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A strong Cork defence repulses this Wexford attack—Wexford players are Mary Sheil, Josie Kehoe and Mary Walsh.



HAPPY MOMENTS before the game as the two teams parade at Croke Park. Led by captain Annie Kehoe (right), who is followed by Margaret O'Leary, Maggie Hearne, Josie Kehoe, Peg Moore, Mary Shannon, Bridie Jacob, Elsie Walsh, Teresa Shannon, Bridget O'Dwyer, Bernie and Joan Murphy. Missing from picture—Mary Walsh and Peggy Doyle.



Seamus Looney (top), the Cork captain, with the All Ireland under-21 football cup and (below) Betty Sugrue, the Cork senior camogie captain with the All Ireland Cup after both teams won at Croke Park yesterday. (Echo)

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Cork Failed Narrowly To Bring Off Double

WHAT a tremendous performance from the Cork senior camogie team on Sunday last as they crashed their way to their second successive All-Ireland camogie title. It was a pity the Juniors did not complete a unique double but this should not take from such a memorable performance from the seniors.

Cork, although the holders, began as underdogs as it was felt that Wexford having already defeated Dublin, Kilkenny and Antrim could not be stopped. In the first quarter of the game Wexford showed how good they were but although the challengers scored the first goal of the match, Cork came back like true champions and by half time had the game practically wrapped up.

The Cork girls certainly kept their best performance of the season for the right day. Many of their followers felt that they were not as good as last season in the Munster Final and All-Ireland semi-final. However, happily they proved them wrong and put on a performance that will long be remembered by Leaside followers.

The Cork defence was a tower of strength with Mel Cummins sound as a bell in goal. Marie Costin never put a foot wrong, while Hannah Dineen, Anne McAuliffe and Mary Whelton gave the star-studded Wexford attack little room in which to show their ability.

ROSE TO OCCASION:

Wexford were expected to dominate the midfield exchanges but again Cork rose to the occasion with Marion McCarthy, Betty Sugrue and Pat Moloney in brilliant form. Then, of course, you had the Cork forwards. On the day they would have broken the heart of any defence as they snapped up the slightest opportunity to add to the scoreboard. Typical of their tremendous performance on Sunday was the thirty taken by Liz Garvan which hit the post and before the Wexford girls had time to recover Anne Comerford had it in the back of the net. Anne who was at corner forward for this occasion played way above the form she displayed in the earlier games when she lined out at wing centre and her 2-1 was no mean scoring feat against this strong Wexford defence.

Rosie Hennessy was unbelievable at full forward. She was ice cool as she took her two great goals and added two points for good measure. Then of course Cork had Munster camogie star Liz Garvan, who scored three points and was highly efficient throughout. Completing this sector was Nuala Guilley. This grand little player did not add to the score sheet herself but gave so many great passes and worked so hard that it is obvious she is a vital part of this forward line.

Finally, let's not forget Mr. Jack Dempsey, trainer of the side for the past two seasons. It is tribute enough that since he took over the side they have

won the All-Ireland twice—the first one last season coming after a 29 year lapse. The team on Sunday was a credit to him, reaching peak fitness at the right time and playing with great spirit and confidence.

Now a word about the juniors, who tried so hard and failed so narrowly to take the second title of the day. The tragedy of this game for the Cork girls was that just as they got in front for the first time about ten minutes to go, Dublin managed to reply almost immediately with a goal which saw them go ahead again. There was no shortage of effort by the Cork girls. Deirdre Sutton, playing for Cork teams for so long had a tremendous game in goal and it was a pity to see her on a losing side once again. Then there was Mary Salter, Nuala Jennings, Marion McSweeney, Kay Spillane and Phil Walsh, who gave everything they had but just failed to snatch a win.

But they should not be too downhearted. It was Cork's third time in a junior final and they have yet to take the title which is not easy to take. But let them remember the seniors who were struggling for so long and who for the past two seasons have

been the shining light in camogie. Maybe next year will see the juniors reach the same heights. Let's hope so.

Cork set seal on dominance

By TAOBH-LINE

CORK SET the seal to their dominance in senior camogie by their clear-cut victory in last Sunday's senior final at Croke Park, and though they went into this game something of outsiders their victory at the end could hardly have been more convincing.

Wexford may plead in extenuation of their defeat that they were foiled repeatedly by some almost magical goal-keeping through much of the first half by Cork's Eleanor Cummins. But the causes of Wexford's defeat ran deeper.

Their forwards could make precious little headway at any time against a great Cork defence, they never achieved the expected superiority at midfield, and their defence had no answer at all to the wiles of Rosie Hennessy whenever the Old Aloysians youngster got loose within striking distance.

Moreover, I did not think the Wexford mentors aided their

own cause by switching Margaret O'Leary from centre-field to centre-back during the interval.

Lost chances

Had the whole-hearted player from Buffer's Alley been at midfield to reinforce the almost continuous Wexford attacks early in that second half the urgently required scores might well have come. Oddly enough, though the all-round standard of play in the senior final was excellent all through, it never gave us anything like the high excitement that the junior final provided.

The first half of that game had been hard but not brilliant, with both sides taking a long time to settle down. But all inhibitions were cast aside in a tremendous second half and if Dublin, over the full fifty minutes probably just deserved their narrow victory, I am sure that even some of their supporters would not have begrudged Cork the equalising goal in their desperate last offensive.

Wexford players, disappointing in the all-Ireland result, will have the chance of regaining some lost prestige in the forthcoming inter-provincial series for seven of last Sunday's side have been chosen to play for Leinster against Connaught in the semi-final of the Gael-Linn Cup.

This game goes on at a Leinster venue on October 10, while the other semi-final in which Ulster entertain Munster will be played at Carrickmacross on Sunday October 10.

The full Leinster team for the semi-final is: T. Shiels (Wexford), M. Ryan (Dublin), J. Murphy (Wexford), M. O'Leary (Wexford), C. O'Shea (Kilkenny), A. Kehoe (Wexford), A. Sheehy (Dublin), E. Walsh (Wexford), H. O'Neill (Kilkenny), M. Walsh (Wexford), J. Doyle (Dublin), J. Kehoe (Wexford). Reserves — S. Murray (Dublin), L. Neary (Kilkenny), O. Ni Shiochain (Dublin), A. Harrington (Louth).



i bPáirc an Chrócaigh

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ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR CAMOGIE FINAL

ATH CLIATH v. CORCAIGH

1.30 p.m.

ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE FINAL

CORCAIGH v. LOCH GORMAN

2.30 p.m.

ALL-IRELAND UNDER 21 FOOTBALL FINAL

CORCAIGH v. FEAR MONACH

3.45 p.m.

Clár Oifigiúil Costas 3p

By Agnes Hourigan

Now that the All-Ireland championships are over, much of the camogie interest will switch to the Colleges fields which this year promise to be even busier than ever. Already Munster and Connacht have held their annual Conventions to make arrangements for the new season.

Ulster and Leinster hold their get-togethers tomorrow, Ulster at the International Hotel, Belfast and Leinster at Bru na nGael in Dublin.

Both have a very satisfactory past season to review, especially Ulster where the All-Ireland title reposes for the first time in St. Clare's, Newry. Fourteen schools took part in the competitions last year and secretary Lily Spence is hoping for new entries from Monaghan, Antrim, Derry, Donegal and Cavan.

ORGANISATION

Leinster will be breaking new ground this season, with both the senior and junior competitions scheduled to be

Leinster Will Opt For League System

played on the league system through the preliminary stages.

With more than 20 schools affiliated last year and more expected to come in this season this new departure is going to call for a great deal of extra organisation which will, one feels take up much of the delegates time at tomorrow's meeting.

Both gatherings will also be asked to forward suggestions for any ideas they may have about a change in the playing uniform.

At the Connacht Colleges Convention, held recently in Tuam, it was decided to run three championships this year, two in the senior grade, "A" for experienced players and "B" for those who are comparative novices, together with a junior

championship for players under 16.

The winners of the senior A championship will represent the province in the All-Ireland series.

The province has been divided into divisions, where games will be played on the League system and the top teams will then play-off for the right to enter the provincial semi-finals. There are seven schools in the senior A section, and 16 in the senior B section, while 21 will be battling for junior honours.

HEARTENING

The wonderful spread of camogie through the schools in the West has been a most heartening feature those past

two seasons, and reflects the hard work and enthusiasm of the Connacht Colleges Secretary, Sr. M. Columbiere of Scoil Bhríde, Tuam.

The Dublin playing season resumes on Sunday next, after the summer recess. The opening games for the seniors will be for a new competition the Curran Cup, donated by the family of the late Mr. Jimmy Curran, for many years ground man at Croke Park.

There are two interesting games to inaugurate the new season and the new trophy, Austin Stacks facing Naomh Aoife and Celtic opposing Slíbh Bloom.

The McCarthy Cup will now be confined to Inter A teams, while the Isle of Man Cup becomes a start of the season competition for the Inter B. grade.

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Draws and fixtures for the Leinster Colleges Camogie Championships were made at a meeting of the Council in Bru na nGael, Dublin

Six colleges will participate in the senior championship for the Stuart Cup. There will be two sections and the preliminary competition will be run as a home and away League with the top two in each section going into the semi-finals.

The fixtures for the Stuart Cup (home teams first) are:

SECTION A

Oct. 16 — Mountmellick v Callan. Oct. 23—Callan v Enniscorthy; Nov. 6—Enniscorthy v Mountmellick; Nov. 13 — Enniscorthy v Callan; Nov. 20 —Mountmellick v Enniscorthy; Dec. 14—Callan v Mountmellick.

SECTION B

Oct 16—Kilcock v Walkinstown; Oct. 23—Walkinstown v Terenure; Nov. 6—Terenure v Kilcock; Nov. 13 — Walkinstown v Kilcock; Nov. 20 —

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Terenure v Walkinstown; Nov. 27—Kilcock v Terenure.

The Junior Championship for the Purcell Cup will have approximately 30 schools competing.

These schools are divided into six sections so far. Draws and fixtures (home teams first) are:

SECTION A

Oct. 16—Baltinglass v Clane; Nov. 13—Clane v Athy; Nov. 27—Athy v Baltinglass.

SECTION B

Oct. 23—Naas v Kilcock; Nov. 6—Kildare v Naas. Nov. 20—Kilcock v Kildare.

SECTION C

Oct. 23—Athy v Ardee;

Nov. 6—Oldcastle v Athboy; Nov. 27—Ardee v Oldcastle.

SECTION D

Nov. 6—Callan v Kilkenny; Nov. 13—Enniscorthy v Callan; Kilkenny v Mountmellick B. Nov. 20—Mountmellick B. v Enniscorthy.

SECTION E

Nov. 6 — Castlecomer v Durrrow; Nov. 13—Bunclody v Mountmellick A; Nov. 20 — Mountmellick A v Castlecomer. Oct. 16—Durrrow v Bunclody.

The draws and fixtures for the Dublin section or Sections will be made on Friday next at the annual meeting of the Dublin College when the grading of the Dublin Colleges will be decided.

Ulster Name Camogie Side

The Ulster camogie team to play Munster in the interprovincial semi-final at Carrickmacross on Sunday next is: T. Cassidy (Antrim); K. McCann (Down); A. McCone (Armagh), K. Diamond (Antrim), K. Kelly (Antrim); K. Fee (Tyrone), S. Cashman (Captain) (Antrim), M. McAtamney (Antrim); P. Crangle (Armagh), C. O'Boyle (Antrim), M. Delaney (Armagh), L. Scullion (Antrim).

ULSTER COLLEGES CAMOGIE ASSOCIATION MEETS IN CAVAN



Our picture shows the Western Division of the Ulster College Camogie Association after their meeting in the Poor Clare Convent, Cavan, last Monday. Front row (from left)—Brenda Clarke, Eithne Farrell, Cait Carolan, Baileborough; Mrs. R. McManus, Sec., Cavan, last Monday. Front row (from left)—Brenda Clarke, Eithne Farrell, Cait Carolan, Baileborough; Mrs. R. McManus, Sec., Vocational Schools' Camogie League; Miss L. Spence, President, All-Ireland College Camogie Association; Sister Mary Margaret, Ballyjamesduff; Sister Anne, Loreto College, Cavan; Rev. O. O'Reilly, C.C., Baileborough; Sister Helen, Loreto College, Cavan; At back—P. Woods, Cavan; A. McEnroe, Castleblayney; Sister Mary Edel, Castleblayney; Sean Kelleher, Cootehill; T. McCabe, Cavan; J. McGuinn, Virginia; Mrs. E. Sheils, Cootehill; J. Marron, Baileborough; M. Shalvey, Castleblayney.

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LEINSTER HOPEFUL

The fact that Ulster are already through to the final having narrowly defeated Munster in an exciting and entertaining game at Carrickmacross last Sunday adds all the greater interest to the second of the interprovincial camogie semi-finals in which holders Leinster take on Connacht at Parnell Park, Dublin on Sunday.

Leinster have been custodians of the Gael-Linn Cup for the past three seasons and will be very hopeful of making their tally four in a row this time.

Wexford provide seven of the chosen side, and most of these players will be very anxious to regain the prestige which was somewhat damaged when they went down by an unexpectedly wide margin to Cork in the All-Ireland final.

The holders will have the advantage that the vast majority of their side have worn the Leinster tunic before now, the only newcomers being the Kehoe sisters, Annie and Josie and the left wing Elsie Walsh, but all three have plenty of previous experience at top level.

The Kehoe sisters and Anne Sheehy have all been named on Leinster panels before now, while all the rest have figured in one or all of Leinster's three victories in a row in the past few seasons.

In defence the Wexford stars Margaret O'Leary, Joan Murphy and Teresa Shiels will be supported by Kilkenny's Carmel O'Shea, while three of the forwards have figured on winning Leinster teams, Judy Doyle, Mary Walsh and Helena O'Neill.

Connacht failed to field a side in this competition last season, so many of them lack interprovincial experience. But in the Kilkenny sisters, Kathleen O'Flaherty, Jane Murphy, Grace Divilly and Josie Ruane they have excellent and experienced players who will not give best to any opposition.

In the North, Portlennone, powered by Mairead McAtamney, will be fancied to account for holders Bellaghy in the Ulster club championship semi-final, while Monaghan's Clontibrel may just get the better of Lurgan's Clan na Gael.

The Ulster Vocational and Secondary Schools at their meeting in Casement Park will consider an invitation from the Ulster Colleges Council to participate in the latter's first-year competition.

Secretary Rosina McManus has a good year's work to report on for thirteen schools competed last season for the championship in the final of which Bessbrook defeated Downpatrick.

The Leinster Colleges championships which are being played on the League system this year open with three games tomorrow. Holders Mountmellick are at home to Callan in the senior competition, in which Killecock entertain Walkinstown.

In the junior competition, newcomers Baltinglass Comprehensive are at home to Clane.

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CONNACHT—Margaret Kilkenny; Mary Kilkenny; R. O'Flaherty; P. Smith; M. Hagerty; K. Quinn; K. O'Connor; G. Divilly; M. Forde; J. Murphy; P. Feeney; J. Ruane.

Ten New Teams In Colleges' Competitions

THE Munster Colleges season gets under way tomorrow. Big news prior to the opening is that there is an increase in the number of schools participating this season.

In fact, ten new teams will be taking part and this is a tremendous boost to the Colleges. The most significant increases are in Clare and Kerry with Cork and Limerick also showing improvement. Tipperary remains the same and Waterford are without a representative.

There are two competitions again this season a senior and junior championship, both run on a league basis. Five teams take part in the senior — St. Aloysius (holders), Loreto (Fermoy), Salesian (Cahercon), St. Mary's (Newport) and Causeway Comprehensive School. Eighteen teams divided into four groups will compete for the Junior championship. Cork have four representatives in this grade — Drishane Convent, Mount Mercy (holders), Loreto (Fermoy) and North Presentation.

North Presentation and Loreto meet on Saturday in the opening game of the Junior Championship on Saturday. North Pres. won the Cork Schools junior championship last season and travel with high hopes of collecting their first points. However, the high standard of Loreto's first team is well known and although it remains to be seen what their second side will be like, the Cork girls

would be wise to treat them with the greatest respect.

With so many new Colleges participating it should be a very good season. Cork owe a good share of their inter-county successes over the last two years to the strong state of their Colleges in recent seasons. Strong colleges are a great nursery for the seniors and it will be interesting to see if counties like Clare (who have five colleges this season) and Kerry (with six) will be able to improve their general standard over the next few years.

Old Aloysians, senior league holders, meet South Presentation Past Pupils in a vital senior league game on Sunday morning. The winners of this game are more than likely to win the competition so there should be plenty of excitement.

South Pres., holders of the senior championship title for the last three years, have half the Cork team on their side. They have Mel Cummins, Betty Sugrue, Anne Comerford, Marion McCarthy, Hannah Dineen and Mary Whelton and are a very formidable side indeed. They defeated Old Aloysians in the County final this season already and are determined to regain the League title from Old AIs.

However, Old AIs. will not easily admit defeat and with Cork players Anne McAuliffe and Rosie Hennessy in the junior intercounty panel, Walsh and Nuala Jennings they should put up a good fight. However, South Pres. must start as favourites.

LEINSTER HAVE THE EDGE

LEINSTER 7-4
CONNACHT 0-0

Leinster qualified to meet Ulster in the final of the Gael-Linn Cup, the Interprovincial Camogie Championship, when they proved far too experienced for Connacht at Parnell Park, Dublin, yesterday.

The final will be played at a Leinster venue on October 30.

The blustering wind, which made ball control difficult, told heavily against the visiting team and indeed told also against the experienced attack of the home side who were not flattered by the score of 4-2 at half time, as they had a strong wind behind them in this half.

Small Crowd

The small crowd expected Connacht, now with the wind in their favour, to give the home side a run for it. But though they improved, the Leinster girls continued to have the upper hand and deservedly reached the final.

The home side, who have won this competition for the past three years, were best served by Margaret O'Leary who was the captain, Elsie Walsh, Judy Doyle who did most of the scoring and Annie Kehoe.

For Connacht, Margaret Kilkenny, who made some good saves in goal, Patsy Smith and Kathleen O'Connor were the most prominent.

Scorers: Leinster—b. Doyle (4-1), M. Walsh (1-2), J. Kehoe (1-0), M. O'Leary (1-0), E. Walsh (0-1).

Referee — Miss M. Moran (Cork).

NORTH PRES. SUPERIOR IN SECOND HALF

North Presentation Convent, 7-1;
Loreto Convent, Fermoy, 1-0

The Munster Colleges Junior Championship got off to a great start at Fermoy. Both teams, who were participating in this competition for the first time, served up an exciting display of camogie. There was little between them in the first half and North Pres. led by two goals to one at the change-over.

The greater teamwork of the North Pres. girls showed to good effect as the game went on and they ran out comfortable winners. Their best players were Rose O'Sullivan, Maureen Walsh, Marie Crowley and Marian Walsh. Loreto, who were represented by their second string, had good performers in Shiela Lane, Mary Barry and Margaret O'Brien.

Scorers: North Pres.: Carmel O'Keefe (3-0), Geraldine O'Shea (2-0), Marion Walsh (1-1) and Christine Murray (1-0). Loreto: Elizabeth Spillane (1-0).

Old Aloysians, 5-1;
South Pres. P.P., 0-2.

Old Aloysians gained two valuable Senior League points at the expense of Co. Champions, South Pres., at St. Aloysius Grounds. The first half was very evenly contested and Old AIs were in front by the narrow margin of 1-1 to 0-2 at half-time.

South Pres., who lined out without two of the Cork players, Mel Cummins and Hannah Dineen, failed to score in the second half. With a Munster Inter-Club engagement with Thurles scheduled for next month they cannot feel happy with this performance.

Old AIs took control in the second half and built up an impressive score. Liz Garvan, Rosie Hennessy, Anne McAuliffe and a strong defence were responsible for their victory. South Pres. were best served by Betty Sugrue, Mary Whelton and Marion McCarthy.

Scorers: Old AIs, R. Hennessy (2-4) and L. Garvan (3-0). S. Pres: M. McCarthy (0-2).



● PATRICIA MORRISSEY (Miss Camogie 1971) receiving her trophy, the Elvery Cup, from A. A. Healy. On extreme left is J. T. Russell, manager, Elverys, Cork, and Liam O'Loisín at extreme right. Patricia plays with UCD and is captain of All-Ireland junior champions Dublin.

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Alley's Title-At Last

Buffers Alley 3-2, Adamstown - Cloughbawn 3-0

IT'S come to pass. Buffers Alley, so long promising to break through into the 'Big time,' have taken the Bettle cup and the title of Co. Wexford senior Camogie champions for the first time. When inscribing their names on the trophy for first time ever, the girl-Gaels in the Green and Yellow overcame a fierce second half rally from the holders, Adamstown/Cloughbawn, and in the end were extremely thankful to hear the final whistle sound, an ECHO representative writes.

For captain Bridie Jacob and her players, the whistle sounded the close of 50 minutes of hard, taxing play in which at any moment they could have been overtaken by a 'never-say-die' Adamstown. For mentors Tom O'Leary, Tom Butler and the rest, the whistle was the culmination of two years of hope and effort. For both players and officials it was the greatest moment in the club's history, and coming in the circumstances that it did it was the sweetest success of all.

CUP PRESENTED

The wait had been worth-while. The frustration that followed last year's unsuccessful bid melted into the chill Wexford Park air as Co. Board Chairman Jim Sheil presented the cup to Bridie Jacob. The long wait had been worth it, for never was a title harder won.

GALE-FORCE WIND

This was an extremely close game all the way. Backed by a gale-force wind, Buffers Alley held a slight 'edge' in the first half — they had the wind advantage but failed to take full advantage of it. They were obviously nervous — two of their players often clashed for possession — and failed to leave any great imprint at midfield or in attack. It was their defence who kept them in touch, and the two O'Leary's, Kathleen and Margaret, held the fort in great style. The only notable activity outfield was some fine stick-work by centre-forward Bridie Jacob, whose stubborn efforts tried but did not succeed in rousing the rest of the team.

However, the scores did come for them. Maggie Hearne opened the scoring with a point from a '30' after five minutes. Many of their shots came from far out the field — at least once a wind-backed pick-out went all the way wide — so that all the forwards could do was trap an incoming ball to try to make best use of it. A centre by Maggie Hearne from midfield deflected off Josie Walsh to the net after eight minutes, and shortly after the Adamstown goalie, Brigid Doyle, failed to hold a shot by Josie Walsh. The champions replied in the 11th minute with a fine goal by Annie Kehoe but Buffers Alley had a third major before the finish through Bridie Jacob. This left the score 3-1 to 1-0. The question was — Would Buffers Alley pay for their inconsistency in the last half, when it was the turn of the champions to have the wind behind them?

They could have, indeed, paid dearly for their first half indecision except for a five-star display by their captain. The switching of

move that really won the game. Bridie was simply superb in the hectic last half and it was her and her display that took much of the steam out of Adamstown and helped consolidate 'the Alley'.

MAJOR IMPROVEMENT

Adamstown/Cloughbawn showed a major improvement mainly, one is certain, through the sheer power of magnificent Annie Kent at centre-back, and it wasn't long till they netted when Breda Murphy combined with Josie Kehoe, from Kilt Codd's free, to reduce 'the Alley's' seven-point lead to four in the 5th minute. Things began to 'hot up' four minutes after when Adamstown inevitably scored again, this time a fine effort by Josie Kehoe. Amazingly the 'champions' had now sliced the lead to a single point and were absolutely 'bouncing' 'the Alley' goal for the winning score. That it did not come was due to a big improvement in some Buffers Alley sectors which had up to this been practically non-existent. Midfielder Elsie Walsh came into the game with an electrifying effect as if she had just stepped on to the field, while Breda McClean and the rest of the forwards helped to keep the action away from the vital Alley defence.

It was a cliff-hanging finish and had Adamstown scored it could have had a big effect on the game just then. A fine point by Maggie Hearne from a free ten minutes from the finish put 'the Alley' 3-2 to 3-0 in front. The holders strove in vain for the winning score, but determined Buffers Alley held out to win.

A DESERVED WIN

It was a deserved win for 'the Alley'. In taking their first title, they had to overcome a strong bid by Adamstown/Cloughbawn to hold on to the title and this is a tribute in itself. Winners had some sectors, even their greatest follower would agree, which were weak and never came up to scratch; at times the team's own eagerness nearly proved its own worst enemy. However, it had some wonderful exponents and in this department surely team captain Bridie Jacob was beyond doubt the star of the win. Bridie, improving by the minute, crowned a fine year on Sunday with a display of thorough defensive work that left nothing to be desired.

Again we had Kathleen O'Leary as a wholehearted player in defence, as she had been earlier this year with the county juniors. The great Margaret O'Leary had a tremendous game at centre-back and it was her strength and dependability that started off so many attacks. Elsie Walsh (second half) and, to a lesser extent, Josie



Superb BRIDIE JACOB crowns a great year.



ANNIE KENT . . . devastatingly effective for ousted champions.

and Maggie Hearne were also prominent.

There was no shame in defeat for the losers. Like their opponents, there were times when they were on top and others when they played 'second fiddle'. It was in the vital closing stages that, unfortunately for them, they were constantly thwarted in their efforts to score. I have no recollection of seeing the team's centre-back, Annie Kent, play with such devastating effectiveness. Annie was the team's most dependable player and provided an inspiration for the whole team. At midfield Bernie Kehoe played some lovely Camogie all the way, and it was also here that Breda Murphy helped. Josie Kehoe, with her finest display for some time, lacked support in attack, while Annie Kehoe, first in attack and then midfield, broke through in brief flashes. Breda Finn and Gretta Kehoe, in defence gave best support.

A word of congratulations to the always-alert referee Miss Naden Mangan (Dublin) and her single-minded officials for making the occasion one of the best Camogie matches seen in years.

SCORERS

Scorers for winners were — J. Walsh (2-0), B. Jacob (1-0), and M. Hearne (0-2), and for losers — A. Kehoe, B. Murphy and J. Kehoe (1-0 each).

TEAMS

Buffers Alley — Josie Butler; Chris Lee; Kathleen and Margaret O'Leary, Mary Butler; Maggie Hearne, Peg Cash, Elsie Walsh; Breda McClean, Bridie Jacob (captain), Kathleen Butler; Josie Walsh; sub. Helen Murphy (for Chris Lee).

Adamstown-Cloughbawn — Brigid Doyle; Gretta Kehoe; Breda Finn, Annie Kent, Ann Quigley; Breda Murphy, Kathleen Whelan, Bernie Kehoe; Ann Ryan, Annie Kehoe, Kilt Codd; Josie Kehoe.

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St. Als And Mount Mercy Set Out In Defence Of Their Titles

Ashbourne Cup Entry Bigger

By AGNES HOURIGAN

A new dimension was added to Universities camogie last week-end when the Ashbourne Cup committee, meeting in Mullingar admitted to membership St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Dublin University and the New University of Ulster in Coleraine.

All three will take part in this year's Ashbourne. In a preliminary round holders U.C.D. will play Maynooth, the newcomers from Coleraine take on Dublin University, while U.C.C. are matched with Queen's.

Galway, as the host College this year, are not being asked to take part in the preliminary games, but all seven Universities will be sending teams to Galway in February, since the three teams beaten in the preliminary round will now be playing-off for An Duthracht, the Ashbourne Shield.

With holders, All-Ireland champions St. Paul's of Kilkenny already through to the next round, thanks to a well-deserved victory last Sunday over Wexford newcomers, Butler's Alley the Leinster club championship has got off to a flying start.

INTO ACTION

Now the Dublin standard-bearers, Austin Stacks, who were to go into action on Sunday next when they take on Louth title-holders Kilkenny at Knockbridge have got a walk-over and go on to the next round against Dunboyne (Meath).

