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"Uisneach"

FIRGROVE GARDENS

BISHOPSTOWN,

CORK.



Back: Betty Sugrue, Pat Moloney, Liz Garvan, Ann McAuliffe, Marion Sweeney, Marion McCarthy, Deirdre Sutton, Rosie Hennessy. Front: Anne Keane, Anne Phelan, Nuala Gully, Hannah Dineen (Captain), Mary Whelton, Sheila Dunne and Marie Costine.

The All-Ireland Camogie Championship was inaugurated in 1932. In the early years Cork were very prominent and built up a proud tradition. They captured their first title in 1934 and added five more within seven years. A long lean period followed when Dublin reigned supreme.

The 'Seventies saw Cork return to their former glory. Anne Phelan led Cork to victory in 1970 after a lapse of 29 years. Her clubmate, Betty Sugrue, carried the cup home in 1971 following a tremendous display against Wexford in the final.

With Hannah Dineen at the helm in 1972, Cork set out to achieve three-in-a-row. A four points victory over Tipperary gave them their 24th Munster senior title. A lively Antrim side surprised them in the All-Ireland semi-final. Cork took quite some time to get into their stride, but ran out convincing winners on the score 5-5 to 3-1.

Their All-Ireland final opponents, Kilkenny, were strongly fancied in many quarters following an impressive campaign in the Leinster Championship. With their eyes firmly set on attaining a hat-trick of titles Cork refused to wilt under pressure and called on their experience and skill to achieve their goal... Cork, 2-5; Kilkenny, 1-4.

The Cork team is one of all-round ability. Deirdre

Sutton, who took over from the brilliant Eleanor Cummins, acquitted herself with distinction, particularly in the All-Ireland final. Marie Costine must rank as the Country's No. 1 full-back. Long, relieving clearances mark Hannah Dineen's play. The ever-improving Mary Whelton has blossomed into a really fine defender. Anne McAuliffe, noted for her energetic style of play, completed a defence which gave little away.

Midfield, Betty Sugrue has been very prominent in Cork's successful run. Her stylish, yet economical, brand of camogie is a pleasure to watch. Winger, Pat Moloney always manages to get through an amazing amount of work. Marion McCarthy, on the opposite flank though still a minor, can hold her own with the best.

Liz Garvan, a classic exponent of the skills of the game, both engineers and takes scores. The experienced Anne Phelan pops up in

the right place when most needed to pick off vital goals and points. Called into the side for the Munster final, Marion Sweeney was an instant success and rose to great heights in the Antrim game.

Opportunist full-forward, Rosie Hennessy, has been the team's top scorer for the past two seasons with an impressive total of 10-9. Talent is also abundant among the reserves. Sheila Dunne, Nuala Gully or Anne Keane could fit in without lessening the efficiency of the side.

Ability, hard work in preparation and determination to succeed have been the ingredients of victory. Each girl has contributed to what essentially was a team success.

THE SELECTORS

Mrs. Bridie Ahern, Mrs. Nora Newman, Miss Mary O'Callaghan, Miss Brid Power and Miss Mary Moran.

Trainer: Miss Mary Moran.

THREE-IN-A-ROW PANEL

3 MEDALS—Marie Costine (Cloyne), Hannah Dineen (South Pres.), Ann McAuliffe (Old Aloysians), Betty Sugrue (South Pres.), Pat Moloney (Youghal/U.C.C.), Liz Garvan (Old Aloysians/U.C.C.), Rosie Hennessy (do.), Anne Phelan (South Pres.), Marion McCarthy (South Pres.), Nuala Gully (Cloyne), Sheila Dunne (Canovee). 2 MEDALS—Eleanor Cummins (South Pres.), Mary Whelton (do.), Mary Joe Ryan (Youghal), Deirdre Sutton (Glen Rovers). 1 MEDAL—Peggy Dorgan (Glen Rovers), Anna Crotty (do.), Mary Moran (Old Aloysians), Maura Coleman (Glen Rovers), Marion Sweeney (Youghal), Anne Keane (Buttevant).

CORK'S WINNING YEARS—1934, 1935, 1936, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1970, 1971, 1972 — 9 Titles.

CALENDAR 1973

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Brave Step By Congress

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The annual Camogie Congress at Galway last weekend faced up very courageously to the fact that the senior All-Ireland championship, as at present constituted, was rapidly losing both prestige and significance and took the brave step of opting for the Open Draw in the premier event of the Camogie year. Since the original provincial basis had manifestly fallen down with senior champion-

ON THE CAMOGIE FIELDS

ships only in Munster and Leinster surviving, and these in any case limited to one game in Munster and two in Leinster, the Open Draw was virtually a necessity, and was in fact opposed by only one

County Cork, who have won the last three All-Ireland titles in succession.

Ironically, when the actual draw for the new Open championship was made, Cork was the county that came out best, for the champions were favoured with a home venue against Derry, and it is by no means certain that Derry will compete. The county was not represented at Congress and was only provisionally included in the draw because County Derry had objected to being omitted from the senior series last season.

INTRIGUING

The other first-round pairings are certainly intriguing, with Dublin at home to last year's junior champions, Galway, last year's defeated senior finalists, Kilkenny, having to travel to play Antrim, and Wexford entertaining Tipperary.

The existing provincial championships will continue as before except that they will now be completely separate from the All-Ireland series. It is probable that Leinster and Munster will both rearrange their schedule so as to have their provincial championships finished before the All-Ireland series begins.

The Open Draw, which will be reconsidered at the end of a three-year period, does not, of course, affect the junior All-Ireland championship which will continue as at present, on a provincial basis.

The second progressive decision taken by Congress was that an All-Ireland minor championship be set up next season. But a decision has yet to be taken as to what age-limit will be imposed.

In the meantime, the climax of the Colleges season will be reached tomorrow when Presentation, Athenry, and Mountmellick, meet at Croke Park in the All-Ireland senior final.

This is the second time that the Mountmellick school has

reached this stage. Two years ago they lost, on a replay, to St. Clare's, Newry. On the other hand, Athenry have come out of Connacht for the first time, but in doing so they defeated the reigning All-Ireland champions, Presentation, Oranmore.

Moreover, they again proved their worth by defeating St. Clare's, Newry, in the semi-final at Athenry. They have an outfield star in A. M. O'Brien and very clever forwards in Teresa Duane, Mary Kindregan and Teresa Poinard.

Mountmellick on their last Croke Park appearance had a hectic struggle with Presentation, Castlecomer, before advancing to victory in the Leinster final, and were even more impressive when accounting for Munster champions, Mount Mercy, in the semi-final at Portlaoise.

Patricia Sayers, Mary Codd, Marion Doyle, Maureen Brennan and Mary Furlong are experienced players who could, somewhat against the odds, bring Corn na Scelge back to Mountmellick.

In the opening Croke Park game, Presentation, Kilkenny, and Our Lady of Ireland, Walkinstown, should provide lively fare in the Purcell Cup final.

FANCIED

Walkinstown were very promising in their semi-final victory over a fancied Kilcock side in the semi-final a week ago, but the Kilkenny girls were most impressive through the league section of the campaign—they were narrowly beaten in last year's final—and must be favoured to regain this junior provincial title, which they last held in 1967.

On Sunday, U.C.D. travel to U.C.G. to play the home University in the final of the Higher Institutes League. Both universities had very narrow semi-final victories, U.C.D. over Queen's and U.C.G. over Carysfort T.C.

The teams, restricted to only four of last season's Ashbourne Cup players, look to be evenly matched, but the combination of home venue and the availability of All-Ireland player, Pat Feeney, could swing the issue in the Galway students' favour.

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Athenry's Final Push For Glory

Presentation Convent, Athenry, travel to Croke Park on Saturday for the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Final . . . and ate in with more than a chance of winning.

But only improved scoring form will ensure them victory against a very fit and fast Presentation Convent, Mountmellick.

Trainer of the side is Rev. Martin O'Grady and yesterday he told "Sports Tribune": "I think the girls are in with a great chance of winning".

And he has done his homework in preparing the side. Only last Saturday they played a demanding challenge against the Galway County Camogie senior side.

Said Fr. O'Grady: "We have some fine hurlers in the side and they put up a great show before going down by only a few points".

Under Fr. O'Grady's guiding hand the team has worked hard to reach its present position . . . and Saturday's game is the final test for them.

Their confidence though is boosted by the fact that 3 weeks ago they beat Castlecomer by 0-5 in a challenge game away from home.

The significance of this is that on their way to the final Mountmellick beat Castlecomer by 0-6 with what was described at the time a "great display".

TRUMP CARD

Said Fr. O'Grady: "We didn't play well when we beat them. We didn't show up as well as we can and yet we beat them by just a point less than Mountmellick did".

Trump card in the Galway side could be Ann Donohue who comes from a famous hurling family - her brother won All-Ireland under 21 medals this year.

In front of her is a most devastating attack. In 7 matches this season they hammered in an unbelievable 40 goals and 37 points.

Here in this sector Marion Kindregan is the prolific scorer but she gets good assistance from Margaret Poinard, Theresa Duane and Anne Duffy.

In the semi-final against Newry the Galway girls were in complete control all through - despite the fact that they failed to score in the second half.

However, the valid excuse that day was that the wind ruled out any good attempts which normally would have went sailing over the bar.

SOUND DEFENCE

On Saturday wind or no wind the Athenry girls who'll be seeking to emulate the Oranmore Convent who won the title last year are determined to do well.

Their defence is sound and well capable of dealing with all Mountmellick's best attacks. King

pin here is centre half back Gretta O'Brien.

Final word on the game is that the Galway girls won't be underestimating their opponents. Two years ago Mountmellick were All-Ireland runners-up.

ATHENRY TEAM

Bernadette Poinard, Athenry.
Anne M. O'Brien, Annagh Cross,
Irene O'Brien, Turloughmore,
Gretta O'Brien, do, Helen Morris,
do, Anne Donohue, Killimordaly,
capt., Lucy O'Brien,
Turloughmore, Sarita Coady,
Belleville, Margaret Poinard,
Athenry, Teresa Duane, Tonekeel,
Anne Duffy, Turloughmore,
Marion Kindregan, Athenry.



Two St. Mary's forwards attacking during Saturday's all-Ireland senior colleges' Camogie final in Croke Park.

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The St. Mary's College, Mountmellick team which won the all-Ireland Colleges' Senior Camogie Championship when defeating Presentation Convent, Athery in the final in Croke Park on Saturday



The Presentation College, Athery Camogie team who will play the Presentation Convent, Mountmellick, Co. Laois in the final of the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie at Croke Park on Saturday. They are: (seated from left) Misses Bernie Poniard, Irene O'Brien, Teresa Duane, Anne Donohue, Capt., Margaret Poniard and Nora Connelly, (sub). Standing: Helen Morris, Anne Duffy, Anne-Marie O'Brien, Sarita Coady and Gretta O'Brien.

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Midge Poniard smashes in Presentation Convent, Athenry's only goal of the match against Saint Mary's, Mountmellick in the final of the All Ireland Colleges Camogie championship last Saturday at Croke Park.



This Presentation Convent Athenry forward had plenty of time to get in her shot in the All Ireland and Colleges camogie final against Saint Mary's, Mountmellick at Croke Park.

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ANTRIM'S SUPREMACY SEVERELY TESTED

BY UNA

AT A TIME when we are all waiting hopefully for a leveling up of camogie standards, there was very hopeful news last Sunday from the North where Armagh created a considerable sensation by defeating Antrim in the Maguire Cup competition. Antrim have reigned supreme in the North for some 16 or 17 years, and that Armagh could now lower their colours even in a non-championship competition would seem to show that their supremacy is again being seriously challenged.

Admitting that Antrim fielded without such stars as Mairead McAtamney and Kathleen Kelly they still had many of their regulars including Sue McLarnon, Sue McShaulen, Anne MacIvor, Sue Cashman, Rita McAteer, Christ O'Boyle, Berry Smith, Nuas Havelin and Lily Scullion. The remarkable aspect of this game was that Armagh, having had most of the play in the first half only led by a point at the interval and seemed to have lost their chance when Antrim overhauled them and went into the lead in the third quarter.

But it was Armagh who came back to level the scores again and then achieve victory with a great goal from former Colleges star Marion Delaney.

Patricia Crangle, Marion Delaney, Angela Toal, Anne McCone and Marian Courtney earned their rating from Armagh who must now be looking forward eagerly to the championship season ahead.

In Dublin the Senior League which a few weeks ago seemed to be at the mercy of holders Austin Stacks has been opened up again by Eoghan Ruadh's victory over Austin Stacks on Sunday last. This brings such

as Celtic and U.C.D. back into contention again and will give a tremendous fillip to the closing stages of the competition.

Two of the teams in contention, Eoghan Ruadh and Celtic face one another tomorrow in an evening game (5.0), that should be very keenly contested. Fresh from their narrow but deserved victory over Stacks, a victory in which Anne Ashton and Key Lyons were outstanding defenders and Phyllis Breslin notched the winning score, Eoghan Ruadh will be all out to lower Celtic hopes, and certainly the return to their ranks of Wexford All-Ireland star Margaret O'Leary has given a tremendous boost to their morale.

Celtic were well held by Cuchulainns for half the journey in a mid-week game but won well in the closing stages.

Una O'Connor was, as so often in the past, their chief sharp-shooter and will again provide the big threat to Eoghan Ruadh's hopes now. An hour earlier, Stacks will be hoping to get back on the winning trail when they oppose Sliabh Bloom who have been going through a very bad patch of late. Stacks hope to have Liz

Nearby back on duty. The Kilkenny All-Ireland winger was not available last Sunday and was sadly missed.

In the remaining game in the top league U.C.D. and Cuchulainns should serve up an entertaining game as they always do.

Cuchulainns, whatever their failings against other teams, have in recent encounters developed something of a habit of pipping U.C.D. in the closing minutes of exciting matches. But the Belfield girls seem to have acquired a new confidence in recent games, and the transfer of one-time Kilkenny and Leinster goalkeeper Jo Golden to full-forward has worked wonders from the attack.

On recent form, U.C.D. should win with something to spare, but, once again, Cuchulainns may well prove something of a bogey side.

Pace-makers Presentation will be expected to collect two further points in the Senior B League tomorrow when they oppose Naomh Mhuire, while Austin Stacks second string who have not been doing well recently will need to improve if they are to beat Naomh Aoife in the latter muster at full strength.

Rosary Hill In Unique Position

Rosary Hill Convent, Castleconnell has its chance to make an odd little bit of Camogie history tomorrow. In the Munster junior colleges final at Castleconnell, the Rosary Hill girls will be striving to achieve what no other Camogie-playing school in Ireland have been able to achieve this season, retain a title that they won a year ago.

All the other 1972 champions, both senior and junior, have been defeated, so Rosary Hill are in a unique position, and, on home ground, they must be firm favourites to keep their provincial crown when they line out against Cloghane Secondary School, who have already carved their own niche in Camogie history as the first Kerry school ever to reach a Munster final.

Moreover, these Kerry girls have come unbeaten through their group in the League section of the competition, and then reached this final by a

hard won semi-final victory over Mercy Convent, Rathkeale. But Rosary Hill have also a record to be proud of. They too were unbeaten in their League group, and they have since accounted for School of Commerce Limerick in the semi-final.

Then they travelled to Fermoy and there accounted for the strongly fancied home side from Loreto Convent in the semi-final.

So the odds seem to be on Castleconnell, but should Cloghane succeed in bringing this title to Kerry, what a boost such a victory would be to the game in the Kingdom.

Saturday last was, of course, the climax of the Senior Colleges season, with the All-Ireland final between two Presentation Schools, Mountmellick and Athenry.

Both brought large, and enthusiastic, bands of supporters, while Mountmellick brought a pipe-band that led the teams round the field in a pre-match parade that gave a real All-Ireland atmosphere.

Moreover, the standard of play through much of the first-half was often brilliant. Both teams felt the fierce early pace telling on them as the second half progressed but Mountmellick, whose teamwork and combination was also always far superior to that of their eager Athenry rivals, profited most by the slowing of the tempo and finished very deserving winners.

But if ever a school earned an Ireland victory it surely is Mountmellick.

Inter-college champions

1972 champions, Rosary Hill, at Castleconnell last Saturday, annexed the Munster final of the inter-colleges camogie competition against the Kerry champions, Castlegregory, with the score 10-3 to 2 goals. While all the Rosary Hill girls played well, special mention must be made of the great back play of Helen Hartigan and Noreen Ryan, the centre-field play of Dolores O'Brien, and the outstanding forward combination of Ena Hyde and Betty Conway. Scorers for Rosary Hill were Ena Hyde (4-1), Betty Conway (4-0), Paula Mescall (2-0), and Dolores O'Brien (0-2).

Camogie star

A PLEASANT FUNCTION took place recently at Wallis', Main Street, Middleton, Co. Cork, where members of the Churchtown North Camogie Club made a presentation of a mantle clock, suitably engraved, to MARY WALL on the occasion of her marriage.

In making the presentation, Rev. Andrew Barry C.C., Middleton, president of the club, spoke of the delight it gave him to make the presentation to Mary, saying that this token of appreciation was a lasting tribute to her for her trojan work on and off the field.

He wished her and her husband-to-be, Willie Cotter, every happiness in the years ahead.

MRS. JOSIE KNOWLES, chairman of the club, spoke in similar vein and said that Mary was one of the founder members of the camogie club, which first started nine years ago.

"During that period" Mrs. Knowles added "Mary has done

great work for the club, and in 1967 she was elected hon. treasurer, a position she has held with distinction."

Whether on or off the field, Mary has a pleasant personality and, during those years, she won three Cork county medals.

In 1965, she helped her club to win the Cork County Junior Championship and the following year she won an intermediate medal. In May 1972 at Cloamult Memorial Park, Middleton, Mary collected her third county medal when Churchtown won the 1971 Intermediate League.

DICK KNOWLES, trainer of the team, said that the example set by Mary in all spheres of the game, especially in preparation for matches and in training, should be a headline for the younger members of the club.

All in all, the occasion was a fine tribute by the club to a most pleasing sporting personality.

CAMOGIE RESULTS

Results of last Sunday's camogie results:—
Intermediate Championship —
Cloyne 5-4, Glanworth 1-2; Watergrasshill 3-3, Blarney 0-1.
Junior C'ship — Rutevant 8-7, Na Piarraig 0-0.
Under 18 League — Ballinlough 8-2, Glen Rovers 5-2.

Sarsfields Camogie Club Enjoyable Dinner

A most successful dinner dance was held at the Vienna Woods Hotel under the auspices of the Sarsfields Camogie Club. The club is only a few years in existence and this was one of its most enjoyable functions yet.

Nearly 200 guests — mostly young people — turned up, and this was a great tribute to the organising work of Miss Phil Crowley, Chairman of the Club and her helpers.

Speeches of tribute to the club and of gratification at its progress to date were made by Mary Moran, Chairman, Cork Co. Board; Nell McCarthy, ex-President, Camogie Association of Ireland; Mary Canavan, Treasurer, Sarsfields; Martina Murphy, Secretary, do.; Very Rev. J. F. Forde, P.P. and Rev. J. Leader, C.C., Glanmire.

An enjoyable social evening followed.

Sarsfields

Our third team out over the weekend were the ladies; at Riverstown on Wednesday evening they had a great victory when beating Old Aloysians 6-2 to 1-1 to advance to the second round of the junior camogie championship. Outstanding in this spirited win was Mary Canavan who scored 4-2, her sister, Pat, was not too far behind; others to the fore were Nell Thornhill, Kay Kenneally and Rose O'Flynn. Ellen

McCarthy was a competent goalkeeper. The remainder of the team also gave a good account of themselves.



Rev. Fr. A. Barry, President of the Churchtown North (Middleton) Camogie Club making the presentation to Miss Mary Wall. Also included is Mrs. J. Knowles, chairman.

ALL-IRELAND DATES NAMED TOMORROW

By AGNES HOURIGAN
The dates and venues for the opening games of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship, to be run this year on the Open Draw system, will be decided tomorrow when the Central Council of the Camogie Association meets in Dublin.

It will be remembered that the draw was made when the annual Congress decided to give the Open Draw system a trial, and resulted as follows: Dublin v Galway; Wexford v Tipperary; Antrim v Kilkenny and Cork v Derry. The last of these games is only a provisional fixture, as Derry were not represented at Congress, and it was not certain if the county was prepared to participate in the senior championship or not.

Presumably, General Secretary, Miss Sheila McAuliffe will have definite information on this score to put before tomorrow's meeting. If Derry do not participate, Cork, All-Ireland champions for the past three seasons, will get a bye to the semi-finals.

The fact that the only two provinces still running senior championships, Munster and Leinster, have already made their fixtures and announced the dates for their games, should help Central Council in fixing dates.

Old System

These senior provincial championships are now, of course, entirely separate competitions, but the old system will still hold in the junior All-Ireland series, with the provincial championships being run off as heretofore, and the provincial winners meeting in the semi-finals.

The draws, dates and venues for the All-Ireland junior semi-finals will also be decided at the Central Council meeting.

Meantime, several counties are already preparing for the championship campaigns ahead. Last year's defeated All-Ireland senior finalists, Kilkenny, have already staged one trial game and hold another on Sunday week between Probables and Possibles this time. Indeed, I hear that the selectors' chief worry is provided by the difficulty in choosing between the abundance of talent at their disposal.

Dublin have already selected teams for their first junior trial, and hope to have some new talent on view.

Cork start the senior county championship with a flourish on Sunday with a triple bill at the Mardyke. In the opening game, those keenest of rivals, South Presentation and Old Aloysians, meet again. South Pres. will be favoured, but Old Als. may gain revenge this time.

In the second game, the North Cork selection, Avondhu, will be hopeful of accounting for the pick of the City junior and intermediate clubs, Naomh Gobnait.

In the final game on the list, there should be plenty of excitement when the holders, Imokilly, take on Ashbourne Cup winners, U.C.C. Imokilly, powered by Marie Costine, Marion Sweeney, Nuala Guilly, Angela Higgins and Mary Slater, will be confident of repeating last season's final victory over the students.

But U.C.C., with their All-Ireland stars, Liz Garvan, Rosie Hennessy, Pat Moloney and

Cally Riordan, might well take their revenge now.

There are encouraging signs of revival in two of the Leinster counties where the game has long been disorganised. Moves are afoot to

get camogie going again on a firm footing in Westmeath, where the game is already being played in several technical schools, while a club has been formed at Muinebeag in Carlow.

