. Murphy, A. Crotty, P. Dorgan, D. Sutton and M. Coleman (Glen Rvs.), L. Garvan, A. McAuliffe, R. Hennessy, M. O'Leary, C. O'Regan, R. Long, M. Moran, K. McAuliffe and M. Garvan (Old Aloysians) M. J. Ryan, M. Costigan, E. Ruxton and E. O'Connell (Youghal) H. Dineen, E. Cummins, S. O'Sullivan, A. Comerford, B. Sugrue, B. Gibbons, A. Cronin and J. Fitzpatrick (S.P.P.P.) S. Dunne (Canovee) and H. O'Connor.

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A South Pres P.P. defender covers the ball much to the annoyance of an Old Als' forward during the Cork County camogie final at the Mardyke. (Echo)



The South Pres P.P. keeper, E. Cummins, throws her stick in a desperate but vain effort to prevent an Old Als goal by Mary Murphy during the Cork County camogie final at the Mardyke. (Echo)



THEIR FIRST TITLE—The South Presentation Senior Camogie team which gained its first Cork County senior camogie title with a 2-2 to 1-2 win over Old Aloysians in the final at the Mardyke, Cork. (Sweeney)



RIVAL CAPTAINS—Mary Crowley (South Presentation), left, and Mary Moran (Old Aloysians) with referee Sheila Dunne, prior to the start of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship final at the Mardyke. South Presentation won 2-2 to 1-2 to capture their first senior title.

TITLE STAYS WITH EOGHAN RUADH

Eoghan Ruadh 2-1
Austin Stacks 1-0

Eoghan Ruadh won the senior camogie championship for the third successive year at Croke Park yesterday by defeating Austin Stacks 2-1 to 1-0. Ruadh had an interval lead of 1-1 to nil.

Stacks improved in the second half and the issue was in doubt up to five minutes before the end when the winners scored their second goal.

Scorers: Eoghan Ruadh — J. Foley (1-0), Kearns (1-0), K. Lyons (0-1); Stacks: A. Sheehy (1-0).
Intermediate League — Austin Stacks, 0-0; C.R.B., 2-3.

KERRY WERE OUTCLASSED

Limerick 5-4; Kerry 1-0.

Limerick qualified for the Munster Senior Camogie final by easily beating Kerry at Kildimo, Co. Limerick yesterday. Limerick who now meet either Waterford or Cork, led 2-2 to 0-0 at half-time.

Well-known referee Eithne Neville had three of the Limerick goals and other scorers were M. Naughton, J. Hayes, each of whom had 1-1 and Carrie Clancy had 0-2. M. Walsh had the Kerry goal and was their outstanding player with M. Downes, E. Morris, M. O'Donnell and E. O'Donoghue also trying hard.

For Limerick in addition to Miss Neville, Carrie Clancy, Christina Murphy and A. Dee were outstanding.

Sarfields junior camogie team scored a great victory over the Bomsters, Watergrasshill in a Watergrasshill Tournament game last week, thus winning their initial set of medals. The Hill will be thirsty for revenge when the two sides meet again shortly in the League competition. The Riverstown Club's side will be powered by the O'Connell sisters, Mary and Pat; Eleanor and Mary (Captain) Brennan, Kay Kennedy, Theresa Crowley, Geraldine O'Keeffe, Kitty Hallissy, Anne Kearney, Eileen McCarthy, Rosie McCarthy, Elsie Delaney, Marjorie Murphy.

Kerry camogie followers will have an opportunity of seeing the county team in action on Sunday when they play Waterford in the Munster junior championship at Austin Stack Park, Tralee.

Last Sunday, Kerry lost by 5-4 to 1-0 to Kildimo in the Munster senior championship, but this result was more or less as expected.

"We are just not in senior class," said team member, Angela O'Sullivan.

However, the prospects of victory on Sunday are very rosy. Kerry have been allowed the concession of playing their senior team in the junior competition as well, and they feel that they should be good enough to beat Waterford's second string, especially at home.

"We went to the Munster junior final last year against Cork and were quite pleased with our performance," said Angela O'Sullivan.

"We felt that we would be an even stronger force in junior competition this year, and I have no doubt that the Munster title is within our grasp.

"Win or lose, we are going to have a right good bash anyway. That's the spirit!

Dublin Team (vs Meath), Parnell Park (3 p.m.)—M. O'Reilly, S. Wallace (capt.), P. Moore, A. O'Boyle, M. O'Loughlin, P. Caffrey, D. Lawlor, W. Cermican, S. McEvoy, T. Heapes, W. O'Carroll, K. Murray, L. Crowley, D. Dowling, P. McNally, A. Callen, C. Dignam, A. McManus, N. O'Driscoll.

WEXFORD, CORK DEFEND CAMOGIE TITLES

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What could prove to be two key games in the All-Ireland senior camogie championship are down for decision this weekend when holders Wexford meet Kilkenny in the Leinster semi-final at Ennis-corthy and runners-up Cork play Tipperary in the Munster semi-final at Thurles.

It was against Kilkenny a year ago that Wexford started their march to victory when they routed Kilkenny in the Leinster final, after the Kilkenny girls had created the surprise of the decade by defeating Dublin in the semi-final. Wexford then went on to take their first All-Ireland title by defeating Antrim and Cork in succession.

Firm Favourites

Subsequently Wexford provided the backbone of the Leinster side that regained the interprovincial title, but the only one of their players that has been in the limelight of late has been Margaret O'Leary who once again proved a key figure recently in the victories of her club in Eoghan Ruadh's Dublin league and championship successes.

However, with last year's All-Ireland champions, and their victorious juniors, who

also took the Leinster title last season to pick from, Wexford, since they contained the Kilkenny challenge last season so easily, must start firm favourites now to advance and meet Dublin in the provincial final.

However, they will need to tread warily, for Kilkenny can call on the majority of the St. Paul's side that won the All-Ireland club championship last October, as well as the Fennelly sisters, who have been playing well in Dublin competition for Celtic, and the UCD Ashbourne Cup stars, Anne Carroll and goalkeeper Jo Golden, together with the interprovincial player from Mooncoin, Brid Kinsella.

And, on their side also, are three of the Presentation Convent side that won the All-Ireland Colleges' title, Anne Phelan, Liz Neary and Teresa Brennan.

So Wexford will have no easy passage in their first defence of their All-Ireland crown.

Nor can Cork, the Munster title-holders, expect an easy game against resurgent Tipperary at Thurles. It was only in the closing stages that Cork got past the Tipperary challenge a year ago, and this season, the Tipperary girls have shown even better form

when they travelled to Waterford and there scored a good victory over the home side, last year's provincial finalists.

Tipperary have a very experienced set of players in Sally Long in goal, the three Graham sisters, Margot Loughnane, Bridie Conroy and Beatrice Lawrence, and the rest are well up to standard.

Cork will be without Teresa Murphy and Nuala Humphries of last year's side, but will be strengthened by the return of former county players, Betty Sugrue and Maura Coleman.

Mel Cummins, Hanna Dineen, Sheila Dunne and Mary Joe Ryan form a sound defence.

Liz Garvan, Betty Sugrue and Anne Comerford are a midfield trio that will take beating, while those great stars, Peggy Dorgan and Anna Crotty are again in the attack. So this should prove a particularly intriguing game at Thurles with victory very much in the balance.

Kilkenny (from) C. O'Shea (capt.), P. O'Shea, A. Phelan, L. Neary, N. Duncan, T. Brennan, M. Cassin, B. Cassin, C. Conway, M. Conway, R. Vennard (St. Paul's), B. Kinsella, M. O'Neill (Mooncoin), P. Carey (Gowran), M. Fennelly, B. Fennelly (Celtic), A. Carroll, J. Golden (UCD),

Cork Face Tipperary At Thurles

CORK make their first appearance in this season's Munster Senior Championship when they meet Tipperary in the semi-final at Thurles to-morrow (Sunday). Cork had a bye in the first round.

For the game Cork make three changes from the side which suffered defeat at the hands of Wexford in last year's All-Ireland final.

Last season Cork hit the high spots when they appeared in the All-Ireland decider for the first time since 1937 and though they were defeated by Wexford, interest in camogie in the county was very high. In the final Cork put up a tremendous performance and one felt that they must come again. On to-morrow they face one of their biggest hurdles on their way back to Croke Park. Tipperary have always been Cork's major worry in Munster and although the Leesiders have held the title for the last two seasons, Tipperary have never been far behind. In fact, only four points separated the sides in last season's first round meeting and this with a Cork venue.

In addition, Tipperary put up a very good show in last season's Secondary competition and it was obvious that they had some very good up and coming players. These girls have now been promoted to the first twelve and in this year's first round tie against Waterford they played very well, particularly Beatrice Lawrence and Deirdre Lane.

It must be remembered, too, that Tipperary held the Munster title in 1964, 1965 and 1966. In fact—like Cork—Tipperary have also gone very close to an All-Ireland title and they must always be regarded with the greatest respect in any grade.

Against Waterford in the first round they looked very good, indeed. They had no real weakness in the side and were particularly strong in the centre-field, where Deirdre Lane, Beatrice Lawrence and Margaret Cleary made up a formidable trio.

In goal they have the experienced Sally Long while in defence they have the very sound Graham sisters, J. Marshall their captain and the powerful Bridie Scully. In attack, too, they have plenty of ability with Monica Ryan, Peg Graham and Margo Loughnane.

Certainly, they look a better side than last season's and with the advantage of a home venue, Cork will need to be at their best to emerge victors.

THREE CHANGES

The Cork side has just been announced and shows three changes from last season's All-Ireland side. Teresa Murphy and Nuala Humphries are gone from the side and Hannah Dineen, although not on the team, is listed in the substitutes.

Newcomers to the side are Mary Moran of Old Aloysians and Marie Costin of Youghal while Betty Sugrue returns to the side after a year's absence.

In goal Cork have Eleanor

Cummins who was one of the stars of last year's final and who was in brilliant form again in this season's county championship campaign. At full back the powerful Marie Costin, who has played many great games for Cork's secondary side and deserves her promotion to the senior twelve. The half back line is made up of Sheila Dunne, Mary Jo Ryan and Sheila O'Sullivan, all very solid defenders. In the centre of the field Cork have the stylish Betty Sugrue, who played for Cork and Munster in 1967 and who was in tremendous form for South Presentation Past Pupils in this season's county championship. She will be flanked by Munster Sports Star Liz Garvan and the untiring Anne Comerford.

SURPRISE

In the forward line Cork have Glen stalwarts Peggy Dorgan and Anna Crotty and their partners will be Old Ais' brilliant half forward Kay McAuliffe and Mary Moran. The selection of Mary Moran as a wing forward will come as a surprise to followers. Mary, of course, is Old Ais' grand goalkeeper but she is no stranger to outfield play. In fact, Mary spent a number of years playing with one of Dublin's top clubs (Celtic) and in that time never played between the posts. For Celtic she was a grand centre-field player and also had a successful spell at full forward. So that her selection is not as strange as it may seem and Mary has enough talent and determination to make a success of this position. It is Mary's first time appearing on the Cork senior team.

This will not be an easy game for Cork to win. However, the Leesiders always seem to do better when the odds are against them and if the players named can reach their best form then they must have a great chance of defeating Tipperary and advancing to the final against Limerick.

Cork—E. Cummins (S.P.P.); M. Costin (Youghal), S. Dunne (Canovee), M. J. Ryan (Youghal), S. Sullivan (S.P.P.), L. Garvan (Old Aloysians), B. Sugrue (S.P.P.), A. Comerford (do.); P. Dorgan (Glen Rovers), A. McAuliffe (Old Aloysians), M. Moran (do.); A. Crotty (Glen Rovers). Subs.—M. Coleman (Glen Rvs.), B. Hennessy (Old Ais), C. O'Regan (do.) and H. Dineen (S.P.P.).

The bus leaves from the City Library, Grand Parade, at 11.45 for Thurles and there will be a few seats available for followers.

FIXTURES

To-morrow (Sunday) at Thurles—Munster Senior Championship semi-final, Cork v. Tipperary; 3.30 p.m.; (Limerick referee). Tuesday at Fermoy—J.L. Fermoy v. St. Fanahan's, 8 p.m. Thursday at Youghal—J.C. Youghal v. S.P.P., 8 p.m. Friday at Tramore Road—J.C. Old Aloysians v. Rochestown, at 8 p.m. At Blarney—L.L. Blarney v. Enniscarra, 8 p.m.

Cork Camogie Side Lose Title

Tipperary, 2-2; Cork, 1-3. CORK, the 1968 Munster champions and All-Ireland finalists took a surprise beating from a young and spirited Tipperary team in the Munster Camogie semi-final at Thurles Sportsfield yesterday. Tipperary now play Limerick in the final.

Cork, fielding ten of last year's team, started in fine fashion but visibly weakened at the final stages of both halves. This was a very fit Tipperary team, who forced the pace right through and but for some poor shooting by their forwards, would have had a more comfortable victory.

Within five minutes of the start, Cork's Peg Dorgan had them two points in front from close in frees. Tipperary fought back but could not get through a magnificent Cork defence. During this period Hannah Dineen and Mary J. Ryan hardly put a foot wrong, but while Cork were leading and also had the wind advantage, it was noticeable that Tipperary were beginning to get on top. Five minutes from half-time their efforts were rewarded when Bernie Dowd gave them a point lead with a fine goal to leave it Tipperary 1-0, Cork 0-2 at half-time.

Tipperary started the second half with great determination, but some hasty shooting resulted in a number of missed chances. Six minutes after the restart, Margo Loughnane scored a point from a free for Tipperary, but five minutes later Cork struck back again. From a throw in, Maura Coleman sent to Ann Crotty whose first time shot finished in the Tipperary net. Cork were now in front and it looked as if this was the tonic they needed. For a period they gave an exhibi-

tion of camogie, but try as they did they failed to hold back a Tipperary side that were beginning to fight back. When Tipperary were awarded a free it was expected that Margo Loughnane would take her point, but instead she crashed the ball to the net to put Tipperary ahead again. Minutes from time Deirdre Lane added a further point.

In goal for Tipperary, Sally Long was outstanding and in the first half in particular she made some great saves. She got fine cover from Margaret Phelan. The half-back line of Josephine Marshall (capt.), Ann Graham and Mary Graham was Tipperary's strongest sector. In the forward line, Tipperary appeared a little over anxious, but Margo Loughnane, Bridie Conroy, Beatrice Lawrence and Bernie Dowd all had their moments.

Cork had outstanding players in Mel Cummins in goal, Hannah Dineen, Mary J. Ryan, S. O'Sullivan, Liz Garvan, Peggie Dorgan and Ann Crotty.

Scorers for Tipperary were M. Loughnane (1-1), B. Dowd (1-0), D. Lane (0-1) and Cork replied per A. Crotty (1-1), P. Dorgan (0-2).

Tipperary—S. Long, M. Phelan, J. Marshall, A. Graham, M. Graham, M. Cleary, M. Ryan, D. Lane, B. Lawrence, B. Conroy, M. Loughnane, B. Dowd.

Cork—M. Cummins, H. Dineen, S. Dunne, M. J. Ryan, S. O'Sullivan, L. Garvan, B. Sugrue, A. Comerford, P. Dorgan, M. Coleman, A. McAuliffe, A. Crotty.

M. COSTIN, M. MORAN

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No trouble for camogie champions

Wexford, 3-2; Kilkenny, 0-2

Wexford, All-Ireland senior camogie champions, playing their first competitive game since they won the title, deservedly defeated Kilkenny in the Leinster semi-final at Enniscorthy yesterday.

The winners, without four of last season's winning side, were the stronger team and backed by a stiff wind laid the foundations of victory in the first half when they led by 3-0 to 0-0 at the interval.

Ann Carroll, who played at full back for Kilkenny in the first half switched to the right wing early on resumption. She rallied her side but the Kilkenny attack failed to turn their chances to good effect and their only scores—two points from play—were scored by Ann Carroll from the wing.

Wexford scored two further points—one from play and one from a free.

The winners were best served by Margaret O'Leary, Brigid Doyle at centre back and Mary Doyle and Maura Shannon in attack. Best for the losers were Ann Carroll, Carmel O'Shea, Catherine Conway and Mary Fennelly.

Scorers: Wexford — M. Shannon (2-0), M. Doyle (1-0), M. O'Leary (0-1) and J. Kehoe (0-1). Kilkenny—A. Carroll (0-2).



Midfielders Bernie Murphy and Margaret O'Leary put Wexford on the attack, despite the attentions of Kilkenny's Ann Carroll and Mary Finlay.

DUBLIN ROUT MEATH

DUBLIN 10-2
MEATH 1-0

Dublin scored a runaway victory over Meath in the quarter final of the Leinster Junior Camogie Championship at Parnell Park, Dublin, yesterday.

Though the home side faced the wind in the opening half, they were four goals to nil up at half-time.

Dublin continued to dominate the play after the interval, were the more experienced side, and combined well as a team.

Most prominent for the winners were Sheila Wallace at full-back, Denise Lawlor at mid-field, with Kay Murray and Teresa Heaps in attack.

Best for Meath were Dolores Hanbury, Pauline Reilly and Louise McElhinney.

Scorers: Dublin — K. Murray (7-0), S. McEvoy (1-0), T. Heapy (1-0), D. Lawlor (1-0), U. Carroll (0-1), U. Cormivan (0-1). Meath — S. Reilly (1-0).