In this competition steady progress is also being made in the other provinces. Antrim's Portlennone have already defeated last year's Ulster champions, Bellaghy, while on Sunday last, Eire Og (Clare), travelled to Waterford and scored a runaway victory over local representatives, Portlaw.

Nor was last week-end without its surprises on the Colleges front. Biggest shock came in the South, where the holders, St. Aloysius of Cork, were beaten for the first time since Munster Colleges championships began.

FAVOURITES

That was more than four years ago, and, in fact their last defeat in local competition was away back in 1966.

This feat of becoming the first Munster school to defeat St. Al's was achieved by Loreto Convent, Fermoy, who won by 3-1 to 2-1 and will now be strong favourites to capture the senior provincial title.

In Leinster, the holders, also went down last week-end when champions Presentation Mountmellick unexpectedly lost to Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy.

A result all the more surprising since the Enniscorthy girls had already been defeated by Callan, who had previously gone down to Mountmellick.

Enniscorthy are at home to Callan tomorrow and will be hoping to reverse the result of their previous meeting, and thus go to the top of their section. In a curtain-raiser to this game the junior sides of both schools will also be in action.

BOTH Munster Colleges champions, St. Aloysius and Mount Mercy, set out in defence of their titles on tomorrow (Saturday) while on Sunday there is a vital Senior League clash as well as a number of other important games.

St. Aloysius School, Cork, have won the four Munster Colleges Championships which have been played to date, but the gap between them and their rivals has been closing all the time. A new force in Colleges camogie came on the scene last season—Loretto Fermoy, and now these sides clash in tomorrow's vital game.

Last season these sides met in the final of the senior championship and the Fermoy girls gave their fancied opponents a great run before finally admitting de-

feat. Since then Loreto have only lost one player, Dolly Beary, whereas St. Als can only call on five of last year's team. St. Als, of course, have great reserve of strength and always seem to be able to find new players. Seven new players is a lot, however, and it may take them some time to find a winning combination. But the time is very limited at the moment as a win for Loreto at this stage could win the competition for them eventually.

THEIR STARS

Both teams have two Cork juniors. Loreto will be pinning their hopes on Marion Sweeney and Angela Higgins, who captained the Cork Minor team, while St. Als have their county players in their captain Marion O'Leary, and Phil Walsh, who played both minor and junior for Cork during the summer.

The Fermoy girls, too, have very efficient players in D. Quinlan, M. Collins and M. Lane, while St. Als have plenty of ability in the persons of Lizzie Burns, Colette Desmond, Val O'Dwyer and Ger Butler.

St. Als have to travel to Fermoy for this game and this may not add to their chances. However, they always seem to raise their game when necessary and will not easily relinquish the title they hold so proudly. But Fermoy will take a lot of beating in a game which should attract a large following.

Junior champions, Mount Mercy, also have to travel for their first outing this season. They make the long journey to Carrick-on-Suir where they take on the local Presentation Convent. These sides met twice last year in the same competition. They played a draw in Cork, but Mount Mercy won the replay. At the time of writing there was no up-to-date information available on the Carrick-on-Suir girls, but no doubt they will once again have a very good side. Mount Mercy have lost some prominent players this season, but they still have plenty of strength and will be looking to Mary Moore, Mary Walsh and Aedin McCarthy to secure these vital points for them.

SENIOR LEAGUE

Now to the seniors on Sunday, when we have the all-important senior league clash between Old Aloysians and U.C.C. Old Als, who defeated South Presentation Past Pupils on Sunday-week last, can take the 1970 League title on Sunday—that is if they beat College. Due to the shortage of pitches and Cork's success on the

SEANDUN PROVE BEST IN CAMOGIE

Seandun 3-0, Watergrasshill 1-1.

In the Intermediate Camogie Championship final held at Riverstown, Co. Cork, yesterday in ideal playing conditions, Seandun came away easy winners over Watergrasshill. Seandun (a selected side) showed no sign of faltering at any stage. The game was barely ten minutes old when Carmel Buckley netted her side's first goal with no reply from Watergrasshill before the interval.

Watergrasshill (a club side) levelled after 15 minutes into the second half with a goal from A. Higgins, but this was short lived and Seandun fought back and within five minutes Carmel Buckley added another fine goal, followed six minutes later by Seandun's third goal, this time by E. Ahern. A point by A. Higgins was the only score Watergrasshill could manage before the final whistle.

Seandun—N. O'Brien, R. O'Sullivan, C. Buckley, R. O'Leary, M. McCarthy, E. O'Driscoll, E. Ahern, A. O'Driscoll, A. Brennan, R. O'Leary, M. O'Driscoll, N. Lucy.

Watergrasshill—E. Higgins, M. Binns, N. Higgins, M. Higgins, M. Farrell, M. Mackey, Margaret Mackey, M. Dooley, H. O'Leary. Subs: K. Ryan for H. O'Leary and M. O'Callaghan for M. Mackey.

Referee—K. Dunne (S.P.P.P.)

inter-county fields it has been impossible to keep the league competition up to date—therefore, the 1970 competition is now in its final stages with this year's campaign still not decided. But this is a big advantage to Old Als, on Sunday because they will be able to field Liz Garvan, Rose Long and Anne O'Dwyer on their side. These three girls find themselves in the unusual position on Sunday of playing with their former club against their new club as these girls are now University students and are on the present U.C.C. team.

However, Old Als will be hopeful that these girls will help them to take the league title, and if Old Als can reproduce the form they showed against the South Pres. they could collect their second consecutive League title. However, College will not be easy opposition, even without the three girls in question. They have strong players in Margaret Long, Honor Lynch, Deirdre Garvan, Mary Coakley and Mary O'Brien and they have been training hard since College opened three weeks ago.

Fermoy side and St. Als unbeaten run

Loretto Convent, Fermoy, 3-1; St. Aloysius, 2-1.

St. Aloysius' four year unbeaten run came to an end last Saturday when Loretto Convent, Fermoy, scored a fully deserved win in the Munster Senior Colleges championship. The game itself was fast and exciting with the lead changing hands on a number of occasions. Colette Desmond opened the scoring with a point for St. Als. Approaching half-time Margaret O'Brien goaled to leave Loreto in front.

The pace quickened on the resumption. Strong pressure by St. Als was rewarded by goals from Marie O'Sullivan and Ger Butler. Cork juniors, Angela Higgins and Marion Sweeney dominated midfield for Loreto and laid on a good supply of ball to the forwards. Full-forward Finuola McCarthy, capitalised on this advantage and added 2-1 to give her side a most valuable pair of points.

Deirdre Quinlan and Nora Lane, as well as those already mentioned, were in fine form for Loreto. Val Fitzpatrick, Ger Butler, Phil Walsh and Gerarda Barry tried hard to reverse the decision in favour of the losers.

Scorers—Loretto—F. McCarthy 2-1, M. O'Brien 1-0. St. Als—M. O'Sullivan 1-0, G. Butler 1-0, C. Desmond 0-1.

Old Aloysians 6-3, U.C.C. Nil.

Old Aloysians retained their Senior League title with a facile victory over U.C.C. at the Mardyke on Sunday. The winners were in command throughout and with Rosie Hennessy and Anne McAuliffe in good scoring form the issue was never in doubt. Old Als, who lead by 3-2 to nil at half-time, were best served by Anne McAuliffe, Rosie Hennessy, Val O'Dwyer, Liz Garvan and Marion O'Leary. Margaret Long, Deirdre Garvan and Honor Lynch worked hard for the College.

Scorers—Old Als.—R. Hennessy 4-2, A. McAuliffe 2-0, L. Garvan 0-1.

CORK SIDE TOO GOOD

Mount Mercy, Cork 6-0

Presentation Convent Carrick-on-Suir 3-0

Mount Mercy, Cork proved too good for Presentation Convent, Carrick-on-Suir when the Cork girls had an easy victory over the home team at Davin Park, Carrick-on-Suir on Saturday.

The first half was keenly contested. The winners opened the score and alternative scoring followed to leave the half-time score 3-0 to 2-0 in favour of the Cork girls.

Cork took the initiative in the second half and an excellent forward line added three further goals while the home team had one goal.

Best for the winners were C. Lyons, M. Breen, A. McCarthy and E. Quaid, while E. Moloney, B. Walsh, M. Culleton and E. O'Hanlon tried hard for the home team.

EASY FOR EIRE OG

Eire Og, Ennis, 6-3; Portlaw 4-1

Eire Og, Ennis, scored an easy win over Portlaw in the first round of the Munster inter-club camogie championship at Waterford yesterday and qualified to meet Athlone in the semi-final of the competition. The Ennis girls were on top throughout and their dominating players were the Ryan, Maureen Saunders, Catherine Glynn and Mary Griffin. Portlaw were best served by Ann Power and Eileen Walsh.

Scorers—Eire Og: M. Griffin (2-0), C. Glynn (1-4), C. Collins (1-0), S. McCarthy (1-1). Portlaw: L. Walsh (4-1).

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EIRE OG STRIVE TO LIFT CLARE HOPES

BY AGNES HOURIGAN

Clare has not been in the camogie limelight for many years, but the county has high hopes of hitting the headlines in the current All-Ireland club championship competition. Already the local hopes Eire Og from Ennis have travelled to Waterford and there scored a runaway victory over Portlaoise on Sunday next they are home in the Munster semi-final to Limerick champions, Ahane.

The Limerick side have a very good record in this competition. They twice reached the All-Ireland final in recent years only to lose to the club championship specialists St. Paul's of Kilkenny. Last year Ahane had to yield their Munster title to Cork's South Presentation but will be very hopeful of coming back into the reckoning with victory on Sunday.

OUTSIDERS

However, the Ennis girls, who have won the Clare title for the third time, and also captured the Under-18 medals must be counted one of the

most improved sides in the country. Eleven of the current side are teenagers, the sole exception being Munster inter-provincial defender Liz Scanlan.

Ahane have usually emerged winners in previous clashes between these clubs, but though Eire Og must remain the outsiders, the Ennis girls must be given a sporting chance of revenge this time.

There is indeed a tremendous increase in interest in camogie all over Clare at the moment. Recently there were some 80 enthusiasts present at a one-day coaching course held at Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, under the direction of Tipperary hurling trainer Donie Nealon who officiated at the National camogie coaching course in Gormanston last August.

He was assisted in Ennis by Sean Hanley, Chairman of Clare County G.A.A. Board.

The increased interest in the game is also proved by the fact that this year no fewer than five schools from Clare are

competing in the Munster Colleges camogie championship and that there is in addition a Clare schools championship in which the holders, Cabercon, Colaiste Mhuire, Scarrif, Ennis, Mullagh and Shannon Comprehensive will all be competing.

All in all the future of Clare camogie looks bright and will be brighter still if Eire Og can get the better of Ahane on Sunday.

The Leinster Colleges scene is still most intriguing and there are a couple of vital games down for decision tomorrow.

SECOND ROUND

Senior title-holders Presentation Mountmellick, who have already lost to Mercy Enniscorthy, entertain the Wexford girls in their second round clash on Sunday next. If Enniscorthy win they will be through to the semi-final stage.

CAMOGIE ROUND-UP

county championship in recent years probably account for motions asking for a special trainer for the county side and for a smaller selection committee.

ABOLITION

There are also a number of motions calling for the abolition of the "ban" rule which prohibits members from playing hockey or football.

Outgoing chairman Miss Ann Ashton will not be opposed, and the other officers all seem certain to be re-elected, but there will be changes on the selection committee, as not all the outgoing members are going forward again.

On Sunday there is a full programme in the Dublin senior league with the most intriguing clash that between the holders Austin Stacks and Celtic. Stacks must be favourites but they could get a hard run from an improving Celtic side.

In the other games Eoghan Ruadh should carry too much power for Sliabh Bloom, while U.C.D. if back to full strength must have too much experience for Cuchullains.

Austin Stacks To Reach Decider

BY AGNES HOURIGAN

DUBLIN CAMOGIE champions, Austin Stacks, will be strongly favoured to reach the final of the Leinster Club Championship for the second successive year when they take on Meath champions, Dunboyne, at Dunboyne, on Sunday next.

Stacks, who got a first-round walk-over from Louth representatives Kilkerley, have an unbeaten record in Dublin since the resumption of activities at the end of September and, with a galaxy of inter-provincial and inter-county players in their ranks, including Orla ni Shiochain, Mary Ryan, Anne Sheehy, Sheila Murray and Eileen Sullivan must be fancied to advance now.

Dunboyne have a useful and lively side, but it would be asking a little bit much of them to halt the march of the power-packed Dublin line-out. The other semi-final between the Leinster and All-Ireland champions, St. Paul's from Kilkenny, and Kildare standard bearers, Broadford, is in abeyance at the moment, but may be played before Christmas.

Meanwhile, in Munster, Limerick champions Ahane have again qualified for the provincial final.

SUPERIOR

They only did so, however, after an exciting struggle against the Clare girls from Ennis at Ennis on Sunday last. Eire Og led at half-time, but the superior craft and experience of the Ahane side told its tale after the interval.

However, this was a very promising display by the Clare representatives, and will give further impetus to the great revival of the game in the Banner County.

Last week-end was a complete wash-out as far as camogie in Leinster and Dublin was concerned, and caused complete disruption of the Colleges programme in particular. Many of the schools now have to try and re-arrange the fixture list between themselves to suit their own arrangements.

Last Saturday's game in the senior competition, the Sunset

CAMOGIE NOTES

Cup, between Presentation Terenure and Walkinstown will now be played tomorrow and the concluding game in this section between Presentation Kilcock and Terenure goes back to December 8. Dates for the other postponed games will be announced later.

GREAT INTEREST

On Sunday there will be tremendous interest in Wexford in the final of the county junior championship between Enniscorthy and Buffer's Alley. This game, which goes on at Bunclody (3.0), is remarkable for the fact that members of the Convent of Mercy Enniscorthy Colleges team will be in opposition. Most of the Mercy girls will be in the Enniscorthy line-out, notably Geraldine Duggan, Margaret Kelly and Sheila O'Brien.

Mercy Convent stars with Buffer's Alley are Dorothy Walsh, younger sister of All-Ireland star Elsie, and Joan O'Connor.

Buffer's Alley, having already won the senior title, will be all out for the double, but Enniscorthy, led by the brilliant Eileen Hawkins, are favourites to win this their first ever county final.

In the Dublin League, Celtic will be expected to take both points from U.C.D. at Phoenix Park, but the students were very much under-strength when losing to Eoghan Ruadh last time out, and could prove a very different proposition now.

Cork Team Celebrate The All-Ireland Win

CORK celebrated their second successive all-Ireland camogie win at the Sunset Ridge Motel last night when the Cork County Camogie Board held a victory dinner.

Miss Sheila McNulty, secretary of Central Council, travelled from Dublin to attend the dinner and during the course of her address paid high tribute to Cork, not alone for their tremendous two-in-a-row but also for their resilience down through the years when all-Ireland titles were so elusive. She said she always had great admiration for Cork and she went on to appeal to all those present to hold on to their Irish traditions and cultures when we enter the

Common Market. She said that in part of our country people were not allowed to practice these cultures and that we should treasure this freedom which allows us to be simply, Irish. Cork, she said, was the 'one county of the 26 which had offered actual help to girls playing camogie in the North. This was an offer of training facilities to the Antrim camogie team, which was greatly appreciated.

Miss McNulty then went on to praise Cork officers in the various provincial and Central councils and paid special tribute to Miss Mary Moran and Miss Lil O'Grady for their tremendous work for the game.

CONGRATULATED SIDES

Miss Mary Moran, chairman of the Cork County Board, in her address congratulated the Cork teams and also added her condolences to the junior side who went so near to clinching the double.

Ida Bean Uí She, president of the Cork Board, also paid tribute to the grand Cork team as well as the selectors, trainer and supporters.

Other speakers included Miss Betty Sugrue, captain of the Cork team and Mr. Jack Dempsey, the trainer. Mr. Dempsey introduced a sad note to the proceedings when he announced that he will not be in a position to train the team for the coming season, because of other commitments.

Nobody can deny the marvellous job Mr. Dempsey made of the team and his decision must be a blow to the Board. He gave the girls the confidence in themselves which they had lacked for so long and proved to them that all-Ireland titles were not beyond their reach. The Cork side that played in this year's final must have been one of the best sides ever to represent Cork and their wonderful combination and peak fitness was in no small way due to Mr. Dempsey.

CLOYNE HAD WELL DESERVED VICTORY

CLOYNE 2-2
BUTTEVANT 2-0

Cloyne had a narrow but well deserved victory over Buttevant in the quarter-final of the Cork county junior camogie championship at Carrigtwohill yesterday. Cloyne got away to a great start and within minutes were a goal and a point ahead. They increased their lead in the 10th minute when Nuala Gilley, the Cork inter-county camogie star, scored a great goal.

Cloyne led at half-time by two goals and one point to nil. Nuala Gilley put the winners further ahead from a 30 yards free. Buttevant fought back and had two quick goals from 14 years old Anne Keane from frees. Cloyne, defence, however, held out. With Marie Coskine, the Cork and Munster full-back in devastating form, Cloyne went on to victory.

Scorers: For Cloyne—N. Gilley (1-2); Anne O'Shea (1-0). For Buttevant—A. Keane (2-0).

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South Pres Travel To Thurles For Inter-Club Game

SOUTH PRESENTATION PAST PUPILS, the Munster inter-club champions, start out in defence of their title on Sunday next when they travel to Thurles to take on the local team. Locally there are a number of important games listed for Sunday while tomorrow (Saturday) will be a busy day on the Colleges front.

South Presentation face a very formidable task on Sunday when they meet Thurles in the Inter-Club semi-final. The Cork girls scored a narrow win over the Tipperary girls at Ballinlough last year and Sunday's game promises to be every bit as exciting.

Thurles had the benefit of a first round match this season when they defeated Causeway of Kerry by 8-4 to nil. They are now the only senior team in Tipperary and 10 for the senior county side will be fielding for them. These include Anne, Mary and Peggy Graham, Breda and Margo Loughnane, Kit Boland, Bernie O'Dowd, Sally Long, Beatrice Lawrence and Margaret Cleary.

Cork's great goalkeeper Eleanor Cummins is anxious to retire from the game. This would be a great blow to South Pres and needless to say they are hoping that she will delay her decision until after the Inter-Club competition. However, it appears at the moment that she is determined to call it a day so that South Pres could be without her on Sunday. South Pres always had a great defence, built around Eleanor.

Forwards were always the problem with South Pres but with their defence conceding very few, if any scores, they managed to win even with a low scoring power. They are still not that strong in attack and should the defence lose its tightness

now they could really be in trouble in the Munster competition.

However South Pres still have many top class players. In defence they have inter-county players Hannah Dineen and Mary Whelton. Then in the middle of the field they have two more Cork stars in Marion McCarthy and Betty Sugrue.

There are two junior championship games listed for Sunday. In the first of these Owens meet Castleview at Owens. The latter, who had very impressive wins over Ballinlough, Sarsfields and Aragliin may prove too strong for the city girls. Castleview carried too much power for a very young Old Als side on Sunday week last but they will face very much stronger opposition on Sunday.

In the second championship tie Cloyne and Buttevant should provide an exciting match. Cloyne have two Cork senior players, Marie Costine and Nuala Gilly whereas Buttevant have two Cork juniors Anne Keane and Pat Mortell. But Cloyne tend to depend too much on their inter-county players whereas Buttevant have a more balanced team and this could see them through. On the other hand the seniors may swing it in Cloyne's favour.

The remaining game on Sunday is an under-18 league tie in which Aghabullogue should get the points at the expense of Clondrohid.

The Colleges fixture schedule, which was running smoothly, ran into trouble last Saturday when the weather forced all games except one to be called off. Mount Mercy and North Presentation braved the elements and drew their tie. The games involving long travelling were called off early on Satur-

day and one of these, St. Aloysius v. Salesian, Cahercon, is refixed for tomorrow (Saturday). In the only other Colleges fixture of the day Loretto, Fermoy, meet Presentation, Carrick-on-Suir at Fermoy. Both these sides have already dropped points to Cork city sides and it will be interesting to see how they fare in opposition.

The All-Ireland Colleges Convention takes place in Dublin on Saturday. Main interest will be the draw, venues and dates of the All-Ireland Colleges semi-finals and a motion seeking an All-Ireland junior colleges championship. This motion could run into trouble as the various provinces have different methods of grading at present, e.g. age, weaker schools, etc. Other motions likely to cause much discussion include one for the permitting of hockey where that game forms part of the school curriculum and another defining the Colleges uniform.

COLLEGES' CAMOGIE

Fixtures for the All-Ireland Colleges' Camogie Championship were decided at the annual meeting held in Bru na nGael, Dublin:

Semi-finals—March 4: Munster v. Connacht, at Munster. Referee, Mrs. K. O'Duffy. March 11—Leinster v. Ulster, at Leinster. Miss J. Murphy. April 24—Final.

All the outgoing officers were re-elected for a further two years—President, Miss L. Spence (Ulster); vice-president, Mrs. A. Purcell (Leinster); secretary, Miss M. Moran (Munster).

Treasurer, Sr. M. Colombiere (Connacht); Delegate to Central Council, Mrs. A. Purcell. Delegates to Congress, Mrs. A. Purcell and Miss L. Maguire.

A motion condemning internment in the Six Counties was passed unanimously.

Thurles had convincing victory

Thurles 2-5, South Presentation Convent, Cork 0-1

THURLES secured a measure of compensation for their County's defeat by Cork when at Thurles yesterday they scored a convincing win over the Cork Co. champions, and Munster club champions, South Presentation in the Munster semi-final of the All-Ireland club camogie championship.

Bitterly cold conditions, as well as a heavy sod, made things pretty miserable for players and spectators alike. In all the circumstances, both teams deserved credit for producing many lively passages of top class camogie.

Right from the throw-in, play swung sharply. Both goals had narrow escapes in the early stages. The Cork side seemed to be quicker to settle down. Marion McCarthy at centrefield kept a good supply of the ball to her forwards. Despite some good approach work by Blanche Gibbons, the Thurles defence stood firm and in fact the Tipperary girls were first to score, when Margo Loughnane pointed a free from close in.

After this Thurles hurled with more confidence, Bernie Dowd and Alice Perry were seen to good effect, before Margo Loughnane added another point from play.

South Presentation tried all they knew before halftime, but when they did penetrate the defence, goalkeeper, Sally Long, was there to foil them again and again. Just before the break, Thurles forward, Beatrice Lawrence fastened on a clearance from Anne Ralph to send a ground shot to the net, making the score at halftime 1-2 to nil.

Thurles held the initiative after the restart and only top class goalkeeping by Eleanor Cummins held them at bay. Marion McCarthy reduced the margin with a Cork point. Points by Marion Troy and Margo Loughnane and a well taken goal by Kay Bermingham saw Thurles run out winners.

Best in a hard trying South Presentation side were Eleanor Cummins in goal, Marion McCarthy, Helen Dinneen, and Blanche Gibbons. All of the Thurles side played well in the second half but top marks must go to Alice Perry, Margo Loughnane, Anne Ralph and Beatrice Lawrence.

Thurles now meet Limerick champions in Thurles on December 12 in the Munster final.

Scorers: Thurles — B. Lawrence, 1-0; K. Bermingham, 1-0; M. Loughnane, 0-3; M. Troy, 0-2. South Presentation replied with a point by M. McCarthy.

Thurles: S. Long, M. Graham, A. Perry, A. Ralph, B. Doyle, B. Dowd, M. Troy, M. Moynihan, M. Loughnane, B. Lawrence, K. Bermingham, K. Boland.

South Presentation Convent: E. Cummins, K. Dunne, M. Bohane, M. Crowley, M. Keohane, H. Dinneen, B. Sugrue, A. O'Donovan, M. McCarthy, B. Gibbons, M. Whelton, A. Comerford, E. Bohane, Sub.: L. Grant for M. Bohane.



A Loretto (Fermoy) forward, solos, hurling style, through the St. Als. defence during the camogie game at Model Farm Road. St. Aloysius retained the Cork Schools League title, winning 4-0 to 2-1. ("Exam")

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IN FINE STYLE.—A good point by a Loretto forward during the camogie game against St. Als at Model Farm Road.

MRS. MADGE O BRIAIN

Mrs. Madge O Briain who, as Madge O'Sullivan, played in one of the first camogie games in this country in 1904, has died at her home in Arbour Hill, Dublin. She was 87.

Mrs. O Briain was the last surviving member of the Cuchulainn Camogie team that played against Keatings at Navan in July, 1904. She played camogie at a time when the sport was frowned on by most people, and the girls used to conceal their sticks by wrapping them in paper.

Born in Cork in 1884, she was the widow of Sean O Briain, who took part in the 1916 Rising. She came to Dublin as a young girl of 16, when she attended Skerry's Secretarial College. Up to the time of her husband's death five years ago, she continued to take a keen interest in the sport.



Patricia Morrissey

St. Paul's Again Reach Decider

ST. PAULS 7-5
BROADFORD 2-1

St. Pauls, Kilkenny, All-Ireland club champions for the past three seasons, reached the Leinster final of that competition again when they defeated the Kildare champions, Broadford, at Naas yesterday.

St. Pauls play Austin Stacke Dublin in the final on January 16.

Broadford, who played with a strong wind stayed with the champions through the first half when the score was St. Pauls 3-0, Broadford 2-1. The home side was well in contention for ten minutes of the second half but the experience told in the end and St. Pauls finished very strongly.

Scorers: St. Pauls—M. Conway (1-0), A. Downey (2-0), L. Neary (1-1), C. Doyle (1-0), H. O'Neill (0-2), P. Cody (0-2). Broadford—J. Mearns (1-0), F. Kavanagh (1-0), M. Hanson (0-1).

Kilcock Rally For Victory

KILCOCK 2-1
TERENURE 1-1

Presentation Convent Kilcock staged a great rally in the second half at Naas yesterday to gain a place in a triple play-off with Presentation Convent Terenure and Walkinstown in the Northern Zone of the Leinster senior camogie championship.

Scorers — Kilcock: B. Kenny (2-0); A. Miggan (0-1). Terenure: K. Phillips (1-0); M. Moran (0-1).

Thurles To Take Title

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE final of the Munster club championship between Ahane, Limerick, and local stars, Thurles, who are the Tipperary standard-bearers, is the most intriguing game on the camogie fields on Sunday next.

What makes the game all the more interesting is that new provincial champions in this competition have already been crowned in Connacht and Ulster.

On Sunday last Ballinasloe became Western champion for the first time when they defeated holders Breaffy from Mayo.

And on the previous Sunday, Antrim's Portglenone, with the McAtamney sisters, Mairead and Teresa very much to the fore defeated Clanna Gael, Lurgan, in the Ulster final.

Favourites

Thurles defeated holders South Presentation from Cork in the semi-final which will make them firm favourites now, especially on home ground.

But Ahane have a very good record in this competition, having been provincial champions in 1968 and 1969 and the present side contains some very talented and experienced players.

But Thurles, with such Tipperary county stars, past or present, as goalkeeper Sally Long, her sister Alice, Beatrice Lawrence, Margo Loughnane and Anne Graham, must be fancied to advance to the All-Ireland semi-final and take the Munster crown for the first time.

There are two very attractive senior league games in Dublin this week-end. Holders Austin Stacks face a stiff challenge from Celtic and Sliabh Bloom take on Eoghan Ruadh.

Celtic have been playing very well on recent appearances and with Una O'Connor, Mary Fennelly, and Vera Feely in top form they could shock the champions.

But such is the present

power of Austin Stacks that it will be a very big surprise if Orla Ni Siochain, Anne Sheehy, Mary Ryan, Sheila Murray and company fail to chalk up another victory.