A Championship Triple-Decker At The Mardyke

SOUTH PRESENTATION PAST PUPILS and **Old Aloysians** seem destined to meet in the Senior Championship and this year is no exception, with the sides clashing in the first round of the new campaign. This is the fifth successive season in which these sides have clashed in the Championship and they must now be wondering what it takes to avoid meeting, especially at this early stage.

This will be the first game of the 1973 Senior Championship and is fixed for the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, at 2 p.m. Two more first round ties follow at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. and in these Avondhu and Naomh Gobnait meet and Imokilly face U.C.C.

Imokilly, the holders, meet U.C.C. in a repeat of last year's final. The champions have some of the same team available to them. These include Marion Sweeney, Marie Costine, Nuala Guilly, Angela Higgins, and Mary Salter, and if these girls strike top form then Imokilly could do well. However, the U.C.C. girls, who have a wealth of talent in the line-out will take a great deal of beating. When they won the Ashbourne Cup last February they were in tremendous form and if they reach this again then they must advance. But since February the edge has gone off their play a little, what with studying for exams and the Easter holidays and maybe this will be Imokilly's chance of disposing of this very fine College team.

Of course if Liz Garvan, Pat Moloney, Rosie Hennessy, Cally Riordan, Nuala Jennings, and Nora May Lynch, rise to the occasion with Ashbourne performances, then Imokilly will find it very hard indeed to hold on to their title.

INEVITABLE?

In their five meetings South Presentation Past Pupils have always disposed of Old Aloysians and in that five seasons they also won three Co. titles. Again, on paper at least, they look strong favourites to add yet another victory to their list. They possess a wealth of talent in Betty Sugrue, Hannah Cotter, Mary Whelton, Marion McCarthy and Anne Phelan—all All-Ireland medal holders. Old Aloysians, on the other hand, field a very young side with no current Cork senior on their side. The loss of Anne McAuliffe, one of the stars of the Cork senior in recent years, is a great loss as her experience, as well as her tremendous ability, was a vital factor in this Old Als. team. But they must take some heart from their recent two points in the Senior League from a victory over College and with very promising players in

Marion O'Leary, Claire Kenny, Anne O'Sullivan, Brid McAuliffe and Phil Walsh, they could give the South Pres. girls a run for this one. However it will be extremely difficult for them to overcome the experienced South Presentation outfit.

In the third game of the afternoon, Avondhu meet Naomh Gobnait. Avondhu, the North Cork selection, will be made up mainly of Glanworth players, who won the 1972 Cork Junior Championship. These include Anne Kirby, Mary Roche, Mary O'Leary, and Margaret Ahern. Anne Keane and Josie Pyne, who have represented Cork in the junior grade, should also be in the line-out.

Naomh Gobnait take on a different appearance this year. It used to be made up of the intermediate clubs, but now that Muskerry will be fielding in the Senior Championship, as well as the other divisions, only Glen Rovers would be eligible to field under the old system. Now any club which has not a senior team, or which is not eligible to play for a divisional team, may have their players selected for Naomh Gobnait. Thus Deirdre Sutton, Frances Barry-Murphy, Hilda Horgan, Maura Coleman, Eileen O'Keefe and Peggy Dorgan, are among those eligible for this selection.

Consequently both of these teams should be able to field very useful 12, but as neither has played so far this season it is difficult to forecast a possible result here.

This means that there are three Senior Championship games listed for Sunday afternoon interested in camogie should make sure to be in the Mardyke for what promises to be a very exciting afternoon.

FIXTURES—Sunday, April 29

Senior Championship at Mardyke.

2.00—Old Aloysians v. South Presentation P.P. (Naomh Gobnait officials).

3.00—Avondhu v. North Cork Gobnait. (Old Als officials).

4.00—Imokilly v. College. (South Pres. officials).

Big surprise as Old Als gain revenge

OLD ALOYSIANS 11, S.P.P.P. 13
AVONDHU 3-4, NAOMH GOBNAIT 3-0
IMOKILLY 4-3, U.C.C. 0-4

ONLY one club team remains in the semi-final of the Cork Senior Camogie Championship, with three divisional teams making up the quartet.

This follows yesterday's first-round ties when, in appalling weather conditions at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, Old Aloysians, Avondhu and Imokilly won their games at the expense of South Presentation Past Pupils, Naomh Gobnait and U.C.C. respectively. Muskerry join with yesterday's winners in the semi-finals, as they had a bye in the first round.

Big surprise of the afternoon was the defeat of South Presentation Past Pupils by the youthful Old Aloysians side, while Imokilly repeated their win over U.C.C. in the final of last season's championship. Closest game of the three was the divisional clash between Avondhu and Naomh Gobnait.

SOUTH Presentation Past Pupils have defeated Old Aloysians for the last four years in the championship, three of these in the

final. But Old Als gained revenge yesterday when, in a downpour, they defeated the fancied South Pres by 4-1 to 1-3. At half-time Old Als led by 3-1 to 1-2 with two grand goals from Val Fitzpatrick, another from Ger Butler and a point from Marion O'Leary. In this period Cork star, Anne Phelan, had a goal for South Pres to which Marion McCarthy added a point.

On the resumption the youthful Old Als side continued their first time pulling on the ball and with their great fitness they managed to overcome their lack of experience. With so many Cork stars including Anne Phelan, Marion McCarthy and Betty Sugrue, South Pres were always threatening, but Old Als played as a team and with Ger Butler, Val Fitzpatrick, Marion O'Leary, Gerarda Barry and Anne O'Sullivan in tremendous form Old Aloysians made more openings and thoroughly deserved their win.

Scorers for Old Aloysians were: Val Fitzpatrick 2-0, Ger Butler 1-0, Marion O'Leary 1-1; while Anne Phelan 1-0, Marion McCarthy 0-2, and Betty Sugrue 0-1, were on the mark for South Pres.

Old Aloysians—M. Moran, A. O'Sullivan, B. McAuliffe (capt.), G. Gerry, M. O'Leary, V. O'Dwyer, P. Walsh, J. Walsh, V. Fitzpatrick, C. Kenny, G. Butler and M. Garvan.

South Pres—K. Dunne, H. Dineen, M. Whelton (capt.), M. Bohane, M. Crowley, A. O'Donovan, B. Mulcahy, M. McCarthy, B. Sugrue, S. Golden, H. Grant and A. Phelan. Subs: E. Bohane for S. Golden; M. Sugrue for B. Grant.

Avondhu come into their own

IN the clash of the divisional sides Avondhu and Naomh Gobnait, the latter began in great style. Made up of players from Glen Rovers, Ballinlough and St. Finbarrs they went quickly into the attack, and at half-time they led by 5-0 to 1-1. These goals came from Chris Murray and Maura Walsh (2-0), while Mary O'Leary and Finola McCarthy scored for Avondhu.

But it was a different story in the second half when Avondhu came into their own. Made up of ten Glanworth and two Buttevant players they began to play as a team. Finola McCarthy emerged in this period as an even greater threat, and with two great goals, one the equaliser and one the lead for the first time for the side, she undoubtedly emerged as the best player in the game. Mary O'Leary was not far behind with two points in this period, while others who shone for the winners were: Anne Keane and Liz Manley, Maura Walsh, Chris Murray and Maura Coleman did well for the losers.

Scorers for the winners were: F. McCarthy 3-0, Mary O'Leary 0-2 and J. Pyne 0-1; while Maura Walsh 2-0 and C. Murray 1-0 were on the mark for Naomh Gobnait.

Avondhu—M. Ahern (Glanworth), P. Quirk (do.), T. Ahern (do.), M. O'Neill (do.), M. Healy (do.), M. Roche (do.), A. Keane (Buttevant), E. Manley (do.), A. Kirby (Buttevant), J. Pyne (do.), E. McCarthy (do.), M. O'Leary (do.). Subs: K. Griffin for M. Healy and M. Quirk for K. Griffin.

Naomh Gobnait—D. Sutton (Glen Rovers), E. O'Keefe (do.), B. Riordan (Ballinlough), B. Glynn (St. Finbarrs), M. Coleman (Glen Rovers), M. Barry (St. Finbarrs), F. Barry-Murphy (St. Finbarrs), T. Riordan (Ballinlough), M. Walsh (St. Finbarrs), M. Walsh (Glen Rovers), C. Murray (do.), B. Buckley (Ballinlough). Subs: C. Buckley for M. Walsh.

Major step

IN a repeat of last year's final Imokilly once again defeated U.C.C. and therefore took a major step towards retaining their title. U.C.C., the star sludded university team, who won the Ashbourne Cup in such brilliant style in February, never showed their true form in this game. It is difficult to believe that a side with such prolific goal scorers as Liz Garvan, Rosie Hennessy, Anne O'Dwyer, Cally Riordan and Pat Moloney could only manage 4 points on this occasion. But this was the case and every credit must go to the strong Imokilly team who never gave the U.C.C. stars any room to move.

In this game Marie Costine showed once again what a tremendous full-back she is, while Mary Barron was in marvellous form in front of goal. Others who played their part for Imokilly were Bernie Costine, Nuala Guilly, Marion Sweeney and the Higgins sisters, Nora May Lynch, Pat Moloney and Louise O'Connor were best for U.C.C.

Scorers for the winners were Mary Barron 3-0, Marion Sweeney 1-0, Bernie Costine 0-1 and Nuala Gilly 0-2; while Liz Garvan 0-2, Rosie Hennessy 0-1 and Nora May Lynch 0-1 were on the mark for U.C.C.

Imokilly—E. Higgins (Watergrasshill), M. Costine (Clayton), M. Higgins (Watergrasshill), N. Higgins (do.), B. Sullivan (Churchtown North), A. Higgins (Watergrasshill), M. Canavan (Sarsfields), B. Costine (Clayton), K. Gilly (do.), M. Sweeney (Youghal), K. Spillane (Churchtown North) and M. Barron (Youghal). Sub: N. Bailey for K. Spillane.

U.C.C.—S. Ryan, M. O'Brien, L. O'Connor, N. Jennings, P. Long, N. M. Lynch, P. Moloney, C. Riordan, J. Garvan, B. Hennessy, A. O'Dwyer and H. Lynch. Sub: A. O'Driscoll for B. Hennessy.

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OLD ALS. BACK:- M. O'LEARY, A. HAYES, G. BARRY,
S. KENNY, V. O'DWYER, M. GARVAN, M. MURPHY & M. MORAN
FRONT:- P. WALSH, J. WALSH, G. BUTLER,
B. McANULIFFE (KAPT), V. FITZPATRICK, A. O'SULLIVAN, M. KIDNEY



SENIOR CAMOGIE—The Old Aloysius P.P.U. team (top) which defeated South Presentation P.P.U. (below) in the Cork Co. Senior Camogie Championship game at the Mardyke, Cork. —Echo

SOUTH PRES. BACK:- A. PHELAN, B. SUBRUE, I. O'HALLORAN,
H. DINEEN, A. O'DONOVAN, E. BOHANE, K. DWYNE & A. FLOOD.
FRONT:- M. SUBRUE, M. CROWLEY, M. BOHANE, M. WHELTON,
R. BRANT, M. M'CARTHY & B. MULCONRY

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The county champions, Imokilly, defeated Uni versity College, Cork, 4-3 to 0-4, in the opening round of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship at the Mardyke, Cork, on Sunday. Pictured above are the winners, with the U.C.C. team below.

Castlecomer Consoled!

CASTLECOMER 4-1
TERENURE 0-0

Presentation Convent, Castlecomer, who lost the Leinster Senior Camogie Championship to Presentation Convent, Mountmellick, had recompense when they became the first holders of the Leinster Minor Championship when defeating Presentation Convent, Terenure, at Castlecomer.

The winners led 1-0 to nil at half-time, and gained control after the interval, adding three more goals. Scorers: M. Brennan (2-0), M. Ryan (1-0), B. Mealy (1-0), M. Downey (0-1).



CLINTON-CUMMINS—Married recently at St. Finbarr's (South) Church were Mr. Thomas Clinton, 10 Sheare's Park, Glasheen Road, Cork and Miss Eleanor Cummins, 45 Douglas Street, Cork.

THE CAMOGIE YEAR

Slow Progress, Little Achievement In 1972

COUNTY SENIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Round	Semi-finals	Final
Portlaw 2-4	Portlaw 1-5	Portlaw 6-2
St. Otteran's 0-0	Ardkeen 1-4	
Ardkeen, bye	Gaultier 5-3	Gaultier 1-0
Gaultier 2-5	St. Patrick's 0-0	
Tallow 2-5		
St. Patrick's, bye		
	Senior Camogie League Final	
	Portlaw 8-2	Ardkeen 1-1

AS I sit to write this now, I am between minds trying to decide if the year just past was a good or a bad one. It depends on how one wants to look at it, really, for in keeping with previous years it was good, but, speaking generally, it would be dishonest to say it was a year of any achievement for Waterford Camogie.

True, we had an active County Board; we had competitions for the Senior championship and the Senior League and the usual underage grades; and the County Board renewed its efforts to urge, inveigle or entice new teams and clubs into being.

On the playing fields, we had as good a year as could well be expected in view of the number of teams throughout the county which reflected itself in the standard of the camogie. The Senior League, on a home and away basis, got the girls active early in the year; after a full series of games the final was played in Walsh Park on November 26th. This final, at an attractive venue, was watched by less than thirty people. There must be a moral here!

Portlaw and Ardkeen — highest in the points table — contested the final. They had had a tremendous tussle in the championship and we expected a repeat here. We were disappointed, however, as Ardkeen had a real "off

day" and Portlaw scampered away to easy victory.

Bearing in mind the inauguration of this competition a few years ago, one must agree that the 1972 League was not a success. The final was not until late November because of a Co. Board decision to complete the championship before playing off that game. And it seems that a match a week is not the good idea it sounds, for the standard of camogie suffered in far too many games owing to the fielding of under-strength teams.

And it would appear that the County Board will have to look again at the system of refereeing for these games. The travelling team supplying the referee, as was the case last year and in the past, can be easily abused. To some, the result of the game — and the two points — can be more important than the rules and aims of the Association.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

On a brighter note, the championship brought out the best in all teams and some good games resulted. Many thought the first round clash of Tallow and Gaultier at Portlaw produced the best camogie of the year. These teams from different ends of the county seem to bring out the best in one another. This time Gaultier progressed after a fine match.

Poleberry was the setting for the Portlaw—St. Otteran's first

round tie, and after both had missed chances, Portlaw emerged winners. Gaultier disposed of St. Patrick's in the semi final with something to spare; but Portlaw had to call on all their skills to defeat a very fit and no less skilful Ardkeen outfit. Thus the stage was set for what everyone expected would be a great final. Played at Poleberry, with its very well laid out pitch, on the first Sunday of October, the game turned out to be a big disappointment, for Gaultier with a very young team were no match for Portlaw of all the talents. Portlaw were the easiest of winners and equalled with this victory Gaultier's record of three in a row.

UNDER-AGE COMPETITIONS

The response to under age competitions throughout the county was very disappointing. I appeal—as I did last year — to all clubs to think again in this matter, for I would remind them that the juveniles of today are the seniors of tomorrow. Owing to inclement weather and the difficulty of finding suitable dates, the final stages of these competitions were held over until the New Year. But, Gaultier and Portlaw are set to contest these finals also.

THE INTER-COUNTY NON-EVENT

On the county scene, we had, I feel, our poorest year ever. Drawn

at home to Limerick in the first round, one felt optimistic. Victory here coupled with coaching and training and who knows where we might go? But, such was not to be — Limerick beat us soundly in glorious sunshine on a beautifully laid out pitch at Gaultier.

The first round of the under 18 championship should have taken us down to Kerry, but, as we would have been short some of our strongest players, it was decided not to travel the long journey down to our Kerry friends.

For the first time ever we were represented at the Youth Exhibition Week in Waterford city. Teams and faces of the past graced the stand which was attended by members of the nearby clubs.

Another "first" was the Coaching Course held by the County Board. Nell McCarthy and Eileen Duffy conducted this course which was well attended. Speaking from experience, these ladies got through a great day's work and a similar course must now be an annual affair.

Any review of 1972 would not be complete without mention of two different happenings, both great losses and one, in particular very sad indeed. Mairead Kirwan's sudden death while still in the prime of life was a great shock to us all. It will be remembered that Mairead took ill while helping her club, St. Patrick's, Kilbrien, in a League encounter. Ar dheis De go raibh a h-anam.

The second great loss to Waterford Camogie was the departure of Rev. Fr. Finbarr Lucey, County Chairman at the time. Suffice to say that Portlaw and Waterford's loss is Ardfinnan and Tipperary's gain.

So, I end as I began, wondering whether it was a good year or a bad one. The readers, perhaps, will make up their own minds. But, having read this, I ask one favour: that you get out and do something in your area for Waterford Camogie. And, by so doing, make your little community a better place to live in.

Urgent — Camogie Must Be Revived

I WANT to outline a few of the reasons why a Camogie revival is necessary within the county. You must agree that the game is practically non-existent just now in Waterford.

Perhaps it might do well if I told you at the outset that the first camogie practice was held in the Phoenix Park on July 13th, 1904. This was a preliminary to the first game, at Navan, on the 18th of that month, with 2,000 spectators looking on. Camogaiocht, being the sister code of the Gaelic Athletic Association is, therefore, the national game for women.

In a county where a mere 150 to 200 girls play camogie — and where, if I may remind you, great numbers play hockey and other games with no national heritage whatsoever — think of what is done for the boys in the kindred body. Competitions for all ages from 10 years up to senior, City Leagues, Co. Leagues, Losers' groups and what not. Why should we be so concerned with the boys and ignore the girls?

Its the modern age: women are fighting for equal rights; and, I say, let's give them equal rights. Let's stimulate interest in camogie and let us have our girls develop in mind and body while enjoying themselves in the fresh air.

You will agree that physical exercise is of great benefit to fit the boy or girl of today to grow to the healthy man or woman of to-morrow. Government policy has even given a blessing to the role of physical education in the schools.

May I, then, venture to ask the question why none of our schools or convents promote the game. Is it the snob attitude of bygone days? Is it the plain fact that it is the national game for our girls? Or is it some kind of modern-day "sodar indiaidh na n-uasal"? Or

could it be that it is a down-trodden attitude that thinks the games of others must be better and more suitable than one begun in Ireland by Irish girls for Irish girls?

The revival of camogie today has many other arguments in its favour than those directly concerned with sport. You pick up the paper any day and dozens of reasons jump from the page — problems of drugs, drink, smoking, extremes of behaviour hardly in keeping with what we wish our future wives and mothers to be.

Unliberated woman is driven — when not led — to seek her pastime in cinemas, dance halls, artificial "joints" of one kind or another. Worse, she is made to depend on them for her social contacts and some part in communal life.

The support for the game has dwindled with the playing of it: not an unnatural thing to happen. Now, there is no public support for the game throughout the county. Remember, this was not always the case. You may not know that Waterford were Munster champions in 1945 and again in 1959, and, as recently as 1968, were beaten by one narrow point by Cork in Tramore. So, there is no particular reason why a revival should not continue and gain momentum until we reach the very top again.

I could write more, give more reasons . . . But, what is the use if you — the parents, the teachers and the players themselves — will not take it upon yourselves to help the Co. Board in making the game popular again. And what a pleasant change to see you come out in large numbers to watch the game. You would see for yourselves how enjoyable it really is.

To 1973, then, and the beginning of a new era for Waterford Camogaiocht.

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Muskerry...A Formidable Team

AFTER an absence of many years a Muskerry camogie team takes the field on Sunday. Drawn from five clubs, Inniscarra, Naomh Eoin, Blarney, Canovee and Aghabullogue, in the mid-Cork area, they will line out a formidable team when they meet Old Aloysians in the semi-final of the Senior County Championship.

Incidentally, Old Als are the only remaining club side in the competition as the other semi-finalists Avondhu and Imokilly, who also meet on Sunday, are divisional sides.

Imokilly, holders of the title, showed what a very good side they have when they defeated U.C.C. in fine style two weeks ago. Consequently they must be clear favourites to dispose of Avondhu on Sunday. Imokilly looked strong in all departments in the first-round tie. They have a sound defence marshalled by the Cork star Marie Costine, and Avondhu can expect them to give little away. They have three up-and-coming players, Angela Higgins, Mary Canavan and Bernie Costine forming a fine midfield, while Nuala Guilly, Marion Sweeney and Mary Barron carry formidable scoring power in attack.

Avondhu looked unimpressive in the first half of their first-round tie against Naomh Gobnath, but what a transformation on the change over. The Buttevant pair, Anne Keane and Liz Manley gave them a pull at centre-field and the Glanworth forwards in particular Finula McCarthy, were quick to turn the advantage into scores. However, on Sunday they will be facing very different opposition indeed and they certainly cannot afford the indifferent form of the first half in their last outing.

Old Aloysians caused a major upset when they defeated South Presentation Past Pupils. The very young, enthusiastic side surprised even their most ardent fans on that occasion. They proved that a fit, hardworking team can do wonders. Can they do it again on Sunday and keep the club flag flying?

It will not be easy, because the Muskerry team can call on some very fine players, and with so many of the Old Als team on the small side, the Muskerry girls could prove too strong. Muskerry will have the services of Cork player Sheila Dunne while others likely to field are Sheila Roche, Mary Humphries, Nancy O'Driscoll, Marie Mackey and Nora O'Brien, all very competent players indeed.

But Old Als, too, have their stars, including Anne O'Sullivan-Marion O'Leary, the Walsh sisters, Phil and Judy, Val Fitzpatrick and Ger Butler, and with the boost of their grand win over South Pres. they could do well again. However, a victory here will not be easy.

With both these games fixed for the Mardyke on Sunday, followers should not miss what promises to be a very exciting afternoon of camogie.

The only other game fixed for the coming week is an under-18 league tie at Ballinlough where the home side meet St. Finbarrs. Ballinlough, who had recent victories over Glen Rovers and Blarney, will be very anxious to win here. But they will be up against a St. Finbarrs side which will contain many of the side which played in their impressive championship over Araglen last Sunday.

Muskerry Panel—Nora O'Brien (Inniscarra); Breda O'Leary, Rose O'Leary, Marion McCarthy, Nancy O'Driscoll and Patsy Lucey (Naomh Eoin); Mary Heelan, Marie Mackey, Mary Doherty, Kathleen Doherty, Cora Humphries, Mary Humphries (Blarney); Sheila Dunne, Margo Twomey and Chris Lyons (Canovee); Sheila Roche and Mary Noonan (Aghabullogue).

Old Als—Mary Moran, Anne O'Sullivan, Brid McAuliffe (capt), Marion O'Leary, Gerarda Barry, Val O'Dwyer, Phil Walsh, Judy Walsh, Ger Butler, Val Fitzpatrick, Claire Kenny and Marie Garvan.