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Surrounded by Kilkenny players, this was one of the few occasions that Wexford midfielder Margaret O'Leary did not get possession of the ball.

Camogie officers for next season

The Annual Convention of the Dublin Camogie Board held in Brno na nGael elected the following officers for the coming season. The motions will be dealt with at the resumed convention on July 2.

Senior Board—Chairman, Miss N. McCarthy (outgoing); Vice-Chairmen, Mrs. Timmins (outgoing), Miss R. White; Secretary, Miss C. Lucey (outgoing); Treasurer, Miss M. Fitzgerald (outgoing); Registrar, Miss S. Brack (outgoing). Selection Committee—Miss N. McCarthy, Mrs. A. Purcell, Mrs. K. Timmins, Miss M. Fitzgerald, Miss A. Ashton (all outgoing).

Junior Board—Chairman, Miss A. Ashton (outgoing); Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Mangan; Secretary, Miss M. O'Connor (outgoing); Treasurer, Miss T. Foy (outgoing); Registrar, Miss Wallace. Selection Committee—Miss S. Brack, Miss A. Ashton, Miss N. McCarthy, Mrs. K. O'Duffy, Mrs. M. Mangan (all outgoing).

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The Tipperary camogie team which defeated Cork in the Munster Championship semi-final at Thurles on Sunday:—
BACK ROW — Mary Graham, Sally Long, Margaret Cleary, Margaret Phelan, Deirdre Lane, Ann Graham, Bridie Conroy.
FRONT ROW — Siobhan Tynan, Bernie Dowd, Monica Ryan, Josephine Marshall (capt.), Margo Loughnane, Beatrice Lawrence, Peggy Graham (sub).



WEXFORD team: At back (left to right)—Cathy Power, Ellen Shannon (sub.), Brigid O'Connor, Bernadette Murphy, Brigid Doyle, Ann Kent, Ann F., Joan Murphy, Margaret O'Leary.
In front—Teresa Shannon (sub. goal), Peggy Doyle (sub.), Teresa Sheil (goal), Mary Doyle, Mary Shannon, Josie Kehoe and Carmel Fortune (sub.).

Margaret O'Leary and Wexford Tamed Kilkenny With a 3-Goal Victory

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In Senior Leinster Camogie Semi-Final in Bellefield, Enniscorthy, Last Sunday

DESPITE lining out without four of last year's team, All-Ireland senior Camogie champions, Wexford, got off to a wonderful start in the 1969 'campaign' when they disposed of Kilkenny by 3-2 to 0-2 in Bellefield, Enniscorthy, in the provincial semi-final last Sunday. Though low-scoring, the game was excitement-filled throughout. Passages of excellent Camogie were witnessed, especially from Wexford's Margaret O'Leary, who was in absolutely devastating form.

TEAMS

Wexford—T. Shell (St. Ibar's) goal; J. Murphy (St. John's); A. Foley (St. Abban's); B. Doyle (St. Abban's); B. O'Connor (St. Patrick's); A. Kent (St. Abban's); M. O'Leary (Eoghan Ruadh); E. Murphy (St. John's); J. Kehoe (St. Abban's); C. Power (St. Patrick's); M. Doyle (St. Ibar's); M. Shannon (St. Patrick's); subs., C. Fortune (St. John's); P. Doyle (St. Ibar's); T. (goal) and E. Shannon (St. Patrick's); E. Allen (St. John's). **Kilkenny** — Jo Golden (goal); Cathy Conway; Ann Carroll; Breda Fennelly; Carmel O'Shea; Liz Neary; Nualla Duncan; Mary Fennelly; Breda and Maura Cassin; Breda Kinsella; Mary O'Neill. Referee — Mrs. Séan O'Duffy (Dublin).

THERE'S ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

Pre-match talk had it that Kilkenny could worry the champions, yet it was only during the second half that the Nonesiders looked dangerous. In the final fifteen minutes it was Wexford all the way; however, after being pace-setters for the full fifty minutes, it was a most convincing win, yet plenty of chances were thrown away, sometimes rather easily. While the defence was very sound, the attack, though consistent, was at times shaky.

No doubt the reshuffle of the team this year had some effect, but the sending of seven wides (compared with Kilkenny's five) is hard to explain away. Matters in this sector improved tremendously in the second half, however, but two points (one from a free) was all that was forthcoming — against the strong wind.

Now through to meet Dublin (Leinster champions from 1937 to 1967) in the final, all could be set for another exciting year for the Wexford's seniors, but certainly a tightening-up in the attack is desirable.

THE GAME

The country's 'wonder' girls were off from the start with 'oust Kilkenny' as their policy. Mary Shannon, in top form,

Wexford leading by 3 goals, with Kilkenny held scoreless. It was the Wexford captain, playing a fast, free-flowing game, who set the pace and Kilkenny, while trying hard, failed to penetrate for a score.

SECOND HALF MASTERY

After winning the battle of honours in the first half, it looked as if Wexford's representatives might 'walk away' with the remainder, even though playing into the wind. However, Kilkenny did show an improvement, with much-needed stability being brought to midfield by the switching of Ann Carroll from the defence. As much as they improved, however, the challengers failed to counteract Wexford's dominance. All-round, the champions had much better dash and precision, while only in defence did Kilkenny appear strong. On a few occasions the Kilkenny attackers initiated a dangerous move, but each time these were determinedly cracked open by the powerful Wexford defence. It was this mastery which earned Wexford the right to enter the final.

TWO FOR YOU AND TWO FOR ME

Margaret O'Leary, the scourge of the whole Kilkenny team, soloed a good fifty yards up the field in the 6th minute of the last half but was fouled before she had a chance to get her puck in. The resultant 30 yards free was pointed by Margaret, the Wexford star, for a 10-point lead (3-1 to nil).

Ann Carroll had Kilkenny's first of two scores ten minutes later and five minutes from the end she and Wexford's Josie Kehoe exchanged points, the game's final scores, with Wexford decisive winners on the scores as stated.

The Wexford team left no doubt in its supporters' minds of its intentions this year—to retain the O'Duffy cup—and on this form, and with the return of centre-forward Mary Walsh (last year's captain), one is certainly inclined to believe it!

A TEAM OF STARS—

Without a doubt, Dublin-domiciled Margaret O'Leary was the outstanding player on view. Totally dedicated to the game, constant outings with her Dublin club this year have shown her to be one of the game's best players. In Sunday's game she was a wholehearted stylist who practically won the game from midfield — a remarkable player indeed, for whom no praise is too high.

'Out on her own' also was Brigid Doyle at centre-back. Her keen anticipation and understanding always had Kilkenny's threats well in hand. Stepping into the 'shoes' of Mary Sinnott, full-back Joan Murphy performed extremely well, many a



Wexford defender Brigid Doyle shown about to clear.



It was 'two against one' as Mary Shannon and Josie Kehoe tested the Kilkenny defence.

...the aid of a strong breeze they...
...back for all their pressure and...
...Two goals in arrears at the...
...had even more to do on Sunday...
...minutes from the end...
...1-1 all draw with a goal...
...tally on the foot to...
...Town, which got up...
...—Mr. Sean Woldman (Arkwright)...
...dan (for John Murphy), referee...
...ony, T. O'Brien (12th man), for...
...train, Patrick Jack and T. also...
...Stumpy, Sheehan, Wall, O'S...
...John Murphy, J. O'Brien (12th...
...corthy United—Delaney (goal)...
...Kennedy (for O'Rourke), Kins...
...man, J. J. O'Brien (12th man)...
...O'Brien, O'Rourke, Nolan, Free...
...Richard Lynch, Darragh, O...
...goal); M. Shannon (St. Patrick's)...
...Enniscorthy Town—M. Lynch...
...TEAMS...
...for improve...

ANTRIM SHOULD WIN ANOTHER TITLE Camogie Round-Up

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The first of the provincial senior finals, the Ulster decider between Antrim and Derry, and two provincial semi-finals, Louth v Dublin in Leinster and Cork v Kerry in Munster, make up a pretty busy camogie championship schedule for this week-end. In the North, although Derry have shown improvement of late, the fact remains that they will be very much the outsiders when at Loughiel they face Antrim, who have not been beaten in Ulster for the past fifteen years.

There is, as was for so long the case with Dublin in Leinster, a certain complacency engendered by such a constant run of victories, and it could be that Derry enthusiasm could light the way to an upset result.

LOUTH UNTESTED

But Antrim still have the backbone of their great side of the past few years, notably Moya Forde, Kathleen Kelly, Mairead McAtamney and Marion McPettridge, and with craft, experience and home venue on their side, must be

taken to advance to the All-Ireland semi-final in which they are due to meet the Connacht representatives.

The Leinster semi-final at Knockbridge is intriguing, if only for the reason that it is a long time now since we have seen a Louth team on the field in competition. Last year, when graded senior, they gave a walk-over to Wexford, and this year, when graded junior, they themselves got a first-round walk-over from Westmeath.

So it is hard to assess just how strong they are likely to be. The county had some fine players a few seasons ago, but some local troubles caused a recession and they may be short of match-practice now.

On the other hand, Dublin, narrowly defeated in the final of this grade a year ago, showed fine form in their first-round outing when recording a very well-merited win over Meath at Parnell Park. They then moved so well that they must have excellent prospects of defeating Louth, even on the latter's favourite ground at Knockbridge.

YOUTHFUL STARS

Against Meath, the Dublin full-back Sheila Wallace, goal-keeper Martina O'Reilly, mid-field Denise Lalor and full-forward Kay Murray were particularly brilliant and a repeat of those performances now would go a long way towards seeing the Dublin girls through to the provincial final.

The second semi-final between Kildare and Wicklow will be played on July 20, and the final will be staged in conjunction with the Wexford-Dublin senior final at Croke Park on Sunday, July 27.

Cork, as provincial champions in the grade in Munster last year will have to find a completely new side for their Munster semi-final with Kerry. But so much talent is available to the Cork selectors at the moment, that this should be no great trouble to them.

However, the Kerry girls gave Cork a good run in the final of this grade last year. So this should be a close battle for the right to meet Tipperary in the final.

DUAL FINALISTS

In the North, senior finalists Antrim and Derry will also meet in the junior decider. In last Sunday's semi-finals, Antrim always had something in hand over Monaghan at Whitehall and after leading 3-0 to 1-0 at half-time went on to win 5-1 to 3-0.

On the other hand, Derry seemed doomed to defeat, when they trailed Armagh by 2-1 to nil at half-time at Tullysaran, but staged a fine second-half rally to go through to the final, 4-1 to 2-3.

The Antrim team is: S. McLarnon; M. Forde; E. Brogan, K. McManus, K. Kelly; D. Crawford, M. Quinn, M. McAtamney; M. McPettridge, E. Dougan, N. Havlin; L. Scullion. Reserves—A. O'Hare, A. McIvor.

Derry Almost Shock Antrim

ANTRIM 4-5
DERRY 4-0

Played at Loughguile, Co. Antrim, Derry crashed home three goals in a ten minute game in the first half and very nearly took the Ulster senior camogie title yesterday.

A dazed Antrim side started to fight back, but it was hard going. Derry led 3-0 to 1-2 at half-time, but the lead went to Antrim when they goaled twice in the first seven minutes.

Derry then goaled and went into a one point lead, but Antrim came back strongly again, levelled the score and went on to win by five clear points.

Scorers: Antrim — N. Havlin (2-0); L. Scullion (1-1); E. Dougan (1-0); M. McPettridge (0-2); M. McAtamney (0-2). Derry—S. McCluskey (2-0); K. Marron (2-0).

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Cork And Kerry Juniors Meet On Sunday

BIG GAME THIS WEEKEND IS THE Munster Junior Championship tie between Cork and Kerry which will be played at the Mardyke on Sunday.

The Junior All-Ireland was established to encourage the weaker counties in the country. And to try and even the strength of teams throughout the country, counties are graded according to their strength. For example Cork cannot play any of their senior intercounty team of 1968 or 1969, or any of those players who were on the Munster championship winning team last season. Against this Kerry, who have yet to become a major force can field their senior side.

The sides met in the Munster final last season and although Cork were winners, Kerry put up a fine performance and with practically the same team for Sunday, they could give the Cork girls a really tough game. Cork, of course, will have to field a completely new side but against this Cork's grading was reviewed at Congress and unlike last season when they could only draw from junior clubs they can now play any player who was not a member of the senior team for 1968 or 1969, or who has not won a Munster junior medal. This means that the Cork team should be as good, if not better than last season.

The Cork team was not announced at the time of writing but the selection looks a very strong one indeed. Included are Youghal's grand goalkeeper, Mary Barron and clubmates, Pat O'Riordan and Esther O'Connell; Mary Crowley, captain of the championship winning South Pres. team who is there with colleagues Mary Whelton, Angela Cronin, Blanche Gibbons, Marion McCarthy and Joan Fitzpatrick. Also in the running are Miriam Higgins, and Mary McDonnell of Glen Rovers, Mary Ita O'Sullivan of U.C.C. Rosie Hennessy, Marie Garvan and Anne O'Dwyer of Old Aloysiant and Maisy Murphy of St. Ita's.

There is plenty of talent in this line-up and the selectors should be able to produce a very efficient side.

Both teams got walk overs in the first round of this competition so that both teams will be taking the field for the first time this season. Of course, the home advantage must be a big help to Cork but against this Kerry have

the advantage of playing together several times.

Tipperary are already in the decider of this competition and this should be an added incentive to Cork whose senior side were defeated by the Tipp girls a few weeks ago. The game promises to be a good one and as Cork followers do not get too many opportunities of seeing big camogie games they should make their way to the U.C.C. Grounds on Sunday.

CORK QUALIFY FOR FINAL

Cork 4-5; Kerry 1-2

Cork had a convincing win over Kerry, 4-5 to 1-2, in the Munster Junior Camogie Championship semi-final at the Mardyke, Cork, yesterday.

Cork opened the scoring when A. Cronin scored a point after 10 minutes. Kerry quickly retaliated by scoring a goal and a point. T. Reidy scored the point from a free after ten minutes and J. Shanahan scored the goal after 15 minutes. The half-time score was Cork 1-3, Kerry 1-2.

R. Hennessy scored the Cork goal after 24 minutes of play and M. McCarthy scored the Cork point from a free. T. Reidy scored Kerry's second point from a free.

In the second half Kerry failed to score and the Cork team scored no less than 2-4.

M. McDonnell, A. Cronin and R. Hennessy were the scorers in the second half. M. McDonnell and A. Cronin scored one goal each and R. Hennessy scored 1-2.

Cork now meet Tipperary in the final.

Kildare Oust Title Holders

KILDARE 3-5
WEXFORD 2-1

Leinster title holders Wexford went down to Kildare in the quarter final of the Leinster Junior camogie championships in Gorey yesterday. Kildare will now meet Wicklow in the semi-final.

It was a closely contested encounter but Kildare played with more polish and determination. Though Wexford had their share of the play, their forwards could make no impression on a very sound Kildare defence.

Wexford opened the scoring with a goal but Kildare were ahead by the tenth minute. At half time Kildare had increased their lead to 2-3 to 1-0. Shortly after the resumption Wexford fought back for a goal but a Kildare goal in the 12th minute clinched the issue.

Fifteen year old Eileen O'Reilly was one of Kildare's mid-field stars but Miriam Migen, Mary Maguire and Marie Loughrea also impressed. Best for Wexford were — Gretta Kehoe, Breda Finn, Elsie Walsh and Peg Cash.

Scorers: Kildare — M. Maguire (1-2), E. O'Reilly (1-0), M. Molloy (1-1), M. Migen and T. Lynch (0-1) each. Wexford — P. Cash (2-0), B. Tobin (0-1).



● MAIREAD McATAMNEY
(Antrim)

JULY 1968



The Kerry Junior camogie team which lost to Cork 4-5 to 1-2 in the second round of the Munster Championships at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, Cork.



The clash of ash as the camogie season swings into top gear.



The Cork Junior Camogie team which defeated Kerry 4-5 to 1-2 in the second round of the Munster Championship at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, Cork.

BACK: A. O'DWYER M. McDONALD M. GARVAN
M. HIGGINS M. MURPHY
M. BARRON AND P. O'RICKRAN
FRONT: M. MCCARTHY, R. HENNESSY
M. CROWLEY (CAPT), B. GIBBONS
J. FITZPATRICK AND A. CRONIN

JOAN MURPHY AND ANNE
MCMAULIFFE. (68 FINAL).

Antrim left much to be desired

by TAOBH LINE

ANTRIM, who have dominated the Ulster senior camogie season for a decade and a half, got a rare sight in the provincial final at Loughguile last Sunday when Derry scored in three first half goals and seemed to set the outsiders on the road to victory.

Experienced Antrim fought back well, but when Derry again took the lead in the second half it looked a brief period, as if Antrim's long northern supremacy was in very grave danger.

Eventually such experienced players as Mairead McAtamney, Ma Dougan, Lily Scullion and Marion McFetridge pulled the outsiders through, but Antrim will have to show considerable improvement, particularly in defence if they are to regain the All-Ireland title they last held in 1967.

However, they are already through the All-Ireland semi-final in which they will meet the Connacht champions in mid-August. Another major provincial title will be decided Sunday next when Tipperary and Limerick meet in the Munster final at Thurles.

FIRM FAVOURITES

Tipperary, who last held this title in 1966, will be firm favourites in view of their victory at the same venue over the holders, Cork, gained by former Tipperary hurler Eddy Doyle, their fitness was a big factor in their semi-final victory. The Graham sisters, Anne, Mary and Peggy, goalkeeper Sally Long, Bridie Conroy, Margot Loughane and Margaret Phelan are the big guns in the team.