Splendid Munster Final - Victory For Thurles

Thurles 4-4; Ahane 3-1.

COUNTY camogie champions, Thurles, won the Munster club final in magnificent fashion at Semple Stadium, on Sunday last and in doing so put Tipperary camogie back on the map and also ensured themselves a place in the all-Ireland club semi-finals.

This, to my mind, was the Thurles girls' finest display for many a day—their was a team victory—some girls were better than others but all played their part and in the end neutrals in the crowd were unanimous in praising, not only the spirit but also the sheer hurling skill of these Thurles cailini. Ahane had travelled in strength confident of overcoming the Tipperary club and indeed they too played with a spirit and dedication worthy of victory. They could not match their opponents' skill or teamwork however, and the laurels rest where they belong.

Right from the throw-in Thurles launched attack after attack—hungry for scores but it was soon clear that nothing soft would come from Ahane's close-marking resolute defence. Thurles fullforward Marion Moynihan opened the scoring with a well-taken goal and Beatrice Laurence followed this with a quick point. Ahane then came back into the picture when Carrie Clancy pointed a free.

Both goals had narrow escapes and wides at both ends seemed the order of the day until shortly before the break a clever bit of combination between Margo Loughnane and Marion Troy saw the

latter send a long ball all the way to the Limerick net. Margo Loughnane was again seen to good effect almost immediately after when she pointed from a difficult angle. This left the half-time score at 2-1 to 0-1 in the Tipp sides favour.

Limerick were to ram home three goals in the second half and had Thurles fighting all the way to the final whistle but thanks to further goals by Kay Bermingham and Margo Loughnane, and also two points by the latter, Thurles emerged victorious to the tune of 4-4 to 3-1.

DEFENSIVE TRIUMPH

This for much of the time was a triumph for the Thurles defence. Built around the solid play of Mary Graham and Ann Ralph they coped effectively with almost every Ahane tactic. Wingbacks Margaret Cleary and Alice Perry gave nothing away soft and at times fed their forwards with long-range clearances. Sally Long in goal was not overworked but still when called upon showed her true class. Team captain Bernie Dowd though marking Limerick star Marrie Clancy, still managed to dominate the centre of the field, and perhaps more than anyone

else broke the heart in Ahane hereabouts. Marion Troy proved how good she can be with steady intelligent play, while Kit Boland, the personification of perpetual motion, sought hard work everywhere.

The attack was slow to find the range and their large number of wides might have reaped disaster, but they did get some great scores and all were brilliant at times. As far as I am concerned this was one of Margo Loughnane's finest hours. On a heavy sod that hardly favoured the stylist, her striking and accuracy were wonderful, but it was her determined running and eagerness for the ball that impressed me most. In addition, she notched a goal and three points off her own stick and otherwise stood out as the best player afield.

Marion Moynihan and Kay Bermingham took their goals well and helped to keep the Ahane defence at full stretch by swinging the ball about quickly on the ground.

Scorers — Thurles: M. Loughnane 1-3; M. Troy 1-0; K. Bermingham 1-0; M. Moynihan 1-0; B. Laurence 0-1.

Ahane: C. Clancy 1-1; M. Tierney 1-0; M. Madden 1-0.

Thurles — Sally Long; Mary Graham, Margaret Cleary, Alice Perry, Ann Ralph, Kit Boland, Bernie Dowd (capt.), Marion Troy, Margo Loughnane, Beatrice Laurence, Kay Bermingham, Marion Moynihan.

Ahane — Helen Roche, B. Ryan, K. Ryan, Margaret Madden, M. Hayes, B. O'Leary, P. Darcy, B. Darcy, C. Clancy, Tess Fennessy, J. Codon, Marie Madden.

Sub—Mary Tierney.



From left:- Marie Costine (Cork); Josie Kehoe (Wexford)
Hannah Dineen (Cork) & Mary Shiel (Wexford)

MEL CUMMINS

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my star of the year

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PERHAPS some future historian of the game will decide that the most important event in camogie in 1971 came right at the end of the season when a Universities Council meeting in Mullingar welcomed into the Ashbourne Cup competition, St. Patrick's Maynooth, Dublin University and the New University of Ulster in Coleraine.

It is nearly forty years since there has been any change in the Ashbourne, the last occasion was the admission of Queen's University Belfast in 1934 to a competition that had hitherto been the preserve of the three constituent Colleges of the National University, Dublin, Cork and Galway.

This new departure however, is a wonderful step forward for the game. The Universities for long provided the only nationwide competition in Camogie. Now they can boast that every University in the country will be battling for the Ashbourne. Moreover, the weaker Colleges will have the Duthracht, the Ashbourne Shield competition, to themselves.

This very encouraging development in the Universities comes as a fitting climax to a camogie year that had already been notable for tremendous advances on the Colleges front, with more than 100 Secondary schools now affiliated to the various provincial Colleges Councils.

In a year that started with a

wonderful Ashbourne Cup final in Cork in a series won by U.C.D., and a thrilling drawn game and equally thrilling replay in the All-Ireland Colleges final before St. Clare's beat Mountmellick and took Corn Scelighe to Ulster for the first time, not all the remaining games of which as much was expected produced similarly high drama.

The exceptions, perhaps, were the Munster finals in both of which Tipperary were unlucky to lose to Cork by a single point.

So now, looking back over the camogie year, and not forgetting the great achievement early in the season of the Kilkenny side, St. Paul's, who won the All-Ireland club championship for the third successive year, here is my list of outstanding players for 1971.

After reflection I have decided not to name an All-Star team, but to give fifteen players, which would amount to a team and three reserves, and let my readers place them to suit their own fancy.

But I do have a camogie star of the year, and she is Cork goalkeeper Mel Cummins, without whom Cork would never have won the Munster title, not to say the All-Ireland.

She would, of course, be goalkeeper on my All-Star side which would also include in the defence two other Cork stars, full-back

Marie Costin and right-back Hanna Dineen.

Also into my defence would go Wexford's Margaret O'Leary at centre-back and Carmel O'Shea of St. Paul's and Kilkenny in the left corner. Out around mid-field it is harder to sort out the stars. Anne McAuliffe of Cork, Elsie Walsh of Wexford, Mairead McAtamney and Sue Cashman of Antrim all have to get in, but although we only really saw her in the Ashbourne Cup series, on that display one cannot omit Anne Carroll of Kilkenny and U.C.D. In attack I must list three Cork players, Liz Garvan, Anne Comerford and Rosie Hennessy and in also, on interprovincial showing, must go Dublin's Judy Doyle and Orla Ni Shiocháin. Armagh's Marion Delaney was also an excellent forward any time I saw her.

And that, I think, is sixteen which is one more than I set out to name but I will leave it at that, because I would hate to knock out any one of them. And, you know, I think I should really have included Wexford's Annie Kehoe around the middle of the field, and Armagh's Ann McCone in the defence.

As for my Official of the Year. For me if there were such an award it would again, as in 1970, go to Mary Moran of Cork, whose work for camogie at so many different levels is as efficient as it is tireless.



WEXFORD 1971

BACK:- MGT. O'LEARY; MARY WALSH; JOAN MURPHY,
ANNIE KEHOE, P. MOORE, B. MURPHY, J. KEHOE, B. O'DWYER
FRONT:- ELSIE WALSH, T. SHANNON, M. HEARNE, M. SHANNON
B. JACOBS, M. SHIEL, P. DOYLE, T. SHIEL.

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AINE MEAGHER.

What anybody else thought I do not know, but, for myself, I found that 1971 was one of the most satisfying years I have yet experienced when watching camogie.

It began on a high note with a wonderful Ashbourne Cup series below in Cork. University College Galway held University College Dublin to a draw in the opening game, and only after extra time did Dublin scrape into the final. Then University College Cork chalked up an easy victory over Queen's and the odds were on an easy Cork victory over a tired Dublin side in the final.

But what a final we did see. The Cork girls inspired by a wonderful display from the stylish Liz Garvan kept going ahead, but Dublin, with the indomitable Ann Carroll driving them on, kept coming back, and coming back, and eventually the same Ann Carroll put them ahead.

Cork gave all they had in a desperate attempt to save the day but a wonderful Dublin defence, and in particular a great goalkeeper in Sheila Murray, foiled them.

This was Ann Carroll's sixth Ashbourne and her last, for she qualified as an architect last June, but she has, in all her remarkable career never known a greater 50 Minutes than at the Mardyke last February.

COLLEGES CHAMPIONSHIP

Next on the list was the Colleges championship in which St. Clare's Newry, in the final for the second successive year, staged a late rally to hold fancied Presentation Mountmellick to a draw in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park. What is more, Newry came back to

very deservedly win the replay thanks to a great display by their Armagh inter-county star Anne McCone. Soon it was championship time and the chief excitement in the provincial series was reserved for the Munster finals at Cork, in both of which the Cork girls had only a single point to spare over Tipperary. Wexford Seniors came comfortably through Leinster as did Antrim in the North while Galway were unopposed in the West.

Galway were no match for Cork in their semi-final, while, in the

other, Wexford lasted the pace far better than an Antrim side that, for obvious reasons had little chance of preparing.

In the junior semis, Cork had a good win over Roscommon, while Dublin although having to find a new side, beat Armagh far more easily than they had done in the 1970 All-Ireland final.

FINALS

The finals on All-Ireland day were in direct contrast. Wexford, once they lost the lead, collapsed almost entirely in the senior

Betty Sugrue Captain of the Cork Team receiving the Cup after the game



decider, and a very competent Cork side advanced to very clear-cut victory. But the junior final between Cork and Dublin really stole the show, with the second half providing the most exciting camogie of the whole year. Cork, who have been narrowly foiled of junior victory more than once in recent years, seemed to have made sure of victory at last when they took the lead some ten minutes from time. But Dublin fought back in great style and were a goal ahead with only seconds remaining. Cork, undaunted, launched an all-out attack which it seemed nothing could stop, but Dublin captain Pat Morrissey did stop it, right on her



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own goal-line, and Dublin survived to set a record by winning this junior title for the second successive year.

Cork, of course, had the satisfaction of retaining the senior title.

INTERPRO

The interprovincial series more or less wound up the competitive year, and once again the All-round

power of Leinster proved too much for all and any opposition.

Ulster came to the final with high hopes after a very meritorious semi-final victory over a powerful Munster side, and, in the final, looked well in the game when they were only a point behind Leinster at the interval. But the Leinster selectors called in Kilkenny's Liz Neary at half-time and their re-arranged side dominated the second

half to win comfortably.

The club championship is now played in the Spring, and St. Paul's Kilkenny set a record last Spring that is never likely to be equalled when they won this championship for the third successive year.

All in all, a great year for camogie, and with such remarkably progress on the Colleges front, every prospect of an even greater year ahead in 1972.



A. Una Cormican (Dublin Jun.)
 B. Sheila McEvoy (Dublin Jun.)
 C. Morion Keohane (South Pres.)
 D. Rosie Hennessy (Cork Sen.)
 E. Margaret O'Leary (Wexford.)
 F. Blanaid Ni Annrachain (Dublin.)
 G. Mary Walsh (Wexford Sen.)
 H. Fiona Murray (Dublin Jun.)
 I. Breda McCleane (Buffer's Alley)

J. Theresa Sheil (St. Iban's.)
 K. Bermie Rushe (Monaghan.)
 L. Mary Shannon (Buffer's Alley.)
 M. Bridie Jacob (Buffer's Alley.)
 N. Kit Codd (Adamstown.)
 O. Betty Sugrue (Cork Capt.)
 P. Dymphna Caldwell (Dublin Jun.)
 Q. Marion McCarthy (Cork.)
 R. Eithne Mulgrew (Maryfield Blackrock.)

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erford, Liz Garvan, Nuala Guilley, Rosie Hennessy.

Munster Championship

Senior - Cork, 2-4; Tipperary, 2-3.

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The Cork camogie team who won the All-Ireland senior title for the second year in succession when they beat Wexford by 4-6 to 1-2 in the final at Croke Park on September 19.

CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS - - - - -

The Dublin junior camogie side, who also retained the title, beating Cork, 2-2 to 1-2, in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park on September 19.





THE CAMOGIE SCENE

There's no room
for
COMPLACENCY

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CAMOGIE has made tremendous strides forward in the past decade, but there is no reason at all for complacency. Because, let us face it, we are only beginning the work that has to be done if we are to make the Camogie Association the force it should be in the life of the nation.

After all, according to the recent census, there are more than two million, two hundred thousand women in Ireland today. Allowing for the fact that no more than ten per cent would in any case be actively interested in playing, organising or supporting any of the many team games for women, that still leaves a figure of two hundred and twenty thousand. How many of these are members of the Camogie Association?

We are lucky if, counting both players and active supporters, we can claim twenty thousand, and twenty thousand is less than one per cent of the women of Ireland?

Granted that even on those figures the Camogie Association is still the biggest sporting organisation for women in the country, that percentage is not very much to boast about.

(By the way, it may be argued that, all in all, there are more women golfers than camogie players, but if the truth must be told the status of women in most golf clubs is nothing to boast about, since at best they are allowed in as associates and at worst are not allowed to play at weekends. Surely Women's Lib, have material for some rather caustic comment here.)

But still and all, twenty thousand is a very reasonable number on which to build and the progress made in the last decade makes that building up all the easier now. A decade ago, we had two or three dozen schools affiliated and confined almost entirely to Belfast, Dublin and Cork.

Now there are approximately 120 schools playing camogie, and, although most of the phenomenal increase has occurred in the past three or four years, since the setting up of the All-Ireland Colleges' championship, the results are already obvious.

To those of us who played some small part in setting up these Colleges' championships, the rewards have come very quickly—and they came in two different ways.

First of all, it is wonderfully satisfying to sit on the stand in Croke Park and watch girls playing in senior All-Ireland finals knowing that only a couple of years ago you had seen them run out onto some little field to start on the road to fame with their school side.



SPORTS STARS ENGAGED. — Thomas Ryan, Berrings, right half forward with the Cork senior team; and Miss Mary McAuliffe, Whitechurch, who plays on the Cork senior team.



*Rowing team in succession when they
won the All-Ireland title on
September 19.*



Rowing team in the All-Ireland final



Colleges Show A Big Increase

On the camogie fields 1971 was another year of steady advance and improvement, particularly where it will in the future count most, among the Colleges. When one considers that Colleges camogie has only really begun to be organised in the past decade and that the All-Ireland Colleges championship is only three seasons in existence, recent progress has been little short of phenomenal.

At the moment there are more than 100 post-primary schools playing in the various provincial camogie competitions, and the All-Ireland senior Colleges final is already one of the highlights of the year. In 1971 this title was taken out of Leinster for the first time when after a thrilling drawn game, and an equally thrilling replay St. Clare's from Newry took the honours by defeating Presentation Mountmellick.

Moreover, the supremacy shown in the early days of the Colleges competitions by schools from Dublin, Cork and Belfast has already vanished, though St. Aloysius of Cork are still very much to the fore in the South.

A year or two ago, Leinster had by far the greater number of affiliated schools but Connaught and Munster have now caught up and the future of the game at schools level has never been brighter. On the senior fields, the year began on a high note. After a most exciting inter-varsity series, University Colleges Dublin retained the Ashbourne Cup by defeating University College Cork in a game which maintained a very high standard throughout.

Next came the All-Ireland club championship in which St. Paul's, Kilkenny, set a new record by winning the title and trophy for the third successive year. Kilkenny, however, did not show the same consistency at inter-county level, and lost their Leinster title to Wexford in the semi-final. Wexford then went on to recapture the Leinster title with a resounding victory over Dublin in the provincial final. Dublin however had some consolation when retaining the Junior provincial crown.

In the South, Cork again took both the Munster titles, but only by a point in each instance. Cork who had never been beaten in junior grades within the province, had a very narrow escape when held to a draw.

This feat was achieved by Tipperary at a Tipperary venue but though Cork had the advantage of home ground for the replay, again they were very close-run, and counted themselves lucky to have that single point to spare in the end.

Tipperary were not favoured by the best of luck either when failing by the same margin to the Cork girls in the senior final. Over in the West, Galway were unchallenged in senior grade while Roscommon showed good form when retaining their junior Connacht crown. Nor was there any change of champions in the North where Antrim and Armagh successfully defended their senior and junior titles respectively.

The All-Ireland semi-finals were held up due to Northern troubles but despite very much restricted facilities for training Armagh and Antrim gave lively displays against Dublin and Wexford respectively at Croke Park. However, the greater fitness of the Leinster girls told eventually in each case, and with Cork at home, the final was not a home affair. It was not George Biddiscombe who has not had one firm offer. It was a good title fight, seen a lot of talk about a 'modest' victory for the Leinster girls, but the Leinster girls, who had been on the victorious Wexford teams of 1968 and 1969.

ahead in the crucial closing minutes, but it took a fearless save by their captain Pat Morrissey on the call of time to foil Cork of a dramatic comeback.

In the senior game Wexford opened confidently against holders Cork. But some magnificent goal-keeping by Melon Cummins and Cork's quick scores before the interval changed the entire trend. Wexford attacked fiercely on the restart, again they were repeatedly felled by a great defence and Cork came back with scores by Anne Comerford and Rosie Hennessy to retain their title.

On the organisational front the greatest success came late in the year with the formation of a Universities Camogie Council.

St. Patrick's Maynooth, the New University of Ulster in Coleraine and Dublin University will in future take part in the Ashbourne Cup competition which has been restructured to meet the increased membership. This advance among the institutes of Higher Education promises well for the progress of camogie at all levels through 1972.

CHAMPIONS

All-Ireland — Senior, Cork; Junior, Dublin.
Leinster — Senior, Wexford; Junior, Dublin.
Munster — Senior, Cork; Junior, Cork.
Connacht — Senior, Galway; Junior, Roscommon.
Ulster — Senior, Antrim; Junior, Armagh.
All-Ireland Colleges — St. Clare's, Newry.
All-Ireland Club—St. Paul's, Kilkenny.

Cork cleared the boards in Munster in 1971. The seniors took the premier title when they defeated Tipperary in a hard-fought game at the Mardyke. The juniors and minors kept up the good work when they completed a grand Munster treble, all at the expense of Tipperary. The minors were particularly impressive and their tremendous ability augurs well for the future of the game in Cork. It was a pity that there was not an All-Ireland championship for this age group, as no doubt this Cork team would have gone a long way towards a second All-Ireland title for the county.

The seniors and juniors reached the All-Ireland finals in Croke Park. The juniors put up a tremendous performance in the second half of their final against Dublin when an ironic feature of Dublin's in was the fact that Miriam Higgins, a Cork junior last season, played such a vital role in her former colleagues' defeat. It was a pity that Cork did not complete this grand double, but no fault to the grand girls who put up such a gallant display.

Who can forget the tremendous performance of goalie Deirdre Sutton, for so long chasing an All-Ireland medal? Or the grand defensive performances of Nuala Jennings and Mary Salter? Then there was the hard work of Angela Higgins and Marion McSweeney and the fine forward play of Kay Spillane and Phil Walsh. Certainly these girls played well enough in the second half to win, but were unfortunate in that Dublin took advantage of the Cork girls' slowness in settling down early in the game and rallied at the end for a deserved win.

BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE

But it was glory all the way in the senior final and surely all will long remember the brilliant performance of this Cork team.

When Cork defeated Kilkenny in 1970 some followers — outside of Cork, that is — felt that Cork had met Wexford on an off-day and that the final

against Wexford last September would see a different story. Certainly Wexford had a very impressive journey to the final, disposing of Dublin, Kilkenny and Antrim, three of the top teams in the country. Cork, on the other hand, were not all that impressive in disposing of Tipperary and were not really tested in the semi-final against Galway.

So they were really up against it in the final. But here Cork showed their tremendous strength when, in spite of an early onslaught by Wexford, they went on to get completely on top and proved for once and for all that they are worthy All-Ireland champions.

Every one of the 12 played her part in this game. Eleanor Cummins was in inspiring form in goal, while the defence of Marie Costane, Hannah Dineen, Anne McAuliffe and Mary Whelton gave nothing away. But it was in the centre-field, where Wexford were strongest, that Cork really excelled themselves, with Marion McCarthy, Betty Sugrue, the captain, and Pat Moloney playing way above themselves.

TRIBUTE TO TRAINER

Then, of course, you had the forwards, often a problem sector for Cork camogie, to whom Wexford had no answer. Who can forget the fantastic scoring feat of Rosie Hennessy, who made it all look so easy as she notched so many vital scores for Cork?

Anne Comerford was switched from centre to the attack for the final, and what a success this proved and, of course, there was Munster sports star Liz Garvan, and the eager and very effective Nuala Guillely. This was indeed a grand Cork side, whose fitness and great confidence was a tribute to their trainer, Mr. Jack Dempsey.

In spite of Cork's great success in Munster, the Munster team did not fare so well, going out in the semi-final. Leinster once again proved too good in this competition, easily defeating Ulster in the decider. Cork followers felt that more Cork

A year of glory for Cork teams

NOTHING SUCCEEDS like success. This was certainly the case in Cork camogie during 1971. In 1970 Cork took their first All-Ireland title for 29 years and what a boost this title proved for the year just leaving us.

players should have been selected following their grand All-Ireland win and that players selected from certain counties should have gone into training for the competition, as they were obviously way below the fitness of the Cork girls. Maybe it will be a different story next year.

COLLEGES SUCCESS

Cork were also highly successful on the colleges front. Cork won the O'Duffy Cup at the expense of Dublin, while St. Aloysius won the senior colleges championship and Mount Mercy won the junior championship. U.C.C. did not fare so well in the Ashbourne, losing to U.C.D., although they did put up a memorable performance in the decider.

On the club front, South Presentation Past Pupils completed their hat-trick of county championship titles when they had a rather easy win over Old Aloysians in the final. In the intermediate championship, Seandun proved too good for Watergrasshill, while the junior competition is not yet completed.

Old Aloysians got some consolation for their championship defeat when they won the 1970 league title, while Buttevant took the junior and Watergrasshill took the minor league titles. These were all 1970 competitions which were behind time, while the 1971 competitions are now in progress.

SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

Finally come the Cork schools competitions. Here St. Aloysius School completed a grand double by taking the Cork schools championship. Mount Mercy completed another double by taking the intermediate title, while the junior championship went to North Presentation.

It was indeed a successful year for Cork camogie and they face 1972 full of confidence. Their main target will be their third successive All-Ireland title, and maybe their second string can bring that elusive junior title to Cork in 1972.

Camogie Finals Arranged

Fixtures for the final stages of the Leinster Senior Colleges Camogie Championship were made at Saturday's meeting of Leinster Colleges Council in Dublin.

As the Northern Zone ended all square for the three teams, a play-off was arranged. Presentation, Kilkenny, got a bye and Presentation, Terenure, must play Queen of Ireland, Walkinstown, for the fourth place on January 22.

February 2 — Winners of play-off v Mercy Convent, Kilmacorthy; Presentation, Kilkenny v Presentation, Mountmellick.
February 19 — Final.

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Kingdom On The Way Up

CAMOGIE AND THE G.A.A. COMMISSION

WHILE, throughout the G.A.A. the Report of the Special Commission has no doubt been the major subject for discussion through the past few weeks, the only real talking point it provided for camogie folk, was the fact that the Commission seemingly devoted very little of its time to camogie matters.

True, they accepted a written submission from Sheila McAnulty, the secretary of the Camogie Association, but beyond making a recommendation that the Central Council of the G.A.A. should meet the Central Council of the Camogie Association to see how "the Association can co-operate to their best advantage" the Commission has no other advice to offer. And yet, in its very last paragraph it says quite naively:

"No club programme of activity could be effectively conducted without the aid of a Ladies Committee. The Association has long enjoyed the support of the ladies but too often this has been limited to the role of assisting with fund raising and with catering. While these are important, every club should seek to use the services of women in administration as well."

Far be it from me to criticise the work of the G.A.A. Commission, but did it not strike whoever wrote that paragraph I have quoted, that by far the handiest way to ensure the co-operation of the ladies would be every club in the G.A.A. to

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have a camogie club of its own as a separate branch of its activity.

But to get away from theory and down to fact. The camogie year ahead promises to be a particularly busy and exciting one, and already the scene has been set by the steady progress of the winter competitions. In the Club championship which is now played in the provinces before Christmas with the All-Ireland semi-finals scheduled for the Spring, we already, at the time of writing, have two new provincial champions in Ulster and Connacht.

Up North, Portlennone, who include Antrim All-Ireland star Mairead McAtamney, and her sister Teresa, have won the Ulster title for the first time, defeating Clann na Gael from Lurgan in the final. Out in the West Ballinasloe have also won the provincial title for the first time, defeating holders Breeffy in the final.

There must also be now new champions in Munster where holders South Presentation from Cork lost to Thurles in the semi-final and the outcome now rests between the Tipperary girls and Limerick's famed Ahane who held the Munster crown in 1968 and 1969.

In Leinster holders and All-

Ireland champions St. Paul's from Kilkenny are still there. They are due to play the Kildare champions Bradford just before Christmas and the winners will face Dublin champions Austin Stacks early in the New Year.

The way will then be clear to the All-Ireland semi-finals, in which the Leinster winners will be at home to Ballinasloe, while the Munster champions will entertain the Ulster representatives from Portlennone.

Judging by the business-like method in which the All-Ireland Colleges' Convention was conducted, there is as much energy and enthusiasm on the administration side as there is on the playing fields. At the moment the various competitions are still in the preliminary stages, but holders Presentation, Mountmellick, Mercy Convent, Ennis-corthy, Presentation, Terenure, and Walkinstown look most likely to contest the closing stages of the Stuart Cup.

In the South, Loreto Convent, Fermoy, might well upset the long supremacy of Cork's St. Aloysius, but it is too early in the day yet to forecast with any great accuracy who is likely to come out on top in the keenly contested senior competitions in Ulster and Connacht.

Congratulations to Scandun on winning the Cork Intermediate championship and to St. Mary's, Ennis-corthy, on bringing the first ever camogie championship to the town in the shadow of Vinegar Hill.

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Kerry is a county of whose camogie activities we hear all too little so I read with very great interest the annual report which secretary Sean O'Gorman, presented to the annual County Convention in Castlesland last Sunday.

It is very encouraging to hear that the number of clubs affiliated to the County Board in 1971 was ten, the greatest ever, and that all participated in the county championship. The ultimate winners were Causeway, who defeated the holders Ballyduff in the final. Causeway are also in the final of the County League in which they await the winners of the semi-final between Cloughane and Currow.

"A further nine games were," says Secretary Gorman, "played in the Carnival Tournament and there were also a number of Colleges games played."

"Therefore at least 40 games were played during the year, and an estimated 200 players participated. This represents a very welcome increase in activity on our playing fields."

CHOSEN

For the first time in Kerry, Camogie was represented by Monica Leahy, among the County Sports Stars of the Year and she and Teresa Reidy were chosen on the Munster interprovincial panel.

It is great news to hear that the game is making such excellent progress in Kerry, and it is even more heartening to learn that the standard of the game in the Kingdom must be pretty high.

In proof of this is the fact that a team from Causeway is also very much in the news in the Munster Colleges championship.

Indeed Causeway Comprehensive School is the only unbeaten side in the competition, and have beaten Loreto Fermoy who had previously inflicted on the perennial Southern champions, St.

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The Cloyne team which scored an impressive 4-3 to 2-1 win over Ovens in the Cork county junior camogie championship final at Carrigtwohill. Included—U. O'Mahony, B. Costine, M. Costine, M. Costine (captain), H. Shinnick, B. Costine, E. O'Connor, D. Ring, V. O'Sullivan, A. O'Shea, N. Gullely, G. Considine, B. Cronin.