Avondhu—Margaret Aherne (Glanworth); P. Quirke (do.); Teresa Aherne (do.); Mary O'Neill (do.); M. Healy (do.); Mary Roche (do.); Anne Keane (Buttevant); Liz Manley (do.); Anne Kirby (Glanworth); Josie Pyne (do.); Finula McCarthy (do.) and Mary O'Leary (do.).

Imokilly—Elizabeth Higgins (Watergrasshill), Marie Costine (Cloyne), Nora Higgins (Watergrasshill), Rosie O'Sullivan (Churchtown), Margaret Higgins (Watergrasshill), Angela Higgins (do.), Mary Canavan (Sarsfields), Bernie Costine (Cloyne), Nuala Guilly (do.), Marion Sweeney (Youghal), Kay Spillane (Churchtown) and Mary Barron (Youghal).

FIXTURES

Sunday: At Mardyke, Senior Championship semi-finals 3.30: Muskerry v Old Aloysians, (Ref., Mary Crowley); 4.15, Avondhu v Imokilly, (Ref., Sheila Dunne).

Wednesday: Under-18 League at Ballinlough, 7.30: St. Finbarrs v Ballinlough.

Imokilly give a warning to Muskerry

MUSKERRY 4-3, OLD ALOYSIANS 3-3
IMOKILLY 6-8, AVONDHU 2-0

TWO divisional sides will contest the final of this year's Cork County Camogie Championship. The only remaining club side, Old Aloysians, fell to Muskerry at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, yesterday in a very exciting semi-final while holders Imokilly won their place in the final by an easy victory over Avondhu.

Muskerry 4-3; Old Aloysians 3-3

In the pick of the semi-finals Muskerry snatched a late victory over Old Aloysians in a game in which the lead continually went from one side to another. Muskerry were making their first appearance in the Championship for many years and in fact were playing their first game in the championship yesterday as they had received a bye in the first round. Selected from Inniscarra, Naomh Eoin, Blarney, Canovee and Aghabullogue, they fielded a fine side who were stronger physically than the youthful Old Aloysians, who had no less than six schoolgirls on their side.

Muskerry were the only side to score a goal in the first half, a grand one from Nancy O'Driscoll, and in this period Mary Humphries and Sheila Dunne were also on the mark with points. In this half Old Als scored three points, two from Val Fitzpatrick and one from Phil Walsh to leave the half time score at 1-2 to 0-3.

REVIVAL

On the resumption Kay Doherty scored an early goal for Muskerry to increase their lead but then came a tremendous revival from Old Als which saw them score two great goals, from Phil Walsh and Ger Butler. This gave Old Als the lead and they looked at this stage as if they might snatch victory. But Muskerry struck back with a grand point from Sheila Dunne to level the score. However, Old Als were not yet ready to admit defeat and the diminutive Ger Butler showed what a grand opportunist she is with another goal to give them the lead once again.

But in the end it was to be Muskerry's day as once more the Old Als' lead was short-lived with the powerful Nora O'Brien snatching the equaliser and then the winning goal in a ten minute spell which must surely make her the toast of the Muskerry followers. Muskerry had other top players in Nancy O'Driscoll, Sheila Dunne, and Kathleen Doherty. Old Als had their best players in Ger Butler, Marion O'Leary, who had a tremendous game in the defence, the Walsh sisters, Phil

added another "major" almost immediately and in fact Imokilly were leading by 4-3 before Avondhu notched their first score — a goal from midfielder Anne Keane. Imokilly's answer to this goal was a similar score almost immediately from Marion Sweeney, which left the champions in the lead by 5-4 to 1-0 at half time.

QUICK SCORES

On the resumption the champions struck again with two quick points. Avondhu did attempt to marshal their resources at this stage and they did get one back with a goal from Finaul McCarthy but they were too far behind at this stage and grand midfield work from Mary Canavan and Bernie Costine for Imokilly prevented any real revival on Avondhu's part.

Instead, Imokilly struck back once again adding a goal and two further points to their tally to leave them easy winners by 6-8 to 2-0 at the end.

All the Imokilly forwards scored in this game, while others to shine were Angela Higgins, Manley and Anne Kirby were

Scorers of the winners were Mary Canavan, and Bernie Costine. Mary O'Leary, Liz best for Avondhu.

Nuala Guilly (1-3), Josie Knowles (2-1), Marion Sweeney (2-0), Mary Canavan (0-2) Bernie Costine (0-1) and Mary Barron (1-1) while Anne Keane (1-0) and Finaul McCarthy (1-0) were on the mark for Avondhu. Teams:

Scorers for the winners were:

Imokilly: E. Higgins (Watergrasshill), M. Costine (Cloyne), N. Higgins (Watergrasshill), R. O'Sullivan (Churchtown), M. McCoy (Cloyne), A. Higgins (Watergrasshill), M. Canavan (Sarsfields), B. Costine (Cloyne), N. Guilly (do.), M. Sweeney (Youghal), M. Barron (Youghal) and J. Knowles (Churchtown).

Avondhu: M. Aherne (Glanworth), P. Quirke (do.), T. Aherne (do.), M. O'Neill (do.), M. Healy (do.), A. Keane (Buttevant), M. Roche (do.), L. Manley (do.), A. Kirby (Glanworth), F. McCarthy (do.), and M. O'Leary (do.).

and the said rates will be collected with the above general rate. The rate books are deposited in the offices of the Council at the Town Hall, Cork, and will be there open for such inspection between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. during the 14 days next following the date hereof, exclusive of Sundays, Bank Holidays and Church Holidays. Signed the 11th day of May, 1973. H. LYONS, Clerk of the Council.

COUNTY LIMERICK COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE
NOTICE TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS

THE LEINSTER COLLEGES' minor championship is the only competition still to be decided in the Eastern province, but some of the games were held up by bad weather and all the zones — there are seven of them — have not yet completed their sections, which poses something of a problem for the Leinster Colleges' Camogie Council.

However, the present position is this: Naas Technical School has won its section and has reached the quarter finals. There they have had the benefit of a bye, which takes them straight through to the semi-finals.

Naas played in section seven, which was composed of four vocational schools in County Kildare.

F.C.J. Convent, Bunelody, has come through in Zone One, which also included Ennis-corthy, New Ross and Kilmuckridge, and await in their quarter-final the winners of a mid-week match between Scoil Caltriona and Walkinstown, who are the top teams in Zone Five. This quarter-final will be played tomorrow in Dublin.

INCOMPLETE

Zone Two rests between the Presentation Convents of Durrus and Castlecomer and the winners will play Baltinglass Comprehensive School, which has come through in Zone Four.

Zone Three was won by Presentation, Fourmillick, but they must wait a little longer

Leinster Council's Problem

to know their opponents as Zone Six, which is a Dublin section, has been delayed and is not yet complete.

However, with the long evenings now available for after-school games, the leeway should be quickly made up and it is hoped to keep to the subsequent schedules, as the competition must be finished before the end of May.

SURPRISE

Main surprise in the opening round of the Cork senior championship on Sunday was the victory of Old Aloysians over strongly fancied South Presentation Past.

The latter team had dominated championship clashes between these teams in recent years, but this time a rather youthful Aloysians side achieved a very well deserved victory. But old Als will be the only club side in the later stages of the competition.

The other two first-round games were won by divisional selections. Avondu rallied in the second half to account for

Naomh Gonnait, after the latter had been five points in front at the interval.

Holdings Imokilly scored a surprisingly clear-cut victory over U.C.C. in the remaining game which was a repeat of last year's final.

Heroine of the day for the winners was All-Ireland full-back Marie Costine from Cloyne, who remained invincible despite the best efforts of a student forward line that included Rosie Hennessy, Liz Garvan and Anne O'Dwyer.

With Celtic's victory over Cuchulainns in the losers' group, the way is now clear to the Dublin senior championship semi-finals in which Celtic now face holders Austin Stacks, while Eoghan Ruadh face U.C.D.

These games will be played on May 16. By an unusual coincidence the same teams meet in two vital league ties next Sunday. Holders Austin Stacks will almost make sure of retaining their title if they defeat Celtic.

FANCIED

They have already met twice since Christmas, in the opening round of the league and in the first round of the championship.

Stacks won on each occasion and must be fancied again now. Only if Celtic can halt Stacks' march would U.C.D. or Eoghan Ruadh come back into the reckoning.

The Students won when last these teams met in a league game, but Ruadh have improved since then and could reverse that verdict now.

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The Camogie scene

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE annual Camogie Congress the first ever held outside Dublin seemed to get new life from being transplanted to Galway. There seemed to be an added liveliness and freshness to the debates and the arrival of the Mayor of Galway to officially welcome the delegates and the Congress to the old city by the Corrib was much appreciated.

Congratulations to new President, Mrs. Nancy Murray of Antrim who has already given the Association such sterling service as player, as coach, as trainer, as chairman of the Antrim Board and of the Ulster Council. Straightforward and dedicated, not given to mincing her words, Mrs. Murray comes to office at a time when Camogie is making big strides forward. She already has very close affiliations with the G.A.A. and is the very person to pursue the question of closer co-operation between both bodies that seems to me to be so essential to the advancement of our native games in the years ahead.

After electing a new President, the most important steps taken by Congress were the decision to run the senior All-Ireland on the Open Draw system and the decision to set up a minor championship.

The case for and against the Open Draw was argued at considerable length and a variety of views were expressed, but the final decision was, to my mind, a good one. The senior championship will be played as an Open Draw for three seasons with the existing senior championships in Leinster and Munster continuing as separate competitions. The three year period will give

a chance for the up and coming junior counties to build their strength, and if present trends continue we should be able to reassess the whole position in three years time.

The draw turned out to be admirable as in no case were counties from the same province drawn in opposition to one another. For those who may have missed the pairings elsewhere, they are: Dublin v Galway; Antrim v Kilkenny; Wexford v Tipperary and Cork the holders got a bye. In the second round the winners of Wexford and Tipperary play Antrim or Kilkenny, while Cork take on Galway or Dublin.

The decision to start a minor championship is also to be welcomed, but there are difficulties which may be solved by the Galway addendum that the competition not start until next season.

The question of age limits is difficult in some respects as these tend to differ not alone in different provinces but in different counties. However, this is not insurmountable, and I look forward to a very lively All-Ireland series in this grade next season.

It was also heartening to hear that the coaching film will shortly be available, and that the National Coaching Course, which reverts to Gormanston this year is again assured of success, and that there will be a special course for coaches and P.T. teachers.

In view of the nationwide interest aroused over the last couple of years by the All-Star Awards in hurling and football, the Editor has asked me to comment on the possibilities of having similar Awards in Camogie. Well, the desirability of such an

award is undeniable but there are snags which immediately come to mind. In the first place a sponsor is essential, and the sad fact remains that with the exception of one award by Elvery's no firm has shown any great inclination to include Camogie in the scope of its sponsorship.

The most obvious sponsors for Camogie All-Star Awards would be "Camogie" magazine, but this is an entirely voluntary undertaking, and while I feel the magazine would be the ideal medium for choosing the All-Stars a commercial sponsor would still be needed to make the presentation of these Awards, and the value of these Awards themselves, worthwhile. And where are we to find such sponsors? The alcohol trade is obviously out; the soft-drinks trade could be hard to convince, the cigarette firms are already heavily committed.

Yet there are firms that depend heavily on female custom, and surely some of these might be approached? The "rag trade", the cosmetic combines, the domestic appliance manufacturers obviously depend on our goodwill, they are obvious targets. Why not try them?

As to who is to choose the All-Stars, if the idea ever becomes an actuality? The number of women in the country who write regularly on camogie in national papers could be listed easily on the fingers of one hand. But they in conjunction with the Editor of Camogie magazine, and the Provincial Secretaries would I am sure do a good job. After all they are the people who have the best chance of seeing most top players in action.

CELTIC RETURN TO CAPTURE CROWN

By UNA

CELTIC clinched a great Dublin season last Wednesday night when by defeating Eoghan Ruadh at Croke Park they regained the Dublin Senior Camogie Title for the first time since 1965.

This championship victory was all the more creditable because Celtic had been beaten in the first-round of the current championship by Austin Stacks, the holders.

They made their way back into the competition by winning the losers group and then sprang a surprise by defeating Stacks in a vital League game.

This gave Celtic added confidence when the same teams met again in the semi-final of the championship and, this time, Celtic won convincingly. So they started on favourites against Eoghan Ruadh in the final.

But though Celtic won—and won with eight points to spare—it must be admitted that Ruadh gave them a far closer game than most people had expected. Indeed the losers had very little luck in their scoring efforts and on the play might well have finished much closer.

Three events

Meanwhile U.C.D. by defeating Austin Stacks in a League match last Sunday had also ensured that Celtic would be winners of this competition so that Celtic are now winners of the three senior events in Dublin for the season, the League, the championship and the Curran Cup which they won by defeating Stacks in the final before Christmas.

So there should be a real carnival atmosphere in the Phoenix Park tomorrow when the Celtic club sponsor the annual seven-a-side competition. For this no fewer than 148 players from all the Dublin clubs and 8 players from Belfast's Ardoyne have sent in their names. This means there will be 22 teams, with the players in each carefully graded.

The teams will be divided into four sections, and each team will play all the others

in the section in games of ten minutes aside. The winners of the groups will then qualify for the semi-finals the winners of which will meet in the final. To get all the games played within reasonable time, the proceedings will begin at 11.30 sharp.

Presentation were good winners of the Senior "B" Championship in the Croke Park curtain-raiser on Wednesday night, but despite the efforts of the Murphy and Gleeson sisters and Marcella Dunne, they had to battle hard.

Good chance

Naomh Mhuire were as good as the winners outfield, but lacked any real scoring power. Many of the players then in opposition were on the Dublin junior side that accounted for Wicklow in the opening round of the Leinster championship at Annacurra on last Sunday evening.

Dublin took a long time to get going but once they did so, they played very well indeed, and must be in with a good chance against Kilkenny in the semi-final, especially as they will have home advantage this time.

However, Kilkenny looked an effective team in their victory over Meath at Dunsbaughlin, and if they improve as a result of that outing could prove very hard to beat.

There is only one game on inter-county fields tomorrow in the South, and Tipperary, despite a bad lapse in this grade last year, will be fancied to account for Kerry in the opening game of the Munster junior series.

Big game in Cork is the county senior final which will be contested by two Divisional sides, holders Imokilly and Muskerry but the odds will be on Imokilly led by All-Ireland star Marie Costine.



Blarney girls Kathleen Doherty and Maire Mackey played Minor and Junior for Cork, line out with Muskerry their first Cork County Senior Final against Imokilly at Mardyke, Cork.



Three Muskerry players, Mary Humphreys, Blarney; Sheila Back, O'Brien, Inniscarra, who have played for Cork Co. Senior A.



Sheila Dunne, Canovee, holder of three All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship medals with Cork, captains the Muskerry Divisional Camogie team in their first Cork Co. senior final against Imokilly at the Mardyke.

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Imokilly Will Be Favourites —But Muskerry Will Not Be Beaten Easily

The Form Points To Imokilly

By AGNES HOURIGAN

IT'S County final time again on Sunday with two divisional sides clashing at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke. This is a rather unique pairing and it has all the ingredients of a thriller. As a curtain-raiser Old Aloysians meet old rivals South Presentation Pas. Pupils in a vital Senior League clash.

On their showing against U.C.C. and Avondhu, when they made things look so easy, Imokilly will start as favourites to retain their title. However, Muskerry showed in their fine win over Old Aloysians that they are definitely a team to be reckoned with, so Imokilly will not want to take victory for granted.

Selected from Watergrasshill, Cloyne, Churchtown, Sarsfields and Youghal, Imokilly are strong in all sectors. There are two sets of sisters with three Higgins girls, Eileen, Anne, capt. Nora. All three play vital roles in Imokilly's set up, with Eileen very efficient in goal, Nora a grand defender and Ann a very efficient centre. Then you have Marie Costine at full back and her sister Bernie in the centre. Marie keeps getting better and better and surely she must now be rated as one of the best full backs in the country.

Certainly Muskerry will need to be very much on their toes in

attack if they are to get past her. Bernie too is fast becoming a grand player and with Imokilly she has struck up a grand understanding with Mary Canavan, another very promising player indeed. Add to these girls the opportunism of Nuala Guilly, Marion Sweeney, Josie Knowles and Mary Barron, and you have a very formidable line-out indeed. Incidentally all the forwards for Imokilly added to the scoreline in the semi-final, which means that Muskerry will need to watch each and every one of them.

But Muskerry showed in their semi-final tie against Old Als how very serious they were taking their Championship bid. That game was their first together, as they had a bye in the opening round, but from an early stage they showed their determination to win. Muskerry are selected from Naomh Eoin, Blarney, Canovee, Aghabullogue and Inniscarra, and with such strong teams to pick from they are in a position to field a good side. In their semi-final tie they also showed their ability to come from behind as in that game they were led by a goal with only 15 minutes to go. But instead of being disheartened by Old Als lead they struck back with two grand goals from Nora O'Brien. Nancy O'Driscoll was another who constantly threatened danger on that occasion, while Marion McCarthy and Kay Doherty were others who snapped up chances. Sheila Dunne played a captain's part in that game, while Rose O'Leary and Mary Mackey were others to shine.

COULD CAUSE AN UPSET

Muskerry could cause a major upset in this tie, but it will not be easy as the highly competent Imokilly have all the skills and have the greater experience in senior Championship camogie. But there will be great rivalry

between these divisional sides and with so much at stake it should be a game well worth seeing.

South Presentation Past Pupils and Old Aloysians, who met in the Senior Championship final so often, are relegated to the curtain-raiser spot on Sunday. However, this will not take from their rivalry as the game is a vital Senior League clash, with the points vital to both. In fact Old Als can win the League on this occasion as a point could clinch the title for them. This would be a great boost to the youthful Old Als side who did so well in defeating South Presentation Past Pupils in the Championship, but went down so gallantly to Muskerry. South Pres for their part have already dropped two points to U.C.C. and with Old Al's defeat they may be lacking in confidence. However, South Pres have the greater experience with a number of stars, including Betty Sugrue, Anne Comerford, and Mary Whelton. Only Als on the other hand have six schoolgirls on their side, and no Cork star. But they have very promising players in Ger Butler, Val Fitzpatrick and Judy Walsh and they could take the title. However it will not be easy.

Co. Final teams:—

Muskerry—R. O'Leary (Naomh Eoin), B. O'Leary (do.), C. Humphries (Blarney), M. Twomey (Canovee), M. Mackey (Blarney), S. Roche (Aghabullogue), S. Dunne (Canovee) capt., M. McCarthy (Naomh Eoin), M. Humphries (Blarney), N. O'Driscoll (Naomh Eoin), N. O'Brien (Inniscarra), K. Doherty (Blarney).
Imokilly—E. Higgins (Watergrasshill), M. Costine (Cloyne), M. McCoy (do.), R. O'Sullivan (Churchtown), N. Higgins, capt. (Watergrasshill), A. Higgins (do.), M. Canavan (Sarsfields), B. Costine (Watergrasshill), J. Knowles (Churchtown), N. Guilly (Cloyne), N. Sweeney (Youghal), M. Barron (do.).

Sunday, May 27, at Mardyke: 2.15. Senior League—South Pres. v. Old Als. (Ref. F. Barry-Murphy): 3.30. Co Championship Final—Imokilly v. Muskerry. (Ref.: Mary Crowley).

The competitive camogie season really gets into full swing this weekend with the Cork County senior final, the opening games in Munster championships, and the final of the first Leinster Colleges minor championship.

In the Cork final we have the unusual position that the final rests between two divisional sides, Imokilly, the holders, and Muskerry. These two teams have never previously met in a final and the girls from Imokilly will be very much the odds-on favourites.

On their way to this decider they scored very convincing victories over U.C.C. and Avondhu with three senior All-Ireland players, Marie Costine, Nuala Guilly and Marion Sweeney and four other players who have fielded for Cork in either minor or junior grades, together with several promising youngsters, have reason to feel confident of retaining their title.

But Muskerry will have other ideas. After all they accounted for the well-fancied Old Aloysians in their semi-final and they too have a member of the county senior team in Sheila Dunne.

Seven other members of the side have played for Cork in the lesser grades so Muskerry will have high hopes of their own. But the form-book is still heavily in favour of Imokilly.

In the Mardyke curtain-raiser, Old Aloysians will be hoping to repeat their championship victory over South Presentation when the sides meet again in a vital League game. Old Als are the holders of this title.

Tipperary, surprisingly over-run by Limerick in the Munster Junior championship last season, should improve on that poor showing when they meet Kerry in the opening game of the Munster championship at a Tipperary venue.

Kerry have been showing considerable improvement, but Tipperary recovered from the disorganisation that hit them a year ago should advance to

meet Waterford in the next round.

The opening games of the Leinster Junior championship provided somewhat varied fare on Sunday last, with Kilkenny running up a long lead over Meath at Dunshaughlin and then staving off a strong rally by the home side after the interval. In the other game, at Annacurra in the evening, inexperienced Wicklow held Dublin very well right through the first half.

But the home side ran out of steam after the interval and Dublin ran up a good score to finish very convincingly winners. Dublin and Kilkenny will now meet in the semi-final on June 17 at a Dublin venue. Kilkenny having lost the toss.

Austin Stacks lost their last chance of staying in contention in the Dublin Senior League when they went down to U.C.D. at Phoenix Park last Sunday. The irony of this result is that U.C.D. were well under-strength and yet turned in possibly their best performance of the season. Nothing went right for Stacks who were without Orla N. Shiachain.

Celtic, who now must be taken as certain to win the League title, have yet to play U.C.D. and Cuchulainn, but the outcome of these games is unlikely to affect the final League placings.

Tomorrow the Presentation Convent teams of Terenure and Castlecocker meet at Castlecocker in the first final of a Leinster Colleges Minor championship. Terenure have shown very good form of late in defeating Presentation Convent, Mountmellick, and Nass Vocational School. But Castlecocker have built up a string of imposing victories and must start favourites on home ground.

Big event in Dublin on Sunday is the Celtic seven-a-side competition which always proves a most enjoyable event for players and spectators alike. At Newry St. Clare's Convent team, Ulster Colleges champions, play the Rest of Down as one of the features at the opening of the new Abbey School ground on Sunday afternoon.



Flying Imokilly forward Marion Sweeney shoots the ball into the net past Muskerry goalkeeper Rose O'Leary during the Cork Co. Camogie Final at U.C.C. Grounds, Cork, yesterday.