In addition, Beatrice Lawrence, Monica Ryan, Deirdre Lane and Margaret Cleary have shown up very well this year, and so all the odds would seem to favour the home side at the Thurles venue.

Limerick have never yet won a Munster senior title, and though they have some experienced and talented players are not likely to catch the all-round power of this Tipperary side that could yet make a brave bid to bring the county its first All-Ireland title at inter-county level.

GOOD WINNERS

In Leinster, the junior semi-final between Louth and Dublin, postponed a week ago because of the rain, goes on at Knockbridge on Sunday evening. Louth will give their best side on duty, and could have plenty of experienced players from whom to select their team, but these Dublin juniors were very effective when routing Meath in the opening round. That match will have done a great deal both for their morale and their teamwork and I expect to see them advance to meet either Kildare or Wicklow in the final.

The Kildare-Wicklow semi-final will be played at a Wicklow venue on Sunday week. Cork qualified to meet Tipperary in the Munster senior final by defeating Kerry in the semi-final at Cork on Sunday last and on this form will make a brave bid to retain this title.

Kildare Reach Camogie Final

KILDARE 7-2
WICKLOW 1-0

KILDARE reached the final of the Leinster junior camogie championship at Naas last evening when they scored an impressive victory over Wicklow. They will play Louth in the final at Croke Park next Sunday evening. The winners, playing with the wind in the first half, led 4-0 at half-time, and while Wicklow looked better after the interval they never looked like getting the desired scores.

Kildare had outstanding players Mary Maguire, the Miggins, Theresa Lynch and Mary Loughrey. Best for Wicklow were Theresa Doyle, Breda Conroy, Theresa Byrne and Julie Dwyer.

SCORERS: Kildare—J. Miggins (2-0), M. Maguire (2-1), M. Miggins (2-0), T. Lynch (0-1); Wicklow—T. Doyle (1-0).

MUNSTER SENIOR TITLE FOR TIPPERARY

Tipperary 6-5; Limerick 1-0

Tipperary won the Munster senior camogie title when they outclassed a lively Limerick side at Thurles Sportsfield and thus regained the title they last held in 1966. Courageously though the Limerick girls tried they were no match for the Tipperary ladies who from an early stage showed that they had the power and ability to win.

Tipperary were the fitter team and used the ball intelligently, their striking was surer, and they combined very well. Limerick might have had more to show for their effort than their solitary goal by Eithne Neville in the second half were it not for some excellent goalkeeping by Tipp's Sally Long, who availed of the good covering afforded her by Joan Marshall, Anne Graham and Mary Phelan. Tipperary were also strong out-field, most prominent being Beatrice Lawrence and Bernie Dowd.

Limerick were seeking their first title but they did not have the drive and skill of Tipperary. Their most prominent players were Kitty Ryan, Carrie Clancy, Margie Burke, Ann Dee and Chris Murphy.

Scorers for Tipp, who led 2-3 to nil at the interval: B. Lawrence (3-1), B. Dowd (2-0), M. Ryan (0-3), B. Conroy (1-0), D. Lane (0-1). Limerick scorer was E. Neville (1-0).

Tipperary—S. Long, M. Finn, J. Marshall, A. Graham, M. Graham, Mgt. Cleary, M. Ryan, D. Lane, M. Loughane, B. Conroy, B. Lawrence, B. Dowd.

Limerick—H. Roche, B. Ryan, A. Dee, B. Giltenane, K. Ryan, B. O'Leary, C. Clancy, C. Murphy, E. Gully, M. Burke, J. Hayes, E. Neville.

Leinster Club Camogie Opens

Eoghan Ruadh, the Dublin camogie champions, who won the All-Ireland club title in 1967, are very eager to regain that title this season and hope to take their first step towards achieving that ambition when they meet the Louth champions, Kilkierley, in the opening game of the Leinster section at Knockbridge tonight (8.0).

Built round the great Wexford star Margaret O'Leary, this is a very strong Eoghan Ruadh side for whom Dolores Barber, Anne Ashton, Maureen Brennan, all members of the current Dublin senior selection, have been playing very well, as have Anne Carey, Pat Rafferty and that clever forward Jean Foley.

However, Kilkierley, long the leaders of camogie in Louth, will have a very useful side on duty including several members of the county side that defeated Dublin in the junior championship semifinal last Sunday. Kitty Sharkey, Marie Murphy, Mary Waters, Susan McGuinness, Colette Tomelty and Anne Harrington all have plenty of talent, combined with experience, and could give Eoghan Ruadh a very good run for the honours.

Ken Lyons Stars For Eoghan Ruadh

EOGHAN RUADH 4-3
KILKERLEY 2-0

Dublin camogie champions Eoghan Ruadh, who were All-Ireland title holders in 1967, qualified for the Leinster final of the club camogie championship, when they had a very convincing victory over Louth champions, Kilkierley at Knockbridge in the semi-final.

Star of the winning side was former Dublin inter-county captain, Ken Lyons, who scored 4-1, exactly half of her side's total. Eoghan Ruadh will now meet the winners of the second semi-final between St. Paul's, Kilkenny and the Wexford champions. St. Paul's are All-Ireland champions.

Tipperary Win Munster Senior Title

TIPPERARY regained the Munster senior camogie title they last held in 1966 when they overwhelmed Limerick by 6-5 to 1-0 at Thurles Sportsfield on Sunday evening last, and thus qualified for the All-Ireland final.

This was a splendid performance by the Tipperary girls who completely outclassed their opponents

and were in no way flattered by the winning margin. Tipperary were strong in defence, and but for this fact, the Limerick girls might have had a few more scores. Goalkeeper Sally Long made a number of excellent saves, and fronting her Mary Phelan did all that was asked of her, while in the halfback line, Joan Marshall, and the Graham sisters Anne and Mary were at their best.

The midfield line of Margaret Cleary, Monica Ryan and Deirdre Lane had their hands full in the Limerick trio, but still contributed handsomely to the victory. It was nearer the goal however that Tipperary had the real power, with Beatrice Lawrence and Bernie Dowd particularly prominent, though Breda Conroy and Margo Loughane also did their share. The former pair scored 5-1 of the Tipperary tally, and the Limerick girls had no answer to them.

Seeking their first title, Limerick tried very hard to match their rivals, but they just were not in the same class. They had a couple of outstanding performers, but overall they lacked the teamwork and ability of their opponents. Bridie Giltenane, Helen Roche, Carrie Clancy, Chris Murphy and Kitty Ryan were their best players.

Scorers for Tipperary—B. Lawrence 3-1; B. Dowd 2-0; M. Ryan 0-3; B. Conroy 1-0; and D. Lane 0-1.

For Limerick—E. Neville 1-0.

Tipperary—Sally Long (Thurles); Mary Phelan (Clonmel); Joan Marshall (Clonmel); Anne Graham (Thurles); Mary Graham (do); Margaret Cleary (do); Monica Ryan (Drom); Deirdre Lane (Lorcha); Margo Loughane (Thurles); Breda Conroy (Knockshogowna); Beatrice Lawrence (Clonmel); Bernie Dowd (Thurles).

Sub—Kit Boland (Thurles).

Limerick—H. Roche; B. Ryan; A. Dee; B. Giltenane; K. Ryan; E. O'Leary; C. Clancy; C. Murphy; E. Gully; J. Hayes; E. Neville.

KILDARE V LOUTH

Kildare will play in Croke Park on Sunday at 6.45.

Before football followers throw their Lily-White caps in this direction let it be added in haste that it is the camogie players who will be in action against Louth in the Leinster Final of the Junior All-Ireland Championship.

Kildare reached the final by scoring an easy win over Wicklow at Naas. Players to catch the eye were Nuala Malone, captain; the Miggins sisters, Mary Maguire, Mary Loughrey and Bridgid Cushen.

Kildare: Betty Garry, Phyllis Hurst, Anne Dunne, Bridgid Cushen, Marie Loughrey, Nuala Malone, capt., Eileen O'Reilly, Miriam Miggins, Teresa Lynch, Mary Maguire, Margaret Molloy, Josie Miggins, Subs: Tessie Behan, Marion Morgan, Margaret Behan, Anne Leonard.

Junior Title For Kildare

KILDARE 3-3
LOUTH 1-5

Kildare won the Leinster Junior Camogie championship and the Smyco Cup when they were worthy winners over Louth, strong favourites, in the final at Croke Park last evening.

The winners, who led 3-2 to 1-2 at half time, played the ball on the ground and thus foiled Louth who tried to lift the ball too much.

Louth pressed hard after the interval but the firm Kildare defence never conceded a goal and Louth had to be content with three points to one point for Kildare.

Scorers—Kildare: J. Miggins (2-0), M. Molloy (1-0), M. Miggins (0-2), T. Lynch (0-1); Louth: B. Murphy (1-0), A. Harrington (0-2), K. Sharkey (0-2), C. Tomelty (0-1).

Kildare—B. Garry; P. Hurst; B. Cushen, A. Dunne, M. Loughrey; M. Miggins, N. Malone, E. O'Reilly, M. Maguire, T. Lynch, M. Molloy; J. Miggins.

Louth—E. Murtagh; E. Murtagh, E. McEntaggart, S. McGuinness, K. Kelly; C. Tomelty, M. Murphy, M. Ginty; M. Gallagher, A. Harrington, K. Sharkey; B. Murphy.

Referee—Mrs. M. Hoey (Monaghan).

MAYO BEATEN IN CAMOGIE FINAL

Galway defeated Mayo (2-4 to 1-1) in the Connacht camogie final at Claremorris on Sunday. It was a fast, and at times, lively game, but the experience of the visitors helped considerably to their victory. Mayo, while playing pretty well individually, lacked team combination and their sense of direction was not at all times accurate.

Scorers for the winners were Nono Flaherty (2-1) and M. Forde (0-3) while Josie Ruane was the only scorer for Mayo.

TEAMS
Galway: R. Flaherty, K. Quinn, P. Feeney, S. Quinn, M. Rafferty, G. Gillvilly, K. Flaherty, R. M. Divilly, M. Kilkenny, M. Flaherty, M. Forde and E. Flanagan.

MAYO: A. Burke, M. Creighton, N. Howley, T. Kavanagh, J. Ruane (captain); N. Clarke, A. O'Toole, G. Jordan, T. Mullen, B. Heneghan, C. Fenwick, L. Fitzmaurice.

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ABOVE—The Tipperary captain, Josephine Marshall (right) is presented with the cup after she had led her team to victory in the Munster final against Limerick at Thurles last Sunday. The presentation was made by Miss McManus, Antrim, President of the camogie board and the photograph also includes Sally Long, Anne Graham (partly hidden), Monica Ryan and Margo Loughnane.

ADAMSTOWN ST. ABBAN'S ARE COUNTY CHAMPIONS

IT was a little bit confusing last Sunday in St. Patrick's Park, Enniscorthy, the venue for the 1969 Co. Wexford senior Camogie final. It was an odd scene, unparalleled in the history of Camogie in Wexford, county final or otherwise.

NO OPPOSITION!

One of the finalists was there, Adamstown St. Abban's, out on the pitch and ready for the fray, but there was no sign of the other! The circumstances which led to this amazing scene are a trifle complicated, but nevertheless as plain as can be to the average follower of the game, an Echo representative writes.

At a Co. Board meeting in Wexford in Saturday, July 5, the county semi-finals were fixed for Sunday, July 13, with the final to be played on the following Sunday, July 20 (last Sunday). As it turned out, Castlebridge St. Ibar's and the holders of the title, Adamstown St. Abban's, qualified for the final.

REFUSED TO PLAY—

St. Ibar's refused to play the final last Sunday as they feared that some of both teams' inter-county players could possibly be injured in the game—and, if this happened, as the county team contests the Leinster final next Sunday (only seven days after), Wexford's chances of winning

the provincial final would be drastically reduced. Early in the week St. Ibar's intimated they would not play the county final.

St. Abban's, on the other hand, felt compelled to play the final on Sunday for one reason—the All-Ireland club championship. In this, the Dublin champions (winners over Louth) await the winners of the semi-final between the Kilkenny and Wexford champions. Admittedly, this game is not due to be played until August 31 next, the Kilkenny-Wexford semi-final on August 24.

Why, therefore, were St. Abban's so insistent on the county final being played precariously one week before the vital Leinster final? The simple answer to this is that, for Co. Wexford to compete in the club series, the county champions must be known by the end of July.

'ST IBAR'S NOT INFORMED'

A spokesman for St. Ibar's Club told me during the week that up to then they had not been officially informed that the county final had been played and, therefore, would not take action until such time as they were so informed.

The Co. Board secretary (Miss Eileen O'Brien) stated that the end of July must see county winners emerging if they were to enter into the All-Ireland club series—this motion was passed at the annual conventicle of the Leinster Council and was again emphasised at a later meeting of the Council. She also stated that St. Abban's were perfectly within their rights to take a 'walk-over,' according to the official rule book.

CUP PRESENTED

And there the whole position stands until to-morrow (Sat.) night when both parties will air the whole matter at the County Board meeting. The St. Abban's captain, Mrs. Bridget Doyle, was presented with the Buttle cup by Miss O'Brien (sec.) on behalf of the Co. Board in the park last Sunday. So as from last Sunday St. Abban's are county champions after a strange and unique county 'final.'



A high shot beats straining full-back Joan Murphy, as Dublin forward, Una O'Connor, watches in admiration.

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Cork Oppose Tipperary In Junior Decider

EARLIER this season Tipperary knocked Cork out of the Munster Senior championship when the sides met in the semi-final. Now the Cork junior side have a chance to revenge this defeat when the counties meet again—this time in the junior championship final at Cloughjordan on tomorrow at 3.30 p.m.

Tipperary will be very anxious to add the junior title to the senior one which they won last Sunday. They are reputed to have quite a good junior side. Their big star is Kathleen Downes the ex-Roscrea, Tipperary and Munster full forward who scored 4-3 in their first round outing against Limerick. In addition Tipperary are likely to have many of last year's secondary team who did so well. These could include Anne Minogue, Siobhan Tynan, B. Loughmane and K. Treacy.

In their first round the Tipperary defeated Limerick by 4-6 to 4-0 and then they got a walkover from Clare.

To qualify for the final Cork had only one game to play also—against Kerry—whom they defeated by 4-5 to 1-2. In this game they took some time to find their feet but when they got going they took over the game and won comfortably.

NEW SIDE

This season Cork had to field a completely new team which would account for their lack of co-ordination in the early stages of the Kerry game. They can hardly afford this lapse against a Tipperary side and normally one would not expect them to take so long to settle down on their second outing.

However, Cork are having difficulty in selecting and preparing their team. Many players are on holidays and will not be available. Two are injured—Mary Ita O'Sullivan who broke a thumb in training and Mary McDonald who was injured in the Kerry game. In an effort to replace the many absentees, the selectors have called on a number of players only to find that they too were on holidays or were not keen to play. Consequently the Cork team will not be at full strength for Sunday's game and in fact the side had not been selected at the time of writing. This is always a difficult time to field a side but one would expect that players given the honour of playing for their county in any grade would show greater interest.

LIKELY SIDE

Mary Barron of Youghal must fill the spot between the posts again on Sunday. Mary Whelton of South Pres. who was originally selected for the Kerry match but had to cry off owing to illness will be available for Sunday. That leaves five backs—Mary Crowley who captains the side, Pat O'Riordan of Youghal, Miriam Higgins of Glen Rovers and Marie Garvan of Old Aloysians. One of these, of course, will not make the side and I do not envy the selectors their job of selecting the lucky four.

Marion McCarthy and Blanche Gibbons of South Pres together with Maisey Murphy of St. Ita's should retain their centrefield positions but there are more difficulties in the forward line. Rosie Hennessy of Old Aloysians, Angela Cronin and Joan Fitzpatrick of South Pres. must be included in the forward line but they will be without Mary McDonald of Glen. Mary will be a big loss and it will not be easy to fill the position. However the selectors may

bring in Catherine O'Regan of Old Aloysians which would mean possible reshuffling of position.

GOOD ENOUGH SIDE

However, in spite of all the hitches and the very long journey to the Tipperary venue, Cork have a good enough side to bring this title back to the Lee. It will be vital for them to settle down from the whistle and to keep up the pressure for the entire game as playing before a Tipperary following is never easy especially if they should get in front. This is another reason why Cork followers should make an effort to make the journey on Sunday. The team will need support and as there are seats available on the team bus it would be good to see them being taken up. The bus will leave the City Library at 10.30 a.m.

Tipp. Juniors No Match For Cork

(By "ATLAS")

Cork 3-4
Tipperary 1-3

Tipperary's hopes of a Munster double were well and truly buried at Cloughjordan G.A.A. grounds last Sunday when a fitter and more determined Cork team won comfortably.

Tipperary only flattered to deceive for, after taking an early lead, they fell away under relentless pressure by the Leesiders and were a well-beaten team at the finish. Cork were not an all-powerful side; on the contrary, they had their weak spots, and must solve some positional problems before facing Louth in the all-Ireland semi-final on August 10th next.

Last Sunday's game was played in excellent conditions, on a splendid well-cared-for pitch that also accommodated two North under 21 hurling games in addition to the camogie match.

The big attendance must have been disappointed at Tipperary's defeat, but the team mentors were in no way despondent. This is a young, inexperienced side which will be heard of again, and it contains at least five young players who must soon be ready for senior ranks.