The Ovens team defeated by Cloyne in the camogie championship final at Carrigtwohill. Included—R. O'Leary, M. Lucey, E. O'Driscoll, T. Lucey, M. McCarthy, N. Lucey, E. O'Sullivan, B. O'Leary, M. O'Driscoll, E. Aberne, A. Brennan, N. O'Driscoll.

Cloyne capture junior title

Cloyne 4-3, Ovens 2-1

CLOYNE had an impressive win over Ovens in the Cork junior camogie final at Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork, yesterday.

Undoubtedly the star of the game was Maria Costine, the Cloyne and Cork full-back, who time and time again was there to thwart the Ovens forwards.

Cloyne were on top from the very start with two fast goals in the 10th and 11th minutes from B. Cronin. Two minutes later the badly-shaken Ovens defence could do nothing to prevent N. Gullely from putting her team further ahead with a point.

Ovens replied a few minutes later when A. Brennan scored a point from 25 yards out. The game livened up and for a while it looked as though it could go any way with good attacking from both sides. However, a further goal scored by N. Gullely from 30 yards gave Cloyne the lead that they needed.

Shortly before halftime M. Costine put Cloyne further ahead when she scored a point from 40 yards to make the half-time score Cloyne 3-2, Ovens 0-1. The first score of the second half came only a minute after the resumption when A. Brennan (Ovens) got a goal from a 30-yards free. Cloyne showed their superiority when five minutes later they too scored a goal from B. Cronin and were unlucky a few minutes later to have a goal disallowed. M. Costine scored a point from a free, and with only minutes to go, A. Brennan, the captain of the Ovens team, scored a goal to leave the final score Cloyne 4-3, Ovens 2-1.

Best for Cloyne were M. Costine, H. Shinnick, N. Gullely, D. Ring, A. O'Shea and B. Cronin, while best for Ovens were T. Lucey, M. McCarthy, N. Lucey and A. Brennan.

Cloyne — U. O'Mahony, B. Costine, M. Costine (captain), H. Shinnick, B. Costine, E. O'Connor, D. Ring, V.

O'Sullivan, A. O'Shea, N. Gullely, G. Considine, B. Cronin, Ovens — R. O'Leary, M. Lucey, E. O'Driscoll, T. Lucey, M. McCarthy, N. Lucey, E. O'Sullivan, B. O'Leary, M. O'Driscoll, E. Aberne, A. Brennan, N. O'Driscoll. Referee: M. Moran (St. Aloysius and chairman of Cork County Board)



COUNTY FINAL.—The Cloyne captain and full back about to pick this ball off the ground and clear, during yesterday's Cork Co. Junior Camogie final against Ovens at Carrigtwohill. (Echo)

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St. Paul's To Go Through

By AGNES HOURIGAN

WITH the victory, for the first time, by the Tipperary champions Thurles in the Munster final of the All-Ireland club championship, we now know three of the four semi-finalists.

In with Thurles are Galway champions Ballinasloe, who have won through in Connacht, and the Antrim and Ulster standard-bearers, Portlennane.

So Leinster is now the only province that has to complete its championship. The Dublin representatives Austin Stacks are already in the final, and await the result of next Sunday's semi-final at Naas in which the Kildare title-holders Broadford take on the Leinster and All-Ireland title-holders St. Paul's from Kilkenny.

Broadford did well when winning through in their own county and they have a young and promising side, but it remains to be seen how they will fare against St. Paul's who, after all, are the team in this competition that everybody has to beat. Nobody has succeeded in beating them since they went down narrowly to Dublin's Eoghan Rua in the Leinster final of 1967 at Parnell Park.

FIRST TIME

With inter-county and inter-provincial players such as Liz Neary, Camrel O'Shea, Nuala Duncan, Helena O'Neill and young Angela Downey in their line-out, St. Paul's on the form they showed when defeating the Wexford champions from Buffer's Alley in the previous round, must be fancied.

Thurles, who recently won the Tipperary title for the first time, last Sunday won the Munster title as well. After running up a good first half lead they had to withstand a strong rally by Limerick's Ahane after the interval.

Although the Thurles side has won honours for the first time, quite a few of their line-out have won Tipperary and Munster honours with other clubs, notably Sally Long and her sister Alice, the Graham sisters and Margot Loughnane.

They must now be very well fancied indeed to make a brave bid for All-Ireland club honours which the Grahams and Longs formerly won with St. Patrick's of Glengoole-Ballinagarry.

TRIPLE TIE

The Colleges fields are quiet now until after the Christmas holidays but one Leinster problem was solved last weekend when Mountmellick defeated Enniscorthy at Mountmellick and so took first place in their section. They will thus meet the runners-up in the othergroup in the semi-finals, while Enniscorthy take on the winners.

The other section however ended in a triple tie between Terenure, Walkinstown and Killocock, and they have now to play off for those semi-final places.

The Dublin senior League provided a big surprise last week when holders Austin Stacks were narrowly beaten by a great goal from former All-Ireland star, Una O'Connor. So now Celtic are the only unbeaten side, and must be fancied to take the title if they maintain this form.

Stacks Lift Camogie Crown

AUSTIN STACKS 4-2
ST. PAUL'S 4-1

St. Paul's (Kilkenny) holders of the All-Ireland Club Camogie Championship for the past three seasons lost their crown yesterday when they were narrowly defeated by Austin Stacks (Dublin) in the Leinster final of the 1971 competition at Naas.

There was little between the sides in the first half and Austin Stacks who had a slight wind advantage just deserved their two point lead at the interval when the score stood 2-2 to 2-0.

St. Paul's went ahead after the interval when Liz Neary goalied but their lead was short lived as Austin Stacks added a goal to make their score 3-2 to 3-0 for St. Paul's.

Pauls cut their arrears to the minimum when Helena O'Neill pointed both sides exchanged goals in an exciting finish which St. Paul's missed two good chances.

The winners were best served by Anne Sheehy, Orla Ni Shiochlain, Mary Ryan and Sheila McEvoy. Best for St. Paul's were Liz Neary, Carmel O'Shea, Angela Downey and Helena O'Neill.

Scorers A. Stacks — A. Sheehy (2-1), D. Caldwell (1-0), E. Halpin (1-0), O. N. Shiochlain (0-1), St. Pauls — A. Downey (2-0), L. Neary (2-0), H. O'Neill (0-1).

A. STACKS — S. Murray, M. Ryan, B. Keenan, V. Sullivan, F. Murray, S. McEvoy, L. McEvoy, O. Ni Shiochlain, P. Brennan, A. Sheehy, E. Halpin, D. Caldwell. Sub. — A. Byrne for P. Brennan.
ST. PAULS — T. O'Neill, P. O'Shea, M. O'Neill, A. Phelan, M. Kavanagh, L. Neary, C. O'Shea, E. Doyle, P. Cody, H. O'Neill, M. Conroy, A. Downey.
Referee—Mrs. Lynch (Monaghan)

Thurles Again Co. Champions

(By CUILIN)

THURLES are again county champions and on the evidence of their sternly contested final against McDonaghs at Roscrea they seem destined to hold on to the title for some time to come and should make quite an impact on the all-Ireland club championship. They showed that they are a very fit, well-drilled outfit, boasting a high level of team work and powered by no less than nine of the county team.

McDonagh's mounted a very fine effort and for a while looked like holding the champions. Their courage and determination was amazing and their obviously planned quick start had Thurles flustered for a period. But in the final analysis Thurles are worthy champions—their strong finish was devastating and would have toppled many a county defence.

QUICK SCORE FOR McDONAGHS

From the throw in McDonaghs attacked furiously and Mable Myles collecting on the right wing sent an unstoppable shot all the way to the net.

Urged on by this early lead McDonaghs continued to press for scores but in fact it was at the other end that the next score came. A shot heading for the end line was well controlled by Beatrice Laurence and her centre was deflected to the net by a Cloughjordan defender for the equaliser.

Following this Ann Minogue rallied her side by soloing past two defenders and notching a good point. McDonagh's kept on the offensive right up to half time and kept Thurles struggling against quick tackling and first time pulling. However, the much sought after goal did not come thanks to great defensive work by Alice Perry and Mary Graham and McDonaghs had to be content with two points from frees deftly sent over by Sadie Myles.

SECOND HALF

After the resumption Thurles got the first break through when Kit Boland fastened onto a weak clearance and shot a good equalising goal. This was followed by points from Marion Troy and Margo Loughnane as Thurles slowly but surely took command and their forwards, now getting their first regular supply of the ball showed what they were capable of achieving. Thurles centre-field—out of it in the first half—were now in almost complete control and consistent first time pulling by Bernie Dowd and Kit Boland led to points by Margo Loughnane, Beatrice Lawrence and Marion Troy. These in addition to a goal worked through the combined efforts of Marion Moy-nihan and Marion Troy was sufficient to see Thurles worthy champions.

It was a fine team effort by Thurles in which all played their part. The defence stood up well to constant pressure in the first half, each girl playing her heart out—but for my money the steadiest girl in this fine Thurles defence was Alice Perry who was always cool under severe pressure and broke the heart in McDonagh's first half effort. Others deserving of special mention are Margo Loughnane, Marion Moy-nihan, Marion Troy and Ann Graham.

McDonagh's had perhaps the best player afield in full-back Betty Treacy and the best worker in Ann

Cork's Successful Year Reflected In Convention

ITS convention time again on Sunday and the satisfactory season in Cork is mirrored in the agenda for the meeting. Because of convention there are no games fixed for Sunday but there is one Munster senior colleges game on tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon.

Convention is being held in the Imperial Hotel on Sunday and only one officer is opposed. This truly reflects the wonderful job which the present Board has done over the past twelve months. Chairman, Mary Moran; Vice-Chairman, Mrs Nora Newman; Secretary, Nuala Gilly; Treasurer, Mary O'Callaghan and Registrar, Mary Nott have worked very hard to keep the wheels turning smoothly. Only Mary Nott is opposed this year and there could be a close vote between herself and Mary Heelan from Blarney.

Re-nominated also are the senior selectors, not surprising after their successful selections for the All-Ireland winning Cork team. These selectors were Mrs Nora Newman, Anna Crotty, Brid Power and Mary O'Callaghan. Added to this impressive list are the names of Mary Moran and Sheila Golden so that there is no lack of selectors available.

But it is an even longer list for the Junior and Minor selection committee where Cork's failure to win a Junior All-Ireland title is mirrored in the number of names listed.

These are Cork senior goalie Mel Cummins and Mary Crowley of S.P.P.P. Mary Moran, of Old Aloysians, Anna Crotty and Mary Nott of Glen Rovers, Joan Dwane of Cill na Mullach, Mary Heelan of Blarney, Mrs Mary Fahy of Gleann Abhair, Margaret Long of U.C.C., Mary O'Callaghan, Iniscarra and Brid Power of Youghal.

ONLY FIVE MOTIONS

There are only five motions listed this year and none of these are likely to be controversial. The first of these is put forward by St. Fanahan's who ask that the question of insurance for players be considered with each club contributing towards the premium. This would appear to be a very good suggestion but apparently this question was gone into in great detail by Central Council but a successful solution could not be found. It will be interesting to see what convention thinks.

The hardy annual of a close season — this time for the months of December and January — is also proposed by St. Fanahan's but when one considers that at the present time all the competitions of the Board cannot be finished in a whole year it seems hardly likely that a close season will be passed.

Aghabullogue put their name to a motion that a Muskerry team be entered to play in the senior championship. New teams are always welcome in the senior grade and as there are already two junior selections, Imokilly and Avondhu, a Muskerry team seems a likely follow-up.

The Munster Colleges Senior Championship is at the half way stage and the points table stands as follows:—

Club	P	W	L	Pts
Causeway Comp. Sch. (Kerry)	1	2	0	4
Loreto, Fermoy	2	1	1	2
St. Aloysius, (Cork)	2	1	1	2
Salesian, Cahercoo	2	1	1	2
St. Mary's, Newport	2	0	2	0

This puts Causeway Comprehensive School at the head of the table. It is certainly unusual to see a Kerry team leading the way in Munster but Causeway's position as leaders is very well deserved. In their opening game they overcame St.

Mary's, Newport, who are not up to their standard of previous years. But shortly before Christmas, the Kerry girls caused a major surprise by beating the fancied Loreto, Fermoy, at Ballyduff. Loreto, who had earlier defeated holders St. Aloysius, were tipped to take the title so that Causeway's win makes them worthy leaders.

Loreto may have been overconfident for this game and they were thrown out of their stride by the different style of play of the Kerry girls. They tended to become over-anxious as the game wore on and consequently lost many chances.

ST. ALS SHOULD BENEFIT

St. Aloysius, who now meet Causeway on tomorrow (Saturday), must benefit by Loreto's mistake. Causeway's great strength seems to be their ability to hold the opposition rather than outplay them. They have a trump card in Monica Leahy, a sub on this year's Munster senior team and recently nominated the Kerry camogie star of the year. They must be good to beat Loreto and it will take a strong St. Als team to beat them. However, St. Als, who must win if they are to maintain any further interest in the competition, have their big names too. Marion O'Leary, Lizzie Burns, Val Fitzpatrick, Val O'Dwyer and Colette Desmond are all very experienced and efficient players and their combined talents could prove too much for the Kerry girls especially on a Cork ground. A win, of course would put St. Als level with the leaders and with Loreto and Salesian, Cahercon, all only two points behind, this promises to be a very exciting championship indeed.

FIXTURES

Saturday, January 22 — Munster Senior Colleges Championship at Mount Mercy grounds at 3.0. St. Aloysius School v Causeway Comprehensive Sch. Referee L. O'Grady.

Sunday, January 23 — Cork Convention at Imperial Hotel at 2.0.

CAUSEWAY NO MATCH FOR ST. ALS

st. Aloysius 2-4
Causeway (Comprehensive School) nil

Causeway did not live up to their good name when they were beaten badly by a superb St. Als in the Munster Senior colleges game at Mount Mercy grounds, Cork, on Saturday.

Als opened the game with a goal by M. O'Sullivan after about 10 minutes, and M. McGarth added another fine goal before the half-time whistle blew, leaving the half-time score 2-0.

St. Als maintained their lead and, though Causeway fought hard, they could not break through the Als defence and, with four points, all by Colette Desmond, to add to their two goals, the match closed without any reply from Causeway.

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Camogie stars should be recognised

SATISFACTION with the past year was generally expressed at the Cork Camogie Convention at the Imperial Hotel, Cork, yesterday.

However, the President, Ide Bhean Uí She, said she was disappointed that camogie is not included in the Texaco All-Stars and similar awards and suggested that delegates to Central Council ensure that this is not the case in the coming year. Bean Uí She also called for more schools participation in camogie and urged those present to do their utmost to promote greater schools interest.

The Chairman, Mary Moran, recalled that three provincial and All-Ireland titles came to Cork last year. "But perhaps the most satisfying aspect of all was the high standard attained by our senior team in the All-Ireland final. This was a performance of skill, teamwork and all round ability."

PROPER COACHING

Miss Moran emphasised the need for coaching at club level and said that clubs are not sufficiently conscious of the merits of proper coaching. She praised the National Course for coaches but pointed out that, though Cork has sent three representatives to this course for the past two years, very little use was made of their services when they returned. "A more widespread use of coaching methods is one sphere in which every club in Cork could show improvement."

She suggested that delegates put this matter on the agenda of their next club meeting with the purpose of introducing some kind of coaching for players before the commencement of the 1972 championships and also with a view to selecting someone

from each club to attend a coaching course.

The Secretary, Miss Nuala Gilly stated that Cork's main targets this year will be their third All-Ireland title and that elusive junior title.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

All officers were re-elected to the Board for the coming year. Only one, Mary Nott, was opposed for re-election but defeated Mary Heelan from Blarney. The Board is as follows: Chairman, Mary Moran; Vice-chairman, Mrs. Nora Newman; Secretary, Nuala Gilly; Treasurer, Mary O'Callaghan; and Registrar, Mary Nott. Miss Mary Crowley of South Presentation Convent was appointed delegate to Munster Council and the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are delegates to Congress.

St. Fanahan's motion that the question of insurance for players be considered with each club contributing towards the premium was discussed but defeated. The question had already been gone into by Central Council but a successful solution could not be found. It was decided that a Muskerry team be entered to play in the senior championship.

The senior championship draw is as follows: South Presentation Convent v. St. Aloysius, Imokilly v. Naomh Gbnaít and U.C.C. v. Avondhu. The dates for competitions will be decided later.



Miss Nuala Gilly (Cloyne) who has been elected honorary secretary to the Cork County Camogie Board.

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St. Al's can still

retain their title

By TAOBH LINE

ST. ALOYSIUS, the Cork school that has farmed the Munster senior camogie championship for colleges ever since the competition was started some four years ago, have battled back into contention for the title once again.

Loreto, Fermoy, had provided the biggest pre-Christmas camogie shock in the South when they inflicted on St. Al's the first defeat the latter had ever sustained inside their own province in this competition. Then came sensation number two, when the Fermoy girls were in turn defeated by what looked to be a completely new camogie force, the Kerry representatives from Causeway Comprehensive School.

But last weekend the Causeway girls travelled to Cork, and were beaten by St. Al's, so now the position in this Munster Senior Championship is wide open all over again with four schools, St. Al's, Fermoy, Causeway and Salesian Convent, Cahercon, all on level terms having sustained one defeat each.

STRONG POSITION

Indeed, it may well be that St. Al's are in the strongest position now. For Causeway and Fermoy both have to travel to play Cahercon and if the Salesian girls can win both these matches they could force a play-off with St. Al's. On the other hand, the Cork holders have the easiest schedule on the

run in, and might well profit from the keen battles between their rivals to retain their title.

In the Leinster senior series, the weather held very favourably last-weekend for just long enough to permit the Northern section play-off between Walkinstown and Terenure. On the day, the Walkinstown side held the edge all through and finished deserving winners by three goals to one. They now advance to the semi-final in which they will take on Mercy Convent, Ennis-corthy, winners of the provincial junior title a year ago.

In the other semi-final, Presentation, Kilcock, had already gone through to face the holders, Presentation Convent, Mountmellick, and it is hoped to play both these games on February 5 at a Dublin venue, probably Croke Park.

ATTRACTIVE

The junior colleges' competition in Munster and Leinster resume on Saturday when the most attractive game in Leinster should be provided by the clash of two unbeaten sides, Presentation, Castlecomer, and F.C.J., Bunclody, at Castlecomer.

In Munster, Presentation, Castleconnell, who are freely tipped to take the provincial title in this grade, should further enhance their claims with a victory over St. Mary's, Limerick.

Cork Convention last weekend returned all the outgoing officers, Wicklow also convened last Sunday, and the new chairman in the Garden County is Mrs. Hugh Byrne, wife of the former President of the G.A.A. Secretary is Miss Ann le Grue (Hollywood), treasurer, Mrs. K. McAllister (Annacurra), and registrar, Miss Eileen Coffey, Tinahely.

CAMOGIE

Leinster will have a new look Club Camogie Championship competition this season as a result of a motion put forward by Dublin and passed at the Leinster Convention in Dublin.

In future the counties graded junior will play off first and the winners will go forward to compete with the senior champions for the provincial title.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mrs. J. Timmons (Dublin), outgoing; Vice chairman, Mrs. M. Corcoran (Kildare) outgoing; Secretary, Mrs. M. Mangan (Dublin); Treasurer, Miss E. O'Brien (Wexford) outgoing; Registrar, Miss S. Brock (Dublin) outgoing.



Miss Marie Costine captain of the Clonmeena camogie team with the County Junior Championship Trophy which they won for the first time photo grahed at their annual dinner at Garryvoe Hotel.

ON CAMOGIE FIELDS

By AGNES HOURIGAN

FEBRUARY has always been the month of the Ashbourne Cup series, usually the first and always the most exhilarating event of the camogie year. But this year's Ashbourne will be far and away the most important and most historic, as this time all the Universities of Ireland will be competing at one level or another.

Dublin University, the New University of Ulster at Coleraine, and St. Patrick's College, Mallow were all admitted to the competition at a meeting in Mullingar last November, and will now have taken part in the preliminary stages of the competition.

However, since the teams that compete in the preliminary rounds will be competing for the Ashbourne Shield, all the Universities will be in action in the Ashbourne series itself which should make the Galway gatherings at the end of this month one of the greatest ever festivals of camogie.

Last season, University College Dublin won title and trophy for the third successive year.

But they have since lost through graduation some of their greatest stars, including Ann Carroll, who has been the inspiration of so many U.C.D. Ashbourne sides through the past half-dozen seasons. So Dublin will be rather the outsiders of the party this time, with the favourites likely to be University College Cork who were so narrowly defeated by Dublin in that epic final at the Mardyke a

wards of Cork's All-Ireland champion side, Liz Garvan and Rosie Hennessy, the Cork girls are entitled to start favourites, but Galway have always proved very, very hard to beat on Galway ground, and this year should not prove any exception. After all, it was only in extra time that Dublin succeeded in beating Galway in last year's semi-final.

On the other hand, if there is a surprise packet that team might well prove to be Queen's, who, despite meeting with every kind of misfortune over the week-end were very unlucky to lose to Galway in the final of last year's Shield, a game that also went to extra time.

This spread of the game among the Universities is very welcome indeed, after all it is nearly forty years since there had been any newcomers to the Ashbourne Competition. Nor is the development of the game among the post-primary and post-secondary schools likely to end there. A couple of weeks ago all the other Institutes of Higher Education were invited to a meeting in Dublin, sponsored by Central Council, to see if a country-wide competition at this level could be instituted.

Last year Carysfort, Cathal Brugha Street and Sion Hill took part in such a local competition in Dublin together with a junior side from U.C.D. and though this did not seem to arouse any great enthusiasm it was at least a beginning.

It is essential that camogie gets a footing in the teachers'

and for physical education if it is going to make continued progress at all levels among the younger generation, and the sooner a competition for these Higher Education Establishments is inaugurated the better.

Meanwhile the game continues to make wonderful progress in the Secondary Schools.

The Annual Convention of the All-Ireland Colleges Council proved very successful, and it was decided to examine the feasibility of adding an All-Ireland junior championship to the existing senior championship. As fully organised junior championships now exist in all provinces this step should not present any great difficulty and it should be possible to play off the junior semi-finals and final along with the senior series. True, this might mean an extra bit of hard organisational work, as in most provinces there are more schools playing in the junior than in the senior grade, but still the difficulties should not be insuperable, and the benefits to be gained would be very great.

We are now approaching Convention time, and by the end of this month we should have a pretty clear view of what the big topics of discussion at the Annual Congress will be.

Now that the G.A.A. has entirely abolished its Ban rules, it will be interesting to see if the Camogie Association, which led the G.A.A. in its approach to the dancing rule, will be willing to end the present ban on its members playing hockey and football, as well as athletics.

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Preliminary Round Of Ashbourne Cup Tie At Mardyke

THE ASHBOURNE CUP, one of the oldest competitions in camogie changes its form this year. Over the years the three national universities — U.C.C., U.C.G. and U.C.D., as well as Queens of Belfast participated. This year three other universities have entered teams — Trinity College, Maynooth College and the New University of Ulster at Coleraine. This means that it is not now possible to play all the games in a week-end and so we have the introduction of preliminary rounds — one of which will be played at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke on tomorrow (Saturday).

Tomorrow is also an important day for the schoolgirls with vital Munster Junior Colleges clashes at Mount Mercy Grounds and Killarney, while on Sunday there are three league games.

U.C.C. came very close to winning the Ashbourne Cup last year when they played in a very exciting final against Dublin. Since then some of their players—Deirdre Garvan, Monica Lynch, Annie Roche, Mary O'Driscoll and Mary Ita O'Sullivan have qualified and are no longer eligible to play. Liz Garvan, the star of their Dublin game last season, is presently taking a break from the game and will not be playing tomorrow. Though her absence is a great blow to Cork's hopes it should be off-set to some degree by the valuable newcomers to College this season. These include Cork senior star forwards Rosie Hennessy and Pat Moloney as well as the grand Cork junior defender Nuala Jennings. U.C.C. have other competent players in Rose Long, Honor Lynch, Nora May Lynch, Sheila Ryan and Anne O'Dwyer.

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED

What of Queens? They have always been considered an easy draw. However reports from the

North indicate that the standard of their present side shows a considerable improvement. Lily Spence is coaching their Ashbourne team this season and her influence should make a great difference. Of course with the advantage of a home venue and with the present strife in the North, Cork must start as favourites.

U.C.C. would not want to be complacent about this game though, as they must win if they are to qualify for the semi-finals to be played later in the month at Galway. The losers of the preliminary rounds will also be in Galway, but they will compete for the Dureacht (Losers Cup). So to take part in the Ashbourne proper Cork must win on Sunday.

The Senior Colleges Championship is now wide open again as St. Aloysius defeated leaders Causeway on Saturday last. None of the Cork schools will be involved in this campaign tomorrow but all will eagerly await the result of the Causeway — Cahercon game. At the moment four teams are neck and neck but with two of these involved on tomorrow afternoon it could be a different story again after the weekend.

JUNIOR SIDES

The Cork junior teams are involved tomorrow, however, with Mount Mercy meeting Loretto, Fermoy at the former's grounds and Drishane Convent travelling to Killarney to take on the Loretto team there.

Drishane defeated Mercy Convent, Tralee in the only game they have played so far while Killarney dropped two points to Cloghane. With Drishane due to meet Cloghane late in the

month in the final game of the section, a win against Killarney would make their position very strong indeed.

Mount Mercy, who drew with North Presentation and beat Carrick-on-Suir, should proceed at the expense of Loretto, Fermoy, but it should be a closely contested affair.

Out this week is the latest edition of "Camogie" the Association's own magazine. This will be of particular interest to Cork followers as it features an article and many action pictures of Cork's All-Ireland win. There is also a very interesting article on the uniform "To change or not to change", which shows a number of very chic sketches from fashion designer Nelli Mulcahy. The magazine once again includes such articles as "Spotlight on a Star"; "Improve Your Camogie" an article on girls playing handball, as well as many more interesting features. The magazine, which is available from the Co. Board at 15p is well worth having and is deserving of the support of all followers.

in senior competition when they take on the girls from Queen of Ireland, Walkinstown.

Enniscorthy had a victory to their credit over the holders, Presentation, Mountmellick in the League stages of the competition, and that form should be good enough to see them through. Walkinstown, however after an uncertain start, have been improving steadily, and, having won their way through to this stage in a play-off with Presentation Treenure, should give a very good account of themselves.

Mountmellick, although, on the evidence to date, not quite the force they were last year, still look to have too much talent for Presentation Kilcock in the other semi-final.

In Munster, Salesian, Cahercon and Causeway Comprehen-

sive meet in a vital senior game at Cahercon. The loser here will be out of contention.

The semi-final stage has also been reached in the Connacht senior Colleges competition. In one, Convent of Mercy, Glenamaddy will take on Convent of Mercy, Tuam, while, in the second, the Convent of Jesus and Mary Gortnor Abbey await the outcome of a delayed game between the Presentation Schools of Athenry and Oranmore.

All concerned with the week-end games are reminded of the directive from the executive of the Camogie Association that a two-minute silence be observed before all matches in sympathy with the relatives of the 13 men who were shot down in Derry on Sunday last.

Ashbourne Cup win for U.C.C.

U.C.C. 2-0, Queens 3-0

U.C.C. advanced to the Ashbourne Cup competition proper when they defeated Queens in the preliminary round at the Mardyke, Cork on Saturday.

In the first half there was little between the sides and the winners turned over with only a point advantage, 1-4 to 2-0.

However in the second half with Cork senior star, Rosie Hennessy, in brilliant form, the Cork side maintained the pressure and ran out deserving winners by a margin of two goals.