Imokilly retain title in thrilling decider

Imokilly Had To Fight Hard

By AGNES HOURIGAN

IMOKILLY are again senior camogie champions of Cork, but only in the closing stages of a highly exciting final at the Mardyke last Sunday did they rescue their title from the challenge of a surprisingly effective and very talented Muskerry side.

Imokilly 3-5, Muskerry 3-2
South Presentation Past Pupils 1-5; Old Aloysians, 2-1.

IN AN action packed Cork County Championship final at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, holders Imokilly retained their title at the expense of Muskerry, by 3-5 to 3-2.

Before this game followers considered Imokilly as hot favourites but from an early stage the determined Muskerry side showed that they would not admit defeat easily. It was a game of exchanged scores and constantly changing leaders and it all added up to a tremendous game of camogie.

The curtain-raiser too was in keeping with the afternoon as South Presentation Past Pupils scored a one point win over Old Aloysians in a hectic senior league tie. Old AIs only needed one point from this to clinch the Senior League title but now the competition is wide open again thanks to South Pres.

There was plenty to cheer about in the big game and with so many clubs involved in this clash of the divisional sides there was no lack of support. Imokilly, drawn from Watergrasshill, Cloyne, Churchtown, Sarsfields and Youghal were first into the attack with a point from Nuala Guilly, who was a constant threat, but it was Muskerry who scored the first goal of the game.

This was a well taken free from Nancy O'Driscoll, which was deflected to the back of the net by an Imokilly defender. During this period both sides played some brilliant camogie and before half time Imokilly had got back in the lead with a grand goal from a free taken by Nuala Guilly.

TWO GOAL SPREE

But if the first half was exciting the second was even more so. Almost immediately Imokilly increased their lead by a Marion Sweeney goal but again Muskerry were undaunted and a great long range free from Sheila Dunne reduced the arrears by a point. Then Nora O'Brien went on a two goal spree which gave Muskerry a one goal lead. At this stage Muskerry who were drawn from Naomh Eoin, Blarney, Canovee, Aghabullogue and Inniscarra, were really on top of their form and might have increased their lead.

But back came Imokilly. Josie Knowles snapped up a grand opportunist goal to put them on level terms. Then Anne Higgins gave them a point lead. But yet again it was Sheila Dunne with another great point who put Muskerry back on terms.

Their lead, however, was shortlived with Imokilly finishing in the style which has made them such worthy champions. Marion Sweeney once again put her side ahead and quick points from Mary Barron and Josie Knowles sealed Muskerry's fate and although they never gave up they were not able to break through the Imokilly defence in the closing minutes.

CLEVER FORWARDS

The fine display of Eileen

Higgins in goal and the competence of Marie Costine at full back and Nora Higgins on the wing were big factors in Imokilly's win. Mary Canavan and Ann Higgins got through a tremendous amount of work in the centrefield while the champions forwards of Nuala Guilly, Marion Sweeney, Mary Barron, Josie Knowles and Mary Barron once again proved that they are all capable of scoring.

All these factors added up to an all round strength which certainly proved the deciding factor for Imokilly. A unique feature of the champions line-out was that four sisters played, Angela, Anne, Nora and Marie Higgins and Nora captained the side.

Muskerry must regard themselves as somewhat unlucky in this game. They came so near on so many occasions and confounded many with their ability and determination. Marie Mackey was in tremendous form in defence for Muskerry while Sheila Dunne played a captain's part in the centre of the field. Then there was the untiring Nancy O'Driscoll and the opportunist Nora O'Brien who went so near to swinging the game in their sides' favour.

ABILITY PROVED

But overall it was Imokilly's day and they proved what grand champions they are with their coolness when they were behind and their ability to snatch up half chances.

After the game the County championship trophy was presented to the winning captain, Nora Higgins, by Ide Bean Uí She, President of the Camogie Association.

Scorers for the winners were: N. Guilly 1-1, J. Knowles 1-1, M. Sweeney 1-1, M. Barron 0-1, and A. Higgins 0-1; while N. O'Brien 2-0, N. O'Driscoll 1-0, and S. Dunne 0-2 were on the mark for the losers.

Teams: Imokilly — E. Higgins (Watergrasshill), M. Costine (Cloyne), R. O'Sullivan (Churchtown), N. Higgins capt. (Watergrasshill), A. Higgins (do.), M. Canavan (Sarsfields), B. Costine (Watergrasshill), J. Knowles (Churchtown), N. Guilly (Cloyne), M. Sweeney (Youghal), M. Barron (do.).

Muskerry — R. O'Leary (Naomh Eoin), B. O'Leary (do.), C. Humphries (Blarney), M. Twomey (Canovee), M. Mackey (Blarney), S. Dunne (Canovee), capt., M. McCarthy (Naomh Eoin), M. Humphries (Blarney), N. O'Driscoll (Naomh Eoin), N. O'Brien (Inniscarra), M. McMahon, K. Buckley, Sub. P. Lucey for C. Humphries, Sub. D. Doherty for K. Buckley.

Kilkenny Into Semi-Final

KILKENNY 6-4
MEATH 3-1

Kilkenny qualified for the semi-final of the Leinster senior camogie championship when they scored a deserved victory over Meath at Dunshaughlin yesterday.

Kilkenny, backed by the wind in the opening half, seemed set for an easy victory when they led 4-4 to 1-1 at half time.

The home side played much better in the second half but though they added four goals to the half time score, Kilkenny always fought back for a vital score when Meath seemed to be getting on top.

Kilkenny were best served by Carmel Doyle, Patricia Cody, Ursula Grace and Ann Donney, while the Watters sisters, Dolores Hanbury, Ann Gannon and Maura Flanagan did most work for Meath.

Scorers: Kilkenny: C. Doyle (3-1), P. Cody (1-2), A. Drullin (1-0), M. Slattery (1-0), E. McEvoy (0-1). Meath: A. Gannon (3-0), B. O'Riordan (1-0), M. Watters (1-0), Watters (0-1).

Indeed, it seemed for a long time that the challengers might upset the odds, especially as they came from behind to take a goal lead midway through the second half, but the greater experience of Imokilly told in the closing stages and they forged ahead again to gain a hard-earned victory by a three-point margin, 3-5 to 3-2.

The winners had four sisters in their line-out, Nora, Anne, Marie and Angela Higgins from Watergrasshill, with Nora captaining the winning side.

Indeed it was an exciting afternoon at the Mardyke, for the curtain-raiser, a senior League game, Old Aloysians, who only needed a draw to retain their league title, were beaten by a point 1-5 to 2-1 by South Presentation, whom they had beaten decisively in the championship. Now the outcome is again wide open.

WRAP UP

Meanwhile Celtic wound up the Dublin senior season by adding the League title to the championship, and as they had won the Curran Cup earlier in the season, have thus won every Dublin senior honour this season.

True, it took them longer than expected to wrap up the League, for two days after winning the championship title they were unexpectedly defeated by U.C.D., who had earlier set the League title up for Celtic by defeating the holders Austin Stacks.

But Celtic clinched the League by a mid-week win over Cuchulainns, a victory in which that famed forward Una O'Connor, who has been back to her best form this season, scored five goals. Indeed so well has Una been playing in recent games that she has been added to the Dublin

Celtic Shock

U.C.D. 3-3
CELTIC 3-2

Celtic suffered a set-back their Senior League encounter with University College played at Phoenix Park last evening. The game was very evenly contested and the students were ahead by a point at the interval. On the restart Celtic got the lead by a goal but College never relaxed and were rewarded with a goal and a point.

Scorers — U.C.D. — A. Carroll (2-1), B. Ni hAnnrachain (1-1), D. Walsh (0-1). Celtic — U. O'Connor (1-1), E. Swetney (1-1), V. Feely (1-0).

senior panel, although she was not in action on inter-county fields last season.

Holder of 13 All-Ireland and 15 Leinster championship medals, Una O'Connor's record is second only to that of the legendary Kathleen Mills.

Also called on to the senior panel is another star of a couple of years past Judy Doyle from Naomh Aoife.

TRIUMPHANT

The annual Seven-a-side tournament organised by the Celtic Club provided a triumphant wind-up to the general competitive season on Sunday last, when a record number of teams and players took part.

Also last weekend, the most successful Leinster Colleges season yet ended on a high note with a lively and entertaining climax to the first provincial minor championship, in which Presentation, Castlecomer defeated Presentation, Terenure.

Castlecomer thus had some compensation for their defeat in the Leinster senior final. Indeed it was a great College season for the Presentation Schools, with Castlecome winning the Leinster minor title, Kilkenny regaining the junior honours and Mountmellick taking not alone the senior provincial title, but also the All-Ireland crown, defeating yet another Presentation Convent, Athenry in that final.

The enthusiasm shown in the Colleges fields through the season is reflected in the encouraging response to the Coaching Course for teacher organised by the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Council and which has been recognised by the Department of Education. This course will be held at Gormanston College at the weekend June 29-July 1.



Maire Bean Uí She, President, presenting the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship Trophy to Nora Higgins, Watergrasshill, captain of the Imokilly team.

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Celtic Regain

Camogie Title

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EOCHAN RUADH 1-1
 CELTIC 4-0

THE sharper side right through the field, Celtic deservedly regained the Dublin senior camogie title at Croke Park last night but got a much harder battle from Eoghan Ruadh than the final score-line reveals.

There was little between the teams on the actual play but Celtic, who led by 2-0 to 0-1 at half-time, proved the better finishers.

Noreen Fleming, who shot three well-taken goals, was the star of the winners' lively attack, but Eoghan Ruadh, although they frequently threatened, lamentably failed to turn their chances to similar account.

Besides, they were confronted by an excellent Celtic defence in which full-back Rita White, centre-back Kitty Murphy and goalkeeper Eileen Duffy were particularly effective.

Others to shine for the winners were Mary Fennelly, Libby Howard, Evelyn Sweeney and Miriam Higgins. Anne Ashton, Ann Doyle, Margaret O'Leary, Maureen Walsh and Maureen Brennan were most prominent for Eoghan Ruadh.

Scorers: Celtic—N. Fleming (3-0); E. Sweeney (1-0). E. CELTIC—E. Duffy, R. White, D. Dunne, K. Murphy, C. Harrington, V. Feely, L. Howard, M. Fennelly, E. Sweeney, M. Higgins, H. O'Connor, N. Fleming.

E. RUADH — A. Carey, J. Dooley, A. Ashton, A. Doyle, K. Lyons, M. Walsh, M. O'Leary

U. Cormican, M. McNamara, P. Rafferty, M. Murphy, P. Breslin. Subs: C. Lyons for M. McNamara; M. Mernagh for P. Breslin; M. McNamara for C. Lyons.

Presentation Flattered

PRESENTATION 2-2
 NAOMH MHUIRE 1-0

Although deserving winners, Presentation were slightly flattered by the score in this Senior 'B' championship decider at Croke Park.

Naomh Mhuire battled hard all the way but had little luck with their scoring efforts.

Aileen Gleeson, Marcella Dunne and the Murphy sisters, shone for the winners, while goalie Teresa Betts, Sheila Wallace, Bernadette Conway and Pamela Howard did best for Naomh Mhuire.

Presentation — M. Dunne (2-0); O. Phillips, M. Murphy (0-1 each), N. Mhuire — A. White (1-0).



The Imokilly team which defeated Muskerry in the Cork Co. Senior Camogie final at U.C.C. grounds.

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CAMOGIE TITLE AGAIN FOR IMOKILLY

Sunday last marked another chapter in camogie circles in East Cork when Imokilly had three points to spare over Muskerry, winning by 3-5 to 3-2. A feature of the champions' display throughout the championship was their ability to score. In all their games they scored a number of majors, a tribute to their talented forwards.

This game was an action-packed affair and one which showed that Cork will be a danger again in the All-Ireland series. Nuala Guilley, as she has done so often in the past, played a vital role in this thriller and looks like making the Cork selection again this year.

Marie Costine (Cloyne), Rose Sullivan (Churchtown North) and the Higgins sisters from Wardgrasshill, all played excellently in defence for the winners. Mary Canavan and Bernadette Costine were supreme at midfield, while the forwards, Josie Knowles, Mary Barron, Marion Sweeney and Nuala Guilley, all starred for Imokilly.

Footnote: For Rosie O'Sullivan it was a special occasion as her mother had won a medal with Imokilly 26 years ago.

FRONT:- KAY SPILLANE, ROSIE O'SULLIVAN, MARY CANAVAN,
 NORA HIGGINS (CAPT), BERNIE COSTINE, MARION SWEENEY,
 JOSIE KNOWLES, + NOREEN BAILEY
 BACK:- MICK SPILLANE, NUALA GUILLEY, ANGELA HIGGINS,
 ELIZABETH HIGGINS, MGT. HIGGINS, MARIE COSTINE,
 MGT. MCCOY, MARY BARRON, KAY KENNEDY, T. D. KNOWLES

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● The Celtic team who beat Eoghan Ruadh in the final of the Dublin Senior Camogie Championship at Croke Park last evening: BACK ROW (from left): Miriam Higgins, Kitty Murphy, Phyllis Caffrey, Eileen Duffy, Clare Harrington, Kay Devereux, Ann Butler, Ann Howard, Rita White (capt.). FRONT ROW: Brid Butler, Mary Fennelly, Dervin Dunne, Evelyn Sweeney, Libby Howard, Vera Feeley, Una O'Connor, Noreen Fleming.



... and the Eoghan Ruadh team: BACK ROW (from left): Kathleen Lyons, Monica McNamara, Una Cormickan, Maureen Brennan, Ann Ashton, Jennie Dooley (captain), Pat Rafferty, Chris Jasmine. FRONT ROW: Ann Carey, Maureen Walsh, Ann Doyle, Phyllis Breslin, Margaret Mernagh, Margaret O'Leary and Connie Lyons.

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CAMOGIE CAMÓGAÍOCHT

All-Ireland Camogie Champions

This year Mountmellick have topped the Colleges' Camogie scene by taking the All-Ireland Colleges' title and Corn na Sceilge to Laois for the first time. In fact the girls have the honour of bringing to their county the first All-Ireland victory since 1915. Their path to success was by no means smooth. They first entered the championship in the '68/'69 season. In that year and the one following they reached the Leinster final only to be defeated by Presentation, Kilkenny. The year '70/'71 saw a turn in the tide, for the Mountmellick girls, not in the least disheartened by previous defeats, came to Croke Park on December 8th and took the Stewart Cup for the first time. In the same year, they played in the All-Ireland final, having overcome the Connacht opposition, Oranmore. Newry, their opponents in the final, drew with them on their first encounter. It was not yet Mountmellick's turn, and in the replay Corn na Sceilge went to Ulster.

In '71/'72 we saw an excellent Mountmellick team again defeated in the Leinster final by Enniscorthy. So, for another year, the hopes of All-Ireland hon-

ours were dashed. Then came the climax of the school's camogie record. The Laois girls were determined to make this year their year. Their constant and hard training brought them their well deserved reward on March 10th, when an exuberant captain, Carmel Cotterell, was presented with the All-Ireland trophy amid the tumultuous applause of her delighted supporters.

This year's championship began in October '72 when St. Mary's defeated a Dublin team. Early in November they returned to Mountmellick, victorious, having defeated Leinster champions Enniscorthy. These matches were followed with victories over Terenure and Castlecomer. Thus, at the half-way stage St. Mary's topped the list with eight points. Their nearest rivals were Enniscorthy and Castlecomer each with five points.

The second half of the league consisted of return matches with the same opposition at reverse venues. Mountmellick continued on their path of victory, conceding only one match. This was to Castlecomer in Mountmellick on 10th February. At this stage both teams were already destined

for the Leinster final and their victory must surely have increased the hopes of the Castlecomer girls. But Mountmellick were steadfast in their aim to recapture the Stewart Cup, and a decisive win over Castlecomer in Croke Park on 10th March brought the Leinster title and trophy to St. Mary's once more. It brought too, the added incentive to win the much coveted All-Ireland title. Having defeated the Munster champions, Mount Mercy, Cork, in Portlaoise on 24th March, St. Mary's set out for Croke Park on 7th April followed by a large group of enthusiastic supporters.

In a brilliant display of teamwork and fitness they outclassed the individual talent of a good Athenry team. A well taken point scored by Marian Doyle from a free in the opening minutes of the game set a standard from which the Mountmellick girls were never to deviate. They went further ahead almost immediately when Marian shot Mountmellick's goal. The Leinster girls seemed to have things their way for the next ten minutes, before Athenry made their first break with a point. The game really came to life when a beautiful shot from one of the Athenry girls ended in the net. The half time score was 2-2 to 1-2 in favour of Mountmellick. From the restart, supported by a strong breeze, St. Mary's were determined to lose no chances, and had increased their lead by two further goals within four minutes. There was no reply from Athenry, and another Mountmellick goal assured them of victory. The full time whistle blew and it was a moment of indescribable excitement and joy for the players, coaches and followers, when they realised that a five year old dream had at last come true.

The Mountmellick team: Pauline Conlon, Carmel Cotterell, Geraldine Duggan, Carol Hamilton, Josephine Mulhall, Patricia Sayers, Catherine Brennan, Colette Hayden, Gertrude Codd, Marian Doyle, Mary Codd, Mary Furlong, Alicia Burke, Margaret O'Sullivan, Anne Dunne.

Kildare Will Be Tough

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Wexford, beaten by Galway in the final of the All-Ireland at Croke Park last September, way in the lesser grade this will be aiming to go all the year and so will travel hopefully to Naas on Sunday to take on Kildare in their game in the opening round of the Leinster series.

Wexford expect that most of their stars of last year's Leinster championship side will again be available, but they will not have any easy victory over Kildare who have plenty of talent at their disposal including the Miggin, Mangan and Behan sisters and Monica Malone.

Indeed Miriam Miggin was a prominent member of the Leinster side that retained the inter-provincial title last Autumn.

Wexford deserve the favourites' rating, but a Kildare victor would be no great surprise.

The winners of next Sunday's game will meet Louth in the second of the Leinster junior semi-finals on June 24. The first semi-final, between Kilkenny and Dublin, will be played at a Dublin venue on June 17.

TRAINING

The Dublin juniors had a good win over Wicklow on their first appearance this season, and a panel of 23 players has been training hard in the Phoenix Park.

A senior panel of 16 has also commenced training in preparation for their Leinster senior semi-final against holders Kilkenny on July 2.

The full senior panel is: R. White, K. Murphy, E. Sweeney, M. Higgins, U. O'Connor (Celtic), D. Calwell, P. Brennan, S. McEvoy, M. Conroy (Austin Stacks), A. Carey, J. Dooley (Eoghan Ruadh), M. McDonald, J. Doyle (Naomh Aoife), M. O'Reilly (Naomh Pádraig), A. McManus (Cuchulainn), S. Wallace (Naomh Mhuire).

The Munster championships will not resume until June 24 in order to facilitate students who are doing examinations, but there is an inter-county game scheduled between Meath and Cavan at Kilmainhamwood Fels.

With the competitive season in Dublin successfully concluded, the annual Convention of the Dublin Board will be held in Bru na nGael at 1.30 on Saturday next.

SEPARATE

Outgoing officers, chairman, Miss Anne Ashton (Eoghan Ruadh); vice-chairmen, Mrs. Timmons (Naomh Aoife) and Miss Rita White (Celtic); secretary, Miss K. Lacey (Naomh Aoife); treasurer, Miss Molly Fitzgerald (Austin Stacks) and registrar, Miss Sophia Brack (Austin Stacks) are all likely to remain in the list of nominations.

But Austin Stacks have motions before Convention that ask for completely separate junior and senior selection committees. This system was formerly the rule. Eoghan Ruadh, on the other hand, would like to give two individuals the responsibility of selecting, training and positioning the county senior and junior side.

U.C.D. want to have the local championships concluded by May 10 each year, while Eoghan Ruadh want all referees to have completed a referees course before taking charge of matches.

Wexford Girls' Winning Rally

WEXFORD 1-5
KILDARE 2-1

Wexford, who reached the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final last season, had a close call yesterday when Kildare turned in a spirited rally in the last ten minutes of this championship game at Naas.

Wexford were first to score when Breda McClean pointed a free. Kildare, however, goaled to take the lead but Wexford finished this half strongly adding a goal and a point without a reply to lead 1-2 to 1-0 at half-time.

Wexford were the steadier after the interval and added three points in the first ten minutes before Kildare rallied—they scored first a point, next a goal to leave a point between the sides and though they had many chances of equalising they had no luck with their shooting and so Wexford go forward to play Louth in the semi-final.

The winners were best served by Bridie McClean, Bridie Tobin and Eileen Hawkins.

For Kildare Miriam Miggin, Teresa Lynch and Nuala Malone did best.

SCORERS: Wexford — B. Tobin (1-1), B. McClean (0-4); Kildare: T. Kavanagh (1-0), M. Malone (1-0), M. Miggin (0-1).

O Siochain wedding



Daughter of GAA chief marries

MORE THAN 10 guests, including many sports personalities, members of the Tipperary team and a bevy of hurling sticks were at the wedding yesterday in St. John's Church, Clontarf, Dublin, of Orla Ni Siochain and Jack Ryan.

Orla is the daughter of G.A.A. director general Sean O Siochain and Jack is a son of a former G.A.A. president, Seamus Ryan from Co. Tipperary and the couple first met in Croke Park!

Orla is not exactly a novice when it comes to sporting achievements as she is the holder of three all-Ireland camogie medals.

Members of the Tipperary hurling team, of which Jack is a member, formed a guard of honour with hurling sticks outside the church. Among the guests were commentator Michael O'Hehir, G.A.A. president Dr. Donal Keenan and past president Pat Fanning.

The Archbishop of Cashel, Most Rev. Dr. Morris, performed the ceremony. The bride wore a white wedding dress of wild silk, while her three sisters, who

were bridesmaids, wore pink and white.

The reception was held in the Clarence Hotel and the couple will spend the honeymoon touring Ireland.

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The Presentation Convent, Castlecomer, team who won the Leinster Colleges' minor camogie championship. In front (from left) — Maria Downey, Mary O'Shea, Ann Dowling, Margaret Ryan. Seated—Patricia O'Loughlin, Geraldine O'Shea, Mary Brennan, Ann Rice (captain), Margaret Fogarty, Bernadette Mealy, Geraldine Byrne. Behind —Joan McDonald, Maria O'Neill, Mr Michael Hester (teacher), Margaret Brennan, Mary Murtagh, Mr Donal Dunne (teacher), Deirdre Keating, Claire White.

Camogie Notes

CLUBS. Lisdowney and Carrickshock, held their AGM's last week and both meetings were attended by the chairman, the chairman and secretary of the county Board.

In Lisdowney on Monday, the chairman of the Co Board, Mr Hester, chaired the meeting in the absence of club chairman John Bowden.