THE SCORING

With wind advantage Tipperary pressed strongly and Tess Moloney goaled after two minutes play. Kathleen Downes and Mary Kirwan pointed in the sixth and seventh minutes, to leave them 1-2 in the lead without reply.

Then Cork struck back and Rose Hennessy pointed. In a goal mouth scramble Jean Fitzpatrick pushed the ball over the line to reduce the leadway to one point.

At the other end, Tipperary were having many wides, and a few more

scores at this stage would have given them added confidence. As it was, it was Cork who scored again, with a long range point by Angela Cronin to leave the teams level at the interval at 1-2 each.

In the second half, with a lively breeze behind them, Cork quickly forged ahead with goals by Katherine O'Regan and points by Joan Fitzpatrick and Angela Cronin. Tipperary's only score in this half was a point in the 18th minute by Kathleen Downes.

The referee was Carrie Gillane of Limerick and the attendance included Mr Seamus O'Riain, president of the G.A.A.

Cork Retain Their Junior Title

THIS weekend a new competition gets under way in Cork camogie circles. This is an Under-15 League which it is hoped will strengthen the weaker clubs and the first two games in the competition will be played during the coming week.

On Sunday last Cork retained their Munster junior title when they defeated Tipperary in a very closely contested final. As in the semi-final game Cork again took some time to settle down and in the opening minutes Tipperary looked very dangerous. Two ex-seniors, Kathleen Downes and Tessie Moloney, were in tremendous form at this stage for Tipperary and Cork were trailing by 1-2 before they managed to open their own scoring account. But once Cork had scored Tipperary seemed to panic and they switched Kathleen Downes from full-forward, where she was very dangerous, to half-forward where she was well marked by Cork half-back Miriam Higgins. Tipperary continued to make positional and personal changes and instead of upsetting the Cork girls it had the reverse effect. By half-time they had drawn level at 1-2 each with a grand goal from Joan Fitzpatrick and points from Angela Cronin and Rosie Hennessy.

TOOK OVER

Then it was Cork's turn to have the wind in their favour and they took over the game with Rosie Hennessy and Katherine O'Regan scoring further goals. But all

were obviously tiring. But the Cork backs proved their worth under great pressure and the Cork girls emerged as eventual winners by 3-4 to 1-3.

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The forwards made far better use of their chances than in the Kerry game and they must look forward with confidence to their All-Ireland semi-final against the Leinster champions on August 10. Louth play Kildare in the Leinster final on Sunday and Cork followers will be very anxious to know the outcome of this tie.

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TERESA SHEIL will once again defend the Wexford net.



JOAN MURPHY, the strong St. John's full-back, who fills the gap left by Mary Sinnott.



BRIGID O'CONNOR, one of the team's most improved players.



BRIGID DOYLE, captain of the team, she is, as usual, in absolutely outstanding form.



ANN FOLEY, whose performances in the Dublin championships have earned her a place on the Wexford team—she will oppose Dublin sharp shooter, Breda Keenan.



MARGT. O'LEARY, Wexford's Dublin-based midfielder at present one of the country's top five players.



Sunday's final will be a big occasion for ANNIE KEHOE, an outstanding member of last year's junior team.



MARY DOYLE, the elusive and dangerous Wexford winger.



MARY WALSH, who missed the semi-final, is back for the final.



Though she had not one of her best games in the semi-final, St. Aeban's JOSIE KEHOE is expected to be at her best on Sunday.

DUBLIN COULD REGAIN THE TITLE FROM WEXFORD

By AGNES HOURIGAN
All-Ireland camogie champions Wexford face their stiffest test since winning the title last September when, at Croke Park tomorrow evening, they face Dublin in the Leinster senior final. G.A.A. Headquarters fans will have an excellent double bill to entertain them, for the curtain-raiser, the junior provincial final, should provide a game well up to senior standards.
It is a strange fact that Wexford, although All-Ireland champions, have yet to defeat Dublin in a senior competition. It was after Kilkenny had sensationally defeated Dublin in last year's semi-final, that Wexford came storming through to take their first Leinster title, to which they subsequently added the All-Ireland crown in flying style.
Now Wexford, having again accounted for Kilkenny, come to their big test, the crossing of the Dublin hurdle. And they certainly looked good in that recent Enniscorthy semi-final in which they defeated Kilkenny, although they were then short last year's captain Mary Walsh.
Of last year's side, Wexford

are likely to lack two sterling defenders from last year, full-back Mary Sinnott and full-back Carmel Fortune, but they met that situation very effectively against Kilkenny by calling Joan Murphy to full-back and bringing Bridget Doyle to centre-back, a move they could well afford to make, because of the complete dominance of Margaret O'Leary around mid-field.
Indeed, Margaret O'Leary, who has been playing all her club camogie in Dublin for the past three seasons will again be Wexford's main hope, and Dublin's chief problem, on Sunday next.
If she controls the midfield area as she did for so much of the game against Kilkenny, Wexford forwards Josie Kehoe, Mary Shannon and Mary Doyle, reinforced by Mary Walsh, should be able to find a way through the Dublin defence, and pave the way to victory.
But this is as experienced a Dublin side as has ever taken the field. All of them have All-Ireland medals, and are hungry for more!
Wexford are the stronger side and they have the advantage of a prior outing. On

the other hand, Dublin have not played a competitive game together since losing to Kilkenny thirteen months ago.
Yet there is so much talent in this Dublin side that, if they have recaptured the speed and dash that was theirs a couple of seasons ago, it would be foolish to write them off.
DUBLIN—E. Leech; M. Ryan; K. Murphy; A. Hussey; P. Timmons; S. Creevy; M. Sherlock; O. ni Shiochain; B. Keenan; A. McAllister; J. Doyle; U. O'Connor. Reserves—A. Ashton; M. Murphy; D. Barber; A. Sheehy.
WEXFORD — from T. Sheil; A. Foley; J. Murphy; B. Doyle; B. O'Connor; A. Kent; M. O'Leary; B. Murphy; J. Kehoe; K. Power; M. Doyle; M. Shannon; M. Walsh.



MARY SHANNON, Wexford's score-getting full-forward.



BERNIE MURPHY, last year's junior captain, now promoted to the senior side.

WEXFORD RETAIN CAMOGIE CROWN

By AGNES HOURIGAN

WEXFORD 4-0
DUBLIN 2-1

All-Ireland camogie champions Wexford retained their Leinster title, and achieved their first senior victory over Dublin, hard-earned but well-deserved, in a closely contested final at Croke Park last night.

Wexford, the stronger side, led by 3-0 to 1-0 at the interval, their third goal coming right on the half-time whistle direct from a great side-line ball by Annie Kehoe, after they had, with breeze advantage, whipped home

their first two goals in the opening six minutes.

The opening 15 minutes of the second half saw Dublin make a tremendous effort to draw level, but Wexford captain Bridget Doyle was unbeatable at centre-back and when Wexford broke away to score her own third and her county's fourth goal, the outcome was virtually decided.

Judy Doyle's subsequent goal for Dublin came too late to affect the issue.

Bridget Doyle — she had two sisters, Annie and Josie Kehoe also on this Wexford team—was the winners' brightest star and received most support in defence from full back Joan Murphy, who held Una O'Connor scoreless.

Annie Kehoe was best of the winners' trio at mid-field, where Margaret O'Leary was not as prominent as usual, while Mary Doyle was the most effective in attack.

Captain Alice Hussey and Patricia Timmins were sound Dublin defenders, Orla ni Shiochain had a great game on the wing, with Mary Sherlock useful at mid-field, but only Judy Doyle carried a real threat in attack.

Wexford now meet Tipperary in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Scorers—Wexford—M. Doyle (1-0), A. Kehoe (1-0). Dublin—J. Doyle (2-0), O. Ni Shiochain (0-1).

WEXFORD—T. Shiel; J. Murphy, A. Foley, B. Doyle (capt.), B. O'Connor, A. Kehoe, M. O'Leary, E. Murphy; J. Kehoe, M. Walsh, M. Doyle, M. Shannon.

DUBLIN—E. Leech; M. Ryan, K. Murphy, A. Hussey (capt.), P. Timmins, S. Creedy, M. Sherlock, O. Ni Shiochain; B. Keenan, A. McAlister, J. Doyle, U. O'Connor.

Referee—Mrs. N. Murray (Antrim).



Wexford defenders Bridget Doyle and Joan Murphy combine to clear this Dublin attack in the Leinster senior camogie final at Croke Park last night.



ANN FOLEY, whose performances in the Dublin championships have earned her a place on the Wexford team—she will oppose Dublin sharp-shooter, Breda Keenan.

BRIGID DOYLE, captain of the team, she is, as usual, in absolutely outstanding form.



MARY WALSH, who missed the semi-final, is back for the final.

Though she had not one of her best games in the semi-final, St. Aeban's JOSIE KEHOE is expected to be at her best on Sunday.



MARY SHANNON, Wexford's score-getting full-forward.



BERNIE MURPHY, last year's junior captain, now promoted to the senior side.



KILDARE Camogie captain Nuala Malone held up the Smyco Cup after Sunday's Leinster final.

Kildare girls master Louth camogie team

Kildare 3-3
Louth 1-5

AFTER the frustration of watching two Kildare teams—the senior footballers and the junior hurlers—fail in the provincial finals, the county's junior camogie team took some of the sting out of their supporters' disappointment when they scored a clear-cut win over Louth in the Leinster final, to win the Smyco Cup for the fourth time since 1961.

Indeed, the girls played with more enthusiasm and vim than the lads in the two previous matches. A far lighter side they appeared booked for defeat when they saw an early goal lead turned into a 1-0 to 1-2 deficit.

This only fanned the Kildare girls into all out action and before the interval full forward Josie Miggins hammered in two

more goals while free-taker Teresa Lynch scored two points from 30's to leave the Lily Whites leading 3-2 to 1-2 at the interval.

Louth cut the lead by two points within minutes of the restart but Teresa Lynch had the final say with the last point of the game. Louth hammered the Kildare defence in the final ten minutes but wonderful work by goalkeeper Betty Garry who saved numerous shots throughout the game, and full back Phyllis Hurst kept the stronger Louth girls at bay.

Brigid Cushen and captain Nuala Malone played excellently in defence also, while Miriam Miggins played exceptionally well at midfield. Teresa Lynch, Mgt. Molloy and Josie Miggins attacked well.

Kildare, who won their first 'Leinster' beating Carlow in the

1961 final, regained the championship in 1966, beat Meath in the '67 final and lost to Wexford in last season's decider. Of Sunday's team, Phyllis Hurst, Nuala Malone and Josie Miggins were on the 1967 side.

Scorers: J. Miggins, 2-0; M. Molloy, 1-0; T. Lynch, 0-3 (two 30's).

Team: B. Garry Naas; P. Hurst (B'ford); M. Loughery (do.); A. Dunne, B. Cushen (Celbridge); M. Malone, capt., (R'coffey); E. O'Reilly (do); M. Miggins (B'ford); T. Lynch (R'coffey); M. Molloy (Ardclough); M. Maguire (do); J. Miggins (B'ford).

The Cup was presented to Nuala Malone after the match by Leinster and Kildare Board Chairman, Mrs. Cis Corcoran, who also trains the Kildare team.

TOUGH WEXFORD TRIUMPH IN GREAT LEINSTER FINAL

Camogie champions lay Dublin bogey with shock two-goal start

WEXFORD—4-0 DUBLIN—2-1

IN retaining their Leinster senior camogie title for a second year at Croke Park on Sunday night, Wexford's magnificent twelve ladies of successive All-Ireland title, but laid a bogey by crushing old rivals Dublin, to whom the Model County girls had played second fiddle in the province for seventeen years.

Seventeen years of persistence were rewarded, and rewarded liberally, for while Wexford's margin of victory was five points, the score-line is flattering to the Metropolitans.

In overcoming Dublin for the first time in the provincial championships, Wexford also overcame a psychological disadvantage. For in years past Wexford always seemed to resign themselves to defeat when opposed to the once invincible Dubliners, and thus the defeatist attitude became a fixation.

Last year Wexford, on their way to their first All-Ireland triumph, did not meet Dublin, and approached last Sunday's encounter with some trepidation and also an overwhelming sense of the repetition of history.

There was to be no defeat for Wexford however, for with a pulsating, electrifying performance of strong and penetrative camogie, the Wexford girls proved decisively and finally that they have at last found the measure of every camogie team in the country.

Victory was achieved because Wexford, gaining an early two-goal lead, discarded their inferiority complex, asserted themselves as true All-Ireland champions and with a resilient defence, powerful midfield, and thrusting forward line, scorned fate and its threats and turned in a performance that rocked Dublin.

The score flatters Dublin for their second major score was an own goal by Wexford full-back Joan Murphy, a very lucky score as the ball went off the full-back's hurley past a bemused Teresa Sheil. Otherwise Wexford were totally on top, resolute and defiant in defence, fluent and resourceful at midfield and opportunistic in attack. The form of the team was tremendous, although it may be added that a number of players were below par in their play.

Playing with the wind in the first half Wexford got off to a dream start when the mercurial Mary Doyle, subsequently to become the heroine of the game, slammed home a Wexford goal, courageously rushing in on Dublin goalkeeper Leech to tap the ball home.

THERE WAS NO NEED FOR PANIC

Despite this start however, Wexford were still a little unsettled and hesitant against the alleged might of Dublin, but with veterans and stars Bridget Doyle, Joan Murphy and Margaret O'Leary turning in brilliant performances, there was no need for panic.

Again Mary Doyle struck. Before Dublin had adequately recovered from the concession of the first goal the red-haired terrier had shot home a second to put Wexford on the road to victory.

Wexford suffered a setback when Judy Doyle, a diminutive but mercurial forward, evaded Ann Foley for the only time in the game to shoot a goal which goalie Sheil hadn't a hope of saving. Almost immediately Wexford had regained their two-goal lead.

Newcomer Annie Kehoe, turning in a splendid debut performance at midfield, took a sideline puck and her unerring and precision flighted shot went straight to the Dublin net, leaving Wexford 3-0 to 1-0 ahead at the interval.

Aided by a fresh breeze, the second half saw Dublin resurgent and pressing the Model County goal, but brilliant work by the full-back line, and the calm, assured play of Bridget Doyle and Margaret O'Leary saw Wexford repulse every attack.

Dublin wided from a free before Orla Ni Siochain pointed a thirty to reduce the arrears, but before Dublin could whittle the lead down further St. Ibar's Mary Doyle struck again.

A succession of switches had altered the line-up of the Wexford attack when queen of camogie Margaret O'Leary took a side-line. Josie Kehoe collected to make ground along the right wing before sending over her cross.

Her shot came across the goal and before the backs could move or the advancing goalkeeper could get to the ball the opportunist Doyle had swept across to shoot her third and most vital goal.

In one of a succession of attacks, Dublin gained their second goal when Joan Murphy deflected a

Victory girls join mini-set

WHEN winning the Leinster title at Croke Park on Sunday night, All-Ireland senior camogie champions Wexford, donned the purple and gold colours of the Model County for the first time.

The victorious Wexford girls wore purple gym-slips with gold blouses, plus gold waist cords.

The new and attractive outfits were made by the hard-working ladies of the Wexford Camogie Association. It is understood that a number of the fashion-conscious camogie players re-modelled their gym-slips to comply with the current mini-trend.

It has been commented that in remodelling their dresses, a number of the more courageous girls had sufficient cloth left over to make a second dress.

speculative lob past her own goalkeeper. In the closing stages, as Dublin laid siege to the Wexford goal, Teresa Sheil made a brilliant save which totally undermined Dublin's confidence.

Teresa Sheil in the Wexford goal turned in a cool, assured performance, dealing with all shots even while under pressure, with the poise of the interprovincial she is.

Her save late in the second half came at a crucial stage when the concession of a goal could have proven the turning point for Dublin and the beginning of a landslide of despondency for Wexford.

MURPHY HAS TAKEN OVER THE MANTLE

Full-back Joan Murphy has well and truly taken over the mantle of her predecessor Mary Sinnott. While not as flamboyant or spectacular in her play as Sinnott, Joan, a supremely fit player, is solid and absolutely cool under pressure.

Her overhead striking was a joy to watch while her tackling was crisp and sharp. The full-back could move to a ball with a Dublin raider and pull twice in blinding succession before the Dublin forward had struck once.

on the wings, relative newcomers to the senior side Ann Foley, despite a tendency to leave her opposite number a lot of room, turned in a splendid performance as did one of last year's stars, Bridget O'Connor.

All three in the defence show a distinct skill in the art of overhead striking, and repulsed many Dublin attacks with sweeping strokes which set up Wexford attacks.

Team captain, Bridget Doyle, one of three Kehoe sisters playing, was at her brilliant best at centre-back. The tenacious Mrs. Doyle, watched from the stand by her husband and young son, turned in a performance that was unrivalled.

She was all over the defence, covering, tackling and clearing, and showed why she was a great midfielder last year with her attacks into the opposing half.

Bouquets also for Margaret O'Leary, the indefatigable Dublin based player who took on two and three Dublin opponents and beat them with her craft and intuitive skill.

Miss O'Leary was the finest player on view and undoubtedly ranks as the top player in the country. Her characteristic shoulder-length hair flowing behind her, she ranged all over the field, outpacing, out-thinking, and out-maneuvring all-comers, while her striking from the ground was masterful.