Scorers for U.C.C. were Rosie Hennessy 0-7, Bertie Field 1-0, Ann O'Dwyer 1-0 and Honor Lynch 0-2. Queens scores came from goals by Angela McGuirk 1-0, Ailish Hodge and Jean McRaynor.

Ashbourne Cup

UNIVERSITY College, Dublin, the holders, and the University of Ulster, Coleraine, qualified for the inter-varsity camogie series, the Ashbourne Cup, which will be played at Galway on February 19 and 20, when they defeated St. Patricks, Maynooth and Trinity College, Dublin, respectively.

U.C.D. 11-2
Maynooth 0-0

U.C.D., after leading 4-2 to nil at half time, continued to dominate the exchanges in the second half. Their scorers were M. Ni Shuilleabhain (5-2), M. Sheridan (3-0), M. Varley (1-0), A. Ni Ghormain (1-0), C. Harrington (1-0).

University of Ulster,
Coleraine 6-2
Trinity College 0-0

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IMPORTANT GAMES

There will also be some very important games tomorrow on the Colleges field, high-lighted by the two Leinster senior semi-finals at Croke Park. In the opening game there, last year's provincial junior champions, Enniscorthy will be endeavouring to make their mark

Mountmellick and Enniscorthy clash

PRESENTATION Convent, Mountmellick, the holders, and Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy, last year's junior champions, qualified for the Leinster Senior Colleges Camogie championship final when they defeated Presentation, Kilcock, and Queen of Ireland, Walkinstown, respectively yesterday.

Presentation, Mountmellick, 9-3; Presentation, Kilcock, 0-0. Scorers—M. Doyle (3-3), M. Delaney (2-0), M. Maloney (2-0), M. Furlong (2-0).

Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy, 2-3; Queen of Ireland, Walkinstown, 2-1.

Scorers — Enniscorthy — M. Darcy (1-2), S. O'Brien (0-1), A. Spratt (1-0), Walkinstown — F. Sutton (2-0), T. Twomey (0-1).

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● The Queen's University team which lost to U.C.C. in the Ashbourne Camogie Cup at the Mardyke, Cork.

By AGNES HOURIGAN
The bad weather last weekend washed out the Leinster senior colleges camogie semi-finals, and further difficulties arose when efforts were made to play off both semi-finals together again in Dublin this weekend. So, with the consent of all four schools concerned, it was decided to toss for venue.

The luck of the coin favoured the holders Presentation Mountmellick and last year's junior champions, Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy. So, tomorrow Mountmellick will be at home to Presentation Convent, Kilcock in one semi-final, while Queen of Ireland, Walkinstown must travel to play Enniscorthy in the other.

On what we have seen in the competition to date, Mountmellick must be fancied to account for the Co. Kildare rivals from Kilcock, but Walkinstown, who have been improving with every recent appearance, could give the Wexford girls a good run for the honours, even at Enniscorthy. The Leinster final, for which the much-coveted Stuart Cup is the trophy is scheduled to be played at Croke Park on February 26.

To fit in with the altered senior schedule, there have been some readjustments on the Leinster junior list. The venues of two matches have been changed. The Mountmellick versus Callan match has been transferred from Callan to Mountmellick and the Kilkenny v Enniscorthy match has also been switched from Kilkenny to Enniscorthy.

Actually, these changes do not affect the over-all situation

Mountmellick Fancied To Account For Kildare Side

CAMOGIE ROUND-UP

as the second-leg matches have yet to be played and will now be at the home venues of the schools that travel tomorrow.

In the other Purcell Cup games tomorrow, Athy entertain Clane, and Durrow travel to play Bunclody.

Indeed tomorrow is a particularly busy day for in the Eastern Province as the annual Leinster Council Convention is also being held at 6 North Great Street starting at 2.30. The Chairman, Mrs. Timmons (Dublin), Treasurer Miss O'Brien (Wexford) and Registrar Miss Brack (Dublin) will all be returned unopposed, but the Secretary, Miss Pat Rafferty (Dublin) is not seeking re-election. There are four candidates nominated, Miss Ann Carroll (Kilkenny), Miss Anne Ashton (Dublin), Miss P. Breslin (Dublin) and Mrs. Mangan (Dublin).

Wicklow, Wexford and Louth all call for the abolition of the Ban on hockey and football, and it is interesting to note that a similar motion has already been sent forward to Congress from the Dublin Convention.

Kilkenny ask that the present uniform be changed to divided

skirts, blouses and knee-length socks. As similar motions have been defeated in previous years, and as a report on the entire question of the uniform is awaited from a Commission set up by a previous Congress, it is difficult to see any definitive action being taken on this motion at the moment.

Kilkenny ask that the All-Ireland Club championship be played during the summer, while Dublin want a preliminary competition in this club championship for the junior counties.

Despite bad weather, the first round of the new Ashbourne Cup inter-varsity competition was successfully completed. Holders, U.C.D. proved too strong for Maynooth at Belfield. Coleraine surprised by their clear-cut victory over Trinity at Santry, but U.C.C. had to battle all the way to account for a very lively Queen's team at The Mardyke.

So the way is now clear to the semi-finals in which U.C.G. take on U.C.D. and U.C.C. play Coleraine on February 19 in Galway, with the final on the following day.

The Ashbourne Shield will this year be competed for at the same time also in Galway.

by the defeated quarter-finalist with the issue most likely to rest between Maynooth and Queen's.



ONE FOR QUINN... [unclear] second goal in the Ashbourne Cup game with U.C.C. at the Mardyke

Cup win for U.C.C.

U.C.C. 2-9, Queens 3-0

U.C.C. advanced to the Ashbourne Cup competition proper when they defeated Queens in the preliminary round at the fardyke, Cork on Saturday. In the first half there was little between the sides and the winners turned over with only a point advantage, 1-4 to 2-0.

However in the second half with Cork senior star, Rosie Hennessy, in brilliant form, the Cork side maintained the pressure and ran out deserving winners by a margin of two points.

Scorers for U.C.C. were Rosie Hennessy 0-7, Bertie Field 1-0, Dan O'Dwyer 1-0 and Honor Lynch 0-2. Queens scores came from goals by Angela McGuirk 0-1, Ailis Hodge and Jeanie Raynor.

Ashbourne Cup

UNIVERSITY College, Dublin, the holders, and the University of Ulster, Coleraine, qualified for the inter-varsity camogie series, the Ashbourne Cup, which will be played at Galway on February 19 and 20, when they defeated St. Patricks, Maynooth and Trinity College, Dublin, respectively.

U.C.D. 11-2

Maynooth 0-0

U.C.D., after leading 4-2 to nil at half time, continued to dominate the exchanges in the second half. Their scorers were M. Ni Shuilleabhain (5-2), M. Sheridan (3-0), M. Varley (1-0), A. Ni Ghormain (1-0), C. Harrington (1-0).

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CAMOGIE.—The U.C.C. team which defeated Queen's University, in the Ashbourne Cup game at the Mardyke, Cork, on Saturday.

FRONT - Nuala JENNINGS, Honor LYNCH, Margaret LONG (CAPT.)
Betty FIELD, Pat MOLONEY

BACK:- ROSIE HENNESSY, Sheila RYAN, Louise O'CONNOR,
Mary O'BRIEN, Anne O'DWYER, Nora May LYNCH
+ Rose LONG.



Margaret Long, the U.C.C. full-back, gets the ball out to team-mate Mary O'Brien (right) during a Q.U.E. attack in the Ashbourne Cup game at the Mardyke, Cork, on Saturday.

Kerry Again Seek To Debar Cork And Tipp From M.J.C.

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Castleisland, Co. Kerry, is the venue for Munster Convention this year—the date tomorrow (Sunday). Tomorrow too will be an important day for the colleges with vital games listed and there are also Intermediate and Under 18 league games down for decision.

Only one of the officers of the Munster Council is opposed—Cris O'Connell of Limerick, the Vice-Chairman. Rev. Sister Angela, who is connected with Colaiste Mhuire team and who organised a colleges coaching course in Clare recently is nominated by Clare. Sr. Angela is keenly interested in camogie and could become the first nun to be a member of a Provincial Council. Pauline Ryan from Cork, who was also nominated for this position is not going forward, so, it will be a straight contest between Cris O'Connell, a long-serving member of the Association and Sr. Angela.

The remaining members of the Council have all been nominated without opposition. They are Chairman, Miss Lil O'Grady (Cork); Treasurer, Miss Mary Moran (Cork); Secretary, Miss Eithne Neville (Limerick) and Registrar, Mrs. Kitty Flaherty (Tipperary).

NEUTRAL REFEREE

There are a number of interesting motions listed for convention. The first of these comes from Cork and calls for a referee from outside the province to officiate at the Munster senior final. Cork followers are definitely very anxious that this motion be passed and no doubt it will receive similar support from the other Munster counties as a neutral referee is always desirable.

Kerry are calling for a change in Munster competitions which they feel will help the weaker counties. They suggest a senior and intermediate championship for the stronger counties and intermediate and junior competitions for the weaker counties.

Kerry had this motion in last year when it was defeated. The idea is to debar Cork and Tipperary from the Munster junior championship. This would be alright if the winners of the proposed intermediate competition would be allowed to go forward to the All-Ireland junior semi-final but, not

unnaturally, other provinces may say no to that. Therefore, if Kerry have their way Cork and Tipperary would be out of the junior All-Ireland which must arouse the strongest opposition from these two counties.

NEW CHAMPIONSHIP PROPOSED

County Clare also come up with a new competition—this time an Under 21 championship. This would again seem to be out as Munster already have an Under 18 competition and it is felt that with that and the junior, intermediate and senior competitions that the majority of the Under 21 players are catered for.

Tipperary suggest that if there are only two teams in the senior grade each year that it would be better financially for Munster Council if the final were to be played at a Tipperary venue one year and a Cork venue the next. This would seem to be a reasonable suggestion.

These are just some of the motions which should provide the delegates with plenty of talking points. Finally there is a recommendation from Cork that should a Munster team be involved in the All-Ireland final that selection of the Munster team be deferred until after the game. This is no doubt following on Munster's defeat in the semi-final of the Gael Linn Cup last year when it was felt by Cork that they should have had a larger representation on the team following their tremendous win in the All-Ireland final.

TOMORROW'S GAMES

There are two big games in the Munster Colleges Championship on Sunday. St. Aloysius, who played themselves back into the reckoning by defeating leaders Causeway, travel to Newport where they should account for the local side, who have yet to win a point.

Loreto (Fermoy) journey to Cahercon for yet another vital game against Salesian Convent. The Fermoy girls started the season brilliantly by defeating holders St. Aloysius. Since then, however, they lapsed to Causeway and the St. Aloysius in the Cork League. So a win against Cahercon who are playing so well this season is an absolute necessity if they are to stay in the race.

In the only Intermediate League game listed for the weekend Watergrasshill meet Churchtown at Middleton and here the latter could be struggling against the efficient Watergrasshill girls. In the final match of the day Canovee meet Castleview in the Under 18 League and here the latter can make sure of winning their section of the competition by accounting for the Canovee girls.

CORK WOMAN RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN

Miss Lil Grady, Cork, was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Munster Camogie Council at the annual convention in Castleisland yesterday. Other officers are: Vice-chairman, Sr. M. Angela, Clare; Treasurer, Miss Mary Moran, Cork; Secretary, Miss Etna Neville, Limerick; Registrar, Mrs. Kathleen Flaherty, Tipperary.

Tipperary are drawn at home to Cork in the Munster senior championship. Other draws made were: Junior—(A) Cork v. Kerry; (B) Waterford v. Limerick; (C) Clare v. winners of (A); (D) Tipperary v. winners of (B).

Under 18—(A) Kerry v. Waterford; (B) Cork v. Clare; (C) Limerick v. winners of (A); (D) Tipperary v. winners of (B).

Inter-club—(A) Limerick v. Cork; (B) Kerry v. Clare; (C) Waterford v. winners of (A); (D) Tipperary v. winners of (B).
First out has choice of venue.

UCD In For Tough Time

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE competitive camogie season will really get into its stride this weekend with two eagerly awaited events, the climax of the inter-varsity championships for the Ashbourne Cup at Galway, and the final of the Munster senior colleges championship at Fermoy.

The Ashbourne semi-finals go on tomorrow, with the host college, U.C. Galway, taking on U.C. Dublin, holders for the past three seasons, while the most fancied of the four survivors from the preliminary rounds, U.C. Cork, oppose the surprise packets of the competition, the University of Ulster from Coleraine.

Holdings Dublin have lost several of last year's stars, but they still have inter-county players Sheila Murray, Vera Sullivan and Claire Harrington on the active list, while such as Mary O'Hehir, Brenda Devlin and Maura O'Sullivan all played major parts in achieving that remarkable victory in last year's final against Cork at the Mardyke.

However, it must be remembered, it was only in extra time that Dublin shook off the Galway challenge last year, and on home ground, the Galway girls will make a bold bid to end Dublin's winning sequence.

FAVOURITES

At the start of the season, Cork, who had gone so close to victory a year ago, were firm favourites to take the title this time. Since then, however, they have lost the services of their All-Ireland star, Liz Garvan, who is out of camogie at the moment.

However, the Cork college has another All-Ireland star in Rosie Hennessy. It was her opportunism which saw the Southern side through in an exciting quarter-final against Queen's, and if she maintains that form now, she could well carry Cork through to victory, not only over Coleraine tomorrow but over the winner's of the Galway v Dublin game in Sunday's final.

The Ashbourne Shield will be competed for this year by the quarter-final losers. As Dublin University are unlikely to travel, this final is likely to be fought out between Queen's and Maynooth.

On their form against Cork, the Belfast students must be

fancied, but Maynooth will, I think, have learned a lot from their defeat by U.C.D. and could put up a surprisingly good display.

The Munster final in the colleges grade will be the chief talking point in camogie circles in Cork tomorrow.

SENSATION

Loreto Fermoy caused a sensation earlier in the season when they defeated St. Aloysius, who have won the Munster colleges title every year since the start of the competition. But, then, the Fermoy girls lost to Causeway Comprehensive, who in turn lost to St. Al's.

Cahercon then defeated Causeway but, in turn went down to Fermoy, so the eventual outcome of this seesaw campaign is that now Fermoy and St. Al's meet again with the Cup and medals at stake this time.

On previous form, Fermoy, on home ground, are entitled to start slight favourites, but St. Al's tend to improve with each outing, and may reverse that previous result and hold on to their jealously guarded title.

There were few changes of officers at the Munster and Leinster conventions last weekend. In Leinster, Mrs. Mangan (Dublin) succeeds Pat Rafferty as secretary. In Munster, history was made last Sunday when for the first time a nun, Sister Angela from Ennis, became an officer of the council. A great enthusiast for the game, Sister Angela was elected vice-chairman.

Galway inter-county player and former Ashbourne Cup star from U.C.G., Jane Murphy from Mountbellew, who now plays her club camogie with Ballinasloe, was elected chairman of the Connacht Camogie Council at the annual convention in Claremorris last Sunday. Vera Mannion is vice-chairman, while the secretary is Nuala Kavanagh (Sligo).



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Colleges Final At Fermoy

TOMORROW (Saturday) is a big day for camogie followers with the Munster Senior Colleges' final at Fermoy and the Ashbourne Cup semi-finals at Galway. On Sunday the Ashbourne final will be played also at Galway, while at home there are two league games.

This season's Munster Senior Colleges' Championship has been the best competition since its inauguration in 1968. Up to now the competition was completely dominated by St. Als — particularly in the first two years when they had no trouble at all. However, it was a very different story this season with four colleges still involved in the outcome up to the final series in the league. It is gratifying that two of these — Causeway and Cahercon — come from very weak counties. In recent weeks Cahercon overcame Causeway — who were the first Kerry team to lead the league table for a period. In turn Loreto, who had earlier been defeated by Causeway had a two goal victory over Cahercon. St. Aloysius the last of the four involved to the end had an easy final game winning well against Newport, who were the only team to make little impression.

Now we come to the final on tomorrow (Sat.) afternoon, when old rivals St. Aloysius meet Loreto in an all Cork play-off. There is little between these sides. Loreto beat St. Als in the opening round. Then St. Als reversed that decision when they met in the Cork Schools League. But it was only Causeway's win over Loreto which allowed St. Als back into the running for the championship as the Fermoy girls had been undefeated until then. Both teams defeated the very strong Cahercon side by the same two goal margin.

INDIVIDUAL STARS

St. Aloysius do not possess such individual stars as in former years and they had to introduce a number of new players to the side this season. But this team has the ability to fight back — a very vital asset in this season of close competition. They have a grand defence

in which Gerarda Barry has shone all season. Marion O'Leary, Liz Burns, and Marcella Murphy are their other very competent defenders. In the centre too St. Als are strong with Val O'Dwyer, Phil Walsh and Ger. Butler. Their forwards are very young, but if Colette Desmond strikes the form which she did against Newport she will keep the Loreto defence busy. The other forwards, Val Fitzpatrick, Marie O'Sullivan and Mary McGrath are all capable of snapping up the chances.

What of Loreto? The Fermoy girls started the season brilliantly, faded a bit, but have come back again to their best form. They have a sound goalie in Deirdre Quinlan and they also have exceptionally good Colleges players in Marion Sweeney, Angela Higgins and Finula McCarthy. Of course, Loreto also have the advantage of a home venue for this game which could be a big help but with a place in the All-Ireland Colleges semi-finals at stake as well as the Munster title, St. Als will not relinquish their title so easily. So the tie has all the ingredients of a thriller.

NECK AND NECK

In the Junior Colleges' competition there has also been a lot of excitement which will be taken a stage further tomorrow also. This will be a section play-off between Mount Mercy and North Presentation. These sides have been going neck and neck all season. They drew when they met in the first round of the competition and neither has been beaten since. The winners of this tie will meet either Cloghane or Drishane in the semi-final of Munster Colleges' so there is a great deal at stake in this game also.

U.C.C. will be in Galway for the Ashbourne Cup this weekend. On tomorrow they meet Coleraine in the first semi-final with U.C.D. and U.C.G. clashing in the other. U.C.C. though they beat Queens in the preliminary round in Cork were not too happy with their performance. They will be hoping for an improvement this weekend to make amends for their narrow defeat of last year. Coleraine are new to the competition and reports from the North indicate that they are not a strong side. This should mean that U.C.C. would qualify for the final on Sunday, but should they do so, they will be up against very different competition. Dublin have lost Anne Carroll but they still carry many big names while Galway have the advantage of home venue and support.

However, U.C.C. should be able to meet the challenge as on paper they have a very good side. They have two Cork senior forwards in Pat Moloney and Rosie Hennessey who must be a great asset to the Cork side. They have Nora May Lynch, Rose Long, Honor Lynch, Anne O'Dwyer and Betty Field all very capable players, and to complete the line-up they have Sheila Ryan, Margaret Long, Mary O'Brien, Aileen O'Driscoll and Louise O'Connor all girls who will do their utmost to bring the title back to Cork with them.

Talented Cork Take Title

U.C.C. 1-9
U.C.D. 2-1

University College, Cork, scored a well-deserved but hard-earned victory over University College, Dublin, the holders, when they showed too much talent for the champions at Galway yesterday and won back the Ashbourne Intervarsity Camogie Cup which they last held in 1967.

Cork were clearly on top through the first half, at the end of which they led 1-2 to 0-1. After the interval Dublin brought goalkeeper Sheila Murray to mid-field and she was the driving force behind the great rally that brought the holders level 1-4 to 2-1 with less than 10 minutes left for play. But Cork's ability to pick up points proved the decisive factor in an exciting finish.

Goalkeeper Sheila Ryan, Margaret Long, Pat Maloney,

Honor Lynch, and Rosie V. Hennessey were outstanding for Cork, while Sheila Murray, Claire Harrington, Vera Sullivan, Frances Moore and Mary O'Hehir were prominent for Dublin.

Score: U.C.C. — R. Hennessey (1-3); H. Lynch (0-4); P. Maloney (0-2). U.C.D. — M. Sheridan, S. Murray (1-0 each); M. Ni Shuilleabhain (0-1).

U.C.C. — S. Ryan; M. Long, N. Jennings, M. P. O'Brien, R. Long, N. M. Lynch; L. O'Connor, P. Maloney, H. Lynch; E. Field, R. Hennessey, A. O'Dwyer.

U.C.D. — S. Murray, C. Harrington, P. Mulholland, V. Sullivan; H. O'Hehir, M. Clossick; P. Moore, H. Devlin, A. Ni Ghormain; A. McEvoy, E. Hearne, M. Ni Shuilleabhain. Subs.—M. Sheridan for E. Hearne and M. Varley for H. Devlin.

First Honour For Queens

QUEEN'S UNIV. 6-2
ST. PATRICK'S 1-1

After many years of striving Queen's University, Belfast, won their first Intervarsity Camogie honour when they defeated St. Patrick's, Maynooth, in the final of the Ashbourne Shield at Galway.

Queen's had much the better of the first half and deservedly led 4-1 to nil at the interval. But Maynooth showed considerable improvement on the restart and put up a far better show than the final scoreline implies.

Score: Q.U.B. — M. Matthews and A. Marron (2-0 each); M. Neeson, C. McConville (1-0 each); K. See (0-2). Maynooth — N. Delaney (1-0); A. Hogan (0-1).

St. Als are champions once again

St. Aloysius 5-1
Loreto, Fermoy 2-2

In a thrilling game at Fermoy on Saturday, St. Aloysius continued their dominance of the Munster Colleges scene by winning their fifth successive senior championship.

Loreto made the early running but were unable to convert their advantage into scores. Fifteen minutes had elapsed before Mary Roche broke the deadlock with a point for Loreto. St. Als quickly replied with a goal and a point by their captain, Marion O'Leary, to put them in front by 1-1 to 0-1 at half-time.

Marion O'Leary played a captain's part for the winners. She was ably supported by Gerarda Barry, Phil Walsh and Colette Desmond. For Loreto, Marion Sweeney was in great form. Not far behind her came Mary Roche, N. O'Farrell and M. O'Brien. This match was a fitting climax to the greatest season yet in the Munster Colleges championships. St. Als have qualified for the All-Ireland Colleges semi-final to be played in Cork on the 4th March against the Connacht champions.

Mount Mercy College ... 4-0
North Presentation 3-0

In a very close encounter Mount Mercy managed to finish in front of their close rivals in their section play-off of the Munster Colleges Junior championship. They now face the winners of the Drishane-Cloghane match in the Munster semi-final.

U.C.D., U.C.C. in camogie final

U.C.D., the holders, and U.C.C., will meet in the Ashbourne Cup Universities' Camogie championship final at Galway today. In the semi-final at the same venue yesterday, U.C.D. beat U.C.G. 1-4 to 1-2; while U.C.C. scored a runaway 14-8 to 0-0 over the new University of Ulster (Coleraine).

U.C.D. 1-4; U.C.G. 1-2

U.C.D. owe a great deal to their goalkeeper Sheila Murray for surviving the Galway challenge. In addition to bringing off many fine saves, she accounted for 1-2 of the winning total from frees. Dublin let by 0-2 to 0-1 at half-time.

Score: U.C.D.—C. Harrington (0-1), E. Hearne (0-1), S. Murray (1-1). U.C.G.—Pat Feeney (1-2).

U.C.C. 14-8
New University of Ulster ... 0-0

After leading N.U.U. by 9-5 to 0-0, U.C.C. could afford the luxury of retiring their county stars Rosie Hennessey, Honor Lynch and Pat Moloney at half-time to keep them fresh for today's final against U.C.D.

Score: U.C.C.: R. Hennessey (8-4), A. O'Dwyer (3-2), M. Keating (2-1), H. Lynch (1-1).

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Cork City girls take honours

By TAOBH LINE

IT WAS a good week-end for Cork City on the Camogie fields with the girls from University College recovering the Ashbourne inter-varsity camogie cup and St. Aloysius retaining the Munster Colleges Championship which the school has held since this competition was instituted.

Considering the heavy condition of the pitch at Pearse Stadium the Ashbourne Cup final in direct contrast to Saturday's semi-finals, produced camogie of excellent standard. This I thought was one of the best sides I have seen carry the U.C.C. banner in a long, long time, and early on it looked like they would race to an easy victory over a U.C.D. line-up that had been extended to the utmost to account for a surprisingly good Galway side on the Saturday.

But what many of this Dublin side may have lacked in craft and experience they made up for by their tremendous spirit and determination.

Goalkeeper Sheila Murray came outfield in a second-half bid to save the day, and Dublin rallied so magnificently that with ten minutes to go the outcome was still very much in the balance.

However, Cork's all-round power told its tale in the end, and the U.C.C. girls reasserted themselves to gain a hard-earned but well-deserved victory.

Meanwhile the camogie team from Queen's University had earned their first inter-varsity honour by winning the Ashbourne Shield, confined this year to the losers group from the preliminary rounds. The Belfast side finished clear-cut winners over Maynooth, but the latter on their first appearance in this series have no reason for being discouraged. Indeed Maynooth's obvious difficulty is lack of match-play, and I feel that if they could have a half-dozen practice matches through the Autumn they might be quite a force in next year's Ashbourne.

SWEET REVENGE

St. Aloysius not only retained their Munster Colleges crown but had the satisfaction of defeating in the final Loreto Fermoy, who earlier in the series had inflicted on them the only defeat the Cork school had ever sustained in Munster competition. This time, however, St. Aloysius played with great determination, and though the Fermoy school battled all the way finished good winners by double scores, 5-1 to 2-2.

This week-end, the Leinster Colleges final at Croke Park tomorrow and the first of the All-Ireland Club Championship semi-

finals at Thurles on Sunday provide the main attractions.

At Croke Park, Presentation Convent Mountmellick, who won the Stuart Cup for the first time last season take on Mercy Convent Enniscorthy, who last year also came into the honours list for the first time when they won the Leinster Junior Championship and the Purcell Cup.

These two teams will be meeting for the third time tomorrow, as they each had one victory over the other in the League section. Since then Mountmellick had a clear-cut win over Kilcock in one semi-final while Enniscorthy had a very close call from Walkinstown in the other. On earlier form there can be little between two good sides, but Mountmellick have shown the greater improvement since the start of the competition and on that account must get the vote to retain both title and trophy.

In the club championship semi-final, two teams, Thurles (Tipperary) and Ballinasloe (Galway) that have won provincial titles for the first time will be battling for a place in the provincial final.

But Thurles have in their ranks several players who have already starred both with Tipperary or with St. Patrick's of Glengoole-Ballingarry, now including the Grahams, the Longs and Margot Loughnane and they will be favourites to win especially on home ground.

Ballinasloe, who this year won the Galway Championship for the first time are something of an unknown quantity, but they have at least two very talented and experienced players in present and past Ashbourne Cup stars, Pat Feeney and Jane Murphy, not go down easily.



CAMOGIE FINAL.—Top: St. Aloysius, Cork, team who defeated Loreto Convent, Fermoy, (below), by 5-1 to 2-2, in the final of the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie Championship at Fermoy. (Frank O'Brien)



CAMOGIE PRESENTATION. — Miss O'Connell, chairman, Munster Council, presents the cup to Marion O'Leary, captain of St. Aloysius, Cork team winners over Loreto Convent, Fermoy, in the final of the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie Championship.

Austin Stacks can get to final

By TAOBH LINE

CAMOGIE enthusiasts again have plenty to attract them this weekend, with the first of the all-Ireland Colleges semi-finals at Cork on Saturday and the second of the all-Ireland club championship semi-finals at Randalstown, County Antrim on Sunday.

In the Colleges' game, Munster champions, St. Aloysius are at home to Presentation Oranmore, the Connacht representatives, in the Cork Athletic Grounds while the club game is between Ulster and Antrim Champions Portglenone and Dublin's Austin Stacks.