Mr Hester told club members that much greater effort was needed in Lisdowney if they wished their club to thrive, he asked them to co-operate to full with their officials in their difficult task this coming year.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers and a lengthy discussion took place on the plans of the club for the coming year.

Team trainer Jamsie O'Donnell outlined the training schedule and various fund raising activities were discussed.

It was also hoped to get the national school to introduce camogie and to contact the Camogie Board officials for assistance.

Officers: Chairman, J. Bowden; vice chairman, J. O'Donnell; secretary, Annie Bowden; treasurer, Catherine Aylward.

The second AGM was held at Carrickshock on Wednesday Hugginstown. This meeting was also chaired by the chairman of Co Board.

Here Mr Hester stressed the importance of getting local talent involved in the club.

"Get your players from the parish, train them and build up a club and a team in this area, and do not chase around the county looking for 'good' players," Mr Hester said.

The officers for the coming year were elected and training plans were drawn up.

Finally the chairman thanked all those present for their welcome and said a special word of thanks to Fr O'Shea CC, Hugginstown for his kind words of welcome and offer of assistance.

Officers: Chairman, James Duggan; vice chairman, John Fennelly; secretary, B. Barron; treasurer, Mrs Kenneally.

Co Board officials hope to attend meetings in all clubs in the county in the coming month.

WEXFORD 4-5
KILKENNY 0-4
Last year's beaten All Ireland

finalists, Kilkenny put up a poor display against Wexford in this Senior camogie challenge in Gowran on Sunday.

Interest, team spirit and training all seem to be lacking in this Kilkenny team.

The excuse will be made that Kilkenny were without the Cassin sisters and Liz Neary but it must be remembered that Kilkenny's first game is against the much fancied Antrim on June 24.

Wexford were much quicker to settle down and showed much more determination right through the game. In 8 cases out of 10 they were before the Kilkenny girls to the ball and picked off their scores from all angles.

In the last 10 minutes of this game they camped on the Kilkenny 15 yards line. Half time score was Wexford 1-3, Kilkenny 0-3.

Despite tough words from the selectors at half time Kilkenny could only manage one point in the second half while Wexford picked off 3-2.

Helena O'Neill tried hard for Kilkenny but was left with too much to do. Margaret O'Leary and Elsie Walsh played two great games for Wexford and Kilkenny will find their work cut out to hold them in the coming championship.

After the game one selector said that perhaps it was a good

game for Kilkenny. At least the lesson was taught and it was up to the girls to learn from it.

ANOTHER LESSON

WEXFORD 6-4
KILKENNY 2-2

This, certainly, was another lesson for Kilkenny juniors. Wexford were never in the slightest doubt in this game.

They played the game on the ground at a sizzling pace that left the Kilkenny girls standing looking at them.

There is just one thing to be greatest non-event in camogie in said about this game. It was the Kilkenny for a long time.

For team selectors it must "be back to the drawing boards" for new plans between now and June 17.

While the game was only a challenge there was a great lack of enthusiasm among the Kilkenny girls, many did not seem to see the value in a game like this and officials will find much work to be done.

There were many weak links right through the team on Sunday and it would be a pity if a team which showed such promise in its first game against Meath should now take it easy when the real test against Dublin is so near.

All four teams and officials were entertained by the Gowran club after the games.

MUST BE DUBLIN

DUBLIN, winners of the All-Ireland junior camogie championship in 1970 and 1971, and somewhat unluckily beaten in the Leinster final by Wexford a year ago, will be very hopeful of reaching the provincial decider yet again when they take on Kilkenny in the semi-final at Parnell Park tomorrow (3.0).

In their only previous outing, Dublin were far from impressive throughout the opening half of their evening game against Wicklow at Annacurra, but found what must be taken as something like their true form after the interval and ran out winners by a very convincing margin.

They have been in training since, are bound to have benefited from that Wicklow outing, and with such strong and experienced players on their panel as Phyllis Breslin, Phil Barry, Mary and Anne Murphy, Aileen Gleeson, Lucy McEvoy, Noreen Fleming, Libby Howard and Anne Doyle, have every reason to feel optimistic.

Opponents Kilkenny are something of an uncertain quantity. In their opening game, against Meath at Dunshaughlin, they looked a team of all the talents through the first half when they built up a good lead.

But they were far from impressive after the interval, as Meath came back at them, and indeed had to stage a late rally to ensure victory. Since then they have played Wexford in a challenge game and did rather badly.

However, they were under strength on that occasion, so that if they can gather all their forces now they could still give Dublin quite a run for the honours.

The winners tomorrow advance to the Leinster final in which they will meet the survivors of the second semi-

final between Wexford and Louth, which will take place tomorrow week.

Wexford, after shaping very well until the last 15 minutes, then fell away badly against Kildare at Naas on Sunday last. Eventually the holders survived by a single point, but they would have had nothing of grumble about had Kildare availed of the chances of victory which were presented in the closing minutes.

Louth have not yet played in the competition and will hardly be sharp enough to successfully challenge the Wexford girls.

In Munster provincial junior title-holders Limerick make their first appearance in defence of their title, when they entertain Clare at Castleconell.

A year ago the Limerick girls deservedly pipped Cork in a most exciting Munster final, but then went down lamely to Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final. Tomorrow the opposition is provided by Clare, who were desperately unlucky to lose to Cork in last year's provincial semi-final. Clare will lack for nothing in dedication and enthusiasm, but they face a much more experienced Limerick side, and victory may rest with the homsters.

The winners play Cork in the semi-final on July 8, while Tipperary, narrow victors over Kerry play Waterford in the other semi-final tomorrow week. The Dublin Convention, scheduled for Saturday last had to be postponed and is now put back to the Autumn.

Lucky Wexford

WEXFORD 1-5 (8)
KILDARE 2-1 (7)

Wexford's notorious reputation as 'slow starters' in Leinster junior camogie championship competition very nearly proved its costliest to date when the Slanysiders came home from Naas on Sunday with a very fortunate single point victory of 1-5 to 2-1 over Kildare in the first round.

Wexford went a point in front before Kildare had a good goal, but a further point by Breda McClean, then a delightful goal by Bridie Tobin left Wexford 1-2 to 1-0 ahead at the interval.

They again resumed the pressing in the opening ten minutes of the last half in which B. McClean shot three great points without reply. But just as Wexford looked ready to record an easy win as if they would record a 1-5 to 1-0, the home team came well into the game.

LEAD REDUCED

A point and then a goal reduced Wexford's lead to just one point but Kildare missed chance after chance for both goals and points in the last 15 minutes when they completely outplayed and outpaced Wexford.

To be perfectly frank, Kildare,

by any normal standards, should have won this match—certainly Wexford would have been flattered even with a draw.

This was a mighty let-off for the lucky champions. There is one consolation — they will improve tremendously with each game as usual.

DEFENCE SHONE

The Wexford defence really shone on Sunday, no thanks to midfield whose ineffectiveness throughout the hour was amazing, with the exception of Mairead Darcy.

Goalie Margaret Kelly, full-back Mary Boggan, Gretta Kehoe and Geraldine Duggan in the half-backs; Mairead Darcy at midfield and Breda McClean, Mary Murphy and Bridie Tobin in attack were best for winners, whose scores came from: S. Tobin (1-1) and B. McClean (0-4).

Wexford—M. Kelly (St. Mary's); M. Boggan (Kilrush); S. Finn (Adamstown / Cloughbawn); G. Kehoe (do.); G. Duggan (St. Mary's); M. Darcy (St. Mary's); E. Hawkins (do.); M. Farrell (Kilrush); B. Murphy (Adamstown / Cloughbawn); B. Tobin (Kilrush); B. McClean (Buffer's Alley); M. Murphy (Bunclody); Subs. — B. Higgins (Rathnure) for M. Farrell.

MUCH BETTER SHOW

CORK 2-4
KILKENNY 1-6

In this senior challenge Kilkenny put up a better show than they did against Wexford the previous Sunday.

They have however still a long way to go.

The team was without Bridie Martin, and Angela Downey, who are both doing exams and also without the Cassin sisters.

Teresa O'Neill in goal, had a good game and the back showed much improvement. There was, however, an obvious lack in the forwards.

Kilkenny forwards failed to reap enough advantage from the wind in the first half and played better camogie in the second half against the wind.

Peggy Carey had to retire, with injuries early in the second half and Carmel O'Shea came on in her place.

She will hardly be fit enough

for the game against Antrim and she will be truly missed. She has been playing consistently good camogie since the county championship last year.

However, with a victory against Antrim she will be back fighting for her place.

Kilkenny — T. O'Neill, A. Carroll, M. O'Neill, A. Phelan, M. Kennedy, H. O'Neill, P. Carey, L. Neary, B. Kinsella, P. Cody, U. Grace, M. Cody.

The county junior team take on Dublin on Sunday in Dublin.

Selectors refused to be drawn on the selection for this game but it is expected to be announced on Thursday night (to-night) after final training session.

It was announced last week that Peggy Carey had been accepted as a Leinster referee, and she had her first game on Sunday when Wexford took on Kildare in the junior championship.

Wexford won this game but we heard that Peggy's refereeing was the highlight.

CLARE ROUTED BY LIMERICK IN CAMOGIE

LIMERICK 5-4
CLARE 0-3

A disastrous outing for a quietly fancied Clare camogie team was the outcome of last Sunday's Munster championship first round tie with the title holders Limerick. Shattered by an eleven point deficit inside the first ten minutes Clare never recovered to threaten the champions. There was, however, a ten minute period before the interval when Clare got enough chances not alone to draw level but even to surge ahead but missed opportunities and slow moving forwards squandered goal scoring chances and were able to notch only two pts. in this period despite their total monopoly of the play.

It is hard to explain away this trouncing by Limerick as out-field the Clare girls had as much of the play as their opponents but elementary defensive errors and lack of thrust in the Clare forward division brought about their downfall. Slow in moving to the ball and even slower in distributing it, too many of the 'Banner' county side lacked the confidence and experience to move positively to create opportunities rather than be prepared to just stop the opposition from developing play. A basic lack of understanding between the three midfielders allowed Limerick to dominate in this area in those dramatic opening ten minutes. The Clare defence reeled under this pressure and were far too slack in their covering over the loose player moving from mid-field into an attacking position. A Clare switch bringing Frances Furey to mid-field plus Eleece Fitzgibbon finding her feet in the area broke the grip Limerick had in the area and for the first time we saw Clare with some real chances of scoring. Here again however when in possession the forwards were too slow in finding their fellow forwards with passes and were too slow at shooting towards goal. The Limerick backs who looked unsettled enough under this period of pressure were allowed time to recover and block the way to goal. Some good shots were saved by the Limerick goalie at this stage and one felt that if Clare could have scored then that a whole new ball game would have started. This however, did not materialise and so Clare trailed at the interval by 3-2 to 0-2.

It was essential to the confidence of the Clare girls and to

the outcome of the game that Clare should get an early score. This did not happen and Limerick in fact tacked on two further points. A bout of sustained Clare pressure reaped nothing better than a further point from Eleece Fitzgibbon and Limerick clinched the game with two late goals from the Stoke sisters. These sisters were the 'terrible twins' to the Clare side and they with Carrie Clancy at centre-forward, Deidre Darcy at mid-field and Bunty Gulry at full-back and Helen Roche in goal were the biggest obstacles to a Clare win. Therese McDonagh & Margaret O'Toole at half-back, Eleece Fitzgibbon and Maureen Davoren at midfield were best of the Clare girls.

Clare: M Kelly; P O'Grady; T McDonagh, M O'Toole, R Kellher; M Dolan, M Davoren, E Fitzgibbon; A Harrington, M Saunders, A M O' Loughlin; F Furey. Sub: P Ryan for M Dolan.

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Limerick clear first hurdle

Limerick 5-5
Clare 0-3

In a good game of fast and skilful camogie, at St. Patrick's G.A.A. Field on Sunday last, Limerick, the defending champions, cleared the first hurdle in defence of their title, when they accounted for Clare, on the score, 5-5 to 0-3.

The final scoreline might suggest a one-sided game, but unquestionably, this was not the case. After Limerick had raced into an early lead, with goals by Margo and Breda Stokes, Clare settled down, and the first half produced brilliant passages of camogie. Limerick led 3-2 to 0-2 at the interval. While the home side deserved to be ahead at this stage, Clare can be considered to be unlucky, as two of the Limerick goals were due to defensive blunders by the Clare goalkeeper, and their forwards deserved better than a meagre two points.

The second half was again a lively affair, with the Limerick defence in great form, as they scored many dangerous Clare

attacks.

It is impossible to pick out any individual for praise on the Limerick line out. This was a superb team effort, and one of the finest displays given by Limerick for many a day.

A very polished and competent Clare side were best served by Margaret O'Toole, Ann Harrington, Eilish Fitzgibbon, Ann Marie O'Loughlin and Teresa McDonagh.

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

Clare—E. Fitzgibbon 0-2 T. McDonagh 0-1.

Limerick—Helen Roche, Bunty Gulry, Noreen Ryan, Kitty Ryan, Phil Darcy, Betty O'Leary, Dolores O'Brien, Christina Greenham, Bridget D'Arcy, Carrie Clancy, Breda Stokes, Margo Stokes.

Clare—Maureen Kelly, Patricia O'Grady, Margaret O'Toole, Maureen Saunders, Maureen Davidson, Frances Feury, Ann Harrington, Roisin Danaher, Eilish Fitzgibbon, Ann Marie O'Loughlin, Teresa McDonagh, Mary Dolan.

Referee—Celia Fitzpatrick Antrim.

Camogie Notes

SENIOR selectors, Shem Downey, Tommie Murphy and Jim O'Neill, held an emergency meeting with the Chairman and secretary of County Board on Monday night to make final arrangements for the trip to Antrim on Saturday.

Fr Pierce Malone and Fr D. Healy asked that the team be picked on Monday night so that they could concentrate on position training every evening during the coming week.

At the time of writing, the selectors have not yet released the team. The full panel, however were expected to attend training this week.

Selectors gave the full senior panel on Monday as follows: Teresa O'Neill, Helena O'Neill, Peg Carey, Maura Cassin, B. Cassin, Mary Kennedy, Carmel O'Shea, Breda Kinsella, Margaret Cody, Ann Carroll, Liz Neary, Ann Phelan, Mary O'Neill, B. Martin, Angela Downey, Mary Fennelly, Marie Kavanagh, Ann Downey, Ursula Grace, Carmel Doyle, Patricia Cody and Margaret Cody.

I must apologise to Mary Fennelly for omitting her from this column over the last three weeks. Mary is a member of the senior panel but was not available for the games against Cork of Wexford. But is very much in the running for her place on the senior team and is a very dedicated camogie player.

She is a member of the Celtic Club in Dublin which won the Leinster senior Championship again this year.

The Camogie Board were pleasantly surprised and delighted with a cheque for £40 from the Hurling Board to assist them in their financial difficulties.

The secretary of the Camogie Board says thanks to Paddy Grace for all his assistance and valuable advice.

JUNIORS BOW OUT

DUBLIN 6-2
KILKENNY 3-3

KILKENNY Juniors bowed out very honourably, from the Leinster Junior Championship at Parnell Park (Dublin) on Sunday last.

Do not be deceived by the score line because this was not a one sided game.

From the throw in Dublin were very quick to settle down and had the ball in the Kilkenny net in two minutes.

Dublin playing with a very strong breeze made many more raids on the Kilkenny goal and added another 1-1 before Kilkenny settled down.

Then Kilkenny settled down and played five minutes of tremendous camogie but only managed to get 1-0 for their efforts.

This left the score Dublin 2-1 Kilkenny 1-0 with eight minutes left in the first half.

It was at this point that Dublin really got down to the game

and had the ball in the Kilkenny net three times leaving the score
DUBLIN 5-1
KILKENNY 1-0

In the second half Kilkenny, with a strong breeze, set about the difficult task of pulling back a 4-1 lead but they went into it with tremendous courage and determination. Ann Dreeling set a great goal after five minutes and Carmel Doyle sent a thirty yard free to the Dublin net.

Ursula Grace, Carmel Doyle and Patricia Cody at centre field did tremendous work.

Kilkenny then put three balls over the bar to leave them just four points behind. Things looked good for Kilkenny at this stage but three balls over the top crossbar were valuable scoring opportunities lost and time was running out on them at this time.

Dublin made one final rally and got a great goal which clinched the issue for them. They managed another point on the call of time.

The scoreboard does not do justice to the second half effort of Kilkenny. But they left themselves too much to do.

They let in two very easy goals at the end of the first half and this was their ruination.

Ursula Grace had a great game right through despite having put out her finger in a first half clash. Carmel Doyle, Patricia Cody, Marie Kavanagh, A. Downey and Ursula Grace will definitely all be in contention for places on the senior team, and there would seem to be very few "sure" positions on the senior team at this stage.

Junior Team — M. Cody, M. Kavanagh, A. Downey, H. Fogarty, N. Cody, P. Cody, Carmel Doyle, U. Grace (capt), C. Kennedy, Muldowney.

Subs: M. Slattery, A. Dreeling.

Subs: M. Carroll for N. Cody, M. Savage for M. Muldowney, C. Drennan for C. Kennedy.

Wexford in Final Again

Wexford 6-5

Louth 2-1

Wexford, Leinster Junior Camogie champions, reached the Leinster final again when they defeated Louth, at Enniscorthy yesterday.

The final against Dublin will be played at Croke Park next Sunday evening (7.0). The Wexford girls, who were the faster side, used the hand pass to very good effect. Playing with the fall of ground in the first half, the homeside had the better of the play and deservedly led 3-3 to 1-0 at half time.

Louth did better after the interval, but the more youthful Wexford girls finished stronger, adding three goals and two points to 1-1 for the visitors.

Best for the winners were: Breda Finn, Eileen Hawkins, Mary Murphy, Breda McClean and Bridie Tobin. For Louth the Murtagh sisters, Kitty Sharkey, and Colette Tumelty were best.

Scorers Wexford — M. Murphy (3-0); B. and C. Higgins (1-3); B. Higgins and B. Tobin (each). Louth: K. Sharkey (1-1) S. Reilly (1-0).

Antrim fancied despite record

By TAOBH LINE

CAMOGIE history will be made tomorrow when the first game of the senior All-Ireland championship under the new Open Draw system will be played at Glenarriff in North Antrim with the home county entertaining last year's defeated finalists Kilkenny.

On the fact of it, the visitors should start favourites, for the events of the last four years have made the playing of the game at all a major achievement in much of county Antrim, but especially in Belfast. Yet Antrim has consistently not alone managed to keep fielding teams in all grades but has been sending out consistently useful teams at that.

With Mairead McAtamney, Sue Cashman, Lily Scullion and Kathleen Kelly still to the fore, they will not be easy to beat, especially on home ground in the pleasant Glenarriff pitch at Waterfoot.

Moreover, not alone at Kilkenny bound to be affected by the long trip North, they will be without the services of several of last year's stars. Phil O'Shea has retired and the Cassin twins who won interprovincial medals together with Leinster are at present missing from the panel.

So in all the circumstances, an Antrim victory would not be a sensation. But Kilkenny still have plenty of talented players with the experienced Ann Carroll, Liz Neary, Helena O'Neill and Colleges player Angela Downey and will give a good account of themselves. At provincial level, they have junior semi-finals in both Leinster and Munster.

PROVINCIAL FINAL

In Leinster, holders Wexford take on Louth in their semi-final at Gorey. The Wexford girls had a share of luck on their side when accounting for Kildare in their previous game at Naas, but with Bridie McCleane and Eileen Hawkins in top form they must be taken to advance against a Louth side that will be making its first championship appearance of the season.

The winners here will then go on to the provincial final where Dublin will from what we saw of the Metropolitans when defeating Kilkenny in the other semi-final last Sunday, start firm favourites.

In Munster, Tipperary, although they had little enough to spare over Kerry in their first-round match, look the more likely side when they take on Waterford in the semi-final.

CHIEF INTEREST

Still there has been something of a revival in Waterford of late, and the girls from the "Decies" could well spring a surprise. The other semi-final however is likely to provide the chief interest, as holders Limerick scored a very clear-cut victory last Sunday over hopeful Clare, and now advance to meet Cork in the second semi-final which

will be played on the second week-end in July.

Central Council last week-end on the majority recommendation of the County Boards, decided that the minor inter-county championships, which will be inaugurated next season, will be confined to players under 16 years on the first of January of each competitive season.

Dates and pairings for the all-Ireland Junior semi-finals were also made as follows—Ulster Champions v Munster Champions Ulster venue, with Leinster referee and umpires; Connacht champions v Leinster Champions at Connacht venue with Ulster referee and umpires. Both games will be played on Sunday, Aug. 5.

The Colleges Coaching course which is mainly for teachers, will be held in Franciscan College Gormanston next week-end from June 29 to July 1.

Ann's Goal Earns Draw

With a great goal from a free in the lying seconds, Ann Carroll earned Kilkenny a draw in their All-Ireland senior camogie first round championship clash with Antrim at Glengariff yesterday.

Scores: Antrim — M. McAtamney (1-4), B. Dixon, L. McIvor (2-0 each), C. O'Boyle (1-0). Kilkenny — A. Downey (1-6), C. Doyle (2-0), A. Carroll (1-1).

Camogie Notes

ANTRIM 5-4
KILKENNY 4-7

KILKENNY and Antrim played their first round of the new all-Ireland open draw competition at Glenarriff, Co Antrim, on Sunday.

After travelling the long journey to Cushendall the previous evening this Kilkenny team played some brilliant camogie throughout the game but especially in the first half.

But, Antrim came back a very strong force in the second half and it took a brilliant goal by Ann Carroll from a free in the dying seconds of the game to make the sides level.

Antrim were first to score with a point from Mairead McAtamney. After some brilliant play by the Kilkenny girl, Angela Downey went through for a good goal from the right corner and followed minutes later with a point from 30 yards, again by A. Downey.

Then the Kilkenny selectors made the change that paid off, Carmel Doyle moved from centre half forward to full forward. Brid Kinsella came out to the centre half position and within seconds Carmel Doyle had the ball in the net for Kilkenny's second goal. Nuala Downey added with another point before Antrim scored the only goal of the first half to leave the half time score — Kilkenny 2-2, Antrim 1-1.

SETTLED QUICKLY

Antrim were quick to settle down and had a fine goal from the full forward Lily Scullion, who was a threat to the Kilkenny full back throughout the second half.

Kilkenny replied with points from Angela Downey and A. Carroll. But Antrim at this stage seemed to take control of the game and had goals from Mairead McAtamney and Brid Dixon.