A Dublin defender is outnumbered in a race for possession by Mary Doyle, Mary Shannon and Josie Kehoe.



DOYLE'S DAY—Team Captain, Bridget Doyle, presented with the Provincial Cup. Teresa Sheil looks on.

Debutante to the senior side, Annie Kehoe was also on top of her form, turning in the finest performance of her career. Her goal was beautifully taken, and with Margaret O'Leary, and to a lesser extent, Bernie Murphy, gave Wexford an insuperable advantage at midfield.

The attack did not function as it can, for Mary Walsh, opposed to Dublin's finest player, Alice Hussy, had an off-day, and Josie Kehoe was also off-colour.

Both girls must be judged on the superlative standards they have set themselves, and while they got through a tremendous amount of work and never gave up, they were below their best form.

Full-forward Mary Shannon was as ravenous for work as ever and on the left there was three-goal Doyle whose scoring brilliance saw Wexford through.

A determined though small player, Miss Doyle

was superlative in everything she did. She gave her team a dream start and consolidated their supremacy with her third goal. Always working, always tackling, Miss Doyle is a natural and a decided asset to the forward line.

M. Doyle 3-0 and A. Kehoe 1-0, scored for Wexford.

U. O'Connor 1-0, J. Murphy (o.g.) 1-0, and O. Ni Siochain 0-1 (free), scored for Dublin.

Wexford—T. Sheil; J. Murphy; A. Foley, B. Doyle, B. O'Connor; A. Kehoe, M. O'Leary, B. Murphy; J. Kehoe, M. Walsh, M. Doyle; M. Shannon.

Dublin—E. Leech; M. Ryan K. Murphy, A. Hussy, P. Timmins S. Creevy, M. Sherlock, O. Ni Siochain; B. Keenan, A. McAllister, J. Doyle; U. O'Connor.

Referee—Mrs. N. Murray (Antrim).



Cork Juniors Travel To Naas For All-Ireland Semi-Final

CORK and Kildare meet in the All-Ireland junior semi-final at Naas on Sunday and following their grand win in the Munster final against Tipperary, Cork should travel to the game with confidence.

These sides have never met, at any grade, in the past. Like most Leinster counties Kildare have been kept in the background by Dublin's success down through the years. The Junior All-Ireland Championship has given new life to these counties and accounts for the novel pairing next Sunday. This is Kildare's first venture outside Leinster. Though they won the Leinster Junior title in 1961, 1966 and 1967 the All-Ireland championship at this grade was not in existence then.

In this year's Leinster campaign Kildare beat Wicklow easily in the semi-final by 7-2 to 1-0, having received a bye in the first round. They then went on to beat a strong Louth side in the decider. In this game Louth had most of the play but could make no headway against a strong Kildare defence in which Phyllis Hurst and Bridget Cushin were really outstanding. Nuala Malone, the Miggin sisters and Teresa Lynch had also very good games on this occasion. In fact Teresa Lynch could give the Cork girls many a headache on Sunday as she is a very accurate free-taker and the Cork players would not want to give her too many opportunities in this direction.

For this competition Kildare are free to play their full senior side which gives them the advantage of having played together for many years and in fact they have a Leinster inter-provincial in the side in Bridget Cushin.

NOT ALLOWED

Cork, because they are regarded as a stronger county are not permitted to call on any of this, or last year's senior side. Also because of their victory in Munster last year they are not able to call on any of that successful team. The result of this is a completely new side this season. In addition to this Cork have had great difficulty because of holidays etc. in fielding their best possible side and even for this vital tie they will be without Blanche Gibbons who played so well in the Munster campaign and who will be a big loss.

To win in Munster Cork had good wins over Kerry and Tipp, and their performance against the latter was particularly promising.

Now they face Kildare with a side which has plenty of individual talent and if they can overcome their slow starting—which was apparent in both their games this season—then they must travel to Naas with a really good chance of winning.

They have a strong goalie in Mary Barron while at full back Mary Crowley is very steady. Their half back line of Mary Whelton, Miriam Higgins and Pat O'Riordan shows plenty of promise while in the centre there is plenty of ability in the persons of Maisey Murphy, Mary Murphy

and Marion McCarthy. In attack too they will not be lacking in talent with Catherine O'Regan, Joan Fitzpatrick, Angela Cronin and Rosie Hennessy named.

Cork should do well in this game. They reached the decider last season and although they were unsuccessful on that occasion they will be determined to get another chance. And to do this they have to win on Sunday.

Teams:—

Cork: M. Barron (Youghal), M. Crowley (S.P.P.P.) capt., M. Whelton (do.), M. Higgins (Glen Rovers), P. O'Riordan (Youghal); M. Murphy (St. Ita's), M. Murphy (Old Aloysians), M. McCarthy (S.P.P.P.), C. O'Regan (Old Aloysians), J. Fitzpatrick and A. Cronin (S.P.P.P.), R. Hennessy (Old Aloysians), Subs: M. I. O'Sullivan (U.C.C.), M. Garvan (Old Aloysians) and C. Leamy (Youghal).

Kildare: B. Garry, P. Hurst; M. Loughrey, B. Cushin, A. Dunne, N. Malone (capt.), E. O'Reilly, M. Miggin; T. Lynch, M. Molloy, M. Maguire; J. Miggin.

FIXTURE

Sunday: At Naas—All-Ireland Junior semi-final Cork v. Kildare, 3.30 p.m. Ref. Miss Lily Spence, Antrim.

TIPPERARY TO MEET CHAMPIONS AT WEXFORD

(By "ATLAS")

It's three years since Tipperary figured in an All-Ireland Senior Final game, their last outing being at Cahir Park against Dublin, who won by a most controversial point after a thrill-packed unforgettable encounter.

However, next Sunday Tipperary set off for Wexford Park to take on the All-Ireland champions in the first semi-final, for the right to appear in the final at Croke Park on the second Sunday in September. Wexford and Tipperary have never met in the All-Ireland series, but they played two years ago in a challenge game, which Tipperary won by a few points. Down the years, Wexford has been faced each year by the powerful Dublin teams. In fact, Dublin have established records that will hardly ever be equalled. Wexford have won only two Leinster titles and one All-Ireland title. Their long-awaited opportunity came last year when Kilkenny unexpectedly beat Dublin in the Leinster semi-final and went on to face Wexford in the Provincial decider. With the odds against them, Wexford confounded everyone by decisively defeating Kilkenny and going on to beat Cork in the All-Ireland final in Croke Park.

PROVED THEIR METTLE

But still it was claimed that Wexford had an easy All-Ireland with Dublin out of the way. That fallacy, however, was exploded at Croke Park last Sunday week when Wexford and Dublin met once again in the Leinster final. The Model County soundly defeated the Metropolitans by 4-0 to 2-1.

And now it's Tipperary's turn to take on the champions. Tipperary have never won an All-Ireland, but they have been knocking on the door since 1946 when they won their first Munster title. Since then they have won 15 Provincial championships, have been beaten finalists in the All-Ireland on five occasions and beaten semi-finalists on nine more.

All that's required on Sunday is good teamwork, determination, the will to win—and a bit of luck.

Tipp. To Test Champs

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The first semi-finals of the All-Ireland camogie championships will be played on Sunday next when senior champions Wexford take on new Munster title-holders Tipperary at Wexford Park, and in the junior grade Kildare face Cork at Naas.

The clash at Wexford Park could well prove the really vital game in this championship, as reports from the North would seem to indicate that Antrim are not quite so strong this season as they have been in so many previous years.

Certainly both teams will come to this Wexford game with the very best credentials. Wexford, slightly under full strength, had a good semi-final win over Kilkenny and then achieved a very long-standing ambition by defeating Dublin, for the first time ever, in the Leinster final at Croke Park.

Tipperary, after a first-round walk-over from Clare, had a good if narrow victory over the 1968 Munster champions, Cork, at Thurles and a clear-cut victory over Tipperary at the same venue in the provincial final.

In the Leinster final there seemed to be no weak links in this Wexford side, who, if anything, have improved since winning the All-Ireland title last year. The reshuffled defence, with Joan Murphy at full-back, Bridget O'Connor at left-back and captain Bridget Doyle at centre-back, proved too good for the best efforts of

THE CAMOGIE SCENE

the Dublin forwards, while if Dublin managed to a certain extent to contain the greatness of Margaret O'Leary at midfield, the Eoghan Rusdh player still got plenty of the ball down to the forwards, who look their chances well, with Mary Doyle in particularly deadly form.

But Tipperary, on Munster form, will take a great deal of beating. They have a great goalkeeper in Sally Long, and sound defenders in Mary Phelan, Joan Marshall and the Graham sisters. Margaret Cleary and Deirdre Lane are strong wingers, while the attack, with very experienced players in Margot Loughane and Bridie Conroy, reinforced by Beatrice Lawrence and Bernie Dowd, likely to pose many problems for the Wexford defence.

It should prove a very close and keenly contested game, but Wexford, with the advantage of home ground, should get through to another final, although they may have little enough to spare.

The junior semi-final at Naas promises to be no less intriguing. Cork, despite the fact that they, as finalists in this grade last year, had to find an entirely new side, have shown up to very good advantage, particularly as in the Munster final in which they

had a good victory over a very much fancied Tipperary selection.

They will be short three of the Munster final panel, but hope to have Mary Ita O'Sullivan and Mary Murphy, who missed the earlier games in the competition through injury. It took them some time to get going against Tipperary but, once into their stride, they looked very good indeed, and are quite capable of reaching the final for the second successive year.

However, Kildare, the shock team of this series, have already shown great promise when defeating very fancied opponents in Wexford and Louth. They are speedy and youthful, and they hit the ball first-time, tactics that have paid very big dividends in all their matches to date. They have real stars in the making in the Miggin sisters, Eileen O'Reilly, Mary Maguire and Marie Loughrey, and they will be at their best on familiar ground in Naas.

Cork may start slight favourites, but Kildare are well capable of springing yet another surprise.

WEXFORD: T. Sheil; J. Murphy, A. Foley, B. Doyle, B. O'Connor; A. Keboe, M. O'Leary, B. Murphy; J. Keboe, M. Walsh, M. Doyle; M. Shannon.

TIPPERARY: S. Long; M. Phelan, J. Marshall, M. Graham, A. Graham; M. Cleary, M. Ryan, D. Lane; M. Loughane, B. Conroy, B. Lawrence; B. Dowd.

Cork For Junior Final

Cork 1-5 Kildare 2-0

Cork junior camogie team's ability to strike first time and their opponents' persistence in trying to rise the ball assured that Cork reached the All-Ireland final of the junior camogie championship for the second year in succession at Naas, yesterday, when they survived a strong challenge from Kildare. Kildare, smaller in comparison, got off to a great start with a first-minute goal by Teresa Lynch. However, the Cork girls then took over and scored five points without reply in the first half.

Kildare opened strongly in the second half and here the Cork backs showed their worth with Mary Barron, Mary Crowley and Mary Whelton outstanding. Pressure told, however, when Teresa Lynch, the outstanding forward on view, scored her second goal after a "30" had come back off one of the defenders. The ability of the Cork defenders to send lengthy puck-out had a disheartening effect on the Kildare team and Cork came back when Rosie Kenefick scored a goal after a goalmouth melee.

Best for Cork were Mary Barron in goal, Mary Crowley, Mary Whelton, Molly McCarthy, Angela Cronin and Rose Kenefick, while Phyllis Hurst, Muriel Miggin, Nuala Malone, Teresa Lynch and Marion Mangan were best for Kildare.

Cork scorers were: R. Kenefick (1-1), A. Cronin (0-3), J. Fitzpatrick (0-1). For Kildare: T. Lynch (2-0).

Cork: M. Barron, M. Crowley, M. Whelton, M. Higgins, P. Riordan, M. Murphy, M. Murphy, M. McCarthy, J. Fitzpatrick, K. O'Regan, A. Cronin, R. Kenefick.

Kildare: B. Barry, P. Hurst, M. Loughrey, B. Cushin, A. Dunne, E. Kelly, M. Miggin, N. Malone, T. Lynch, M. Molloy, M. Mangan, J. Miggin.

Referee: Lily Spence, Antrim.

Late Cork goal foils Kildare girls in Naas

TRYING to lift the ball has been the undoing of many hurling teams. In camogie the same principle applies, and this is why Kildare lost to Cork in the All-Ireland junior camogie semi-final in Naas on Sunday.

Kildare's best progress against the Munster champions was when they played the ball on the ground, but they insisted on attempting to lift it—which was not always possible against the bigger Cork side.

Kildare opened well, and were a goal up within a minute when Teresa Lynch finished good work by Marion Mangan and Mgt. Molloy to the net. Cork swept back and virtually controlled the rest of the half, scoring five points in a row (two from 30s and one from a free) to lead 0-5 to 1-0 at the interval.

But Cork, who hit seven wides in the opening half in reply to Kildare's two, were not as keen in the second 25 mins. Kildare went very near scoring when a fine solo by Miriam Miggins saw sister Josie crash a great shot off the side-netting. Then Mgt. Molloy and Josie Miggins each saw great shots saved, before Kildare had three wides. Shortly afterwards Mangan hit the 'keeper with a fine effort from a Molloy cross, before they took the lead for the second time in the 20th min.

Teresa Lynch, uncharacteristically, missed a 30 but she sent the rebound off a Cork player low to the net through the entire defence. Kildare now looked good for the All-Ireland final against the Ulster champions, but in one of Cork's now few raids they pushed home a goal in a melee—although they didn't deserve it.

Kildare fought furiously to

regain the lead and in a last ditch effort to pull the game out of the fire, Kildare captain Nuala Malone struck a 30 too strong and wide.

Cork who were beaten in the first All-Ireland final last year by Down looked shaky enough in the second half, and were suspect when Kildare did play the ball through on the ground.

Kildare had an excellent player in right midfield Miriam Miggins who gave a very accomplished display. Eileen O'Reilly came into the game late in the first half, while Nuala Malone found her top form late in the game.

The defence was good. Once

again Betty Garry was 'tops' in goal and could hardly be blamed for the one which beat her. Philis Hurst overcame a shaky start to play very well while Anne Dunne had a good game in the halves.

Up front Teresa Lynch worked hard, while Mgt. Molloy was also in form in the second half, but most of their best efforts met with little success.

Kildare team — B. Garry (Naas), P. Hurst (B'ford), M. Loughrey (do.), A. Dunne (C'bridge), B. Cushin (do.), M. Miggins (B'ford), N. Malone, capt. (R'coffey), E. O'Reilly (do.), M. Mangan (B'ford), T. Lynch (R'coffey), M. Molloy (A'clough), J. Miggins (B'ford).



A TUSSELE for possession in Sunday's all-Ireland junior semi-final between Kildare and Cork in Naas.



Sally Long, the Tipp. goalie, seems to have the situation under control, despite being tackled by Wexford's Mary Doyle. On the extreme right is Mary Shannon.

TIPP BEATEN IN SEMI-FINAL

(By "ATLAS")

WEXFORD (holders) 4-4.
TIPPERARY 3-3.

IN a tense, exciting game at Wexford on Sunday, Wexford, the champions, qualified for the 1969 All-Ireland final against Antrim or Galway by defeating the Munster champions, Tipperary, by 4-4 to 3-3.

The score is not a true indication of this game, for it was only in the dying seconds that Wexford's centrefield star, Margaret O'Leary, sent a close-in free all the way to the Tipperary net to clinch the game before the final whistle.

£130 GATE

The game was played before a large attendance (gate receipts £130) in ideal weather conditions and on a perfect pitch, a little on the hard side after the recent dry spell of weather.

Tipperary came to Wexford Park only too keenly aware of the task confronting them—taking on the All-Ireland champions on their home pitch, and before a most enthusiastic attendance.

Few, if any, outside the Tipperary camp gave the Munster champions much chance against Wexford, following their clear-cut victory over Dublin in Croke Park two weeks earlier in the Leinster final.

SHOCK FOR WEXFORD

But what a shock the big Wexford crowd got, when Tipperary, throwing caution to the winds, threw themselves into the game with rare abandon and matching the champions stroke for stroke and score for score, kept the result in doubt right up to the final whistle.

The Wexford stars were closely marked and knocked out of their stride by the well-knit Tipperary team particularly in the first half, by which time Tipperary could have had the game sewn up, had their marksmen been able to turn all their chances into scores.

A POINT BETWEEN THEM AT HALF TIME

There was only a single point between the sides at half-time, 1-2 to 1-1, in favour of Wexford. That trend continued well into the second half as Tipperary kept their formidable opponents at full stretch up to the last quarter. But, alas, for the Munster champions, it was then that Wexford's Margaret O'Leary really got going.

Her forwards were not getting the vital scores up in front so Margaret, who plays for a Dublin club apart from her inter-county career, decided to do something about it. Shaking off the attentions of the Tipperary centrefield, she made several forays into the Tipperary defence lines and, with two well-taken goals, saved the days for the All-Ireland champions.

The first goal cut Tipperary's lead to one point and the second, coming in injury time, clinched the game in Wexford's favour. Had Miss O'Leary been held, Tipperary must have won, for her total tally was 2-2—50 per cent of Wexford's scores.

SELECTORS ERRED

In my opinion, the Tipperary team selectors erred in naming Thurlles school-girl Margaret Cleary to mark Margaret O'Leary, surely one of the best players in Ireland. Miss Cleary did very well in the first half against her experienced opponent but faded somewhat in the second moiety, and it was then that Miss O'Leary used her freedom to full effect and won the day for Wexford, who must now be warm favourites to win their second All-Ireland.