At Aloysius were beaten for the first time ever in Munster competition early this season by Loreto Fermoy, but battled back to meet the Fermoy girls again in a play-off and this time won well. Their opponents, Oranmore, were also Connacht champions last year and do not lack experience.

They retained their title last week-end when they defeated Glenamaddy in very bad conditions in a closely-contested game at Tuam.

St. A's may not be quite up to their own high standard of previous years but on home ground they should still be good enough to reach the final.

CLUB CLASH

In the club championship, Portglenone have two great stars in the McAtamney sisters, and came well through Antrim and Ulster. But I doubt if they can muster the all-round power of Austin Stacks who will have such stars as Orla ni Shiochain, Anne Sheehy, Mary Ryan, Brid Keenan, Sheila Murray, Vera Sullivan and Dymphna Caldwell all with inter-county and All-Ireland experience.

So Stacks despite having obvious travel difficulties, must be

pre-match favourites to go through to the final for which Munster champions Thurles have already qualified by defeating Ballinasloe the Connacht representatives at Thurles on Sunday last.

This was a game which was spoiled by the weather, as the already heavy pitch was made even more difficult by consistent rain. Thurles just about deserved their victory but Ballinasloe put up an unexpectedly brave battle.

However, the standard of camogie was never what one would have expected in an All-Ireland semi-final, though one hopes that the robustness of the play can largely be blamed on the pitch.

On Sunday, the Combined Universities side travel to Galway to play the home county. Because of the all-Ireland club semi-final, some of the U.C.D. Ashbourne players who play their club camogie in Dublin with Austin Stacks, are not available for the Galway game.

The combined Universities line out is: S. Ryan (U.C.C.); M. Hughes (U.C.G.); M. Long (U.C.C.), A. Dwane (U.C.G.), M. O'Hehir (U.C.D.), K. Fee (Queens), P. Moloney (U.C.C.), N. Lynch (U.C.C.); P. Feeney (U.C.G.), H. Lynch (U.C.C.), A. Marrian (Queens), R. Hennessy (U.C.C.).

Tomorrow will be a busy day too on the junior Colleges fields with both semi-finals listed in Munster. Rathkeale v Cloghanna at Rathkeale, and Cloghanna v Mount Mercy, at Cloghane.

Castlecomer In Quarter-Finals

By AGNES HOURIGAN

BY far the busiest camogie competition ever organised on a provincial basis has been the Leinster junior Colleges championship, for which the entry was so great that the province had to be divided into seven zones.

As the winners of each zone were decided on a League system with each team playing the other twice, home and away, more than 100 matches have had to be played to decide the zone winners.

Yet every section finished to schedule and there was only one play-off. This was in zone 6, in which two outstanding teams, Castlecomer and Bunclody, having each defeated the other in league games, had to meet for a third time.

This game, played just before Easter, was won by Castlecomer, by a single point, after what is accepted as one of the best Junior College games ever played in Leinster.

So Castlecomer now go through to the quarter-finals in which they face another stiff hurdle as they will be opposed by the Dublin side from Dominican Convent, Eccles Street.

FAVOURER

All these quarter-finals will be played on April 15, and here the luck of the draw has favoured a previous winner, Presentation Kilkenny, who have got the bye into the semi-finals.

The other quarter-finals are between the second Dublin zone winners, King's Inn and Kildare, while the lively Co. Louth side from Ardee will be opposed by another Kildare school, Mercy Athy. The semi-finals of this competition will both be played on April 29 and the final on May 13.

In the meantime we will have had the eagerly awaited All-Ireland Senior Colleges' final on April 22, in which two schools who have never before reached this stage, Presentation Oranmore and St. Louis Kilkeel, should provide a game well up to the high standard already set by previous finals.

Both teams achieved very meritorious semi-final victories even though having to travel. Oranmore defeated Munster champions St. Aloysius at Cork, while Kilkeel were undaunted by the long road to Co. Wexford, where they defeated Leinster champions Mercy Enniscorthy.

The inaugural meeting of the new Camogie Council for Institutes of Higher Education will be held in Dublin on April 15, when arrangements will be made for competitions next season.

Probable

The Ashbourne Cup will continue to be battled for as usual by the Universities, but it seems probable that there will be a League for all post-secondary colleges, probably divided into stronger and weaker sections.

The decision of the recent Congress to abolish the 'Ban' on hockey is bound to give an added fillip to such competitions, as the physical training colleges, whose hockey players were previously 'out of bounds', will now be able to compete at full strength.

The Dublin senior championship opens on Sunday next

with the clash of Sliabh Bloom and Cuchulainns. In recent League games, Cuchulainns caused a big surprise by defeating leaders Celtic, while Sliabh Bloom later held Celtic to a draw.

On this showing the teams should be well matched, but youthful Cuchulainns might well edge out the more experienced Sliabh Bloom.

Galway Girls On Top

GALWAY	5-2
COMBINED UNI.	1-2

Galway were deserving winners of this camogie challenge at Galway yesterday but they were decidedly lucky to have had such a big winning margin against a University side that had many near misses in the second half.

Best for the Universities were forwards Rose Hennessy (U.C.C.), Pat Feeney (U.C.G.), centre fielder Nora Lynch (U.C.C.) with back Majella Hughes (U.C.G.) and Margaret Long (U.C.C.).

Scorers — Galway: M. Killen (2-0), C. Ward (1-1), S. Crowe (1-0), J. Murphy (1-0), H. O'Neill (0-1). Combined Universities: Pat Feeney (1-0), N. Lynch and B. Hennessy (0-1 each).

REACH FINAL

PRES. ORANMORE	2-5
ST. ALOYSIUS, CORK	1-4

Presentation Convent, Oranmore, reached the final of the All-Ireland Senior Colleges' Camogie Championship when they proved too strong for St. Aloysius Convent, Cork, in a well-contested game at Munster Institute's grounds, Cork.

The winners, who were trailing by a point at half-time had a star player in Josie Kelly, who got all her side's scores. Others to impress were Noreen Connolly and Maria Murphy.

Best for the losers were: Marian O'Leary, Clare Kenny and Colette Desmond.

Scorers — Oranmore: J. Kelly (2-5), St. Aloysius: C. Desmond (0-5), M. O'Sullivan (1-0), M. O'Leary (0-1).

CAMOGIE

MERCY CONVENT, Enniscorthy	3-5
PRESENTATION COLLEGE, Mountmellick	1-1

Competing in senior ranks for the first time, last year's junior champions, Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy, won the Leinster Colleges senior Camogie championship and the Stuart Cup in a most exciting finish at Croke Park yesterday.

Two points in arrears 1-2 to 2-1 at the interval, Enniscorthy went ahead midway through the second half. Mountmellick got on terms five minutes from time but the Enniscorthy girls finished strongly to gain a deserved victory.

Best for the winners were Geraldine Duggan, Dorothy Walsh, Mairead Darcy and Ann Spratt. For Mountmellick, Maria Delaney, Kathleen Sweeney, Patricia Sayers and Mary Furlong did best.

Scorers: Enniscorthy: H. A. Spratt (2-0), M. Darcy (1-3), S. O'Brien (0-1), M. O'Connor (0-1). Mountmellick: M. Delaney (0-1), M. Furlong (1-0), K. Sweeney (1-0).

Thurles Are Through To Final

THURLES	1-3
BALLINASLOE	1-1

Thurles, the Tipperary and Munster champions, qualified for the final of the All-Ireland club camogie championship when they defeated Ballinasloe, the Galway and Connacht title-holders, in the semi-final at Thurles yesterday.

The game was played in generally miserable conditions which did help the disappointing standard of the game. In the end it developed into an endurance test, with the Thurles players overcoming a stiff Ballinasloe challenge to hold their slender two-point margin.

Marion Moynihan put the winners on their way when she netted from a goal-mouth in the 16th minute, then Jane Murphy replied with a point for Ballinasloe. These were the only scores in the first half, after which Thurles led 1-0 to 0-1.

Jane Murphy put the Galway side in front, but Margo Loughnane sent a free over the bar to equalise. She added two further points to leave Thurles in front at the final whistle.

Best for the winners were Ann Ralph and Margo Loughnane. Ballinasloe had tries in Cathleen Quinn, Olive Hanniffy and Jane Murphy.

Scorers: Thurles—M. Loughnane (0-3), M. Moynihan (1-0). Ballinasloe—J. Murphy (1-1).

THURLES—S. Long, M. Graham, M. Cleary, A. Ralph, A. Perry, B. O'Neil, K. Boland, M. Troy, M. Loughnane, B. Lawrence, K. Beechingham, M. Moynihan.

BALLINASLOE—M. Killen, O. Hanniffy, M. Kilkenny, K. Quinn, S. Devine, B. Donnellan, M. Thornley, C. Craven, C. Connerly, J. Murphy, S. Crowe, K. Curley.

'STACKS' REACH FINAL

AUSTIN STACKS	5-2
PORTGLENONE	1-0

Austin Stacks, Dublin, and Leinster camogie club champions, qualified for the final of the All-Ireland Club championship when they defeated the Antrim and Ulster club champions, Portglenone, at Randalstown yesterday.

The visitors were the more experienced side, showed better teamwork and combination and laid the foundations of victory in the opening half when they ran up a tally of 5-1 without a reply.

Portglenone did much better after the interval but they could not make an impression on the winners' defence in which Bridget Keenan, Vera Sullivan and Fiona Murray were very sound. Orla Ni Shiochain had a great first half, placing the attack for the three fine goals. In attack, Dymphna Caldwell and Anne Sheehy were the most prominent.

Mairead McAtamney was the star for her side and she got most assistance from her sister Teresa, Deirdre and Edna Webb and Briega Kelly.

Scorers: A. Stacks — D. Caldwell (2-0), A. Kelly (1-1), R. Halpin (1-0), A. Sheehy (1-0), O. Ni Shiochain (0-1), Portglenone—B. Kelly (1-0).

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STACKS TO TAKE TITLE

The seventh final of the official All-Ireland Camogie Club Championship brings into opposition two clubs that have never won a provincial title before not to say contested an All-Ireland final.

They are Dublin title-holders Austin Stacks and Tipperary champions Thurles, who confront one another for the cup and medals at Croke Park on Sunday (2.0).

The first club championship was played away back in 1964

and was run as a special event to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the Camogie Association. The final of that competition was also played at Croke Park and was won by the then Dublin champions Celtic who defeated Antrim's Deirdre in the final.

So successful was this Jubilee Cup that the official Club Championship was instituted in the following year. In the first two seasons the new competition was won by a club now extinct, Glengoole, Ballingarry the then Tipperary champions. Their line-out did however include several of the present Thurles side particularly the Long and Graham sisters.

In 1967 Dublin's Eoghan Ruadh and Galway's Oranmore played a draw in the final at Parnell Park in Dublin but Eoghan Ruadh easily won the replay in Ballinasloe.

Fine Record

Then came the great team from St. Paul's, Kilkenny who have won the title ever since, setting up in the process a record that is not soon likely to be beaten of winning this club championship three times in succession.

In this year's series it was Austin Stacks who at last ended St. Paul's winning run by defeating the Kilkenny girls after a titanic struggle in the Leinster final.

The Dublin champions then further enhanced their claims by travelling to Randalstown a fortnight ago and defeating the Ulster and Antrim representatives Portglenone on what was virtually the latter's home ground.

Although they have never previously figured prominently in the closing stages of this

competition, Austin Stacks do not lack for All-Ireland inter-provincial and inter-county stars for they number in their ranks Sheila Murray, Mary Ryan, Brid Keenan, Vera Sullivan, Fiona Murray, Orla Ni Shiochain, Sheila McEvoy, Anne Sheehy and Dympna Caldwell all of whom have starred for Dublin in either senior or junior grade.

But if Thurles have not a comparable galaxy of stars they can also call upon several county and some inter-provincial players.

Goalkeeper Sally Long, Bernie O'Dowd, Anne Parry, Margot Loughnane, Mary Graham, Kitty Boland, Beatrice Cleary and Alice Long have all starred at highest level before now, and this the first official club championship final to be played at Croke Park should provide a game well worthy of the occasion.

On the evidence of their passage through Munster and their victory over Ballinasloe in the All-Ireland semi-final, Thurles are likely to be the stronger and more determined side.

But the Dublin girls may well prove superior in craft and stick and given a fast sod and an open game they could bring the title and the trophy back to Dublin.

AUSTIN STACKS—S. Murray; M. Ryan; B. Keenan, V. Sullivan, F. Murray; O. Ni Shiochain, S. McEvoy, L. McEvoy; P. Brennan or A. Byrne, A. Sheehy, R. Halpin; D. Caldwell.

For the first time we shall have an Ulster-Connacht pairing in the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Final. St. Louis, Kilkenny shocked Enniscorthy at Enniscorthy last Saturday and thus qualified to meet Oranmore for the title.



● Austin Stacks on the attack against Thurles in the All-Ireland Camogie Championship at Croke Park yesterday.



● The Austin Stacks team who won the All-Ireland club camogie championship by beating Thurles at Croke Park yesterday (Report on page 16).

Austin Stacks First Title

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CAMOGIE COMMENT

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE past couple of years have seen astounding progress in the spread of camogie among the Colleges and even more heartening still is to see the honours going around in the Colleges competitions. True, those two pillars of the game, St. Aloysius of Cork and Presentation, Oranmore, retained their titles in Munster and Connacht respectively, but both were beaten in the preliminary stages, St. Als by Loreto Fermoy and Oranmore by Mercy, Tuam.

These results prove that there is already a great levelling up of standards in the Southern and Western provinces.

In the East and North, however, we have had new champions already this season. In Leinster, Enniscorthy, last year's junior

champions, caused a big surprise when they defeated the holders Presentation Mountmellick in the provincial final, while in the North, St. Louis Kilkeel, who had defeated the All-Ireland champions, Sacred Heart, Newry, at an earlier stage, accounted for Matherafelt in the Provincial final.

It is very heartening to see Kilkeel in the honours list, as the school has always been a great nursery of the game, as were the Louis Convents in Carrickmacross, Monaghan, Balla and Rathmines. It would be a good day for camogie in Leinster if we saw St. Louis, Rathmines, back in action on the camogie fields again.

Meanwhile the initiative shown when all the Irish Universities played in the Ashbourne Cup in

February has been followed up by the setting up of a Council for the control and promotion of the game in the Universities and Higher Institutes of Education. This Council was sanctioned by the Central Council of the Association and its work is bound to have very far-reaching effects.

The fact that 14 colleges of Higher Education were represented at the inaugural meeting is itself proof positive of the enthusiasm behind the idea, and the officers elected are well experienced in organisation. The President, Una Bean Uí Phuirseal, a former All-Ireland player with Dublin has been associated with the Ashbourne Cup competition for many years, and has been the successful organiser of the Leinster Colleges competitions through the past decade. She is also Colleges Representative on Central Council.

The Secretary of the new body is the dynamic Miss Jane Murphy who has already done tremendous work for the game not alone during her student days throughout the West in University College Galway, but since her graduation a year ago, throughout the West.

She has recently been elected Chairman of Connacht Council, an official of both the Galway Board and the Connacht Colleges Council, and her energy and enthusiasm are alike unbounded.

It is to be hoped that one of the first endeavours of the new Council will be to get the game firmly established in Teachers' Training Colleges and in the Institutes of Physical Education. That is where camogie has been lagging badly, and it is we can arouse enthusiasm among the young primary teachers and among the physical education teachers, whose role becomes more and more important with every passing year, the continued progress of the game at every level is assured.

AUSTIN STACKS 5-4
THURLES 2-1

Austin Stacks, Dublin and Leinster camogie champions, won the All-Ireland camogie club championship final for the first time when they defeated Thurles, the Tipperary and Munster champions, at Croke Park yesterday.

The winners were a better trained side, showing a finer understanding and better teamwork, though the Tipperary girls had some fine strikers, but they were all too anxious to lift the ball even when a ground stroke would have been more effective.

The visitors settled down quickly and landed a point, but the home side quickly put their fans at ease when they scored two goals. Thurles came again and added a goal to leave the score 2-0 to 1-1 in Austin Stacks' favour. But the Dublin girls got on top again and deservedly led 3-2 to 1-1 at half-time.

The Tipperary girls had their best period just after the interval, and it looked as if they were getting on top when they goaled to cut the margin to four points, but Austin Stacks recovered and, lasting better, they dominated the closing stages to win comfortably.

Best for the winners were Orla Ní Shiochain, Bridget Keenan, Vera Sullivan, the McEvoy sisters, Ann Sheehy and Pauline Brennan.

Thurles had a great goalkeeper in Sally Kelly, who saved her side from a heavier defeat. Others to impress were Bernie Dowd, Margaret Murphy and Margo Loughnane.

Scorers: Austin Stacks — P. Brennan (1-5), A. Sheehy (2-0), O. Ní Shiochain (0-4), R. Halpin (1-0), Thurles — M. Loughnane (1-1), M. Troy (1-0).

AUSTIN STACKS — S. Murray; M. Ryan; B. Keenan, V. Sullivan, F. Murray; S. McEvoy, L. McEvoy, O. Ní Shiochain; P. Brennan, A. Sheehy, R. Halpin; D. Caldwell.

THURLES — S. Kelly; M. Graham; M. Murphy, B. Dowd, A. Perry; B. Lawrence, K. Boland, M. Moynihan; K. Birmingham, J. Murphy, M. Loughnane; M. Troy. Referee — Mrs. N. Murray (Antrim).

CAMOGIE

ST. LOUIS CONVENT, Kilkeel ... 2-2

MERCY CONVENT, Enniscorthy 0-5

St. Louis Convent, Kilkeel qualified for the final of the All-Ireland senior colleges camogie championship when they defeated Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy, at Enniscorthy yesterday. The winners, backed by a strong wind, led 1-2 to 0-1 at half time and though the home side had many opportunities of scoring in the first 15 minutes of the second half it was the visitors who got through for the winning goal five minutes from time to advance to the final for the first time. They will meet Presentation Convent, Oranmore, who will also be appearing for the first time.

SCORERS: Kilkeel — E. McMahon (1-0), M. Cullen (1-0) and N. Turley (0-2). Enniscorthy — M. Darcy (0-3) and S. O'Brien (0-2).

St. Louis Girls Get Big Chance

By AGNES HOURIGAN

SOME years ago, when the game was far from being as popular at schools level as it is now, the St. Louis Convents were great strongholds of camogie. This fact adds all the greater interest to the appearance for the first time of a St. Louis school in the All-Ireland Colleges championship, when St. Louis, Kilkeel, travel to Enniscorthy to play the local Convent of Mercy side in the semi-final on Sunday.

Moreover, the Kilkeel girls will come South with very impressive credentials indeed, for on their way to the Ulster final, in which they achieved a clear-cut victory over Matherafelt, they had defeated the All-Ireland title-holders, St. Clare's from Newry.

Kilkeel are captained by a member of a versatile Down Gaelic family, Noelle Turley, who plays at midfield and they have other outstanding units in full-back, Anne Cullen, her sister, Mary, on the left wing, centre-forward Fionnula McCrady, Margaret Fitzsimons and Elizabeth McMahon.

But Enniscorthy, as well as having the advantage of playing on home ground, will be encouraged by the fact that in the Leinster final they defeated the holders, Presentation, Mountmellick.

SURPRISE

Last year's Leinster junior champions, Enniscorthy, have caused a surprise by coming so quickly to the fore in senior ranks.

But so well did goalkeeper Margaret Kelly, full-back Geraldine Duggan, Dorothy Walsh, Mairead Darcy, Anne Spratt, Anne Ryan, Sheila O'Brien play in the Leinster decider that the Wexford girls

will probably start favourites.

Already through to that final are Presentation, Oranmore, who sprang a major surprise when they defeated the Munster champions, St. Aloysius at Cork on Saturday last.

Ground conditions were very bad in the Southern Capital and the search for a playable ground was itself a major problem.

But the game eventually went on an unbelievably firm sod in the Munster Institute and Oranmore finished very deserving winners.

The Galway school had a match-winner in Josie Kelly, who notched all their scores, while other outstanding players for the winners were Maria Murphy and Noreen Connolly.

Allowing for the fact that an earnest St. Als side was not quite up to the standard of teams the Cork school has sent out in recent years, Oranmore were very impressive, and that first All-Ireland title is not beyond their capabilities.

CLEAR-CUT

Dublin champions, Austin Stacks, easily qualified for their first All-Ireland club championship final with a

clear-cut victory over Antrim and Ulster champions, Portglenone at Randalstown on Sunday last.

Portglenone had fine players in the McTamney and Webb sisters and Breige Kelly, but their all-round strength fell far short of what the Dublin side had to offer.

So now Stacks will meet the Tipperary and Munster champions, Thurles, in the final at Dublin on March 19, and this should prove a thrilling game.

Meanwhile, on their home front, Stacks, who lost to Celtic in the Dublin senior League some weeks ago must be taken as having come very much back into the reckoning in that competition.

Since then Celtic have played two further games, and have only succeeded in collecting a single point losing to Cuchullains and being held to a draw by Slabh Bloom.

These setbacks for the League leaders will have strengthened the ambitions of U.C.D. and Eoghan Ruadh, who meet on Sunday next in what could prove a vital game for both teams.

The students have not done well in this League so far, but if they reproduce their Ashbourne Cup form they could provide problems for Ruadh.

MERCY'S GREAT RUN ENDED

Kilkeel 2-2 (8), Mercy, Enniscorthy 0-5 (5)

THREE POINTS separated the teams at the end, but while recognising it as a fact that their opponents, St. Louis' Convent, Kilkeel (Co. Down) were the better all-round side, Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy, will have few critics with the result of this All-Ireland semi-final of the Senior Colleges' Camogie championship played in Bellefield, Enniscorthy, last Saturday.

Indeed, Mercy can only blame themselves for not emerging as the winning side, for this was about their poorest display since their first outing in the grade v. Callan at November. Small consolation it is just now, however, it would be only fair to add that despite their lacklustre showing they did extremely well to 'contain' for the latter part of the hour these fast and very useful northerners — so much so, in fact, that a couple of strokes of the ball could have won the game for them.

It would be true to say that as a team Enniscorthy never really got going, but its worst fault was failure to capitalise on the many golden opportunities that came its way. Too many players took too long to get into the game and on the whole precious few failed, very surprisingly, to rise to the occasion. The backs were sound enough without being spectacular, the mid-field had precious little enjoyment all the way, and the forwards proved quite often over-anxious, hesitant and guilty of poor marksmanship as well as that classic camogie blunder, 'bunching.'

But in saying this it is only fair to point out that Mercy were battling against their own shortcomings as much as against their opponents, for let me add this—that Kilkeel, somewhat older on average than Enniscorthy, were a grand set of players who played hard and worked hard all through. Enniscorthy's task was no easy one when confronted with a brand of play that was extremely pleasant to watch. But despite the fact that Mercy were 'suffering' one of their worst performances in their last seven games, they showed great determination to stay within striking distance all through.

THE SCORING

Enniscorthy won the toss and elected to play against a wind that was at near gale-force proportions. Kilkeel drew first blood with a goal

all through the game. This is the maddening part of it all, for a couple of good whacks of the sliothar when it lay within yards of the Kilkeel goal would have certainly proved a match-winner. The game was spoiled a great deal by the very strong wind but this was compensated for by plenty of excitement, especially in the last half as all the Enniscorthy players desperately sought to pull the game out of the fire.

While there is no doubt that, on the day, the honours rested where they deserve, Mercy deserve to be congratulated for coming this far in the championships. Unfortunately for them, over-anxiety, a few touches of 'nerves' and excitement and the fact that the best part of the team just didn't hit form, all played a part in depriving them of an honour—an appearance in the final—that they so richly deserve. Having seen all their matches I must say they are certainly not as inconsistent a side as this display would indicate—but unfortunately this was the wrong occasion for them not to hit top gear.

They will willingly admit this, as they will the assertion that the 'better team won.' But having said this, everyone of them can feel proud in having been part of a really historic year for themselves, for their school and for their county. When they won junior last year no one in Ireland could have foreseen them winning the senior title the next year and coming so quickly to the fore in the senior grade. This was achieved through them alone—through their interest in the game and through their natural skills and abilities. If not for these players and the Mercy Convent teams, Camogie in Wexford would lack much of the glamour it now enjoys. The very existence of the school team has now advanced Wexford Camogie and each member of this team can feel privileged to have confounded the experts by reaching one step from an All-Ireland final.

IMPRESSED—

In Saturday's game, the two players who, to my mind, impressed

Convention Votes On Ban Removal

By AGNES HOURIGAN

An appeal by long-serving General Secretary Miss Sheila McAnulty, for closer liaison with the G.A.A., a recommendation from the Uniforms Committee, which would permit players to wear sports shirt, skirt or divided skirt and bobby-socks instead of the traditional tunic, and a widespread demand for the removal of the ban on hockey and football, should provide the most important talking points at the annual convention of the Camogie Association in Colaiste Mhuire, Parnell Square, Dublin, tomorrow and Sunday.

With regard to the matter of close liaison with the G.A.A., Miss McAnulty has this to say:

"There is much that the two Associations have in common and many projects which would benefit from a joint approach. If the two Associations get closer together in the future, —and I personally think there is a case for it—there would have to be built into any arrangement clearly spelled-out safeguards to ensure that our Association would not suffer any loss of identity or control of its own administration."

The General Secretary confesses to being dissatisfied with the progress her Association is making as at present structured.

"We cannot play the Canute game forever, pushing the tide out, coping with routine arrangements for competitions, letting situations prompt our actions instead of making a plan for the future and seeking the means to implement it," she says.

Having congratulated the G.A.A. on the success of its Youth Congress, Miss McAnulty points out that while there are more and more players coming into Camogie, there is not a corresponding increase in the number of administrators and goes on to suggest that they should hold a Youth Congress of their own.

Special Congress

She says: "If changes be demanded of our Association to gear it for future progress, then I believe we should seek the opinion of tomorrow's people as to what form these changes should take." She also suggests that in conjunction with the Youth Congress, a Special Congress could be held to survey the present position of the Association and to plan for the future.

Yet the Secretary's Report also showed that the Camogie Association has made considerable progress through the past year.

This has been particularly marked in the College sphere, where there has been a considerable increase in the numbers playing and the number of schools affiliated at all post-primary levels, right up to the Universities, all of whom

are now taking part in the Ashbourne Cup.

The Coaching Courses continue to be most successful, and a full scale instructional film will be completed during the coming year with the help of the Roinn Oideachais grant.

Miss McAnulty has special words of concern for the welfare of the members of the Association in the Six Counties.

"We hope they may draw some solace from the feelings of solidarity with them that exists throughout our Association," she says. They may be isolated politically, but in Cumann Camoguidheachta na nGael there is no Border, either physical or spiritual.

Earnestly Hope

"I speak for all our Association when I say that we earnestly hope and pray for a solution that will bring to the people of Ireland, all Ireland, a just and lasting peace."

The recommendation of the Uniform Committee is interesting. It reads: "Uniform shall consist of traditional (gym, blouse, tights, etc.) or skirt/divided skirt, sports shirt, bobby socks and boots.

Bobby socks may be replaced by tights and matching jumpers may be worn provided that all members of the team are uniformly dressed. Tights may be of black or of a matching/contrasting colour, and ankle socks may be worn with tights if so desired.

Seven counties have tabled motions for deletion of the Ban Rule, and the only real problem to be decided here is will the motion to abolish the ban get the required two-thirds majority to ensure deletion. A simple majority against the Ban seems certain.

Dublin have two very interesting motions forward. One advocates that there be a standing committee in each province to deal with urgent matters in between the meetings of Provincial Councils and the other that an assistant be appointed to help the general secretary.