Kilkenny went back into the attack and after some very good patches of fast open camogie had the ball in the Antrim net to leave the sides level.

Antrim were first to take the lead with a point from a '30' by Mairead McAtamney. But, Kilkenny replied again to level the score with a point from play by Angela Downey.

Things look bad for the girls

in the black and amber at this stage as each member of the team tried to pull the game out of the fire but Antrim broke through for yet another goal, and followed up with a point from a '30'.

Kilkenny made a switch in the back line. Ann Downey replaced Mary O'Neill who retired with a hand injury. Kilkenny tried hard for the equaliser as 1 had four wides before Angela Downey reduced the lead with a point from a free, and with two minutes remaining Kilkenny were one goal down.

Luck was on their side and Kilkenny were awarded a 15 yards' free.

Ann Carroll came up from her centre half back position to take it and score the equaliser almost on full time.

Antrim were rewarded a thirty yards free and were told to score direct.

But T. O'Neill jumped high into the air and grabbed the ball as the final whistle sounded.

This was really a team effort by Kilkenny who put everything they had into this game as stated by the president of the Camogie Association. She said it was the best game of camogie she had seen for a long time, with little or no foul play by either team and a draw was the best result.

The replay will probably be on July 15 in Kilkenny.

All fans who will be in Croke park for the senior hurling final on July 8 between Kilkenny and Wexford are urged to stay to support their camogie team who take on Dublin in the first round of the Leinster championship at 7 pm in Croke park.

Training for the senior teams will take place in Kilkenny on Friday night of this week and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night next week.

A Co Board meeting will be held on July 6 to fix dates for senior and junior county championships.

Kilkenny — T. O'Neill, A. Phelan, M. O'Neill, A. Carroll, M. Kennedy, H. O'Neill, R. Carey, L. Neary, M. Fennelly, C. Doyle, A. Downey, B. Kinsella. Subs — B. Martin replaced B. Kinsella; A. Downey replaced M. O'Neill.

BRIGHT START TO CHAMPIONSHIP

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The new-look Open Draw All-Ireland senior camogie championship could hardly have got off to a brighter start, for in the very first game of the new series, Kilkenny and Antrim played a thrilling draw at Waterford on Sunday last.

It was a game of thrills from start to finish. Kilkenny held a four-point lead at half-time, but extended that margin after the interval. Then Antrim took up the running and seemed all but certain of victory when they, in turn, held a four-point lead with only three minutes to go.

But Kilkenny rallied, scored a point, and with only a minute remaining forced a close free. Ann Carroll came up from her centre-back post and crashed home a great goal to level the scoring.

However the game was not yet over. Back came Antrim, and a shot for what must surely have been the winning point was brilliantly saved by the Kilkenny goalkeeper, Teresa O'Neill, who jumped high to catch the ball and earn a replay for her side.

The replay will be at a Kilkenny venue, but the date has not yet been decided. Kilkenny are listed to play Dublin in the Leinster senior championship semi-final on July 8.

CAMOGIE NOTES

It is hoped to stage the Kilkenny v. Antrim replay on the following Sunday, July 15, but Tipperary and Wexford are also scheduled to play in the first round of the All-Ireland championship that day at a Wexford venue.

However, it might be possible to avoid a direct clash by holding the Antrim-Kilkenny game in the afternoon, with the Wexford-Tipperary match in the evening.

The next All-Ireland game is on July 8, when holders Cork take on Derry at Cork. The Munster junior semi-final will be played in conjunction with the senior match which should thus draw a considerable gathering to the Mardyke, if that popular Cork pitch is available.

But the fact that Tipperary fairly trounced Waterford in the first semi-final last Sunday has given a new dimension to this Munster junior championship and it is obvious that neither holders Limerick nor Cork can feel too confident about opposing resurgent Tipperary in the final.

Meanwhile, big event this weekend is the Leinster junior final at Croke Park between Wexford and Dublin, a repeat of last year's decider which Wexford won after a thrilling contest.

Goalkeeper Margaret Kelly was the star of the Wexford side that day, and she will be on duty again together with other stalwarts from last year, Eileen Hawkins, Bridie Tobin, Breda McClean, Gretta Keogh and Mairead D'Arcy.

But Dublin shaped well when disposing first of Meath and then of Kilkenny and with Phyllis Breslin, Aileen Gleeson, Phil Barry, the Murphy sisters, Libby Howard and Noreen Fleming in top form could be good enough to win on home ground.

But Armagh must remain long odds favourites for the junior title. On Sunday last in the Ulster semi-final, they scored a resounding 7-10 to 1-3 victory over Cavan.

Starting this evening, the first National Coaching course for teachers, arranged by the All-Ireland Colleges Council, will be held in Franciscan College, Gormanston, and will continue over the weekend, concluding on Sunday evening in time to allow those present to attend if they so wish, the Leinster junior final at Croke Park.

The CAMOGIE SCENE

By AGNES HOURIGAN



● UNA O'CONNOR

UNA O'CONNOR is a legendary figure on the Camogie fields. She has won 13 All-Ireland medals, 15 Leinster senior titles, several interprovincial medals with her province. And that she is playing as well now as ever is proved by the decision of the Dublin selectors to recall her to the county panel, even though she announced her retirement from the inter-county scene at the end of the 1971 season.

Certainly Una O'Connor played a major part in helping her club Celtic to recapture the Dublin senior League and championship after they had been out of the honours for some eight seasons.

Una O'Connor had some really brilliant scores in the semi-final at Croke Park for Celtic when they deposed Dublin, Leinster and All-Ireland champions Austin Stacks, and should be a great asset once again to her county, whose selectors have also recalled another famed forward star of Dublin's great years, Judy Doyle.

Dublin followers will be sincerely hoping that Judy and Una will lead Dublin back onto the road to senior victory. After all, between 1947 and 1966 Dublin won 19 of the 20 senior All-Irelands. They were held to a draw by Antrim in the 1967 final, were beaten in the replay and have not even won through in Leinster since then despite the fact that Austin Stacks have twice won the All-Ireland Club title.

This year in the Open Draw for the All-Ireland senior series,

Dublin will be hoping for a considerable change in fortunes. In the first round they will be at home to All-Ireland junior champions of 1972, Galway, and may have to battle hard enough for survival. In addition to such established stars as Pat Feeney, Jane Murphy, the Divilley sisters, Margaret Kilkenny and Mary Killeen, Galway can call on some up-and-coming talent from the Colleges teams of Oranmore and Athenry.

Dublin will start under the handicap that three of their interprovincial players, Sheila Murray, Anne Sheehy and Orla ni Shlochain are not listed but they have a sound basis of players including Kitty Murphy from the 1966 side, and quite a number who have won honours in the junior grade. This will be a hard-run affair, but I expect to see the Dublin girls advance to the semi-final.

All-Ireland champions Cork seem all but certain to advance to the semi-final as they will be at home in their opening game to Derry. Even if the Derry girls, who did not participate in last year's series, make the long trip South, it is scarcely likely that they will make an impression on the holders, who will have the majority of last year's side in action again in their bid for a four-in-a-row run of championship success.

The only other Ulster team in the championship, Antrim, will be more hopeful as they are due

a home game against Kilkenny, last year's finalists. Kilkenny will miss Phil O'Shea, who has chosen the religious life, but have plenty of resources to fall back on as the game is very much alive in the colleges in Kilkenny, Castlecomer and Callan. With Liz Neary, Anne Carroll, Carmel O'Shea and Helena O'Neill in top form I feel Kilkenny are still good enough to come through this test and join Dublin and Cork in the semi-finals.

The remaining quarter-final between Wexford and Tipperary poses a problem. Internal dissension was obvious in Wexford at the back-end of last season and there are rumours that some players are not too happy about certain decisions.

But I believe the ranks will be united again by the time the championship comes round, and that from the senior stars of last year, and the junior side that reached the All-Ireland final last September, they will be a formidable force, that on Wexford ground, opponents Tipperary may not be able to match.

Tipperary remain something of an enigma. Sometimes they muster at full strength, and when they do, they look like a match for any team in the country. Then they disappoint when most is expected of them. They have some fine players especially Sally Long, the Graham sisters and Margot Loughnane and could be the team to spring the surprise of the first round.

Wexford Through Narrowly

WEXFORD 3-2
DUBLIN 3-1

Wexford, last year's All-Ireland junior camogie finalists, won the Leinster junior title for the second year in succession when they deservedly, if luckily defeated Dublin by a single point in the final at Croke Park last evening.

This was a game the Dubliners should have won, as they had the greater share of the play. They were foiled of scores on three occasions when the ball struck the crossbar, twice in the first half and once in the last few minutes.

Yet Wexford deserved their victory as they took their chances better. Their clinching goal was a fine effort from Brigid Higgins who palmed it into the net.

Wexford were first to score when after sending wide on two occasions, Mary Murphy goalied a well-taken pass from Breda McCleane.

Dublin had a great spell at this stage but failed to score. The visitors added two points, one from a free and one from thirty in the 14th and 17th minutes.

The home side attacked again and again, but the nearest they got was another return from the cross bar, so Wexford led 1-2 to 0-0 at half time.

Dublin, who were still hammering away at the Wexford goal after resuming, scored their first goal in the fifth minute of the second half.

Breda McCleane wiped out this score when she in turn goalied a 15-yard free in the 15th minute of this half. Dublin were now trying hard and though they had two wides, they succeeded in scoring a point and a goal to come within a point of the visitors.

Exciting

It was after this that Brigid Higgins palmed the goal, but Dublin fought on and goalied again and in an exciting finish, the home side forced a thirty which struck the crossbar and so Wexford advanced to the All-Ireland semi-final.

Best for the winners were goalie Margaret Kelly, defenders Breda Finn and Mary Boggan, Eileen Hawkins at midfield and Breda McCleane and Mary Murphy in attack.

For Dublin, Phil Barry, Brigid Kennedy, Mary Murphy, Aileen Gleeson, Lucy McEvoy and Ann Redmond did best.

Scorers: Wexford — B. McCleane (1-2); M. Murphy and B. Higgins (1-0 each); Dublin — M. Murphy (1-1); L. Howard and M. Higgins (1-0 each).

DUBLIN — P. Breslin; P. Barry; B. Kennedy, M. Murphy, B. Conway; A. Redmond, L. McEvoy, A. Gleeson; M. Higgins, L. Howard, A. Murphy; N. Fleming.

WEXFORD — M. Kelly; M. Boggan; B. Finn, G. Kehoe, G. Duggan; M. Darcy, E. Hawkins, B. Murphy; B. Higgins, E. Tobin, B. McCleane; M. Murphy.

Referee — Miss T. Byrne (Wicklow).

Sarsfields

A hectic week of activities on the playing field producing some very rewarding results left followers and playing personnel exhausted as all games were cliff hangers.

Pride of place on this occasion goes to our Camogie side who came from behind against a strong St. Finbarrs team to level the scores at 2-1 each and so live to fight another day. Spirit and determination was chiefly responsible for a comeback spearheaded by a brilliant Mary Canavan who scored the two goals. In defence her sister Patricia, ably assisted by Mary Cotter, Elizabeth O'Callaghan and Anne O'Donovan plus the cul baire Mrs. Brosnan held a tight grip on the lively Barrs forwards. Lack of scoring power up front is a cause for concern, the centrefield also held sway giving at least a 70-30 supply of the ball. This line had some changes during the game in an effort to strengthen the attack.

A diving hand-pass effort by Rose O'Flynn was but inches wide, Kay Kenneally had a fine game running herself to a standstill.

Since then, the Camogie team have had two challenge games versus Watergrasshill and North Churchtown, drawing the first and losing the second.

GLEN ROVERS TAKE TITLE

Glen Rovers 4-0, Ballinlough 2-1. In a most exciting game played at Glen Rovers pitch Glen Rovers won the final of the City Division under 18 League final (1972). Ballinlough were the first to score when after 10 minutes they registered their first goal. Play swung from end to end of the pitch and Glen who fielded with a player less in the first half put all they could into the game and were rewarded with a goal from Margaret Rickerstaffe in the 18th minute to leave the sides level at half time a goal each.

Glen were first to score a goal in the beginning of the second half when they added the injured (from a previous game) Marion Walsh to field a full team. The next 15 minutes were to prove the most exciting and enjoyable to watch as Glen fought to hold on to their goal lead and Ballinlough fought to get the equaliser.

A ball snapped up in the centre by C. Riordan was sent over the bar for Ballinlough. With seven minutes of the game remaining the same player scored a great goal to leave Ballinlough ahead by one point. Time was running out and their two great teams of teenagers still kept this game at top speed. C. Murray pulled first time on a fast ball that went all the way through to the Ballinlough goal to put Glen two points ahead again. In the dying seconds of the game Anne Connolly, and Mary O'Brien combined well to score another Glen goal.

Medals Campaign Starts In Cork

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The All-Ireland campaign opens for Cork camogie girls on Sunday next when their senior and junior teams will be in action in the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke.

This is the first year of the open draw and because of this Cork face very new opponents in Derry. These sides have never clashed before in senior competition, although Derry juniors defeated Cork in the 1969 All-Ireland Junior final.

No doubt a number of that Derry side will be in action on Sunday but the best known of Cork's opponents are Kay Diamond, sister of Derry footballer Larry, Kathleen O'Hagan, who won Ashbourne medals with U.C.C. and M. Lee who has played corner back for Ulster. Derry club champions, Bellaghy, reached the All-Ireland Final of the club competition last year so they could have a formidable side.

It is very difficult to get any information from Derry and as Antrim have dominated the inter-county scene in the North for many years it is impossible to say how good Derry really are. However, no Cork side has yet won the inter-club so they must have some very good players in Bellaghy. Also, as Northern sides are always very fit and speedy Cork may find them difficult to play against.

But, of course, Cork have three All-Irelands behind them and in spite of two changes all the girls lining out for Sunday have played in one of three finals at least. Also the home advantage for Cork, which means Derry have a very long journey in front of them, must be in the champions' favour.

In the Cork team for Sunday Sheila Dunne comes in for Anne Ryan, who is unavailable while Nuala Guilly is a direct replacement for Liz Garvan who is working in London for the summer. These are the only changes from the side which won the All-Ireland title last September and as both these girls have already proved themselves on the county team Cork must be as strong as ever.

In goal Cork have the very experienced Deirdre Sutton, while at full back Imokilly's Marie Costine is majestic. In the half line there is tremendous talent in Hannah Cotter, Betty Sugrue and Mary Whelton. Sheila Dunne comes on at full centre and she has two fine partners in Marion McCarthy and Pat Moloney. Then of course, we come to the free scoring forward line of Anne Phelan, Nuala Guilly, Marion Sweeney and Rosie Hennessy.

If these girls strike top form it but they would want to tread warily against the unknown quantity that is Derry. There is great credit due to the Derry girls for taking part in the All-Ireland as it must be difficult for them to train and stay involved in camogie in the North so please give them a big welcome to Cork on Sunday.

For the first time ever Cork juniors lost a match in Munster when they failed by three points to Limerick last July. A much changed Cork side will try to reverse that decision on Sunday when these sides meet in the second round of the current campaign. Limerick will field more or less the same team, which is in fact their senior side.

Most of these girls have been playing together for years and their combined experience will not be easy to overcome. They have grand players in Bunty Guiry, Noreen Ryan, Betty O'Leary, Carrie Clancy and Margo Stokes and Cork will need to be in top form if they are to advance. They have also the benefit of a first round game against Clare which they won by 5-5 to 0-7.

For this game Cork show six changes from the team which lost to Limerick last year. Mary Canavan, who did so well for Imokilly in the County championship gets her Cork chance in this game. Others who will be making their inter-county debut are Marion McCarthy and Cathy Riordan, both of whom have been playing very well in recent months.

Mary O'Leary and Marie Mackey are promoted from the Cork minor team and Mary Mahon makes a return to the side. Of the old brigade Cork have Elizabeth Higgins in goal, Rosie O'Sullivan and Nuala Jennings in the half line, Angela Higgins in the centre and Nancy O'Driscoll who captains the side in the attack.

On paper this looks a very good side and if the newcomers rise to the occasion Cork could get through but it will be very tough.

TEAMS

Cork Seniors: Deirdre Sutton (Glen Rvs.), Marie Costine (Capt.) (Cloyne), Hannah Cotter (South Pres.) Betty Sugrue (South Pres.), Mary Whelton (South Pres.), Marion McCarthy (South Pres.), Sheila Dunne (Canovee), Pat Moloney (UCC), Anne Phelan (South Pres.), Nuala Guilly (Cloyne), Marion Sweeney (Youghal), Rosie Hennessy (UCC). Subs: Maura Coleman (Glen Rvs.), Ann Keane (Buttervant), Caly Riordan (UCC) and Mary Canavan (Sarsfields).

Cork Juniors: Elizabeth Higgins (Watergrasshill), Brid Mc Auliffe (Old Als), Marie Mackey (Blarney), Rosie O'Sullivan (Churchtown), Nuala Jennings (UCC), Angela Higgins (Watergrasshill), Mary Canavan (Sarsfields), Marion McCarthy (Naomh Eoin), Nancy O'Driscoll (Capt.) (Naomh Eoin), Mary O'Leary (Glanworth), Mary

Mahon (Aghabullogue), Caly Riordan (UCC). Subs: Marion O'Leary (Old Als), B. Costine (Cloyne), Frances Barry-Murphy (St. Finbarrs), Val Fitzpatrick (Old Als) and Phil Walsh (Old Als).

Limerick: Helen Roche, Bunty Guiry, Noreen Ryan, Kitty Ryan, Phil Darcy, Betty O'Leary, Delores O'Brien, Christine Green-smith, Brigid Darcy, Carrie Clancy, Brid Stokes and Margo Stokes.

The Derry team was not available at time of writing.

FIXTURES

Sunday, July 8, at Mardyke. 1.45 Munster Junior Championship semi-final, Limerick v Cork. 3.00 All-Ireland Senior Championship, Derry v Cork. (Ref. C. Fitzpatrick).

Cork Favoured Against Derry

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The camogie championships continues tomorrow at three different levels. Cork, the holders for the past three years, face Derry at Cork in the second game of the opening round of the "new look" All-Ireland senior championship. This game will be preceded by the semi-final of the Munster junior championship between Cork and holders Limerick.

Meanwhile, at Croke Park, Dublin play the holders Kilkenny in the semi-final of the Leinster senior championship, now a separate competition.

At Cork, the home side must start firm favourites against Derry who did not play at all in last year's series, and whose form was very much of a closed book until Sunday last when they were well beaten by Antrim in the Ulster final. On the other hand, the form of the Cork side could hardly be better known, as every one of their team has won at least one All-Ireland senior medal.

Indeed, there will be only two changes from the team that won the All-Ireland title by defeating Kilkenny in the final last September. Anne McAuliffe, now Mrs. Ryan, is not available and is replaced by Sheila Dunne, former All-Ireland medallist from Canovee, who comes in at midfield with Betty Sugrue dropping back to centre-back.

CHANGES

That brilliant player from U.C.C., Liz Garvan, is out of the country on holiday work and her place at centre-forward is filled by Nuala Guilly from Cloyne, who has been on All-Ireland sides in previous years.

The Cork juniors show several changes from the side that failed to Limerick in the provincial final of this grade a year ago. Mary Canavan

from the Sarsfields at centre-field, Marion McCarthy from Naomh Eoin on the left wing and Caly O'Riordan of U.C.C. at full-forward, will be wearing the Cork tunic for the first time.

Mary O'Leary from Glanworth, sister of county senior hurling player Seanie, is a former inter-county minor player, but this is her first outing with the junior side. She plays at centre-forward, on a team that also includes the Higgins sisters from Watergrasshill, Elizabeth in goal and Angela on the right wing.

Limerick, however, have a seasoned side, and with all their last year's stalwarts on duty will not surrender their title easily, even at Cork.

This game is scheduled for 1.45, followed by the senior game at 3.0.

WHIP HAND

At Croke Park, Kilkenny, who have held the whip hand over Dublin in most clashes between the sides in recent years, will again start favourites against Dublin, even though the latter are reputed to be a stronger force this time than they have proved in some recent seasons.

The recall of those greats of yesterday, Una O'Connor and Judy Doyle will greatly enhance the attack, and with Rita White, Kitty Murphy, Evelyn Sweeney and Miriam Higgins to aid them, they will give Kilkenny plenty to think about.

But Kilkenny have had the advantage of a championship outing already against Antrim in the All-Ireland series, and that game is bound to stand them in good stead now.

The Cassin twins are missing from their line-out of recent seasons, but they have Mary Fennelly back in their ranks to aid such stars as Ann Carroll, Helena O'Neill, Liz Neary and goalkeeper Teasie O'Neill, together with Colleges star, Angela Downey, and they must be reckoned favourites to advance to the Leinster final once again.

Limerick lose title

CORK, 8-4; LIMERICK, 2-5

At the Mardyke, Cork, the home side completely crushed Limerick's hopes of retaining the Munster junior championship, when they scored a good 17 point win. Cork goaled inside the first minute and at the interval held a commanding 4-2 to 0-2 lead.

Limerick improved in the second half and substitutes Joan and Geraldine O'Brien played some top-class camogie, with Bridget Darcy picking off some good scores. On the whole the display of the Limerick girls was disappointing. Their defensive set-up was totally inadequate and only Phil Darcy, at centre-back, emerged from this sector with her reputation untarnished.

Limerick's transport arrangements did not work out to plan and they arrived in Cork only minutes before the appointed time and this had an unsettling effect, particularly in the opening quarter. Scorers:

Cork — C. Riordan (3-0), M. Mahon (2-0), M. Canavan (1-0), N. O'Driscoll (2-0), M. O'Leary (0-4).

Limerick — B. Darcy (1-4), B. O'Leary (1-0), C. Clancy (0-1).

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A great day for Cork

Cork 7-12, Derry nil

The strength of Cork camogie was spelt out in no uncertain terms at the U.C.C. grounds, Mardyke, yesterday when both Cork juniors and seniors had easy wins.

Three-in-a-row All-Ireland champions, Cork, met Derry for the first time ever in senior camogie when these sides clashed in the first round of the All-Ireland championship. This is the first year of the open draw in the senior campaign, consequently the unlikely pairing of these two sides.

Derry began the game in fine style and had they snapped up some early chances they might well have given Cork a tougher match. But lack of scoring ability throughout the game gave them a very disappointing result.

But if the Northern girls lacked scoring power the Cork stars showed them the way in brilliant fashion. Once again Rosie Hennessy showed what a marvellous opportunist she is. She scored from all angles with a total of 3-6. Then there was the free-taking prowess of Marion McCarthy, who added a further 1-4 to the tally, and Anne Phelan's two goals, one in the opening minutes of each half. The remaining Cork forwards were not to be left out of the honours either with Marion Sweeney scoring 1-1 and Nuala Guilly a point.