HOW THE SCORES CAME

After 11 minutes, Margaret O'Leary pointed for Wexford, and nine minutes later Josie Keogh added a second. Then Tipperary pressed and Anne Graham pointed a close-in free. Two minutes later Margaret Cleary sent a ground shot all the way to the Wexford net to give Tipperary a short-lived lead. Four minutes later Wexford regained the lead when Mary Walsh raised a green flag with a deceptive shot which hopped the wrong way into the Tipperary net. Scores were then 1-2 to 1-1 at the interval in favour of Wexford.

The second half was only 20 seconds in progress when Tipperary took an unexpected lead. The Wexford goalie made a weak clearance from Kathleen Treacy, and Margo Loughnane was up like a flash to tap the ball home over the line. Three minutes later a defensive slip let Mary Doyle (Wexford) through for a soft goal. That left the champions in front by 8 points to 7.

BEST GOAL IN THE GAME

In the 11th minute came the best goal of the game when Anne Graham cut a sideline ball high into the square and Kathleen Treacy doubled on it into the net. It was then 10 points to 8 in Tipperary's favour.

Four minutes later Bridget Doyle scored a long-range point, but Anne Graham replied for Tipperary with a minor off a free, which brought the referee and umpires into consultation before the white flag was raised.

A minute after this, Margaret O'Leary pointed for Wexford from well outfield. That left Tipperary in front by 11 points to 10. Then came Margaret O'Leary's first goal to leave it 13-11 in Wexford's favour after 23 minutes.

In the 27th minute (injury time) Margo Loughnane got Tipperary's last score off a free—a point, to leave it 13-12 in Wexford's favour. And just when a draw seemed likely, Margaret O'Leary put the issue beyond doubt by sending a 21-yards free all the way to the Tipperary net—guarded by only three defenders instead of the usual half-dozen!

TWO SENT OFF

Mrs Nancy Murray of County Antrim was a fair and impartial referee and handled the game very well. She had the unusual experience of having to send two players to line midway through the first half, one from each side. This is the first time such action was necessary in an All-Ireland semi-final.

THE BOUQUETS

First of all Wexford! In Margt. O'Leary they have a player that any county would be proud of, and she must now make a strong bid for this year's Caltex Award in camogie. Also very good were Brigid Doyle (captain), Joan Murphy and Bridget O'Connor.

For Tipp pride of place must go to goalkeeper Sally Long (Thurlles) who gave a great display and kept her team there with a chance up to the final whistle. Sally has served Tipp well down the years, but never has she played so well as last Sunday. Beyond doubt she is my choice for USP honours this season. Outstanding in defence were Anne Graham and Josephine Marshall (captain). At midfield, Margaret Cleary (centre) played herself to a standstill, while on the flanks, Bernie O'Dowd was better than Monica Ryan, who took the field suffering from a cold. Of the forwards those to catch the eye were Margo Loughnane and Kathleen Treacy. On the wing, Margo impressed more than Beatrice Lawrence, who didn't get enough of the ball, particularly in the first half, to show her real value.

Tipperary: S. Long, Thurlles; M. Phelan, Clonmel J. Marshall (captain), Clonmel; A. Graham, Thurlles; M. Graham, Thurlles; M. Ryan, Drom; M. Cleary, Thurlles; B. Dowd, Thurlles; B. Lawrence, Clonmel; D. Lane, Lorrha; M. Loughnane, Thurlles; K. (Downes) Treacy, St. Bernadette's.

TOO MUCH CLOSE MARKING

At the subsequent dinner for

Late scores put paid to strong Tipperary challenge

THE girls of Wexford continued their triumphant march towards their second successive senior camogie title when they overcame a tremendous Tipperary challenge by four points (4-4 to 3-3) in an extremely tough and exciting All-Ireland semi-final at Wexford Park on Sunday.

But the many Wexford supporters in the estimated attendance of 1,500 must have been severely worried for much of the game, and Wexford were still trailing by a point with only three minutes of proper time left. It was then that Wexford's heroine of the day, Margaret O'Leary, stepped up to a thirty yards' free and slammed it to the back of the net.

Wexford had nosed in front for the first time since just after half time, but the tension mounted as the referee, Mrs. Nancy Murray of Antrim, added on some injury time and as the clock ticked over the twenty-fifth minute, the Model County girls still held on to their precarious two-point lead. It became even more precarious when Margot Loughnane, the Tipp wing forward, sliced the margin to the minimum with a point from a thirty yards' free in the second minute of extra time.

NEAR THING

Wexford swept into the attack to try and make victory secure and Mary Doyle sent wide. But again they swept down on the Tipperary posts and Annie Kehoe was pulled down with the goal at her mercy. Again, Margaret O'Leary stepped up to take the free, this time from twenty yards, and again she rattled the back of the net with a piledriver of a shot and Wexford players and supporters could breathe easily at last.

That shows just how close Tipperary did come to lowering the colours of the only remaining Wexford standard-bearers in senior competition for this year. It was an uncomfortably near thing and Wexford should have had the result beyond doubt long before the finish. The forwards shot an alarming number of wides and, in general, the team did not move with nearly the same fluency as it did the Leinster final against old rivals Dublin.

Except for a fairly strong cross breeze, conditions were ideal for camogie and the reasonably large crowd, with shirt sleeves and summer dresses much in evidence, basked in the warm sunshine. Indeed, before the game began, an almost carnival-like atmosphere prevailed with transistor radios blaring out a mixture of pop music and commentary on the All-Ireland senior football semi-final from Croke Park.

But as soon as the game got under way, only five minutes late, it became evident that it was going to be a grim and dour struggle. And so it turned out to be. Seldom does one see the exchanges so tough in the ladies' code, and the first-time pulling and tackling were quite fierce at times.

In the opening minutes the pattern was set. Tipperary set about their business in a very determined manner, and the close-marking of the backs was forcing the Wexford forwards into uncharacteristic mistakes. Hasty shooting was, as is usually the case, causing inaccuracy, and Wexford

a player from each side to the line. Mary Graham, the Tipperary centre back, was seen to strike the Wexford right wing forward, Josie Kehoe, who retaliated. The referee went up to both players immediately, took their names, and sent them to the line. This certainly seemed to be rough justice as no warnings of any kind had previously been issued, though Mrs. Murray may have intended to nip any unladylike conduct in the bud and in this she succeeded as there were no further incidents.

Prizes.
Contest and many other things

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Tipperary goalkeeper, Sally Long, gets in her clearance while under heavy pressure. The girl in foreground with camán outstretched is Mary Doyle, Wexford. Mary Shannon is barely visible in the centre of the bunch, and in the background with her is Mary Walsh.



Despite the attentions of two Tipperary defenders, Wexford's Mary Walsh made a 'bee-line' for the Tipperary goal.

WEXFORD WIN WITH LATE RALLY

WEXFORD 4-4
TIPPERARY 3-3
Wexford, all Ireland camogie champions qualified for the All Ireland final for the second year in succession when they scored a late victory over Tipperary at Wexford Park yesterday.

With only two minutes left for play and Tipperary leading by one point, Wexford were awarded a close free which Margaret O'Leary goalied to give Wexford the lead. Tipperary fought desperately and were in turn awarded a free on the 20 yard mark. Wexford lined the goal and Margo Loughnane was content to take a point. Wexford attacking again from the puck out were awarded another free which Margaret O'Leary again sent to the net to give them victory. Play was disappointing as the marking was too close, but there was plenty of excitement and there was never more than two points between the sides.

For the first time in an inter-county game, a player from each side was sent to the line in the 16th minute of the first half by referee Mrs. Nancy Murray. They were Mary Graham (Tipp) and Josey Keogh (Wexford). Outstanding for Wexford were Brigid Doyle, Joan Murphy and Anne Foley in defence. Margaret O'Leary, after being well matched for three quarters of the game was dominant at mid-field in the closing stages, Mary

Doyle and Mary Walsh were always dangerous in attack. Sally Long made some brilliant saves in goal for Tipperary and Ann Graham had some long clearances in defence, Margaret Cleary, who is only 16 years, played very well at midfield, while Margo Loughnane was best in attack. Scorers: Wexford: M. O'Leary (2-2), A. Keogh (1-1), M. Walsh (1-0), B. Doyle (0-1). Tipperary — M. Loughnane (2-1), M. Cleary (1-0), A. Graham (0-2).



A dual for possession between Wexford's Annie Kehoe and Tipp's Monica Ryan in the All-Ireland camogie semi-final on Sunday. *M. LOUGHKANE*

Eachtaí imreoirí Scoil Naoimh Alabhaois

NI BAOL don chamógaíocht i gCorcaigh. Tá go leor clubanna ar fud na cathrach agus sa chontae. Bunáíodh suas le ocht gcinn nua le dhá bhliain anuas agus tá cinn eile nach bhfuil cláraithe fós fiú, iad díreach ag fáil a geosa faoi láthair, in iarthar Chorcaí. Éinne a bhfuil suim aici (nó aige!) sa spórt, chuala sí trácht ar **Fhánaithe an Ghleanna**.

Ach an chúis is mó le neart na camógaíochta i gCorcaigh ná an líon fóirne scol atá againn. Is beag clochar sa chathair nach

an tsambraidh—ba sin féin faill de bharráíocht Gaeilge a chur chun cinn.

D'aistrigh Síle gráinín maith drámaí dá ranganna. D'aistrigh sí an leabhar "Mo Chuidse Príosúin", a d'fhoilsigh An Gúm. Maireg nach bhfuair sí caoi suí síos, fanacht socair agus neart a scríobh ar a suaimhneas!

Nil anseo ach gearrthuairisc ar chuid d'imeachtaí a saoil, go h-áithrid mar chaith sí a dúthracht de mhaithe le h-aifeochaint na Gaeilge. Tamall sula bhfuair sí bás bhí sí mar stiúrthóir ar Fhoras na Gaeilge (institiúid teagaisc na Gaeilge) a fhothagh Gael Linn, cuirim i gcás. Bhí sí mar mhúinteoir príobháideach Gaeilge ag an Tiarna Longphort (nach maireann) agus a bhanchéile.

Mar ba dual athar dí, bhí baint mhór aici leis an troid ar son na poblachta i dTír-Chonaill in aimsir na nDúchrónach agus tréimhse thruacánta chogadh na gearrad, mar bhall dícheallach de Chumann na mBan.

Níor lig Dia gur fíoraíodh a h-aisling-se ach an oiread le n-a linn. Nuair nach ndéanfadh dúthracht agus dícheall mar bhí intese é cad é a dhéanfadh é? I Reilig Mhachaire Ghalláin tá leacht breá os cionn a h-uaighe. Scoith leachta eile di—agus do Shéamus Ó Searcaigh (a chónaíodh sa chomharsanacht "Aontachtúil" chéanna liom i mBéal Feirste, gach rud tríd na sceachóirí!) agus Una Ní Fhaircheallaigh áras fairsing álainn úr Choláiste Chloch an Fhaoláidh. Ach go bhfuil an leacht a b'fhíorfhóirstíní le tógáil go fóill—Éire a bheadh saor ó thoinn go toinn agus chomh Gaelach—agus chomh saothrach—le bunadh Ghaoth Dobhair mar an gcéanna.

bhfuil an cluiche seo ar chlár na gcluichí ann. Mar an gcéanna sa chontae, an Cóbh, Eochail, Macromtha, Driseán, ba liosta le h-áireamh iad. Club cathrach — Club Ard na Tróchaire — nach bhfuil bunaithe ach le bliain, d'éirigh leo Corn Uí Shúilleabháin a bhuaichaint i mbliana.

Ach an scoil is mó a bhfuil an chamógaíocht faoi chomaoín aici ná **Scoil Naoimh Alabhaois anseo sa chathair**. Chomh fada siar le séasúr 1917-1918 bhí foireann na scoile seo ag imirt agus ag breith leo na n-onóracha. Níor thaise dhóibh ins na blianta 1920, '27, '28, agus '29. Chuaigh an chamógaíocht idirscoileanna i léig ansan anuas go dtí 1938. Ach fós bhí cailíní Naoimh Alabhaois sa pháirc agus Craobh na Sínear á bhuaichaint acu go minic. Chomh luath is a déanadh athbhunú ar Chraobh na Scol bhí foireann na scoile seo chun tosaigh láithreach. Bhúadar é i 1939, agus go minic ó shin ins na dachaidí, na caogaidí agus na seascaidí. Is annamh a chailleadh siad. Ní haon iona mar sin gurb' iad a shrois Páirc an Chrócaigh i mbliana do chluiche ceannais Coláistí na hÉireann Uile, an chéad bhliain gur leathadh Craobh na Scol lasmuigh de na cúigi.

D'éirigh leo éascaí go leor Craobh Chorcaí a bhaint amach, cé go raibh cluiche amháin cóngarach go leor idir iad féin agus **Clochar Driseán**. Bhí Craobh na Mumhan acu i ndiaidh cluiche le Portladhach i bPort Láirge. Ach an tráthnóna ba chorraithí amuigh ná an cluiche leathcheannais thuas i dTuaim le **Clochar na Toirbhirte**. Bhí an caighdeán imeartha níos áirde ná in aon chluiche go dtí sin — agus muintir Thuaim chun tosaigh. Ach chruthaigh Scoil Naoimh Alabhaois gurbh ábhar Chraobh na hÉireann iad — bhúadar ar an bhfoireann chum-asach seo — agus bhí Páirc an Chrócaigh rompu ansin. Cill Choinnigh an freasúra — agus ainm maith tuillte acu dóibh féin.

Nil cur síos ar an éifeacht a bhí ag an mbua seo i dTuaim ar lucht leanúna na camógaíochta sa bhaile i gCorcaigh. Ba ghá traicín speisialta chun iad uilig a thabhairt go Baile Átha Cliath le haghaidh an chluiche

ceannais! Daltaí na scoile, mná rialta agus múinteoirí, tuismitheoirí agus gaolta, bhíodar go léir ann ag caitheamh suaith-eantaisí agus caipíní, agus ag tógaint liú a mheallfadh Cú Chulainn féin chun gaisce ag an áth chluiteach úd fadó. Ach níor leor é — bhí Cill Choinnigh ró-láidir agus is acu a bhí Craobh na hÉireann! Thaispeáin Scoil Naoimh Alabhaois, áfach, cad is teip ghrástúil ann — agus ní fuirist sin d'fhoireann a bhfuil nós an bhua á chleachtadh le fada acu. Cinnte bhí diomá orthu — ach d'admhaigh 'chuire dhuine acu go raibh an-chluiche ann, agus an bua ag an bhfoireann ba threise. Ag lorg a laigí féin a bhíodar i ndiaidh an chluiche — agus ní h-aon locht é sin. Níl ann ach an té láidir ar féidir leis a leithéid a dhéanamh.

Tuairiscíonn

HELEN NIC MHARTAIN

An dioma is mó a bhí ar chailíní na fóirne ná gur theip orthu an bua a bhaint amach dá múinteoir diograiseach Marie Hobbs nach raibh riamh tuirseach nó tógtha suas le gnóthaí eile nár fhéad sí tréanail leo nó comhairle a thabhairt nó fiú cúrsaí a phlé. An gá a rá gur iarscoláire i le Scoil Naoimh Alabhaois? Nó gur sárimreoir i féin? Thosnaigh sí ar fhoireann na scoile agus bhí sí ar fhoireann an Choláiste Ollscoile nuair a bhúadar an Corn Ashbourne lena linn. Sé a tuairim féin faoin séasúr suimiúil seo ná gur bhain gach éinne taitneamh iontach as, go háirithe an méid taistil a déanadh. Tá an tír siúlta acu, adeir sí! Fiú is cluiche amháin ní raibh sa bhaile acu. D'admhaigh sí áfach go mb'fhéidir gur bhúadar ró-éascaí i dtosach, gur fearr a éireódh leo dá mbeadh cluichí níos déine acu, agus níos mó cleachtadh acu ar imirt ghéar. B'é Clochar na Toirbhirte i dTuaim an chéad fhreasúra dian ar dheineadar teangmháil leo — agus bhí sin ró-chóngarach don chluiche ceannais chun lán tairfe a bhaint as.

Ach is féidir le Marie Hobbs bheith bródúil as a foireann bhreá. Tá imreoirí individúla ann mar atá Liz Garvin nó Síle Ní Riain (captaen) nó Eibhlín Long, atá sár-mhaith agus a stíl féin acu, ach sí an fhoireann an t-aonad tábhachtach, agus an

bua is mó atá ag foireann Iníon Uí Hobbs ná an sprid fóirne atá iontu uile. Go raibh an bua acu an chéad uair eile! Ní shéanfadh éinne nach bhfuil sé tuillte acu. Bronnadh duais bheag shóláis orthu áfach. Ag dinnéar speisialta fuaireadar go léir, an fhoireann agus Marie Hobbs, camáin dheasa airgid mar chomhartha measa ó Chlub Iarscoláirí na scoile (Old Als).

Taobh amuigh d'imreoirí maithe a chothú, tá de thradisiún leis ag Scoil Naoimh Alabhaois roinnt mhaith d'oifigigh a chur ar fáil, ní hamháin ar Bhórd na Scol ach ar Bhord an Chontae chomh maith. Orthu-san tá faoi láthair Síle Ní Riain, sparánaí, agus Eibhlín Long, leaschathaoirleach ar Bhord na Scol. Ar Bhord an Chontae anois tá triúr iarscoláirí, Cáit Ní Riogáin, rúnaí oinigh, agus Bean Morley, oifigeach don phreas, maraon le Máire Ní Mhóráin, cathaoirleach an Bhoird, a bhí lách liom le déanaí agus a chaith oíche iomlán ag plé cúrsaí camogaíochta i dteanta le n-a cara Bean Desmond.