Last season there were 385 affiliated clubs, including ten in Britain, while in addition 65 schools were affiliated to the All-Ireland Colleges Council and 18 to the Ulster Secondary Schools' Council.

Moreover, the number of affiliated Colleges has increased considerably through the current season, so a Youth Congress could, one imagines, be readily organised.

New Camogie Body Formed

Fourteen Institutes of Advanced Education, including all the Irish Universities, were represented at a meeting convened in Dublin by the Central Council Camogie Association to form an Advanced Colleges of Education Council to control, organise and popularise the game at post-secondary level.

Officers elected to the new Council were: President, Mrs. A. Purcell (U.C.D.); Vice-President, Miss G. Cumiskey (Dublin University); Secretary, Miss Jane Murphy (U.C.G.); Treasurer, Miss Emer Bell (Garnaville); Registrar, Miss Mary O'Brien (U.C.C.).

IT'S GOOD TASTE
JU-CEE ORANGE
DRINK

THE SHADES OF McMURROUGH appear in the Abbey Cinema, Wexford to-night (Friday).

This Gorey Group will have the honour of being the only Wexford group invited to take part in the Festival of Living Music. The group, which should be a great hit, commences to-night (Friday) and continues to-morrow and Sunday. The group will appear in the cinema with the Chieftans as they are new to Wexford, the

A ROOM FULL OF MEMORIES

By PADRAIG PURSEAL

On Sunday last the annual Congress of the Camogie Association was held in Colaiste Mhuire, Parnell Square, in Dublin. The gathering was not in the Theatre, but in what is now known as the 1916 Room, and here was where a most amazing coincidence occurred. Re-elected to the posts of Trustee and Organiser of the Association was Sean O'Duffy who on Sunday last was beginning his 61st year of service to the Camogie Association. But, from the start of last week's proceedings, Sean felt that there was something very familiar about the room in which the meetings were being held.

SAME ROOM

So, at an interval, he consulted the good Brothers in Colaiste Mhuire and they told him that the building in question used to be 25 Parnell Square, which in other times was 25 Rutland Square, and then it was that Sean O'Duffy realised why the room was so familiar.

For it was in exactly the same room, then the Gaelic League Hall, 25 Rutland Square that the present Camogie Association was formed on April 21, 1911.

Yesterday Sean O'Duffy, who was particularly pleased to find that the room has since become the 1916 Room (since he fought through the 1916 Rising himself in the hottest area of all, Church Street and North King Street) brought me in the minute-book covering that inaugural meeting sixty golden years ago.

The minutes of that first meeting begin—"Gaelic League Hall, 25 Rutland Square, 21st April, 1911: In response to a circular issued by the Croke Club and the further co-operation of Miss Cait Ni Dhonnchadha, a large number of delegates from Camoguidhe clubs and Gaelic League branches, as well as members of the outside public, attended this evening at above address to consider the best means of fostering and popularising Camoguidheacht."

FIRST LETTER

When Mrs. Hamilton from Foxrock was moved to the chair the first letter she read was from Eleanor Countess of Fingal promising the proposed Association every support.

Later in the course of the meeting, after it had been decided to form a Comoguidheacht Association, the Countess

of Fingal was, on the proposition of Mrs. Hamilton, seconded by Cait Ni Donnchadha, elected first President.

"The motion," according to the minutes, "was carried with enthusiasm." Sean O'Duffy was on that first Committee. A short time afterwards he was appointed organiser, and he is organiser still today, at a sprightly 86 years old.

But was it not an extraordinary coincidence that 60 years later Sean O'Duffy should find himself back in exactly the same room at a Camogie Congress being held, for the first time ever, in Colaiste Mhuire? It was, for Sean, a most unexpected Diamond Jubilee!

BAN ON HOCKEY, FOOTBALL GOES

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The 1972 Congress of the Camogie Association, held in Dublin last weekend is bound to go down in memory as the most momentous ever in the history of the game, for it took three far-reaching decisions.

It decided to abolish the Ban on hockey and football, it permitted a change in the traditional uniform if clubs and teams so desire and most important of it all it decided to take action on the request of the General Secretary, Miss Sheila McAnulty to look to the future of the Association.

It was I suppose, amusing that the news columns of the daily papers only showed interest in the uniform change and that in every instance, the reporters who felt they had a story were men.

a camogie team since their grandmothers time.

Nor were any of them seemingly aware that the new uniform have been optional in Colleges games for some time, and have not produced any sensational new ensembles.

Divided skirts and bobbysocks are nothing new on our sports-fields, and tights will in future be in a matching or contrasting colour if teams so desire, they have been sheer for a long time.

While the new uniform got most of the publicity, and will undoubtedly help improve the image of the game, from varied aspects, it was possibly the least important in the long term of the decisions taken.

BAN LIFTED

Far more far-reaching was the abolition of the Ban, particularly the Ban on hockey which had lasted for more than 30 years. The immediate result will be that the College of Physical Education which were until now debarred from fielding teams will be able to field teams, not alone in the new competitions for Institutes of Higher Education, but also in local competitions, if they so desire.

What is more, the graduates of those Colleges will now be qualified to teach camogie as well as hockey when they take up posts as physical training instructresses. Moreover, the lifting of the Ban, is bound to have given a further fillip to the already highly successful Colleges competitions.

Some traditional hockey schools are in future likely to field camogie teams as well.

And there was further good news for the future of the game at last week's Congress. It was officially confirmed that Camogie will be an established subject on the Curriculum of the new Physical Education Institute when it opens in Limerick.

GOOD MOVE

Finally, what may well prove the most important move of all, was the decision, arising out of the Secretary's Report, that delegates ask their County Boards and clubs to consider the feasibility of holding a Youth Congress at the earliest possible opportunity.

All the outgoing officers were returned for another year the only contest being for the Presidency in which Miss Nell McCarthy (outgoing) defeated Mrs. Leonard.

The other officers are: Secretary, Miss Sheila McAnulty; Treasurer, Miss Lily Spence; Organiser, Sean O'Duffy; Trustees: Sean O'Duffy and Mrs. Leonard.

CAMOGIE COMMENT

THE month of March is, as usual, marked by the annual Camogie Congress and this time the delegates will have a year to review in which considerable progress was made in many sectors.

It may well prove, in the future, that the most significant step of all was the enlarging of the Ashbourne Cup competition to take in all the Universities in the country. In addition, it is to be hoped that the present efforts to get the other institutes of Higher Education playing camogie will come to fruition.

It is a wonderful advance to see teams fielding out in the Ashbourne from Maynooth and Coleraine and Trinity College. The wider scope of the competition is bound to attract ever wider attention to the game in the Universities and, even from what we saw in the preliminary stages of this first "new-look" Ashbourne, we can expect Queen's and Coleraine to make an ever-increasing impact in future years.

One of the reasons for this is, I imagine, that physical training is taken far more seriously in the Six Counties than it is in the Twenty-Six.

What is more, the physical instructors in the schools in the North are qualified to teach their students to play camogie. Here they are not, for the simple reason that, at the moment, we here in the Republic are not turning out P.T. teachers who include the coaching of camogie among their qualifications. As a result we are falling behind in our whole approach to games-preparation and to physical fitness.

I would love to see camogie played by the P.T. Schools in

Dublin on a regular competitive basis. But a difficulty here is that many of these students play competitive hockey as well and, as the rules stand at present, they are ruled out of competitive camogie.

However, there are several motions coming before Congress asking for the deletion of the

By
Agnes Hourigan

"Ban" Rules dealing with the playing of hockey and football and it may well be that, now that the G.A.A. Ban has been a thing of the past for more than twelve months, and no great disaster has ensued, that the Camogie Congress will take a different attitude to the Ban this year than has been the case in the past.

Actually, except with regard to the physical training Colleges, the matter of the Ban on Hockey is of no great importance at this stage, since the problem of playing both games is mainly centred on the schools in any case, but in many parts of the country, the Ban on football is posing many problems.

In Dublin people, even people high up in the camogie Association, seem to be completely unaware that in several parts of the country, and particularly in the great G.A.A. strongholds, there are quite large football competitions played under G.A.A. Rules, in most cases sponsored by G.A.A. clubs, and in a couple of instances, are sponsored by G.A.A. Boards.

Upon occasion, I have, without in any way giving offence, tried to point out to the G.A.A.

people concerned that it was against camogie rules to play Gaelic football, whether these competitions were officially sanctioned by the G.A.A. or not. They have looked at me in utter and complete disbelief.

But then, I find it hard to get some camogie people to realise just how many girls are playing football in certain parts of the country.

Personally I would like to see the Ban dropped entirely, at least for an experimental period of two years, with full liberty to reintroduce at the end of that period if it seemed that the change was not for the benefit of the game and the Association.

But to move away from the Ban and come back to a matter I mentioned earlier, the question of introducing camogie in all the Institutes of Higher Education. Where we in camogie trail a long way behind the G.A.A. is that we have no organisation at all in the Primary Schools.

Now I would not be at all in favour of having girls playing competitive games under the age of 12, but I do believe that competitive games are quite feasible in the 12-14 age group and I would like to see camogie played regularly at that level.

Unfortunately, that will not be possible until we have camogie played regularly in the Training Colleges for women teachers. Even more important still, we should have qualified camogie coaches in all the Colleges teaching the student teachers not alone how to play the game properly, but how to teach the playing of the game properly. Not till that day comes, can camogie really progress at all on every level.

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Mount Mercy And Castleconnell Meet In Junior Schools Final

THIS weekend the Junior Colleges take over the limelight with the final of the Munster championship down for decision tomorrow. On Sunday there are a number of junior and intermediate league ties listed.

This year's Munster Colleges junior final will be a repeat of last season's. These teams met in Cork last year when Mount Mercy won the first Munster Presentation title by defeating Castleconnell. Now these sides meet again tomorrow but this time the Presentation girls have the home venue.

Mount Mercy have been harder hit by players leaving school since last season having only six of last season's team as against ten for Castleconnell. Another point in the Presentation girls' favour is that they came through the largest section in the competition — Clare/North Limerick — without a defeat. In the semi-final they overcame Vocational School, Rathkeale by 5-1 to 1-1. Many of their players also have plenty of club experience being connected with the Athone club.

are capable of scoring. In fact should Aedin McCarthy, Jackie Waugh, Mary Breen and Eileen Quaid strike top form the Cork girls must be in this game with a good chance — in spite of their long journey.

The Presentation girls too have their stars including Sheila and Anne Coffey, Geraldine O'Brien and Bernadette O'Brien and they will be determined to reverse the result of last season so the game has all the ingredients of a thriller.

TEAMS

Presentation Convent, Castleconnell: Sheila Coffey, Aine Meskell, Cora Mackey, Anne Coffey, Helen Hartigan, Dolores O'Brien, Geraldine O'Brien, Vera Mackey, Bernadette O'Brien, Breeda Barry, Ena Hyde, Paula Meskell.

Mount Mercy: Sandra Donovan, Barbara Glynn, Mary Moore, Mary Walsh, C. Twohig, C. Philpott, C. Lyons, C. O'Leary, Aedin McCarthy, Jackie Waugh, Mary Breen, Eileen Quaid.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

U.C.C. and Glen Rovers meet on Sunday to decide their section of the Junior League. Glen have a very young junior side. U.C.C. on the other hand, are a more experienced outfit but due to the Easter holidays and forthcoming examinations they may not be at their best giving Glen a great chance of clinching their section.

Munster Institute were recently regraded junior. How-

they should have their hands full with a lively Ballinlough team when these sides meet in the Junior League on Sunday.

Both Fermoy and St. Fanahan's play their first game in the 1972 junior league when they meet at Fermoy. The local girls have not played a match for some time but if their experienced players are still available to them they could collect the points.

In the remaining junior league game of the day Buttevant should beat Castlemagner.

There is only one intermediate game listed. This is between Blarney and Aghabullogue at Blarney. Here the local girls should prove too strong for the younger Aghabullogue side.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Munster Colleges Junior Final — At Castleconnell, at 5.00: Presentation Convent, Castleconnell v. Mount Mercy, Cork (Ref. Eithne Neville).

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Junior League at Mardyke at 3.30: U.C.C. v. Glen Rovers (Ref. Old Als).

Junior League at Ballinlough at 11.30: Munster Institute v. Ballinlough (Ref. O.L.H.)

Junior League at Fermoy at 3.30: St. Fanahan's v. Fermoy (Ref. Glanworth).

Junior League at Buttevant at 3.30: Castlemagner v. Buttevant (Ref. Kanturk).

Intermediate League at Blarney at 11.30: Blarney v. Aghabullogue (Ref. Inniscarra).

Castleconnell Advantage

By AGNES HOURIGAN

With the Munster junior Colleges final, three Leinster quarter-finals in the same grade, the first meeting of the new Universities and Institutes of Higher Education Council today, and two vital games in the Dublin senior championship on Sunday, this is a particularly busy weekend on the camogie fields.

Of the 18 teams who started out in the Munster junior Colleges championship the survivors in tomorrow's final are Presentation, Castleconnell, who won all their matches in the League section of Clare-North Limerick, and Mount Mercy, Limerick, who defeated North Presentation on a play-off in the decider of the other Group.

In the Top Four semi-finals Mount Mercy had a good win over Cloughane, from the Castleconnell district of Kerry, while Castleconnell proved too good for Rathkeale Vocational School.

The same schools met in last year's final, and though Mount Mercy won then, the odds would seem to have swung in favour of Castleconnell.

ADVANTAGE

They have ten of last year's team still available, while Mount Mercy can call on six of last year's winning side. Moreover the fact that the game is being played at Castleconnell should give the Limerick girls a further advantage that could well enable them to avenge last year's defeat.

In Leinster two of the three quarter-finals are in Dublin, with Presentation, Castleconnell, the long odds favourites for the title, playing King's Inn Street in Phoenix Park, and Eccles Street entertaining Presentation, Kildare, at Shandon Park, while Mercy, Ardee, are at home to Mercy, Athy.

Castleconnell, after a flying start in which they swept past all opposition, received a shock when narrowly defeated in the second round by Bunclody. This meant there had to be a play-off and two well-matched teams turned in a wonderful game at Kilkenny, which Castleconnell won by a single point. King's Inn have given a very good account of themselves in the Metropolitan section, and will not be easily beaten, but on their earlier displays Castleconnell look likely to reach the semi-finals.

Kildare, a sound side, did very well in their section, but

Eccles Street are hard to beat at Shandon Park, and will be expected to carry the Dublin banner into the semi-finals.

In the North Leinster game, Ardee will be fancied on home ground, but Athy was very impressive when winning through in their zone, and could advance no. Presentation, Kilkenny, the only previous winners had the luck of a quarter-final bye.

A Constitution for the Council of Higher Education will be before tomorrow's meeting in Bru na nGael, and it is expected that a decision will be taken on what competitions will be run in the next academic year.

Austin Stacks, the Dublin and All-Ireland club champions, step out in defence of their county title when they take on U.C.D. in the opening round of the current Dublin series on Sunday.

MUST IMPROVE

Stacks were far more impressive when snatching a draw with Eoghan Ruadh through a last minute goal last Sunday, and will need to show considerable improvement if they are to retain their title.

However, their present opponents, U.C.D., have been out of action for some time, have only returned from the Easter vacation and will cause a big surprise if they shock the champions.

In the other championship game on Sunday, Eoghan Ruadh, their morale raised after their brave bid against Stacks a week ago, take on Celtic, the only side that achieved a league victory over the champions. However, on last Sunday's form, Eoghan Ruadh look the more likely to advance to the semi-finals.

Camogie convention

The following officials were elected at the recent City Board Convention — President, Mrs. Phelan (Garryowen); Vice-President, Mrs. O. Boyle (Mayrostone); Chairman, Chris Ni Chionnail (St. Patrick's); Vice-Chairman, Paddy Flynn (Monaleen); Secretary, Ann Doyle (St. Patrick's); Asst. Secretary, Pat Hickey; Joint Treasurers, Ita Flynn and Mary Murphy; Registrar, Ann Costello.

MONALEEN A.G.M.

President, Carmel Linnane; Vice President, Seamus Moynihan; Chairman, Ita Flynn; Vice Chairman, Monica Slattery; Secretary, Joan Crotty; Asst. Sec., Rena Cosgrove; Treasurer, Geraldine Moynihan; Captain, Breeda Ryan; Committee, Paddy Flynn, Liam Hayes, Bob Linnane, Jim Holmes, Paddy McCarthy and Paddy Moore.

Junior title for Rosary Hill Convent

Rosary Hill, Castleconnell 8-1
Mount Mercy Cork 2-0

Amidst tremendous excitement at Castleconnell on Saturday the local Rosary Hill Convent made history by becoming the first Limerick School to win the Munster Junior Camogie championship. They did so in style, too, for they swamped their opponents and completely reversed the result of twelve months ago when Mount Mercy scored an easy win over Saturday's winners.

Rosary Hill with the aid of the hill, had a tremendous first half and at the end of this period they were in front by 5-1 to one goal. They added a goal two minutes after the restart and while Mount Mercy pressed strongly they could only manage another goal in the second spell and the Castleconnell girls had it easy for their historic win.

Scorers: Rosary Hill; Paula Meskell 2-0, Breeda Barry 2-0, Ena Hyde 2-0, Bernadette O'Brien 1-1, Geraldine O'Brien 1-0 from a free.

Mount Mercy: Mary Breen and Aileen McCarthy 1-0 each.

Rosary Hill: Sheila Coffey, Ann Meskell, Ann Coffey, Cora Mackey, Helen Hartigan; Geraldine O'Brien, Dolores O'Brien, Vera Mackey; Paula Meskell, Breeda Barry, Bernadette O'Brien, Ena Hyde. Subs: L. McCarthy for B. Barry, M. Quane for A. Coffey.

Mount Mercy: Sandra O'Donovan, Barbara Glynn, Mary Moore, Catherine Twohig, Mary Walsh, Catherine O'Leary, Catherine Philpott, Carmel Lyons, Jackie Waugh, Mary Breen, Eileen Quaid, Aileen McCarthy. Subs: E. Kavanagh for C. Lyons, C. Abern for M. Moore.

CAMOGIE

In her report to the annual convention of the Tipperary Camogie Board, Mrs. Kitty O'Flaherty, Cahir, secretary, had some strong words to say about the non-promotion of the game at juvenile level in the county. Said Mrs. O'Flaherty — We should all be aware of the very great need to have young players coming up to safeguard the future of camogie in our county. Of course the clubs are equally to blame, as had any juvenile team come forward we would have been only too glad to help. In my annual reports for the past few years, I have recommended that a separate committee should be set up to look after juveniles. My proposal was never acted upon, but if we are ever to remedy the situation, we should act now. A separate committee should devote its time in organising teams and competitions for under 14, 16 and 18 age groups.

She added — I feel confident that only good can come from this idea and I would ask all clubs to select one or two members to look after juveniles, and be prepared to act on a county committee. We are continually losing players, and now there is a rumour that three clubs are closing down. If this continues, we will have little camogie in a few years, and this is one good reason why we must develop our juvenile grade now.

CAMOGIE

CASTLECOMER 4-2
KINGS INN ST. 1-0

Presentation Castleconnell, thanks to a brilliant second half display by diminutive midfielder Angela Downey, qualified for the semi-final of the Leinster Junior Colleges Camogie Championship at Phoenix Park yesterday. The winners led 1-1 to nil at the interval.

Scorers: Castleconnell — M. Bergin (2-0), A. Downey (1-2), A. Fogarty (1-0). Kings Inn — G. Mulcahy (1-0).

ECCLES ST. 7-1
KILDARE 0-1

Dominican Eccles St., qualified for the Leinster Colleges Junior Camogie semi-final with an easy victory over Presentation, Kildare, in this quarter final at Shandon Park.

Scorers: Eccles St. — L. Billings (2-0), D. Curran (3-0), N. O'Loughlin (1-1), M. Rafter (1-0), S. Allachain (1-0). Kildare — S. Carney (0-1).

CAMOGIE

PRESENTATION CONVENT 4-3
SCOIL CAITHRIONA 1-1

Presentation Convent, Castleconnell who are competing in the Leinster Colleges competitions for the first year, reached the final of the Junior section when they scored a good victory over Scoil Caithriona, Dublin at Castleconnell. Level at half-time, the Kilkenny girls, who had wind advantage in the second half, dominated the play and added three goals and two points to win comfortably.

Scorers: Castleconnell: A. Downey (2-3), K. Ferritt (1-0), B. Breen (1-0). Scoil Caithriona: A. N. O'Hall (1-0), M. Ni Lochlainn (0-1).

ROSARY HILL ARE MUNSTER CHAMPIONS

APRIL 1972

BY CORMAC LIDDY

ROSARY HILL CONVENT, CASTLECONNELL 8-1
MOUNT MERCY, CORK 2-0

GIVING A SUPERB display from start to finish Rosary Hill Convent, Castleconnell, made history on Saturday last when they won the Munster Schools Junior camogie championship amidst tremendous excitement as they trounced the holders, Mount Mercy, Cork, at Castleconnell.

2 goals and a point.
PREPARED
No team can achieve glory without preparation, and in this respect, Rosary Hill girls, I am sure, will be first to praise the great efforts of Peggy Duffy and Kilty Ryan in their dedication and the amount of time they put into turning out this side of champions.

This was a win that was as decisive as the scoreline suggests, and the Castleconnell girls built up an interval lead of 5-1 to a goal within minutes of 5-1 to a goal. This big advantage by half way might have tempted the home side to take it easy in the second session but they blasted in a goal within minutes of the re-start, which completely knocked the heart out of their rivals.

Paula Mescall, Breda Barry, Bernadette O'Brien and Ena Hyde. During the game Laura McCarthy substituted for Breda Barry, who was injured, and Ena Quane, who came in for Ann Coffey.

Scorers in the landslide win were: Ena Hyde, 3-0; Paula Mescall, 2-0; Breda Barry, 2-0; Geraldine O'Brien, 1 goal from a free, and Bernadette O'Brien

It was a great achievement by Rosary Hill, who, twelve months earlier, had been beaten by Mount Mercy, and this time they got stuck into their opponents from the start and outplayed them in every sector of the field.

While this win will always be cherished out Castleconnell way and is a major boost to camogie in County Limerick, the new champions must make every effort to live up to the high standard they have set themselves.

From goalkeeper, Shiela Coffey, right through the side to corner forward, Ena Hyde, Rosary Hill sparkled, and full credit, too, to their substitutes. It was a triumph for fitness and skill as well as dedication.

SISTERS

While it was basically a triumph for all-round team-work, there was something of a family affair attached to the win, for there were a number of sisters, Vera and Cora Mackey, whose father, John, starred for many a Limerick hurling win in the glory days; Ann and Paula Mescall and Geraldine and Bernadette O'Brien.

From the start, Rosary Hill left their huge volume of supporters in little doubt but that they would not disappoint them, and they tore into attack and left Mount Mercy a helpless looking outfit from an early stage.

With such a decisive win and with all playing their part in the success it would be invidious of me to single out any particular players for special merit. Rather would it be more appropriate for me to list the winning history-makers:

Shiela Coffey, Ann Mescall, Ann Coffey, Cora Mackey, Helen Hartigan, Geraldine O'Brien, Dolores O'Brien, Vera Mackey,



The combined Cork and Dublin teams taken before the 1935 All-Ireland final at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke. Cork (in dark tunics) emerged victors in this game and gained their second title.

IN recent years Cork camogie teams have not fared too well in the all-Ireland campaign. However, their victory in the Munster Championship this season has brought the county back into the limelight and many followers will recall the years when Cork were at their best, beginning with their first title in 1934 and continuing until 1941, during which time they took six all-Ireland titles.

Camogie was founded in Dublin in 1904 but not until three years later was the first game played in Cork, at Victoria Cross. In 1914 the schools began to foster the game with senior county competitions being inaugurated later. However, it was not until 1932 that the inter-county competition got under way.

In the first two seasons Dublin took the title but then the Cork girls came into their own, winning three successive titles.

In 1937 and 1938 the Leesiders lost the championship again, but the following year they came back to take the title for a further three years. In 1942 they lost to Dublin, only in a replay. A few years later Cork withdrew from the Association, following a dispute, and the county did not return to the ranks until 1952.

Since then, although Cork qualified for three finals, they have yet to regain the glory of the thirties and early forties.

Cork's first ever all-Ireland win,

in 1934, was played before a record crowd at Croke Park, where they defeated Louth by 4-3 to 1-4. The following year the final was played in Cork, when the home side defeated Dublin. This game was played at a cracking pace and only a solitary point separated the sides at the finish. To complete their "hat-trick" of titles Cork defeated Louth again the following year, this time by 6-4 to 3-3 once again leaving little doubt as to their superiority.

To begin their second run of victories in 1939 Cork had an easy victory over Galway and one report of the match said that "Galway were up against a really great team. From goalie to full-forward the Cork team was without a weak link." The following year it was Galway who lost again to the Southerners. To complete their second three-in-a-row in 1941 Cork defeated old rivals Dublin by 7-6 to 1-2. In fairness to the Dublin side during this latter period, however, it must be stated that Dublin camogie was suffering the effects of a split and a full strength side did not take part in the championship.

However, in 1942, Dublin returned with their full side and met Cork once again. Played in Cork the tie ended in a draw. That year Cork had a first-class side and in the closing stages of the first game Renee Fitzgerald scored what looked to be a perfect point. However, the score was not given and

Cork had then to travel to Dublin where the Metropolitans regained the title.

In their years of glory, there were many Cork players who built big reputations for themselves. There was Peggy Hogg, who at the tender age of 13 played in goal for Cork and on many occasions stood between the county side and defeat with her brilliant goalkeeping. During her career she was compared with such famous goal-minders as P. Scanlon of Limerick and Dr. Daly of Clare.

Josie McGrath and Kitty Buckler were two wonderful stylists, while Eileen Casey and K. B. Murphy formed a partnership in attack which was devastating. Then there was Lil Kirby, who was always a tower of strength at centrefield and Mary Fitzgerald a great half-back.

Kathleen Coughlan, sister of the famous Eadie, made a name for herself in her own right with great games for Cork, while Renee Fitzgerald, Maureen Cashman, the Hegarty twins, Patty and Maureen, Joan Cotter, Kitty McCarthy and Sheila Brennan cannot be forgotten.

In all these were Cork's greatest years with big names and top-class victories and it is the hope of every follower and player alike to see Cork regain the All-Ireland title, which they last held in 1941, and so also regain the glory which goes with a place at the top.

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The St. Aloysius senior camogie team who defeated Loretto Convent, Fermoy, in the Cork County Senior Schools' Championship played at Mount Mercy Grounds, Model Farm Road. ("Echo")

FRONT:- TINA HEALY, MARION O'LEARY (CAPT.),

GER BUTLER, MARY McGRATH & VAL O'DWYER,

BACK:- MARIA O'SULLIVAN, BREDA CANTY, CLAIRE KENNY,

MARCELLA MURPHY, LIZZIE BURNS, COLETTE DESMOND,

GERARDA BARRY, ANNE HAYES & VAL O'DWYER

In Bygone Days—Fashion On The Camogie Field



Perhaps some of our more elderly readers may be able to identify this shot taken in the early years of the century on a camogie field in Cork. The photographer was the late Thomas Barker ("Cork Examiner") Ireland's first full-time press photographer.

STARDOM BY CHANCE

---By SETANTA

THE FACT that one of the selected side arrived late for the start of a game resulted in the blossoming into full glory of one of the brightest stars of Wexford Camogie in 1971.