The Cork backs had no trouble dealing with the Derry challenge and with Betty Sugrue and Mary Whelton in grand form the result was never in doubt. In the centre Cork had plenty of power too and here Marion McCarthy dominated, especially in the second half.

For Derry Brid McErlean, Una Denvir and Anne O'Kane tried very hard but it was obvious from early on that they would not be able to match the brilliance and experience of this polished Cork side.

Scorers for Cork were: R. Hennessy 3-6, A. Phelan 2-0, M. McCarthy 1-4, M. Sweeney 1-1, and N. Guilly 0-1.

Cork: D. Sutton, M. Costine (capt.), M. Whelton, H. Dineen,

B. Sugrue, S. Dunne, M. O'Driscoll she pounced relentlessly on the slightest chance. At this stage Limerick had no answer to the onslaught and before half time Cork had chalked up a 6-2 to 0-2 lead both Limerick points coming from Bridie Stokes.

Derry: C. McLoughlin, B. McErlean, C. McPeake, U. Denvir, A. O'Kane, K. McCloy, A. Doherty, K. Marron, E. McErlean, A. Johnson, B. McWilliams, M. McPeake.

Sub. M. McNally for M. McPeake.

Cork 7-4, Limerick 2-5

Before this game Limerick had already disposed of Clare while Cork were making their first appearance of the season. Cork showed many changes from the side which lost to Limerick last season and from the throw-in it was obvious that this was a very different Cork team. Newcomer Mary Canavan had the ball in the back of the net in less than three minutes and from there until half time Cork came surging forward time and time again.

Caly Riordan was in devastating form in this half and together with Mary Mahon and Nancy

On the resumption it was a different story and one felt that it was a good thing that Cork were so far ahead. Limerick were first into attack in this period with Brid Stokes scoring a grand goal and Bridget Darcy adding another point.

Limerick constantly found themselves in the Cork area at this stage but in a breakaway Cork again showed their ability to snap up chances when Caly Riordan scored her third goal. But even then Limerick did not give up hope and a goal from Betty O'Leary and another minor from Brid Stokes reduced the arrears.

Scorers for Cork were: C. Riordan 3-0, M. Mahon 2-0, M. Canavan 1-0, N. O'Driscoll 1-0, M. O'Leary 0-4, while B. Stokes 1-3, B. O'Leary 1-0, and B. Darcy 0-2 scored for Limerick.

Cork: E. Higgins, B. McAuliffe, M. Mackey, R. O'Sullivan, N. Jennings, M. McCarthy, M. Canavan, A. Higgins, M. Mahon, M. O'Leary, C. Riordan, N. O'Driscoll (capt.). Limerick: H. Roche, B. Guiry, N. Ryan, P. Darcy, K. Ryan, C. GreenSmith, D. O'Brien, B. O'Leary, B. Stokes, C. Clancy, B. Darcy, M. Stokes. Subs G. O'Brien for D. O'Brien and A. Meaney for N. Ryan.

Newmarket win Crowley Cup

Newmarket 1-10
St. Michael's 2-3

Newmarket dominated most of the play in this Tadhg Crowley Cup tie with St. Michael's at Mallow on Saturday night and fully deserved their victory.

Scorers — Newmarket: C. O'Callaghan 1-2, T. Burke 0-4, B. Daly 0-2; N. Collins and J. Collins 0-1 each. St. Michael's: P. Doyle 1-1; P. Boyd 1-0; S. Kelly and B. Lynch 0-1 each.



Pat Maloney (Cork) about to strike a point in the first round of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship match against Derry, at the Mardyke, Cork, yesterday. — ("Examiner")

DUBLIN THROUGH

Dublin 2-2, Kilkenny 0-4

Dublin qualified for the Leinster Senior Camogie Championship's final when at Croke Park last night they beat Kilkenny 2-2 to 0-4 after leading 1-2 to 0-1 at half-time.

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Camogie notes by Una

Dublin came right back into the Camogie spotlight last Sunday when the senior side defeated Leinster champions Kilkenny and thus qualified to meet Wexford in the provincial final.

Moreover, their victory will give the side heart for their opening engagement in the All-Ireland Championship, now a separate competition, in which they meet Galway, last year's junior champions, at Parnell Park on July 29.

On last Sunday's showing, I expect to see Dublin get the better of the Western representatives and thus win their way into the semi-finals, for which holders Cork so readily qualified by routing Derry at Cork last Sunday.

And, indeed, the Dublin girls may well be joined in the All-Ireland semi-finals by two other Leinster counties.

Kilkenny, although they lost their Leinster title last Sunday, will be hopeful of advancing into the premier competition when they take on Antrim in a first round replay at Kilkenny tomorrow.

Even though it took a couple of late scores to earn them a replay in the first game, Kilkenny had looked the better side through much of that encounter.

Resilient

Kilkenny hope to field the same team as finished the game against Dublin last Sunday with one switch in positions with Anne Carroll at fullback and Anne Phelan on the right flank of the defence.

They will have the services too of Carmel O'Shea who, although she played against Dublin last Sunday, missed the first game against the Antrim girls.

Antrim, however, showed remarkable resilience at Glencarriff and if Mairead McAtamney, Sue Cashman, Kathleen Kelly and Lily Scullion play as well as they did then, they could be good enough to win.

But, on home ground this time, and sharpened by that game against Dublin, I rather fancy Kilkenny to come through.

This game is timed for 12.30 to enable those who wish to do so to travel on to Wexford Park to see the other first-round All-Ireland Championship clash between Wexford and Tipperary.

Neither side has been in action on senior fields since they were beaten in last year's finals of their respective provinces, but both should be able to put strong teams in the field despite the long lay-off.

Unlucky Kilkenny

DUBLIN 2-1
KILKENNY 0-4

AT CROKE Park on Sunday, Kilkenny senior camogie team failed to make a treble when they went under to Dublin in the semi final of the Leinster senior camogie championship.

Kilkenny had three quarters of the play but the scores failed to come. This was a very fast game with some nice patches of camogie.

The Dublin goalie was very lucky but she made some brilliant saves. All round, Kilkenny were the better team, but if they are to succeed against Antrim in Kilkenny on Sunday they will have to combine a little better especially around the forward line where they are inclined to bunch.

EQUALLY DIVIDED

For the first half play was equally divided with each side throwing away good chances.

Dublin were first to score with a goal from Judy Doyle before Kilkenny opened with a point from Angela Downey. Play was very fast with each back line making some fine clearances before Dublin added a point to make the score at half time Dublin 1-1, Kilkenny 0-1.

In the second half Kilkenny took complete control for most of the time. But the vital goal just did not come, mainly due to a much disputed square ball resulting in a free out.

Kilkenny's luck was broken and they only managed to score 3 points.

But they can this Dublin team off their feet in the second half. Only on three occasions did the ball go to the Kilkenny goal, and they were lucky to get a second half goal.

Scorers for Dublin— J. Doyle (2-0), A. O'Connor (0-1).

Kilkenny — A. Downey (0-2); H. O'Neill and L. Neary (0-1) each.

Final arrangements are made for the replay of the open draw senior camogie championship between Kilkenny and Antrim.

It is hoped that Kilkenny supporters will do a little better than on Sunday and turn out to support their girls at 12.30 in Nowlan Park.

The girls spend a lot of time training for these games and it is very disheartening to see such little support.

It is hoped to have St Patrick's band and majorettes to welcome the Antrim team and officials, when they arrive at Nowlan Park.

The camogie team has been in training from Tuesday and they all seem fit and very determined to win to go forward to the next round against Wexford or Antrim.

It is very doubtful if there will be any change in the team that played against Dublin on Sunday.

The team will be picked from T. O'Neill, A. Phelan, M. Kennedy, C. O'Shea, A. Carroll, L. Neary, P. Carey, M. Fennelly, B. Martin, H. O'Neill, A. Downey, C. Doyle, P. Coady, M. O'Neill, N. Grace, A. Downey, M. Kavanagh, H. Fogarty.

Dublin In Final

DUBLIN 6-1
KILKENNY 3-3

Dublin, who won the All-Ireland junior camogie title in 1970 and '71 and reached the Leinster final in 1972, qualified for the provincial decider once again, when they defeated Kilkenny in a keen encounter at Parnell Park, Dublin, yesterday.

The home side, playing with the strong wind in the first half, had the better of the exchanges and led 5-1 to 1-0 at the interval.

The visitors, now benefiting from wind advantage, set about the task of wiping out this thirteen-point deficit. They scored 2-3, to leave themselves trailing by four points, but Dublin got back on top in the last five minutes and Noreen Fleming, who had been inches wide, shortly before, scored a great goal to make the issue safe for the home side.

The winners were best served by Phil Barry and Brigid Blake in defence, while Aileen Gleeson, Mary Higgins and Noreen Fleming were always prominent up in front. For the losers, Carmel Doyle at midfield, Ann Downey and Nora Fogarty in defence, and Patricia Cody did the most work.

SCORERS — Dublin: N. Fleming (3-1), M. Higgins, A. Murphy and L. Howard (1-0 each). Kilkenny: C. Doyle (2-2), A. Dreelin (1-0), P. Coady (0-1).

Late comeback merits Cloyne another try

Cloyne 4-0, Canovee 3-3.

A brilliant fight back in the last ten minutes saw Cloyne finish on level terms with Canovee in the semi-final of the Cork Co. Intermediate Championship at Carrigtwohill yesterday.

Trailing by 3-1 to nil, Cloyne's Marie Costine, the Cork full back, set new life into her side when she scored a great goal from 60 yards out. Cloyne scored three further goals while Kathleen Healy replied with two points for Canovee.

Playing against the wind, Canovee got away to a great start when Kathleen Healy scored a goal in the third minute. They added another through Phyllis Moynihan, to leave them leading by two goals to nil at half time. They increased their lead early in the second half when Kathleen Healy scored a point and Sheila Dunne a goal. Then came Cloyne's dramatic fight back which merited them a share of the spoils.

Teams:—
Cloyne: U. O'Mahony, D. Shinnick, M. Costine, B. Costine, M. McCoy, M. O'Donoghue, D. Ring, Bernadette Costine, N. Guillely, V. O'Sullivan, B. Cronin, G. Consideine. Sub:—K. Costine for B. Cronin.

Canovee: T. Lucey, T. O'Sullivan, E. Moynihan, J. Twomey, M. Twomey, S. Dunne, C. Lyons, M. Moynihan, K. Buckley, P. Moynihan, K. Healy, N. Lyons.

Churchtown girls good winners over Watergrasshill

Churchtown North 4-1;

Watergrasshill 2-0.

Churchtown North beat Watergrasshill by 4-1 to 2-0 in a thrilling semi-final of the Intermediate Championship at Rivers-town yesterday. Churchtown were the first to score with a brilliant goal by Kay Spillane. This was followed by a point from Josie Knowles. Two goals were then scored for Watergrasshill by Angela Higgins. Churchtown further advanced their lead with two goals scored by Mary Roche, followed by another goal from Rose Sullivan.

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SENIORS WILL HAVE IT TOUGH

Memories of a stirring battle just four years ago will again be rekindled for Wexford senior Camogie team next Sunday evening when it is host to Tipperary in the All-Ireland championships (1st round) in Wexford Park (7.30 p.m.).

This year the All-Ireland series is on the 'open draw' system and though Wexford could have had a much worse draw—neighbour, Kilkenny, for instance, were drawn away to Antrim—the Slaneysiders certainly could not have asked for a tougher or more gruelling test, writes Seánna. For I hardly need recall that Sunday in August way back in '69 when in the All-Ireland semi-final the Tipp girls travelled to this venue to give a rude shock to a somewhat over-confident All-Ireland champions. But though Wexford held on to win—mainly due to the brilliance of Margaret O'Leary, whose late scores won the game—they learned a lesson that has stood to them to this day—never underestimate even lesser-ranked opponents.

And on Sunday Tipperary's representatives will be as unknown a quantity as they were four years ago. They will show some changes from the team that did duty that day, but are expected to have such stars as brilliant interprovincial netminer Sally Long (now Mrs. Kelly), the Graham sisters, Mary and Anne, Margo Loughnane (sister of hurler Francis), Bernie Dowd, Beatrice Lawrence, and that fine midfielder Margt. Cleary (now Mrs. Murphy), whose father hails from The Shannon, Enniscorthy.

Wexford seniors have not had a full championship game since their disastrous outing against Kilkenny

in the 1972 Leinster final when they staged a remarkable 3-goals-in-5-minutes recovery only to be pipped by a point. They are expected to have all this team on duty with the exception of the Kehoe sisters, Mrs. Kennedy (Annie) and Mrs. Codd (Kit).

Missing from the side that clashed with Tipp in '69 will be Nan Foley, Annie Kennedy and Josie Gahan (née Kehoe).

The Wexford selectors have a good selection of top-class players of senior inter-county standard to choose from, and it would be a pity if they found themselves in the position of taking the 'pick' of the county junior team to strengthen the senior panel.

There are signs, however feeble they might seem just now, that there is an 'All-Ireland' in this junior team, and one hopes the senior selectors do not 'infringe' on their junior counterparts in this instance.

As for Sunday's game, Tipperary can be expected to be a tough nut to crack, but Wexford has some advantages in home territory and in the wake of its great win over their opposition here four years ago. However, the fact is that the seniors have not been in full training, and so much of our hope depends on their own skills and own club's training.

Wexford (from) — B. Doyle, A. Kant (Adamstown/Cloughbawn), J. Murphy, T. Sheil; B. Murphy, P. Doyle, M. Sheil (St. John's), M. Leary (Eoghan Ruadh, Dublin), M. Hearne, E. Walsh, B. Doran (Buffers Alley), M. Cahill (St. Anne's), E. Foley, M. and J. Shannan, B. O'Dwyer (St. Pat's).

ANTRIM WELCOMED

"IT IS my proud privilege on behalf of the citizens of Kilkenny to extend to you the people of Antrim a very warm welcome to our city" said Ald M. J. McGuinness, Mayor of Kilkenny is a good team. While Kilkenny camogie Board, to the Antrim and Kilkenny camogie teams and officials in the Metro-pole hotel, Kilkenny, on Sunday.

Ald McGuinness went on "Any team that comes to Kilkenny wielding hurling sticks and beats Kilkenny is a god team. While both teams gave a fine display in Nowlan park today, Antrim were superb and I wish them the very best of luck in the remainder of the championship"

Kilkenny chairman, calling on Mr Paddy Grace to speak said "I now call on a man who has proved himself a very good and loyal friend of camogie over the years, but since I became chairman in January, he has exerted no effort to lend moral and financial support to the camogie Board".

Mr Grace welcomed the Antrim team to Kilkenny. He mentioned his memories of his visits with hurling teams to Antrim. He commended the girls on their tremendous skills.

Chairman of the Antrim Board and President of the Camogie Association Mrs Nancy Murray, Belfast, thanked the Mayor and county secretary for their kind words.

She thanked Kilkenny Co Board for their warm welcome and wonderful reception.

She said Kilkenny was a very young and inexperienced team and an all Ireland is not too far off for them.

Finally the chairman of Kilkenny county board thanked all who had helped Kilkenny camogie.

He had a special word of thanks for trainers Fr D. Healy, P. Malone. He thanked county selectors and county secretary for all their co-operation and hard work and wished Antrim the best of luck.

Antrim 3-5, Kilkenny 2-3

Antrim, who drew with Kilkenny in Antrim two weeks ago, made no mistake in Nowlan park on Sunday.

Kilkenny, after a good display in Antrim were favourites in this game, Antrim, surprisingly enough were the quicker to the ball and settled down quickly.

The Northern girls attacked from the "word go". They kept the ball on the ground and

played with great combination in the first half.

A great sideline cut in the 12th minute by Mairead McAtamney landed on the 15 yards line and Lily Scullion Antrim's full forward finished it to the net.

Kilkenny still had not found their feet and missed many chances. At half time they were trailing 1-3 to 0-1 and seemed to have left themselves with a lot of work to do.

Weather conditions deteriorated in the second half but Antrim still held control of the game. It was not until the 15th minute of the second half that Kilkenny really settled down and now the score was 2-5 to 0-2.

But in four minutes they crashed two goals and now really looked dangerous but the threat was short lived when Lily Scullion once again found the Kilkenny net.

This sealed Kilkenny's revival and not Antrim through to the second round to meet Wexford.

A. Downey got a point for Kilkenny in the last minute of the game.

Had the Kilkenny revival come in the first half this would have been Kilkenny's game, but the girls were too slow to settle down and were too fond of lifting the ball in bad weather conditions.

Best for Kilkenny were C. Shea and Angela Downey, Ann Carroll, Peggy Carey and Mary Kennedy tried hard.

Mairead McAtamney, Lily Scullion and Sue Cashman served Antrim well.

JUNIOR FIXTURES

At the county board meeting, on Friday junior fixtures were finalised for this year's championship.

St Paul's v Young Irelands, on July 25, at 7.30 pm in Ballyragget, Ref A. Bowden.

Carrickshock v Lisdowney on August 1, at 7.30 pm in Ballyragget, Ref M. Conway.

James Stephens a bye.

As there are only two senior teams in the county, the final St Paul's v Carrickshock, will be played in Nowlan park on July 29, at 2.30 pm. Ref Peg Carey.

A referees coaching course will take place at Gormanston (Co Meath) over the weekend and six Kilkenny girls will attend with camogie enthusiasts from all over the country.

Finally there will be an important meeting of the St Paul's club on Thursday at 8 pm in Nowlan park.

LILY SCULLION STARS IN ATTACK AS Antrim Impress At Nowlan Park

ANTRIM 3-5 KILKENNY 2-3

Antrim, who drew with Kilkenny in the Antrim Glens three weeks ago, scored a convincing win in the replay of this first round senior camogie match at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny, yesterday. The winners were by far the steadier side and, while keeping the ball on the ground, they combined much more intelligently.

Kilkenny were too fond of lifting and though they commanded a fair share of the play, there was no team work in their attack. Antrim led by 1-3 to 0-1 at half-time.

The northern girls attacked from the throw-in in the second half and a side-line cut by Mairead McAtamney found Lily Scullion, who finished to the net. Carmel Doyle pointed for the home side, but Antrim shot back for a similar score through Sue Cashman.

Both sides missed chances, and, with Antrim looking the more impressive side, Sue Cashman pointed again to leave the score 2-5 to 0-2 with ten minutes left for play.

Kilkenny scored two goals to leave three points between them but Antrim recovered, and, from a sideline, Mairead McAtamney again placed Lily Scullion who scored a goal to put the Antrim fans at ease again.

Best for the winners were: Kathleen Kelly at full back,

Mairead McAtamney and Sue Cashman, who controlled centre field and Lily Scullion, who was the star of their attack. Carmel O'Sheal, Angela Downey, Carmel Doyle, Peggy Carey and Ann Carroll tried hard for the losers.

SCORERS: Antrim—L. Scullion (2-1), S. Cashman (0-3), E. Dixon (1-2), M. McAtamney (0-1); Kilkenny—A. Downey (1-1), M. Conway (1-0), C. Doyle (0-2).

ANTRIM—S. McLarnon, K. Kelly, S. Maguire, M. Diamond, J. McClellan, M. McAtamney, S. Cashman, E. McAteer, C. O'Boyle, B. Dixon, E. McGrother, L. Scullion.

KILKENNY—T. O'Neill, A. Carroll, A. Phelan, C. O'Shea, M. Kennedy, L. Neary, P. Carey, M. Fennessy, B. Martin, A. Downey, C. Doyle, M. O'Neill. Sub.—M. Conway for M. O'Neill.

Referee—P. Breslin (Dublin).

Easy Victory For Wexford

WEXFORD 1-5 TIPPERARY 0-0

In a game that was a credit to the code, Wexford beat Tipperary by 1-5 to 0-0 in the first round of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship played at Wexford Gaelic Park, last night.

Heavy rain during the day made the grass slippery, but that didn't deter the ladies who put on a thrilling and sporting display that was greatly enjoyed by the spectators who saw the home side score 1-1 before half-time.

SCORERS: Wexford—E. Walsh (1-1); M. Cahill (0-2); Shannon, M. Lacy (0-1) each.

Wexford girls too strong for Tipp! in senior camogie tie

AFTER a game which was a credit to the contestants, Wexford beat Tipperary by 1 goal 5 points to nil in the first round of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship at Wexford Park on Sunday night before a small crowd.

The winners, who had to fight hard for their scores, led at half-time by 1-1 to nil. The Tipp girls were gallant in defeat, but "lady luck" wasn't with them. They were up against a good, sharp, nippy Wexford team, who only began to click into top gear in the second half.

There were plenty of Wexford play in this game, and the lively and rousing exchanges gave the handful of spectators lots to shout about.

Heavy rain had fallen earlier in the day, but the fact that the grass was "greasy" didn't deter the girls one whit. Both teams managed to maintain a good, hectic, dashing and sporting pace right to the final whistle.

Tipp made a very impressive start, and indeed they ended on a high note, too but, all round, they found the home defence a trifle too strong, though more steadiness in their forward line could have produced the much sought after scores.

Joan Murphy from St. John's was a tower of strength at full-

back for the winners, and behind her she had a sound and capable custodian in Mary Sheil, her club mate. There were good performances, too, from Peggy Doyle, also from St. John's, out on the right; Bridget Doyle (Adamstown-Cloughbawn) in the centre, and Bridie Doran (nee Jacob) Buffers Alley) out on her left.

Our midfielders also showed up well, with Bernie Murphy, St. John's, and Elsie Walsh, Buffers Alley, putting in lots of hard work.

The forwards without excel-

lins, were compact enough, but only began to show their real worth in the second half.

All round, this was a well-balanced Wexford team, but there are a few snags here and there which I am sure the mentors will have ironed out before their next encounter.

Monica Ryan from Dromininch kept a good goal for Tipp, while others to shine were Ann Ralph, Josephine Marshall, Bernise Dowd and Breda Loughane all from the Thurles Club. Deirdre Lane and

Bawn Tynan were also often in the picture.

POINTS FROM PLAY

The pattern of the game was that Wexford were thrown on the defensive from the start but weathered the Tipp onslaughts and came back to get a point in the ninth minute from Mary Shannon. Tipp got going again but to no avail and in the sixteenth minute Elsie Walsh from a ruck in front of the goal banged home a point. Then Monica Ryan was called on to make two superlative saves in quick succession. The half ended with Wexford's tally 1-1 and the Tipp score sheet blank.