An deacracht is mó ná easpa páirceanna imeartha. Taobh amuigh de na scoileanna bíonn siad ag brath ar Chumann Lúthchleas Gael. Is minic a chloistear an gearán nach bhfaigheann an chamogaíocht dóthain tacaíochta ón Ch.L.G. Ach b'fhéidir go ndearmadtar uaireanta gur dhá eagraíocht neaspleácha iad. Ar ndóigh bíonn cúrsaí airgid ag crá gach éinne, agus ní taise do lucht na camogaíochta. Arís, dá mbeadh dóthain páirceanna dá gcuid féin acu, bheadh táille isteach acu, ach nuair nach bhfuil, bítear ag brath ar fhoinsí eile. Sé tuairim gach éinne ar labhras leo go mba bhreá leo breis poiblíochta. Is trua gur fir ar fad atá ina dtuairisceoirí spóirt ag nuachtáin agus RTE! Ag caint ar fhir dúinn (agus cén cruinniú ban nach luaitear fir ann?) d'fhiafraíos de Mháire an dtuigeann cáirde fir do chailíní a imríonn le camáin. Bhíos sásta a chloisint go mbíd an-chabhraitheach de ghnáth. Níor mhaith leat dá mbeadh an cluiche ag leathadh croíthe briste! Maidir le lucht leanúna, fuaireas amach gur daoine le dlúthbhaint le fóirne a leanann iad. Faoin dtuaith, tiocfaidh na fir i bhfad Éireann níos tapúla chun cluiche a fheiscint. Sa chathair, is gá bheith gaolta nó geallta leo! Nach aít sin anois, agus na sluaite a bhíonn ag lorg áite i Sasana má bhíonn foireann bhan ag imirt peile. An rud is annamh is iontach, is dócha! Ba cheart dúinn bheith buíoch nach mar sin atá leis an gcamogaíocht in Éirinn. A mhínicí isea is fearr!



Tipperary goalkeeper, Sally Long, makes one of her many fine saves.



Wexford full-forward, Mary Shannon, clashes with a Tipp defender.



The Ahane team which defeated Croagh 4 goals to 2 points in the final of the Limerick Co. Senior Camogie Championship at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick.



The Croagh team which lost to Ahane, 4 goals to 2 points, in the final of the Limerick Co. Senior Camogie Championship at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick.

Ahane meet Croagh in final

Senior semi-finals:—

Ahane	7-3
Ballyagran	1-0
Croagh	3-3
Bruff	0-0

Ahane and Croagh have qualified for the senior championship final by virtue of very one-sided wins in the semi-finals last week-end.

The stage is now set for the final at the Gaelic Grounds this (Friday) evening at 7.30 p.m. This is the third meeting of these teams in the county decider, with victory going to Ahane on the last two occasions. Ahane, present county champions and Munster club champions, start firm favourites to make it three-in-a-row.

Another title for Ahane

Ahane	4-0
Croagh	0-2

For the third successive year, Ahane have won the county senior championship. Played before a large attendance on Friday evening last, at the Gaelic Grounds, the Eastern girls ran out easy winners in a game which lacked the skill and the excitement of previous encounters.

The inclusion of Margie Moroney on the Ahane team came as a great surprise to all and she justified her selection by giving a good account of herself at centre half-forward. Others to impress for the champions were Carrie Clancy, Joan Hayes, Bridget Ryan and Helen Roche.

Christina Murphy, Eileen O'Keefe, Margie Burke and Kathleen Quaid tried hard for a very disappointing Croagh side.

JOSIE KEHOE OUT

WEXFORD's chances of retaining their All-Ireland senior camogie title were dealt a severe blow on Saturday, when star forward **JOSIE KEHOE**, was suspended for six months at a meeting of the Central Council in Dublin as a result of being sent off in the semi-final against Tipperary at Wexford Park.

Mary Graham (Tipperary) who was also sent to the line in that game was suspended for twelve months.

As this was the first time that players had been sent off in an inter-county championship camogie game, the decision of the Central Council to impose such lengthy suspensions seems a very harsh one.

Josie Kehoe, who assists St. Abbans, Adamstown, Wexford senior camogie champions, has emerged as one of the star attackers of the Wexford team in the past twelve months.

She assisted the Wexford junior side to the All-Ireland semi-final last year and was then promoted to the senior side for the All-Ireland senior final in which she turned in a star performance.

Josie has been a regular member of the senior side since then, and her attacking flair and goal scoring ability will be missed in the final.

She missed her club's engagement with St. Paul's, Kilkenny, in the 1969 All-Ireland camogie



1969 championship, played at Enniscorthy on Sunday, and will also miss the defence of the county title against St. Ibar's, Castlebridge, to be played in the near future.

RIDICULOUS

Commenting on the suspension, county team trainer, **Mr. Dominic Kernan** said: "I think the decision is very harsh, as Josie was sent off without having been cautioned earlier."

Said the trainer: "I think Mary Graham should have been suspended for eighteen months and Josie let off, as she deserved a medal for her bravery."

"Josie will be a big loss to Wexford on September 21, and the decision of the Central Council is, to my mind, ridiculous."

Camogie stars suspended

WEXFORD WILL be without star forward Josie Kehoe in the All-Ireland senior camogie final. She was suspended for six months at a meeting of the Central Camogie Council in Dublin on Saturday as a result of being sent off in the semi-final against Tipperary at Wexford Park.

Mary Graham (Tipperary), who was also sent to the line in that game, was suspended for twelve months. It was the first time that players had been sent off in an inter-county championship camogie game.

Another Final for St. Pauls

ST. PAUL'S, KILKENNY ... 3-5
ADAMSTOWN ST. ABBANS 3-1
St. Paul's (holders) advanced to the Leinster final of the All-Ireland club championships when they defeated the Wexford Champions Adamstown St. Abbans in the semi-final in Enniscorthy yesterday.

Scorers—St. Paul's—M. Cassin (2-0), C. O'Shea (0-5), T. Brennan (1-0), A. Carroll (0-1). St. Abbans—B. Doyle (1-1), A. Kehoe and Harrington (1-0 each).

MUNSTER TEAM ANNOUNCED

The team to represent Munster in the inter-provincial camogie semi-final against Connaught on Oct. 5 at a Connaught venue is: Sally Long (Tipperary); Eleanor Cummins (Cork); Josephine Marshall (Tipperary); Anne Graham (do.); Mary Jo Ryan (Cork); Liz Garvan (Cork); Margaret Cleary (Tipperary); Anne Murphy (Limerick); Beatrice Lawrence (Tipperary); Carrie Clancy (Limerick); Anne Comerford (Cork); Bridie Conroy (Tipperary).

Subs.—Monica Ryan (Tipperary); Bridie Giltenname (Limerick) and Anne McAuliffe (Cork).

The Munster board has made the following fixtures for the interclub championship (games to be played on Sunday next): Limerick champions v. Tipperary champions (Limerick venue); Cork champions v. Waterford champions (Cork venue). The final is fixed for Sept. 24 at (a) Limerick if Limerick v. Cork; (b) at Waterford, if Limerick v. Waterford; or (c) at Tipperary if Tipperary v. Cork or Waterford.

ANTRIM TAKEN TO ADVANCE

GALWAY CAMOGIE teams, doubly engaged on Sunday next in the All-Ireland camogie semi-finals at Glenariff against Antrim and Derry respectively, will be more hopeful now than they would have been had these games been played a fortnight ago as originally scheduled.

The postponement, due to the conditions in the Six Counties, will have given the Connacht representatives added time for training, while it is very unlikely that the Ulster teams have had a great deal of time for camogie of late.

And still Ulster senior champions Antrim, though lacking some of their great stars of recent years, will still have a pretty useful side on duty. Moya Forde and Kathleen Kelly provide a solid backbone to the defence, Mairead Quinn in the centre and Mairead McAtamney on the wing should do well around mid-field, while Marion McFetridge, Lily Scullion and Eithne Dougan promise plenty of power in attack.

Galway for their part are not lacking in talent or experience

by TAOBH LINE

either. The Kilkenny sisters, Margaret and Mary, the Divilley sisters, Rosemary and Grace, the two O'Flahertys and the Quinns are all top-class players and, if they get off to a good start, they may as they have done before now, provide plenty of shocks for this fancied Antrim side.

However, assuming that they have managed to get in some preparation, Antrim must still be fancied to advance to meet Wexford in the All-Ireland final.

Intriguing

The junior semi-final is just as intriguing. Derry did well when winning through in Ulster, but have been virtually idle for several weeks. Galway, who have had to find a completely new side in this grade, were hard-pressed enough in the West but could prove a surprise packet. But pre-match form suggests an Ulster double.

Cork are already in the junior final.

In the Munster both semi-finals of the provincial section of the All-Ireland club championship will be played on Sunday next. Cork banner-bearers South Presentation had an easy first round victory at Ennis over the Clare representatives Eire Og, and with All-Ireland stars Mel Cummins, Hanna Dineen, Sheila O'Sullivan and Anne Comerford in their line-out will be expected to account for Waterford champions Gaultier at Cork.

The second semi-final at a Limerick venue between Ahane (Limerick) and Clonmel (Tipperary) looks far more open. Because of the strength of the Tipperary county team, Clonmel will start favourites, but Ahane are very hard to beat on home ground.

All-Ireland club champions St. Paul's from Kilkenny reached the Leinster final of this competition when they defeated Wexford champions Adamstown at Enniscorthy last Sunday. They now meet Eoghan Ruadh of Dublin in the provincial final.

Central Council, at its meeting last week-end, made the following fixtures for the remainder of the year—

Gael-Linn Cup. At Leinster venue — Leinster v Ulster, At Ballina — Connacht v Munster. Both games on October 5. Final October 26.

Inter-club Championship — Leinster venue — Leinster champions v Connacht champions, Munster venue — Munster champions v Ulster champions. Both games October 19. Final Nov. 9.

Antrim — S. McLarney, M. Forde, E. Brogan, K. Kelly, K. Byrne, D. Crawford, M. Quinn, M. McAtamney, M. McFetridge, E. Dougan, N. Harlin, L. Scullion.

Galway (Sen.) — From Margaret Kilkenny, Mary Kilkenny, F. Clarke, R. O'Flaherty, R. Divilley, M. Forde, B. Quinn, G. Divilley, N. O'Flaherty, B. O'Brien, P. Feeney, K. O'Flaherty, M. Kilroy, M. Quinn.

Ulster double likely in Camogie ties

The postponed all-Ireland Senior and Junior Camogie semi-finals, which were to have been played at Glenariff two weeks ago, will now take place in Glenariff today with Derry meeting Galway in the junior tie at 2.0 and Antrim opposing Galway at 3.0.

Antrim and Galway have been in opposition in Senior semi-finals on a number of occasions but Derry and Galway have not met before today.

This is the fourth meeting of the sides in this decade and a Galway win would even the score between them. Antrim, however, will be in determined mood as they are hot on the trail of Wexford, who are already in the All-Ireland Senior final.

Intriguing tie

It was Wexford who defeated Antrim at Glenariff last year and deprived them of their All-Ireland crown won in 1967. Antrim feel that they should have beaten Wexford on that day and are more than anxious to prove the point. Hence Galway will find them in an unyielding mood and will have to pull out all the stops all the way if they hope to win.

The junior game promises to be an intriguing game, for the two teams have never met

before. Galway won last year's Connacht Junior Championship but went under to Cork in the All-Ireland Semi-Final.

Derry had poor luck in 1968 as they were dismissed from the Junior Championship by Tyrone at an early stage. But they won the Ulster Junior Championship in 1967 and, indeed, were successful in this competition a number of times.

Galway defeated Sligo in the 1969 Connacht Championship but Derry had a much harder passage in Ulster. In the first round they had a walk-over from Cavan; in the semi-final they defeated Armagh and the final saw them beat a fancied Antrim team.

Taking these performances as guides, present form points to Derry as winners and a double victory for the Ulster teams is likely.

The Ulster Camogie Club Championship semi-final between Roslea and Eglis will be played today at Roslea (3.30).

GALWAY FAIL TWICE

Galway camogie teams were narrowly defeated in both All-Ireland semi-finals at Glenariff, Co. Antrim, yesterday.

ANTRIM 2-6

GALWAY 3-2

Antrim, Ulster senior champions, scraped through to meet Wexford in the All-Ireland final, but missed many scoring chances and were lucky to survive a spirited late rally by the Galway girls.

Galway, with the advantage of a stiff breeze in the first half, were still only on level terms, 1-2 each, at half time, and Antrim seemed on the way to

an easy victory when they then stretched into a 2-6 to 1-2 lead.

But Galway, led by Mona Flaherty, came battling back with two goals in the last five minutes, and Antrim were hard-pressed to hold out.

Mairead McAtamney was Antrim's outstanding star and received most assistance from Mairead Quinn, Nuala Hawlin, Kathleen Kelly and Moya Forde.

Mona Flaherty took major honours for Galway, who had other fine players in Pat Feaney and the Kilkenny sisters, Margaret and Mary.

Scorers: Antrim — L. Scullion

(2-1), M. McFetridge (0-2), McAtamney, N. Hawlin and Collins (0-1 each). Galway — 1 Feeney (2-2), N. Flaherty (1-0).
DERRY 3-2
GALWAY 2-1

In the junior semi-final, Galway had the better of the first half and led by 2-1 to 1-2 at the interval, and Derry came back to earn a well-deserved victory in a rather dull and scrappy game.

Scorers: Derry—E. McErlean, M. McPeake, A. McCann (1-0 each), K. O'Hagan, A. McGurk (0-1 each). Galway — J. Kelly (2-1).

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Munster Club Semi-final At Limerick

The 1968 Co. Tipp champions, Elmville-Liscroagh (Clonmel) were beaten at Castleconnell on Sunday when they met Limerick champions (Ahane) in the semi-final of the Munster club championship.

In a one-sided game, Ahane ran out easy winners against a Clonmel team that showed an obvious lack of training and never got going against their faster and fitter opponents.

Once upon a time Ahane was renowned as a Limerick hurling stronghold. Now, unfortunately, that era has ended, what with the drift from the land, and the reluctance of modern youth to 'sweat-it-out' on the hurling fields as in the days of yore.

But into the gap have stepped the colleens of Ahane, senior county champions for 1967, 1968, and 1969 — as grand a club team as one would wish to see.

CLUB WITH OWN PITCH

Ahane Camogie Club, which can boast of senior, under 21, under 18, under 16 and under 14 teams, are fortunate to have their own playing field at Castleconnell village. It is not a great pitch as standards go. For there is a rise of ground at centrefield with a fall towards the 'city' goal; but it is a field on which the club committee hope to carry out improvements when the finances permit. It is a step in the right direction for any camogie club to acquire its own playing field, for this will ensure both the continuance of the game and the existence of the club for future years and future generations (D.V.).

A REALLY USEFUL TEAM

Last year Ahane went to the final of the All-Ireland club championship, only to be beaten by St Paul's (Kilkenny). This year they have got a really useful side together, including a Tipperary lady, Kitty Ryan, from Newport. On Sunday week they will be at home to Cork champions, St. Aloysius, in the Munster final, and should they survive that, they will be then at home to the Ulster Club champions on November 28 in the All-Ireland semi-final. Best of luck, Ahane!

Now for last Sunday's game. Ahane won the toss and elected to play 'down the hill'. Applying fierce pressure and executing delightful passing movements, they slammed home five goals and one point without reply.

Clonmel made several switches at the interval and the team improved somewhat on the change of ends. But it was Ahane who scored first with another goal, Mary Heahy, with a consolation goal a minute later. But, just when the Clonmel team was getting going, their captain Josephine Marshall suffered a head injury and had to retire. Her departure had an unsettling effect on her team-mates and Ahane, scoring a further 3-2, ran out easy winners.

Outstanding for Ahane were: —
Clonmel players: Peider Ryan, Margie Doolan and Joan Hayes (capt).
Clonmel scorers were: Margt. Phelan, Mary B. Bourke, Mary Lyons, Mary Heahy and Beatrice Lawrence.

Ahane scorers were: Peggy Duffy (2-0), Joan Hayes and Margie Doolan (2-0 each); Cairie Clancy (1-3) and Joan Condon (1-0).
Ref: Miss Eahne Neville (Limerick).

St. Abban's Just Failed in Club Semi-Final

A DOWNPOUR of rain failed to dampen the spirits of either the two teams or the small attendance in St. Patrick's Park, Enniscorthy, last Sunday when the Wexford representatives, Adamstown St. Abban's, just failed before the titleholders, Kilkenny St. Paul's—3-1 to 3-6—in the Leinster semi-final of the All-Ireland club championship.

TEAMS

Kilkenny St. Paul's (inter-county players' names in black type)—Jo Golden (gl.); Ann Phelan, Nuala Duncan, Joan Kelly; Ann Carroll, Liz Neary, Carmel O'Shea, Helena O'Neill; Maura Cassin; Tessie Brennan, Rose Vennard, Breda Cassin; subs. Mary Conway, Philomena O'Shea, Theresa O'Neill, Adamstown St. Abban's—Mary McCabe (gl.); Gretta Kehoe, Breda Finn, Ann Quigley; Brigid Doyle; Annie Kent, Ann Foley, Kathleen Whelan; Annie Kehoe; Helen Power, Mary Harrington, Bernice Kehoe, subs. Kathleen McCabe, Nell Doyle, Kathleen Kelly. Referee—Miss Pat Rafferty (Eoghan Ruadh).