It was Tipp who again set the pace after the "rest" and when Teresa Sheil ran out of goal to the left sideline to clear, Joan Murphy fell back on the line to save a certainty. After that, Wexford got moving, and Mary Sheil shot two great points, which were supplemented by a point from Elsie Walsh. Wexford had yet another point, their last score, from Margt. Lacey, and then

Tipp started their do-or-die finish, which stretched the home defence to the limit, but the line remained intact until Miss Lily Spence from Antrim, who had handed the game splendidly, sounded the final whistle. Elsie Walsh (1-1) was the principal scorer for Wexford, and the remainder of their total came from Mary Cahill (0-2), and Mary Shannon and Margaret Lacey (0-1) each.

Wexford—Teresa Sheil (St. John's), (goal); Joan Murphy (St. John's), Peggy Doyle (St. John's), Bridget Doyle (Adamstown-Cloughbawn); Bridie Doran (Buffers Alley); Bernie Murphy (St. John's), Margt. Lacey (Eoghan Ruadh, Dublin); Elsie Walsh (Buffers Alley), Margt. Hearne (Buffers Alley), Mary Cahill (St. Anne's, Rathnure); Mary Sheil (St. John's), and Mary Shannon (St. Patrick's, Campile). Subs: Bridget O'Dwyer, Ellen Shannon and Teresa Shannon (Campile), and Josie Butler (Buffers Alley).

Wexford now play Antrim in the All-Ireland semi-final, probably at a Wexford venue.

Wexford ladies too strong for Tipperary

Wexford 1-5, Tipperary 0-0.

In a game that was a credit to the code and to the teams, Wexford beat Tipperary by 1-5 to 0-0 in the first round of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship, played at Wexford Gaelic Park last night.

Heavy rain during the day made the grass slippery but that did not deter the ladies who put on a thrilling and sporting display which was greatly enjoyed by the attendance.

Taking everything into consideration, Wexford, the sounder team, deserved their win, but looseness in the forward line cost them a few more scores. Tipperary, indeed, had a fair share of the play. They tried hard, very hard, especially in the closing stages, but Lady Luck was not with them, otherwise the gap might have been narrower. Wexford led at half-time by 1-1 to 0-0.

Referee: Miss Lily Spence (Antrim).

Antrim Deserve Victory

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The All-Ireland senior camogie championship, took a big step forward on Sunday last, when two of the three remaining first round ties were decided, with Antrim getting the better of Kilkenny in their replay at Kilkenny and Wexford proving too good for Tipperary in their clash at Wexford Park.

Antrim, who were hard-pressed to force a draw with Kilkenny in Glenariff, were deserving winners when they came South to Nowlan Park.

Those seasoned stars, Mair-ead McAtamney, Sue Cashman and full-forward Lily Scullion, were outstanding, and on this showing the Ulster champions could make a brave bid to recapture the All-Ireland title they last held in 1967.

Once again, Kilkenny, even before their own supporters, were disappointing, especially in attack, where Helena O'Neill was missed. This is a talented Kilkenny side, but seemed to lack the team-work and tactical expertise calculated to turn natural aptitude to best effect.

But the over-all standard in the afternoon game at Kilkenny was far higher than we saw at Wexford in the evening.

DEFINITE EDGE

Wexford and Tipperary were both strong, fit and determined, but the expert teamwork that we saw between Antrim and Kilkenny, was rarely matched and then only by some individual players.

Although the sides were never divided by a wide margin Wexford always held a definite edge and had particularly effective players in Elsie Walsh, Bridget Doyle, Mary Shannon, Bridie Jacob and Joan Murphy. Tipperary were far from outclassed, but are well short of being the force they were some years ago.

After the Wexford game, Central Council met and ratified the dates and venues for the All-Ireland semi-finals. In the first of these, on August 12, Antrim must travel again, to take on Wexford this time.

In the second, on August 19, Cork, the holders for the past three seasons, will be opposed by the winners of the only first round tie still to be played, Dublin v. Galway.

This match is scheduled for Dublin on July 29, and if Galway win, they will have home venue for the game against Cork, but if Dublin are winners they will have to travel to meet the champions.

DUALLY ENGAGED

Meanwhile, Cork and Tipperary will be dually engaged in the Munster finals which will be played on July 29, but the Leinster senior final, for which Wexford and Dublin have qualified, has not yet been fixed because of the All-Ireland commitments of the two counties.

There will be no inter-county activity this weekend because of the National coaching course which commences this evening at Gormanston College.

This year, there will be two separate courses run conjointly—one covering basic and advanced skills for players, and one for referees on interpretation of the rules and the best way to handle a game.

Once again, the number of candidates seeking places is the main problem, as there are 150 for the players course, while 38 referees are seeking to sharpen up their own skills.

This year, for the first time, all coaches and instructors will be members of the Camogie Association. The course will conclude on Sunday evening.

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LIVELY WEXFORD FOR SENIOR CAMOGIE 'SEMI'

WEXFORD 1-5, TIPPERARY NIL

THE fact that Wexford's representatives scored a goal and five points was not really indicative of their dominance when they met old rivals Tipperary in the opening round of the All-Ireland senior Camogie championship in Wexford Park last Sunday night.

This year's All-Ireland series is on the 'open draw' system — with the provincial championships run as separate competitions—and by its victory Wexford qualified for the All-Ireland semi-finals with Antrim (somewhat surprise winners over home-staters Kilkenny in last Sunday's first round replay), holders Cork (who hammered Derry) and winners of Dublin v. Galway.

On the toss of a coin, Wexford won the 'home' venue for the semi-final with Antrim. This game, on Sunday, August 12, is expected to be played in Wexford Park.

In Sunday's game the home team, having its first championship outing in 12 months, was a clear-cut winner after 50 minutes of exceptionally hard-fought and tough battle with the hard-hitting opposition, even if the Tipperary girls deserved at least one score for their efforts in the last half, particularly. They had one really great chance early in this when Wexford goalie Teresa Sheil was drawn out but full-back Joan Murphy filled the culbair's role when she was well-positioned to deflect what normally would have been a certain goal.

Had it been a score, it would have

given a flattering look to Tipperary, for despite enjoying almost total first half superiority, Wexford could only lead by 1-1 to nil at the interval—a point by Mary Shannon after 6 minutes, followed by a great long-range goal from all of 35 yards by one of the Wexford 'girls' of the game, midfielder Elsie Walsh.

Once more in the last half it was a case of Wexford enjoying the majority of the play but failing to convert this into scores. Points from Mary Cahill (nee Walsh) (2) were followed by a clinching point from E. Walsh, and finally Margt. Leacy (nee O'Leary) pointed to round off the scoring.

Considering the fact that they have not been together in over a year, this was a surprisingly lively Wexford team, which by the finish was playing with impressive fluency and continuity. Up to midfield it settled quickly, but from then the forward division squandered many of the chances it got. Yet it is well to remember they were up against a vigorously determined Tipperary defence and had a pretty tough 50 minutes. In spite of slippery underfoot conditions, it was a very exciting and high-standard tussle.

Peggy Doyle, Joan and Berne Murphy, Elsie Walsh, Bridie Doran (nee Jacob), Brigid Doyle, Teresa Sheil and especially in the last half, the great Margt. Leacy, all did well for Wexford.

Ann Ralph, Breda Loughnane, Bernie Dowd, Josephine Marshall, Deirdre Lane and Kathleen Tracey did best for Tipperary.

Wexford—T. Sheil (St. John's); J.



ON THE ATTACK — Maggie Hearne (Wexford) shoots for goal.

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Pat Hayes)

Murphy (do.); P. Doyle (do.); B. Shannon, B. O'Dwyer, E. Foley (St. Patrick's); T. Butler (Bullers Alley).
Tipperary—M. Butler; A. Ralph; B. Loughnane, B. Dowd, J. Marshall; D. Lane, M. Troy, K. Boland; M. and B. Tynan, K. Tracey; B. Heffernan; sub., A. Lowrey (for M. Tynan).
Referee—Miss Lily Spence (Antrim).



WEXFORD team that beat Tipperary in the All-Ireland semi-final (right)—Mary Cahill, Joan Murphy, Elsie Walsh (left). In front—Mary Sheil.

By AGNES HOURIGAN

SE who felt that the playing of the All-Ireland camogie championship on the Draw system would in any limit the interest were soon wrong, when the very game, between Antrim and Kilkenny resulted in a thrilling

I write, the replay is still interesting, and interest in the replay will be heightened by the fact that Kilkenny will mean-while have played Dublin in the Munster senior semi-final. The remainder of the first-round matches in the All-Ireland senior grades are at present being played out so we will have to defer consideration of the position in the top grade until next month.

In the meantime, it is possible to have a clearer view of the camogie scene since the championships in this grade are being played on the old system, and the provincial winners will meet in the All-Ireland semi-finals. As of now, only one provincial championship has been decided, in Munster where Wexford retained their crown by defeating Dublin in the final for the second consecutive year.

Indeed rarely have I seen two games that followed so closely the same pattern with only a slight difference between them at the end of 50 thrilling minutes. As was the case last year, Dublin again proved the better of the play throughout the field, but either missed feasible chances or were thwarted by the alert Wexford defence.

At the other end of the field, Breda McCleane and Mary Murphy turned their much fewer opportunities to far better ac-

count, however, and so Wexford must be adjudged to have deserved victory, it must also be recorded that the luck of the day was cruelly against the Dublin girls, who were foiled of scores three times by the cross-bar, the most frustrating of these incidents coming in the last minute when the home side, a point behind forced a "30" from which a well-placed shot beat the Wexford defence but came back off the bar instead of going through for what would have been either the winning goal or the equalising point.

So Wexford, somewhat unexpectedly beaten in last year's All-Ireland final by Galway have again come out of Leinster and must now be in with a very good chance of taking the honours that so narrowly eluded them last season.

They have many fine players, with an outstanding goalkeeper in Margaret Kelly, fine defenders in Breda Finn, Mary Boggan and Gretta Kehoe, aided by Geraldine Duggan. Further afield they were well served by Mairead Darcy, Eileen Hawkins, Bridie Tobin, Breda McCleane and Mary Murphy. Unless, and it could happen, some of these stars are robbed to buttress the senior side, Wexford should at least reach the September final again.

But as of now Armagh must remain the long-odds favourites to capture this junior title which has so narrowly eluded them in each of the past three seasons. With such stars as Marion Delaney, Anne McCone, Angela Toal and former Down stalwart Patricia Crangle, Armagh must be a great force in the junior championship again this year.

An interesting experiment in recent weeks was the special Coaching Course for teachers run in Gormanston College by the All-Ireland Colleges Council. Confined to teachers, Secondary, Vocational, Primary and teachers of Physical Education, this was the first course of its kind ever run by the Camogie Association.

Indeed, while I am open to correction, I am of the opinion that no similar coaching course for teachers has even been run by the G.A.A. But there was another innovation. Except for a very interesting lecture by former Down football star Joe Lennon, Director of Physical Education in Gormanston College itself, and one of the greatest authorities on coaching in the country, the rest of the lectures were delivered by members of the Camogie Association itself, by Anne Carroll of Kilkenny, who leaves shortly to do a post-graduate course in Loughborough, and Mary Moran, who as well as being secretary of the All-Ireland Colleges Council is also trainer-manager of the Cork county team, All-Ireland senior champions.

Another interesting lecturer was Mrs. Kathleen O'Duffy, and in addition to films, there was an interesting display of slides, with commentary, showing the more common fouls, and suggesting how players can be taught to avoid these. Mrs. O'Kelly of Kilkenny lectured and demonstrated on suitable P.E. very effectively.

The National Coaching Course later in the month is already booked out far in advance, and seems certain to be, once again, a resounding success.

Dublin's Debut In New All-Ireland

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Dublin, already in the Munster senior camogie final, make their debut in the new senior All-Ireland championship on Sunday next, when they take on Galway in the first of the latter competition. The winners will advance to the holders, Cork, in the semi-final of August 19. Dublin will be encouraged by their victory over Kilkenny, who were last season's Leinster champions and certainly, on that display, they are going to be hard to beat, especially on home ground at Parnell Park.

Anne Carey is playing very well in goal, behind a sound defence in which Rita White, Kitty Murphy and Dymphna Caldwell were particularly prominent last time out. Anna McManus, Vera Feeley and Nora McDonald then, were a very efficient mid-field trio, while Marion Conroy, Evelyn Sweeney and opportunist Judy Doyle were most effective in the attack.

With another spell of training behind them, the Dublin girls should combine even better now.

ENTHUSIASM

But though this will be Galway's first game back in senior ranks after winning the junior All-Ireland title last year, the Western representatives will not be at all daunted by the task before them.

Many of their players have previously had plenty of senior experience, both at inter-county and inter-provincial level. They have very talented performers in Margaret Killeen, Mary Kilkenny, Rita and Kathleen Flaherty, Pat Feeney, Nona M. Hugh, Jane Murphy, Rosemary Divilloy, Kathleen Quinn and former colleges All-Ireland star, Josie Kelly.

With their morale already lifted by the Western victories of their junior side this season Galway will come very hopefully to the Dublin venue.

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Munster junior camogie winners
Cork 9-8, Tipperary 2-1
Cork regained the Munster junior camogie championship title in convincing fashion at Cloughjordan on Sunday. Faster to the ball and showing greater combination than their opponents, the Cork girls were in command throughout.
The score at half-time was Cork 4-3, Tipperary 1-1.
Cork now advance to play Armagh in the All-Ireland junior semi-final in Carrickcruppin, Co. Armagh, next Sunday.

Their enthusiasm and dash may well upset the better teamwork of the home team, but I still fancy the Dublin side to come through.

Down South, only one of the two provincial finals, senior and junior, in which Cork and Tipperary are dually engaged will be played this weekend—the junior decider at Cloughjordan (7.30), after the Munster senior hurling final. The Cork girls had never been beaten in this grade in Munster until Limerick pipped them in last year's final.

HOPEFUL

But Cork readily reversed that decision a couple of weeks ago in the semi-final and now, even if Thurles, they will be very hopeful of recapturing the Southern crown.

They have a very-balanced and experienced side with a brilliant new forward in young Callie O'Riordan and will not hear of defeat. But Tipperary after a bad lapse in this grade last autumn, showed plenty of power when crushing Waterford's ambitions on their only appearance to date.

Certainly if such as Patricia Egan at centre-back, Anne Minogue at centrefield and Josie Jones and Pauline Starr in attack, play as well now as they did then, Cork are going to have their work cut out for them.

The winners of this game will meet Ulster champions Armagh, in one junior semi-final, while Galway meet Wexford in the other, on August 5. Meanwhile no definite date has yet been fixed for the Munster senior final which is now unlikely to be played before August 26 at the earliest, because of All-Ireland championship fixtures.

The annual National Coaching Course, held at Gormanston College last weekend was the most successful yet, and attracted a record attendance of almost 200 students of the game.

GALWAY OVERCOME

Galway, 3-6; Dublin, 4-2

GALWAY, who won the All-Ireland Junior Camogie title for the first time last season, mounted their first hurdle in senior grade when they pipped Dublin by a last minute point in their championship game at Parnell Park, yesterday. They now host All-Ireland champions Cork in the semi-final at a Galway venue on August 19.

Galway, who trailed all through the game, had territorially more of the play but they were often foiled by a very sound Dublin defence in which Anne Carey in goal brought off some great saves.

However, the greater stamina of the visitors told in the end. After Dublin led by 4-2 to 1-5 with twelve minutes remaining Galway goaled to leave a goal between the sides.

EQUALISER

Jane Murphy gained possession, soloed towards the Dublin goal before passing to Helen O'Neill, who promptly finished

FIRST SENIOR HURDLE

to the net to equalise with only one minute left.

Galway fought back quickly again and the youthful midfielder, Josie Kelly, scored a great point from play to put her side in the All-Ireland semi-final.

With each side marking

closely there were some missed chances in the early stages by both sides before Evelyn Sweeney put Dublin a goal ahead. Shortly afterwards Jan Murphy pointed for Galway. Anne Carey, Dublin's goalie, saved a sharp shot but Galway recovered and scored their second point.

GREAT GOAL

Marion Conroy scored a great goal for Dublin from fifty yards to leave the score Dublin 2-0, Galway 0-2, after 15 minutes.

Galway were pressing hard and forced five thirties from which they scored three points. Dublin, however, recovered and scored a goal and a point to leave the half-time score 3-1 to 0-5.

On resuming Galway earned a free which Anne Carey saved but it was finally finished to the Dublin net by Catherine O'Grady, who had replaced Mary Kate Donlon. Miriam Higgins went on for Kitty Murphy before Dublin forced a thirty which was saved but the rebound was pointed by Judy Doyle.

UNA'S GOAL

Galway were pressing hard but they had no reward while Una O'Connor, unmarked, took a goal for Dublin to make the score 4-2 to 1-5. Dublin made two changes, Pauline Brennan replacing Nora McDonald and Shiela McEvoy coming on for Vera Tully.

Dublin became disorganised and Galway went through for a goal. Jane Murphy placed Helen O'Neill, who had replaced Pat Tieney, and she quickly netted to leave the sides level. Then Josie Kelly gained possession from the puck-out and scored the winning point to put her side into the semi-final.

SCORERS: Galway—J. Kelly (1-2), C. O'Grady (1-0), H. O'Neill (1-0), J. Murphy (0-2), N. McHugh (0-2).

Dublin—U. O'Connor (2-0), E. Sweeney (1-0), M. Conroy (1-1), J. Doyle (0-1).

Dublin—A. Carey; R. White (capt.); S. Wallace, K. Murphy, D. Caldwell, Manus; E. Sweeney, V. Feely, J. N. McDonald, M. Conroy, A. McDoyle; U. O'Connor. Subs.—M. Higgins for K. Murphy, P. Brennan for N. McDonald, S. McEvoy for V. Feely.

Galway—M. Kileen; M. Kilkenny; C. Collins, K. Quinn, R. Dwyler; N. McHugh, J. Kelly, C. Ward; M. Kilroy, J. Murphy, P. Feeney; M. E. Donlon. Subs.—C. O'Grady for M. K. Donlon, H. O'Neill for P. Feeney. Referee—M. M. Hearne (Wexford).

Wexford Are All Set For Revenge

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Camogie in the West was given a wonderful boost when Galway defeated Dublin in the quarter-final of the senior All-Ireland championship at Parnell Park on Sunday last. Now Galway's stock could be raised even higher on Sunday next when the county side take on Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final of the lesser grade at Ballinasloe (3.0).

True, at first glance, the odds would seem to be in favour of the Wexford girls. The same two counties met in the junior final at Croke Park last September, and Galway then staged a storming finish to win with something to spare.

But as winners, they were ineligible to play junior again, so that the county has had to field an entirely new junior side this year. But there is plenty of material available from the fine school teams in Athenry and Oranmore, and powered by these youngsters, the Galway girls had no difficulty in routing such opposition as the West could provide.

They have excellent players in Kathleen Moore, Kathleen Coughlan, Anne O'Donoghue, Philomena Foy, Midge Poniard, Rita Jordan and Margaret Murphy, and before the home supporters at Duggan Park are sure to give of their best.

IN FAVOUR

But they have to face what is basically the same Wexford side that gave Galway's first team a hard run for much of the way in last year's junior final, and the advantage of experience will be heavily in favour of the Leinster girls this time.

In goalkeeper, Margaret Kelly; Mary Boggan, Gretta Keogh, Breda Finn, Eileen Hawkins, Mairead Darcy, Bridie Finn, Bridie Tobin and Breda McClean, Wexford have a very strong contingent of capable and seasoned players, and despite Galway's enthusiasm, I will not be surprised if the visitors avenge that Croke Park defeat eleven months ago.

Meanwhile up North in the Armagh village of Carrickcruppin, the other semi-final will also be played on Sunday (3.0) between Cork and Armagh. These same teams met at the Mardyke in Cork at the same stage two years ago, and Armagh to the amazement of the Leaside crowd were then good winners. They later went down narrowly to Dublin in the All-Ireland final, and last year again found Galway their stumbling block at the semi-final stage.

Cork also failed to reach the semi-finals last season, going down to Limerick in the Munster final, the only time they have ever been beaten in this grade in their home province.

SCORING POWER

However, this season Cork amply avenged that defeat by crushing Limerick in the semi-final, and then looked even more convincing when routing Tipperary in the provincial final at Cloughjordan last Sunday night.

A feature of Cork's march so far this season has been the scoring power of their forwards, particularly young Caly O'Riordan, captain Nancy O'Driscoll and centre-forward Mary O'Leary, who chalked

up the remarkable total of 2-8 against Tipperary.

But Armagh showed convincing form in retaining their Ulster crown for the fourth successive year and if their really brilliant quintet of Anne McCone, Marion Courtney, Marion Delaney, Angela Toal and Patricia Crangle all play to their best form, Armagh might well get through to another final appearance.

All in all, this should be a really scintillating game, and Cork will be a very good team indeed if they can bring victory home with them.

● The arrangements for the All-Ireland semi-finals are: August 12, Wexford v. Antrim; Wexford (2.30). August 18, Galway v. Cork at a Galway venue.

Sharper Galway Girls Advance

GALWAY 4-4
WEXFORD 3-3

Faster and sharper in many sectors, and with particularly effective players in Ann Donoghue, at midfield, and Philomena Foye, in attack, holders Galway again qualified for the junior All-Ireland camogie final. They finished the stronger to defeat Leinster champions, Wexford, in an exciting semi-final at Ballinasloe yesterday.

Galway made all the early running and led deservedly by 2-3 to 1-2 at half-time. Wexford resumed in determined mood and, thanks to Eileen Hawkins and Bridie Tobin, took the lead midway through the second half.

Galway balanced and went in front again. Wexford levelled but then a ground ball deceived the Wexford goalie to give Galway back the lead they never relinquished. A well-taken goal by Athenry's Colm O'Connell, star, Midge Poniard,

clinched victory for the home side.

Considering that they had to field a completely new team because of last year's victory, this was a most meritorious win for Galway because they faced a far more experienced Wexford line-out.

In addition to Ann Donoghue and Philomena Foye Midge Poniard was a great asset to the side, especially when moved to attack after the interval. Alma Dwane, Mary Kelly and Rita Jordan were others to impress for the winners.

Mary Boggan, Breda Finn, Bridie Tobin and Breda Maclean battled hard all the way for Wexford, whose really outstanding player was Eileen Hawkins.

SCORERS: Galway — P. Foye (2-4), F. Walsh (1-0), M. Poniard (1-0). Wexford — M. Murphy, B. Maclean, M. Darcy (1-0 each), E. Hawkins (0-2), B. Tobin (0-1).