Overall, the Wexford side—in its first year in the competition, was no match for the much more experienced Noresiders last Sunday, and it was only three-quarters way through that St. Abban's got their goals—St. Paul's were ahead 2-2 to 1-0 at half-time. Unfortunately, some key sectors let St. Abban's down and once the Kilkenny callini got going, it was really hard to stop them.

HIGH STANDARD

The standard was very high, considering atrocious weather, and on that account both teams must be congratulated. Unfortunately the rain hindered St. Abban's most and despite their many efforts, it will take a better side to beat the title-holders. Though it was a brave effort by St. Abban's, as a unit they just did not take off. I have seen them play much better, yet one could not find much fault in them. The bad conditions and the fact that the experienced

opposition hit top gear, beat the Wexford side.

SUPERB—

Brigid Doyle, captain of the county team, was really superb for St. Abban's; she was so far ahead of her colleagues in defence that she did not require any support. She was the most consistent player on view and did just about everything one player could do to rally her side.

Much pressure fell on the St. Abban's defence. Here, Gretta Kehoe surprised with a five-star performance, with full-back Breda Finn trying her best. The attack, though always trying hard, squandered some chances. But as well, it hit up against a fine defence and the supply from midfield was inconsistent. Annie Kehoe, though faced with a very good centre-back, was the main threat in attack, with Mary Harrington also prominent.

County star Ann Foley was in subdued form at midfield and only got going in the second half. One felt much sympathy for goalie Mary McCabe — some powerful Kilkenny shots were really 'unholdable' in the inclement weather.

WINNERS' BEST

The winners are really good and when they meet the Dublin champions, Eoghan Ruadh, in the final next Sunday, I am convinced that the metropolitans will have to be at their very best. They had three outstanding stars in centre-back Ann Carroll, midfielder Carmel O'Shea and centre-forward Maura Cassin—members of the county senior team. Others who impressed were Nuala Duncan (full-back) and Joan Kelly in defence and midfielder Liz Neary.

FIVE SISTERS

It was ironic that because inter-county star Josie Kehoe is under suspension—and how St. Abban's could have done with her services!—she could not line out, for if she had, exactly half the team would have been composed of sisters: Mrs. Brigid Doyle, Mrs. Mary Harrington and Misses Annie, Gretta and

Bernice Kehoe—all are members of the famed Clonleigh family.

THE GAME

A neat pass by winger Tracie Brennan set up Maura Cassin for a neat goal for St. Paul's early in the game (4th minute), and five minutes later, Carmel O'Shea tacked on a point.

Scores for the Wexford side were to be few and far between in this-half, only one, in fact, being registered—this came in the 11th minute when Brigid Doyle sent in a 'pled-driver' to raise the green flag and also St. Abban's hopes. Another goal for the Kilkenny side by Maura Cassin, similar to the first, in the 18th minute, was added to.

Carmel O'Shea with a point from a free two minutes later, which left St. Paul's leading by 1-2 to 1-0 at the break.

From a '30,' Carmel O'Shea (point) put St. Paul's further ahead in the third minute of the new half, but Brigid Doyle replied likewise two minutes later. A well-taken goal by Teasie Brennan shortly after seemed to signal a complete routing of St. Abban's (3-4 to 1-1), but this was not to be so.

TONIC GOAL

A fine effort by full-forward Mary Harrington yielded a goal, and though the Wexford callini were still two goals behind (3-1 to 3-4), this goal was the tonic they required.

St. Abban's now began to crack down on their opponents all over the field. The midfield put much more 'fire' into their efforts, while the defence deprived St. Paul's of any more major scores. Meanwhile, the attack increased the pressure in one mighty last effort. Annie Kehoe's goal after eight minutes from the end changed the outlook drastically, for St. Paul's were now only three points ahead—3-4 to 3-1. However, the Noresiders stood firm and two more points from Carmel O'Shea (18th and 24th) left no doubt about the issue.

SCORERS

St. Paul's scorers were M. Cassin (2-0), C. O'Shea (0-5), T. Brennan (1-0), and A. Carroll (0-1). St. Abban's replied per B. Doyle (1-1), A. Kehoe and M. Harrington (1-0 each).

And to wind up, here is an item from last week's Kilkenny People which should set us all thinking. After the Leinster club championship camogie final between the holders St. Paul's, Kilkenny, and their predecessors as All-Ireland champions, Eoghan Ruadh of Dublin, the referee, Mrs. Kathleen O'Duffy, called the two teams together, and thanked them for making her task such an easy one.

When I see that happen after a big hurling or football game I'll do more than eat my hat, I'll buy one.

Ulster: K. McCann (Derry), M. Forde (Antrim); M. Cadwell (Down), N. McNally (Derry), R. McCaul (Derry), E. Collins (Antrim), M. McAtamney (Antrim), B. Sands (Down); M. McFetridge (Antrim), M. Delaney (Armagh), P. Crangle (Down); L. Scullion (Antrim).
Subs.—M. Lee (Derry), S. McEneaney (Derry), M. Quinn (Antrim).

South Pres. Face Ahane In Munster Inter-Club Final

COUNTY champions, South Presentation Past Pupils, travel to Castleconnell, Co. Limerick, on Sunday next where they will meet Limerick County champions, Ahane, in the Munster final of the inter-club competition. This is South Presentation's first appearance in this competition and they are only the second Cork club to do so. Glen Rovers were the Cork champions, since the competition's inception — that is until last year when the convent girls took the title for the first time.

South Pres. made a very impressive entry into the inter-club competition when they had a tremendous 9-4 to 2-0 win over Eire Og in the first round. They then received a walk-over from Co. Waterford champions, Gaultier, and now they face the strength of Limerick in what should be a very exciting game.

Ahane are Limerick county champions for the past three years. In 1957 they participated in the inter-club competition and were defeated by Glen Rovers. Last year they were more successful. They won the Munster title, by defeating Gaultier, subsequently beat Ballinasloe, the Connacht champions, but were beaten by St. Paul's of Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final by 7-2 to 1-2.

EASY WIN

In this year's competition they received a bye in the first round. Then they had a surprisingly easy victory over Clonmel in the semi-final by 9-3 to 1-0. When one considers that Tipperary are Munster senior champions Ahane must be a good side to dispose of the Tipperary champions so easily.

Ahane have a number of the Limerick side that reached this year's Munster final. In goal is the county keeper, Helen Roche. Other inter-county players include Bridget Ryan at full-back, Cary Clancy and Kitty Ryan at centre field and Joan Hayes and Peggy Duffy in the forward line.

For the Limerick county final this year Ahane brought Marjorie Mahoney out of retirement. Marjorie is, perhaps, one of the greatest camogie players that

Limerick has ever produced. Up to her retirement she could command a regular place on the Munster team. Though obviously not as fast as before and also out of practice she showed that she still has a lot of her skill and was the star of the team on that occasion. No doubt since then she will have got in a good deal of training and she could give the Cork girls a great deal of trouble at centrefield.

DETERMINED SIDE

What are South Presentation's chances in this game? For the last two seasons South Pres. have been playing consistently well in all their games and their victory in the county championship this season was the highlight of their history. They were tremendous in their county championship final against Old Aloysians and they will be very anxious to add the Munster title in this their greatest year.

They have plenty of talent on the side with experience and youth combining together to make up a very successful combination. In goal the Cork girls too have one of their big stars in the person of inter-provincial Eleanor Cummins. Mary Crowley, captain of the side, is a very sound full back while Hannah Dineen and Sile O'Sullivan have played on the Cork team. Mary Whelton, who completes the defence is a member of the junior team.

THEIR STARS

Although the actual team was not announced at the time of writing the above is almost certain to be the defence while the centrefield trio must be Anne Comerford, Blanche Gibbons and Betty Sugrue. These girls form a wonderful partnership and if they get on top on Sunday, which they will be expected to do, then South Pres. will be a long way towards winning this coveted title.

In attack too the Convent girls have plenty of ability. Joan Fitzpatrick, Angela Cronin and Kay Dunne are very experienced and efficient forwards while Marion McCarthy has been going

from strength to strength in the corner.

This then is the likely South Pres. line-up and if they can reach top form then they must be given a great chance of bringing the title back to Cork. Certainly they deserve it for the long years of struggling when they refused to give up and promised their supporters that they would take the county title one day. Now they can go one better by bringing the Munster title to their very loyal followers.

On Sunday every camogie follower in the county will wish them luck in this game, and hope it will be only one step in their efforts to bring the All-Ireland club title to Cork for the first time.

There are three championship games listed locally for Sunday.

At Berrings Inniscarra meet Douglas in the Intermediate Championship and although Douglas should have more experience Inniscarra could cause a surprise here.

At Tramore Road there are two junior ties listed. Old Aloysians meet Rochestown in the first of these ties and this game should be the closest of the two. These sides played a draw some weeks ago when both sides were short owing to holidays. Both are likely to be a full strength on Sunday and it will be interesting to see how they fare.

Our Lady's Hospital are yet another new club to join the ranks in recent months but in spite of their short time in competition they are doing very well. In fact they could dispose of Ovens in the championship on Sunday.

FIXTURES

Munster Inter-Club Final at Castleconnell (Co. Limerick) at 3.30: Ahane v South Pres. (Tipp. officials).

Intermediate Championship at Berrings at 3.30: Inniscarra v Douglas (Canovee Ref.)

Junior Championship at Tramore Road at 3.00: Old Ais. v Rochestown (Ref. Youghal) Do at 4.00: Our Lady's Hospital v Ovens (Youghal Ref.).

Ahane Retain Munster Club Championship

Ahane 3-4.

South Presentation P.P. 1-5

Ahane retained the Munster senior camogie club championship title when in a most exciting game at Castleconnell, Co. Limerick, yesterday they defeated the Cork champions, South Presentation. The visitors were in front by 1-3 to 1-1 at half-time and early in the second half they seemed certain to win.

However, the star of the local side, Margy Doohan slammed in a glorious goal to put the Limerick champions in front with ten minutes to go and once ahead the local side turned on the style to eventually prove deserving winners.

Indeed, but for some excellent saves by the visiting goalkeeper, Eleanor Cummins, the score might have been much greater. In addition Mary Crowley, Hannah Dineen, Blanche Gibbons and Angela Cronin also impressed. For Ahane, Margy Doohan, Carrie Clancy, Mary Tierney and Kathleen Richardson were outstanding.

Scores—Ahane: M. Doohan (1-2), J. Hayes (1-1), M. Tierney (1-1). South Presentation: A. Comerford (1-2), A. Cronin (0-2), B. Sugrue (0-1).

Ahane—H. Roche, B. Ryan, M. Hayes, K. Ryan, M. Macken, C. Clancy, B. Leahy, K. Richardson, M. Doohan, J. Hayes, J. Tierney, P. Duffy, Sub. J. Condon for Richardson.

South Presentation P.P.—E. Cummins, M. Crowley, M. Whelton, H. Dineen, B. Sugrue, B. Gibbons, J. Fitzpatrick, M. McCarthy, A. Comerford, A. Cronin, S. Golden, K. Dunne, Sub. E. Bohane for Fitzpatrick.

Referee—L. O'Grady (Cork).

Camogie Team

At a meeting of the Leinster Council yesterday the following team was selected to play Ulster in the final Linn Camogie semi-final on October 5: T. Sittels, J. Murphy (Westford); C. O'Shea (Kilkenny), M. O'Leary (Westford), A. Hussey (Dublin), A. Carroll (Kilkenny), K. Murphy, O. Ni Siochain (Dublin), M. Doyle, M. Walsh (Westford), J. Doyle, U. O'Connor (Dublin), Subs.: G. Golden (Kilkenny), M. Ryan (Dublin).

EOGHAN RUADH BID TO REGAIN TITLE

By AGNES HOURIGAN

For the third consecutive year Eoghan Ruadh are the Dublin representatives in the All-Ireland club camogie championship. They won the All-Ireland title on their first appearance, were defeated by the ultimate winners St. Paul's, Kilkenny, in the Leinster final a year ago, and on Sunday next play St. Paul's again in the Leinster final of the current competition.

When the same sides met last season, St. Paul's on home ground had not a great deal to spare, but the Kilkenny girls will again have the home advantage on Sunday next. Both teams had away games in the opening round, and the venue for this final was decided on the toss of a coin, which St. Paul's won.

In the opening round Eoghan Ruadh had a very easy victory over the Louth champions, Kilkenny, and with Margaret O'Leary, Kathleen Lyons, Jean Foley, Dolores Barber, Pat Rafferty and Anne Ashton again on duty will make a determined bid to regain the Leinster title.

Very Impressive

But the Kilkenny side looked very impressive indeed when they defeated the Wexford champions St. Abban's in their semi-final at Enniscorthy. Such experienced players as Carmel O'Shea, Anne Carroll and Teasie O'Neill were then in top form, while their younger stars, Liz Neary, Anne Phelan and the Cassin twins seemed to have

matured considerably.

Even though they will be without goalkeeper Jo Golden next Sunday, they are still a very formidable force, and at St. John's Park, will be favourites to advance to the All-Ireland semi-final.

On the same afternoon the Munster final in this series will also be played at Castleconnell. There the opposing sides will be the Limerick champions from Ahane and the Cork standard-bearers, South Presentation.

First Appearance

Ahane, who are the holders, will be greatly heartened by their sweeping semi-final victory last Sunday over the Tipperary representatives Clonmel.

A very determined side, Ahane have a great star in the Munster player Carrie Clancy, but South Presentation are a side of tremendous potential. This is their first appearance in this competition, but even on Limerick soil the experience of All-Ireland players, Mel Cummins and Hanna Dineen and Anne Comerford should enable them to take their first Munster title and earn them a place in the All-Ireland semi-finals.

Dublin County Board concluded last year's business when the adjourned annual convention was disposed of last Wednesday night, and next week's meeting will make preliminary fixtures for the opening rounds of the Isle of Man and McCarthy Cup competitions.

St. Paul's Supreme In Second Half

ST. PAULS 8-3
EOGHAN RUADH 2-2
All-Ireland club camogie champions, St. Paul's, Kilkenny, took a big step towards retaining that title when they won the Leinster section of the competition for the second successive year with a convincing victory over Dublin champions Eoghan Ruadh at James's Park, Kilkenny, yesterday.

This was a great game right through the first half, with St. Paul's narrowly ahead 2-1 to 1-2 at the interval. But the Kilkenny girls, even though they had to field without their great defender, Carmel O'Shea, completely dominated the second half, when the brilliance of the Cassin twins repeatedly baffled the Eoghan Ruadh defence.

Others to star for St. Paul's, who next meet the Connacht winners in the All-Ireland semi-final were Anne Carroll, Liz Neary, Joan Kelly and Nuala Duncan.

Wexford star Margaret O'Leary, Kay Lyons and Maureen Murphy tried hard all through for Eoghan Ruadh.

Scorers—St. Paul's: M. Cassin (5-0), B. Cassin (2-0), R. Venard (1-0), A. Carroll (0-3), E. Ruadh—M. O'Leary (1-1), C. Lyons (1-0), K. Lyons (0-1).



Ena Hackett, captain of the Clonmel camogie team with the championship cup.

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HURLING men who want to get the full background story of how the Cork-Kilkenny tradition was built up down the years will welcome the publication of Raymond Smith's updated 350-page history of the national game, "The Hurling Immortals", which is now on sale.

Here you can read of such stars of the 1903-'13 period as "Drug" Walsh, Jack Rochford and Sim Walton of Kilkenny and Jim Kelleher, Willie Mackessy and Andy Fitzgerald of Cork.

And you can read also of the 1931 games and of 1946 and 1947—and there is a full

CAMOGIE

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By AGNES HOUBIGAN

Final takes rightful place

IN the last couple of years the All-Ireland Camogie final has at last tended to become what it always should have been, something of a national event. True, the crowds have not yet reached the numbers that they should, but with the junior final now being played in conjunction with the senior final, we can expect the crowds to increase steadily, and more and more clubs and schools will presumably decide to bring their teams on excursion to Croke Park on final day. And it is all a far cry from the days when the All-Ireland camogie championship took its first halting step away back in 1932.

Camogie had taken a long time to recover from the Troubled

Years and was not assisted by the fact that the camogie series in the Tailteann Games of 1924 was beset by a whole lot of troubles that were not the making of the players and that had nothing whatever to do with the camogie game.

By the time the next Tailteann Games came round in 1928, the situation was far more favourable and indeed it might be said that the great camogie revival really began at Croke Park with those Aonach Tailteann matches.

Then, when the Tailteann Games were coming round again in 1932, the number of enthusiasts had grown so great not alone in Cork, Galway Belfast and Dublin, but in Louth and Tipperary that it was decided,

before ever the Games began, to reorganise the Camogie Association on an All-Ireland basis and hold an All-Ireland championship.

Some really spectacular inter-provincial matches at the Tailteann Games themselves added to the prevailing enthusiasm and the result was that the first All-Ireland championship began in the Autumn of 1932.

It was decided to play the competition on an open draw basis since there were no Provincial Councils and no machinery for organising provincial championships.

Unfortunately, enthusiasm and ambition in many cases ran higher than the actual practical

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