It was a warm June evening at Bellefield, Enniscorthy, and the occasion was the opening round of the Leinster junior championships between Kildare and Wexford shortly before the start of the match. One of the home team's three midfielders had not arrived. There was a hurried conference amongst the selectors and looking through the list of substitutes it was decided the only suitable replacement was local girl Eileen Hawkins. The St. Mary's girl had long before been hailed as a new 'star' but in trials in 1970 and 1971 she didn't come up to expectations.

But this was an emergency and anyway, it was reasoned, she could be quickly replaced when the missing player turned up. This game introduced to followers the courage, talent and sheer power of the Enniscorthy youngster, and if her display on that occasion proved an eye-opener for selectors it certainly didn't for those who knew her and had followed her career.

Eileen turned out to be one of the most prominent in the win over Kildare and in the next game played a heroine's part in beating experienced Louth (home). Again in the Leinster final the St. Mary's midfielder turned in a terrific display.

The selectors, even in defeat, were more than pleased with many of their charges, in particular Eileen, while seasoned followers rejoiced with the knowledge that in her they had a new player to help prop Wexford's hopes in the future.



Outstanding Future

Born and reared in the shadow of Vinegar Hill, Eileen has helped tremendously the cause of Camogie in her native town. It has been mainly through her skill that the town team have gained a foothold in a game that is essentially rural-dominated.

It was a major achievement for Eileen, clubmate Geraldine Duggan, and Clonegal's Sheila Redmond to make the county junior side this year. They were the only junior club members honoured by selectors. For the two St. Mary's players this feat was all the more notable in that both are juveniles (under-16). Geraldine Duggan also qualifies for this grade next year.

But it was Eileen Hawkins, the player, who achieved 'stardom by chance,' who grabbed the spotlight, and rightly so, as she is one of the most resourceful and skilled exponents of the game. She makes it look so easy, and that the Enniscorthy ace is just over sixteen means a long and great future for her in Camogie.

The Girls of Wexford Make Their Presence Felt

HAD WEXFORD beaten Cork in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final on the third Sunday of September this year it would have been a fitting culmination of events for a county that, in the short space of three years, has done much to glamorise the game for girl Gaels.

It is incredible to think that just over 36 months ago Wexford Camogie was groping in the limbo-like darkness of Dublin-dominated Leinster. It was in 1968 the

---By SETANTA

girls of the Model County, after years of frustration in which they won the intermediate event but subsequently fell to Dublin in the senior final, made a memorable breakthrough.

The unprecedented success of the county senior team transformed Wexford into a real Camogie 'power' as well as being one of the best-equipped and most consistent counties in the land. The year after the county's '68 win there were 16 clubs in the county, compared with five the year before. The seniors retained the title in '69 and this added further impetus to the rapidly expanding sport, with 23 clubs affiliated to the Co. Board at the start of 1971.

Such has been the tremendous increase in popularity that this year Co. Convention introduced two new grades to cater for the influx—intermediate and juvenile — what a long way from the days of three senior and two junior clubs! The women of Wexford are now 'standing up' to be counted. No longer are they prepared to sit on the sidelines watching the menfolk in action. Now they are out on the same fields, involving themselves in healthy competition and upholding the ideals of Irish Ireland through the medium of this great game.

Brought College Success

The upsurge of the game has given a new lease of life to hundreds, including housewives, and has drawn to its cause many dedicated and energetic workers. It affords a wonderful means of comradeship to girls all over the county as they compete in friendly rivalry, from Piercestown to Craanford and from Rathnure to Blackwater.

The story of Wexford Camogie has been hailed as a 'miracle.' At county level we have been entirely successful—appearing in three senior finals in the last four years and reaching the provincial junior final this year for the first time since 1968. This year too, also another vitally important development—success at Colleges' level. This is an area neglected up to now but 1971 season saw the talented girls of Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy, make history by bringing the Leinster Junior Colleges title to the county for the first time.

There is no danger that the game will experience a recession. What is most encouraging is that there are many brilliant up-and-coming stars who even though juveniles show every indication of being stars of the future. There is still a lot of hard work to be done—the need for a county Camogie ground, for instance—but the Co. Board has shown in the past that they are not afraid of hard, unglamorous work.

We have yet to see the best part of Wexford's Camogie story.

KILKEEL MARKING COU^X CAUSE AN UPSET

An Conn Scollige, the All-Ireland Colleges camogie trophy, should have a new resting place tomorrow evening, for neither St. Louis Convent, Kilkeel nor Presentation Convent, Oranmore, who meet in the Croke Park final (3.0) have ever reached the final before.

Indeed, the Kilkeel girls have never previously won the Ulster title, but they certainly come to Croke Park with impressive credentials. On their way to victory in their own province they defeated All-Ireland title holders, St. Clare's from Newry, while in the All-Ireland semi-final they took the long road to Enniscorthy and defeated the local Convent of Mercy side.

Enniscorthy, in the Leinster final had put out Presentation, Mountmellick, who had held Newry to a draw in last year's All-Ireland final, and who were only narrowly defeated in the return.

The Kilkeel side has outstanding players in their captain, Noelle Turley, their full-back Anne Cullen, her sister Mary on the wing, Margaret Fitzsimons, Fionnuala McGrady and Elizabeth McMahon in the attack.

Oranmore, however, are a force to be reckoned with. They came through again in Connacht, although they had to battle hard to retain their Western supremacy, and the travelled to Cork where they really showed their worth by defeating the local favourites, St. Aloysius, who had won the Munster title for the fourth successive year.

They are a fast, speedy and

spectacular side, who are likely to thrive on the open spaces Croke Park will provide, and possess a really outstanding player in Josie Kelly, who landed all their scores in Cork, and will provide many problems for the Kilkeel defence.

On the semi-final form this

should be an exciting and closely contested game and while Oranmore will be slight favourites on my book, the close-marking Kilkeel side could throw them out of gear.

Presentation, Castleconnell, made Colleges history in Munster last weekend when they

brought a provincial title out of Cork for the first time. These girls from Rosary Hill, who were beaten by Mount Mercy, Cork, in last season's final of this grade, made no mistake this time when on home ground they scored a very decisive victory over the same opposition.

On the winning Castleconnell side were two daughters of former All-Ireland hurling star John Mackey, while on the Presentation Convent, Castlecomer, team that qualified for the Leinster junior semi-final were Anne and Angela, twin daughters of another well-known hurler of some years ago, Shem Downey of Kilkenny.

AGNES HOURIGAN'S CAMOGIE NOTES

Oranmore win thrilling final

Oranmore ... 6-1; Kilkeel ... 4-4

IN A wonderful exhibition of fast and stylish play Presentation Convent, Oranmore, took the All-Ireland Colleges' camogie title to Connacht for the first time when they defeated a gallant St. Louis, Kilkeel, side by 6-1 to 4-4 in the final at Croke Park yesterday.

Kilkeel must bemoan the fact that they shot no fewer than 12 wides when well on top in the first half, at the end of which they were on level terms of 3-1 all after having played with the breeze.

Oranmore went ahead after the change over but Kilkeel came battling back to lead by two points with only five minutes remaining. Two Oranmore goals then clinched the issue to leave the Connacht girls narrow winners.

Josie Kelly was Oranmore's outstanding player and was best supported by Mandy and Sheila Cosgrave, Mary Wynn and Teresa Carroll. Noelle Turley, Margo Fitzsimmons and Mary Cullen played magnificently for Kilkeel.

Scorers—Oranmore: J. Kelly (3-1), M. Wynn (1-0), S. Cosgrave (1-0) and M. Goode (1-0). Kilkeel: M. Cullen (1-1), E. McMahon (1-0), M. Fitzsimons (1-0), R. Hinds (1-0) and V. Turley (0-3).

ORANMORE'S FIRST TITLE

Historic Camogie Victory

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Presentation Convent, Oranmore came right into the sporting spotlight last week-end when the school team, by winning the Colleges' Championship at Croke Park, brought to the West an All-Ireland camogie title for the first time ever in any grade.

It was a hard earned victory for their opponents, St. Louis Convent, Kilkeel, also contesting their first Colleges' final, seemed for much of the 50 minutes to be rather the better balanced side, and indeed, could be said to have thrown their chances away when pressing hard with wind assistance, they shot twelve first-half wides.

Oranmore, on the other hand, snatched scores almost every time they made one of their excursions upfield in that first half. So when scores were level at half-time the odds now seemed on the Galway girls. However, they, too, found the breeze far more difficult to judge when it was in their favour, and in a see-saw second period, were two points in arrears with less than ten minutes remaining.

But then Josie Kelly, the outstanding player on the Galway side, crowned a very good day's work by shooting a great goal from a free, and from there on the title was safely headed West even though there was only a goal between the sides at the end.

It was a notable victory for Oranmore, and is bound to give a great fillip to the game at all levels in Connacht.

Kilkeel, however, made a very gallant bid for victory. They had three stylish and effective players in Noelle Turley, Margo Fitzsimmons and Mary Cullen but their defence was not as efficient as mid-field and attack.

However Kilkeel hope to have ten of this year's side available again next year and if that proves to be the case they are going to be very hard to beat.

This was the most entertaining Colleges final yet played, the standard was amazingly high and the spectators certainly got value for their money. It was a pity, though, that



● The Presentation Convent, Oranmore team who defeated St. Louis Convent, Kilkeel in the All-Ireland Camogie Final.

some over enthusiastic Oranmore supporters, old enough to have known better, let their enthusiasm get the better of them and insisted on running up and down the touchline during the last couple of minutes.

The competitive Colleges' season is now nearing its close, but the Leinster Junior Championship has yet to be decided. Through to the final are Presentation, Castlecomer who, for the second successive Saturday, got the better of a Dublin school when they defeated Scoil Caitriona at Castlecomer last week-end.

They will know their opponents tomorrow when

Presentation, Kilkenny meet Mercy Ardee in the second semi final at Kilkenny. Both teams came unbeaten through their respective groups but while Kilkenny had the luck of a bye, Ardee only ousted Athy by a point after a closely-contested game at Ardee. On home ground Kilkenny will be favourites to win now, but the Louth girls will put up strong resistance.

If it is a Kilkenny v Castlecomer final the game will be played at Kilkenny venue; if Castlecomer v Ardee in Dublin.

Only two counties, Cork and Tipperary will contest this year's Munster Senior Cham-

pionship, and Tipperary will have a home venue. In the junior series, Cork are at home to Kerry and Waterford at home to Limerick in the first round.

In the semi-finals, Clare await the winners of Cork or Kerry while Waterford or Limerick must tackle Tipperary.

Munster are also holding a minor championship, but the draws for this will not be made until later in the season.

The Congress resumes at Colaiste Mhuire Dublin tomorrow (1.0) when the most important item is the grading of the counties for the forthcoming championships.

10 YEARS AGO

CAMOGIE

The following is the complete list of officers elected at the recent annual convention — Chairman, Paddy Corrigan, Lorrha; Vice-Chairman, Billy Costelloe, Roscrea; Secretary, Patricia O'Brien, Newport; Treasurer, Miss Ann Minogue, Nenagh; P.R.O., Mrs. Mairead Hyland, Clonmel; Senior Selectors, Mick Hassett, Ballytarsna, Seamus Loughnane, Thurles, Billy Costelloe, Roscrea, Jimmy Carroll, St. Bernadettes, and county trainer Paddy Doyle, Thurles; Junior Selectors, Billy Costelloe, Dick Molloy, Balingarry, Kitty O'Flaherty, Cahir, Chris Whelan, Nenagh; Munster Council Delegate, Mrs. Beatrice Lawrence, Clonmel.

CORK camogie team laid a four years bogey by defeating Tipperary in the Munster Senior Championship by 4-5 to 3-4 at Fermoy. The teams were:

Cork—D. Sutton, K. Barry-Murphy, N. O'Callaghan, J. Clancy, M. Clancy, L. Coughlan, D. Young, K. O'Mahony, S. O'Connell, R. Manley, M. Fitzgerald, T. Murphy.

Tipperary — K. Carroll, P. Moloney, A. Browne, K. O'Flaherty, K. England, T. Griffin, T. Cummins, B. Scully, T. Moloney, K. Griffin, K. Downes, B. McGrath. Subs—M. Graham for P. Moloney, M. Maher for A. Browne.

Oranmore Convent Win Camogie All-Ireland

Oranmore 6-1
 Kilkeel 4-4

Huge bonfires and cheering crowds welcomed the victorious Oranmore Presentation Convent team when they arrived home on Sunday after winning the All-Ireland Colleges camogie title at Croke Park.

In a thrilling game the County Galway side played consistently brilliant camogie to beat the opposition, Saint Louis, Kilkeel (County Down) by a three point winning margin before a wildly enthusiastic crowd.

This was the first time ever for a Connacht side to win this, the most coveted of camogie titles, and it was

fitting that the Oranmore girls should be the first to bring the All-Ireland West of the Shannon.

For in the last three seasons, including this year, the College played well enough to take three Connacht titles in a row in the face of stiff opposition from other schools in the Province.

This year again they faced more tough games before winning their way out of Connacht and into an All-Ireland semi final place against Saint Anne's' Cork one of the big names in camogie today.

And it was in this tie that the Galway girls really showed their worth — they travelled to Cork and

succeeded in beating the homesters on their own ground and before their own supporters.

GREATER

No mean achievement this when you consider the fact that Cork is probably one of the greatest hurling/camogie counties there is in the country at the moment — and they are not used to being beaten at home.

But now onto Croke Park on Sunday where the Western girls put up a magnificent show with their first time hitting off the ground which put them well on top late in the second half.

In the first period they played against the wind but

despite that they were level at half time — both teams had 3-1 up on the board — and playing some great camogie.

A problem in these opening thirty minutes and one which was to continue into the second half was that the Oranmore centre half had to move back everytime there was puck-out for the winners.

This left her at free by herself and this was one of the reasons why the opposition were able to keep so close to Oranmore scoring wise for so much of the game.

BEST

However, in other sectors it was the winners who showed up best and they played so well in this first

half that they had two goals disallowed — one when one of the girls had only one foot inside the square.

In the second half it was all Oranmore but they got some scares before they hit in two goals in the last minutes which effectively ended the Kilkeel challenge.

In the winning side Josie Kelly shone in outstanding form and together with her Mary and Sheila Cosgrave, May Wynne and Teresa Carroll were best.

Scorers: Oranmore: Josie Kelly (3-1), M. Wynne (1-0), S. Cosgrave (1-0), M. Goode (1-0). Kilkeel: M. Cullen (1-1), E. McMahon (1-0), M. Fitzsimons (1-0), R. Hinds (1-0) and V. Turley (0-3).

TEAM

All Oranmore unless stated: May Burke, Martien McDonough (Galway), Mandy Cosgrove, Peggy Moran (Galway), Noreen Connolly (Clarenbridge), Marie Murphy (Loughrea and captain), Mary Wynne (Corrundulla), Teresa Carroll, Josie Kelly (Clarenbridge), Ann Finn, Maura Armstrong (Kilcolgan), Sheila Cosgrove. Subs.: Geraldine Corcoran (Castlegar), Maureen Goode (Athlone) and Elizabeth Conneely (Lettermore).

Manager of the side is Sister Marie Goretti and yesterday she paid tribute to Mrs. W. Munnelly, P.T. instructor to the side, and also to Mr. Dave Fitzgerald trainer of the side.

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Camogie Congress

Only six counties will contest the All-Ireland senior camogie championships this season. This was the position after the grading made at the conclusion of the annual congress in Dublin yesterday.

Senior—Antrim, Dublin, Kilkenny, Wexford, Cork and Tipperary.

Galway were allowed to go junior in Connacht, while Clare got permission to have the services of Ann Harrington, Ann M. O'Loughlin and Pat Morrissey, all natives of Clare, who had won All-Ireland junior medals with Dublin.

Junior — Meath, Wicklow, Kildare, Laois, Louth, Dublin, Kilkenny and Wexford may have second best with certain reservations, i.e., All-Ireland medal holders, and senior players 1969-71.

Connacht — Mayo, Galway, Sligo, Roscommon and Leitrim.

Ulster—Armagh, Fermanagh, Monaghan, Tyrone, Cavan, Derry and Down. Antrim may have second best, excluding senior players 1969-71 and All-Ireland medal holders.

Munster — Clare, Kerry, Limerick, Waterford, Tipperary and Cork, second best excluding senior players 1969-71 and All-Ireland medal holders.

Pres, Kilkenny Go Through

Presentation Convent 10-3
 Mercy Convent 1-0

Presentation Convent, Kilkenny qualified for the Leinster Junior Colleges Camogie final when they proved too good for Mercy Convent, Ardee at Kilkenny yesterday.

The Kilkenny girls, who have two All-Ireland Colleges senior titles and have won the Purcell Cup in 1967 and 1969, will take on their neighbours, Presentation Convent, Castlecomer, in the final.

Scorers—Kilkenny: M. Byrne (3-0), K. McEvoy (2-0), T. Moore (2-0), C. Martin (2-0), M. Delaney (1-0), B. Martin (0-3). Ardee: N. McKeever (1-0).

Eoghan Ruadh Best In Replay

EOGHAN RUADH 9-3
 CELTIC 3-1

Eoghan Ruadh dominated the replay of the Dublin Senior Camogie championship first round game against Celtic at Phoenix Park.

Though Celtic got a great start—a goal in the first minute—Eoghan Ruadh led 5-1 to 1-0 at the interval.

Celtic never showed the form that earned them a draw on Sunday last and to Eoghan Ruadh attack found many weaknesses in a disjointed defence while Anne Casey in goal for the winners had a brilliant game.

Scorers: E. Ruadh — D. Barber (1-0), K. Lyons (2-2), M. McNamara (2-0), P. Breslin (1-1), C. Lyons (1-0). Celtic—N. Fleming (2-0), V. Pety (1-0), K. Murphy (0-1).

Long wait ends for Churchtown

North Churchtown 3-1,
 Glen Rovers 2-1.

After eight years North Churchtown won the Cork 1971 Intermediate Camogie League at the expense of Glen Rovers at Midleton yesterday.

Played in shocking weather conditions, the game produced the excitement and atmosphere of a championship encounter. There was little between the sides in the first half and Glen Rovers led 1-0 to 0-1 at half-time. North Churchtown made up the leeway on the resumption with a well-taken brace of goals by Collette Leahy followed by another goal by Noreen Bailey. Then a long-range goal by Catherine Hickey and a point by Mary Cashman in the dying minutes for the Glen put the issue in the balance up to the final whistle.

Scorers: North Churchtown: C. Bailey (2-0), N. Bailey (1-1), Glen Rovers: C. Hickey (2-0), M. Cashman (0-1).

Referee: M. Moran, Cork.

Watergrasshill 2-0, Blarney 0-2.

In a second encounter Watergrasshill beat Blarney in the final of the 1970 Intermediate League. This game followed the same pattern as the first one and there was no score up to half-time.

On the resumption, Watergrasshill had two fast goals from Angela Higgins and Nora O'Farrell. Blarney had their points off frees in the closing stages by F. Doherty and M. Mackey.

Referee: J. Knowles, North Churchtown.

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Our picture shows officers and representatives of Co. Cavan Camogie Board at a Seminar in Loreto College, Cavan.

SUCCESSFUL CAMOGIE SEMINAR

A very successful two-day camogie seminar was held in Loreto College, Cavan, last week-end. Mrs. Rosina McManus, Ulster Treasurer, and Miss Lily Spence, Treasurer of Central Council and President of All-Ireland Colleges Council, opened the seminar. The meeting on Friday night covered all aspects of administration from club level right through to County Board level, Provincial Council to Central Council.

What came out of the seminar were facts like the Association was made up of every affiliated member. Every member had a duty to the Association, whether it be playing the game, refereeing or administering. Criticism of the administrative parties, i.e., County Boards and Provincial Councils, was very common. This criticism may be the criticism of an individual but it hnted back at the Association and destroyed the image of the game. All clubs were asked to put forward and improve the image of the Association. It should be an honour and a privilege to be asked to play the traditional game of the country.

All clubs should ensure to have a representative attend every County Board meeting, in order to keep the club in direct contact with the County Board and likewise County Boards should be represented at Provincial Council meetings.

Other points were a well-organised club should have, an active committee, regular meetings, pay special attention to players, turn out in time for all matches and have a fully competent referee. Great emphasis was placed on the registration of players and officials with County Registrar. Clubs were asked to note that the rules changed at Central Congress (as advertised in last week's issue) become effective one month later.

Saturday was spent outdoors where Mrs. Nancy Murray, Ulster Chairman, supervised the practical sessions on coaching. Miss Lily Spence covered the refereeing of the game with those interested in refereeing. The very successful and worth-while seminar ended with a short game between those present.



Our picture shows Ulster Council camogie officials at a Seminar in Loreto College, Cavan. From left—Mrs. R. McManus, treas., Ulster Council; Lily Spence, treas., Central Council; Mrs. Nancy Murray, Chairman Ulster Council; Rev. O. O'Reilly, Chairman Cavan Co. Camogie Board.

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Cork finalists clash again

THREE very attractive first-round pairings in the Cork Senior Camogie Championship are arranged for the Mardyke on Sunday. In the opening game, which is a repeat of last year's county final, South Pres (holders) take on Old Als. With five members of Cork's All-Ireland team available, South Pres field an impressive array of talent and experience. Hannah Dineen, Betty Sugrue, Anne Phelan, Marion McCarthy and Mary Whelton have proved their worth on several occasions.

Old Als introduce five newcomers to senior championship camogie: Brid McAuliffe, Gerarda Barry, Val Fitzpatrick, Claire Kenny and Anne O'Sullivan. They have trained hard for this encounter and will be relying on fitness and determination to lay the South Pres bogey of recent years.

The divisional side, Imokilly, make no secret of the fact that their eyes are firmly set on the title. It is over 20 years since Noreen Duggan and her companions brought the cup to East Cork. Mary Jo Daly, Marie Costine, Nuala Guilly and Angela Higgins are noted performers in their ranks. While their opponents, Naomh Gobnait, have many fine individual players (Deirdre Sutton, Sheila Dunne, Maura Coleman and Mary Humphries) available to them, it is doubtful that they possess sufficient all-round ability or teamwork to stop Imokilly.

DOUBLE HOPES

Ashbourne Cup winners UCC have high hopes of bringing off the double. First-year students Pat Moloney, Rosie Hennessy and Nuala Jennings have fitted in very well and brightened their prospects. Avondhu make a

welcome return to the senior championship scene. Players like Anne Keane, Anne Curtin, Mary Roche and Mary O'Leary should find places in the Avondhu line-out, but they may experience difficulty in overcoming a very good College side.

Fixtures — Cork Senior Championship, at Mardyke next Sunday: 2.00, South Pres (holders) v. Old Als; 3.15, Imokilly v. Naomh Gobnait; 4.30, Avondhu v. UCC.

LOSS TO WATERFORD

At a meeting of the Waterford County Camogie Board in Dungarvan, Rev. Fr. Finbarr Lucey, C.C., tendered his resignation as chairman because of his recent transfer from Portlaw to Ardfinnan in South Tipperary. A native of Stradbally, Fr. Lucey had held the chairmanship for a number of years and was one of the main reasons for the improvement in the all-round standard of the game in the county in recent years.

Many tributes were paid to him by delegates, including Rev. Fr. J. Cooney, C.C., who now replaces him as county chairman. Fr. Cooney will also be one of the county's two representatives on the Munster Camogie Council.

SOUTH PRES AND OLD ALS FINISH LEVEL

South Pres 3-2, Old Als 3-2

The first match in the Cork senior camogie championships between South Pres and Old Als ended in a draw at the Mardyke grounds, Cork. The game was close and exciting, especially in the second half, with a score of South Pres 1-1, Old Als 0-1 at half time. The scorers were — South Pres: Betty Sugrue 1-2, Rita Grant 1-0, Eleanor Bohane 1-0. Old Als: M. McCauliffe 1-2, C. Desmond 1-0, G. Butler 1-0.

Imokilly 0-4, Naomh Gobnait 1-1

This game, the second game in the Cork senior camogie championships played at the Mardyke grounds, Cork, also ended in a draw. Imokilly were strongly ahead up to the beginning of the second half when M. O'Leary scored a goal for Naomh Gobnait. The half-time score was Imokilly 0-2, Naomh Gobnait 0-0. Scorers — Imokilly: N. Gilly 0-2, M. Daly 0-2. Naomh Gobnait: M. O'Leary 1-0, M. Coleman 0-1.

U.C.C. 2-8, Avondhu 1-2

What a field day for R. Hennessy, who scored eight points for U.C.C. She undoubtedly contributed enormously to U.C.C.'s tremendous win over Avondhu in the Cork senior camogie championships played at the Mardyke, Cork. With a half-time score of 1-5 to 1-1, the match was fairly close up to the second half, when U.C.C. took over the field.

Scorers — U.C.C.: L. Garvin 1-0, L. O'Connor 1-0, R. Hennessy 0-8. Avondhu: J. Pyne 1-0, A. Keane 0-2.



GOALMOUTH PRESSURE.— The Naomh Gobnait defence under pressure during an Imokilly attack in the Cork Senior Camogie Championship game at the Mardyke, Cork.

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Cork Selectors Hail Liz Garvan's Return

By Agnes Hourigan

There was good news for Cork camogie followers on Sunday. Liz Garvan, the county's brilliant All-Ireland forward, who has been out of the game for months following an injury, returned to the playing fields and, though obviously short of match-play, displayed much of her former skill when helping U.C.C. put paid the ambitions of the divisional team, Avondu, in the opening round of the Cork senior championship.

But star of the day was Garvan's All-Ireland and former St. Aloysius school colleague, Rosie Hennessy, who scored eight points from play.



Rosie Hennessy

CAMOGIE NOTES

This was the only one of three Cork first-round championship matches decided on Sunday, the other two ending in drawn games. Holders South Presentation found themselves seven points down to a lively Old Aloysians side with only six minutes left for play, but managed to force a draw in a most exciting finish.

Another divisional team, Imokilly, disappointed its supporters when also held to level scoring by unfancied Naomh Gobnait.

The return of Garvan will be especially welcomed by the Cork selectors, who this year will be very hopeful of taking the senior All-Ireland title for the third successive season.

POTENTIAL

At first glance it may seem that, since only six counties are competing in the senior championship this year, the title will be easily won. In many respects the opposite is the case, because every one of the teams now graded seniors, holders Cork, Tipperary, Wexford, Kilkenny, Dublin and Antrim, are all potential All-Ireland champions.

When congress, at its second session last week-end, decided that only six counties were worthy of senior status, it might perhaps have been better

had it decided on running the competition on the open draw system.

As things now stand, there is not a single senior county in Connacht, and therefore there will be no senior provincial championship, nor will there be any senior championship in Ulster, where Antrim is the only county now in the premier grade.

There will be only one senior game in Munster, the final between Cork and Tipperary, while Wexford, Kilkenny and Dublin will do battle for the Leinster senior title.

In these circumstances, it might have been far better to run those Munster and Leinster championships as separate competitions, and made an open draw for the All-Ireland championship.

NO POWER?

However, it is doubtful if even a congress session would have had the power to opt for a draw without prior notice of motion, so the present system will have to stand, at least for this year.

It is fervently to be hoped, however, that fresh entries will come up from the junior winners of the next couple of seasons as, if any of the current six should happen to

drop back, the senior championship could not be continued on present lines.

However, the senior championship games will, in a way, all be All-Ireland finals this time, while the junior series in which 27 counties are competing, should prove a real thriller.

The colleges season is rapidly drawing to a conclusion, and the last big event comes with the Leinster junior final on May 13, in which keen rivals and close neighbours, the Presentation Convents of Kilkenny and Castlecomer, will do battle for the Purcell Cup.

SHOCKED

Kilkenny reached the decider, for which Castlecomer had already qualified, with a clear-cut win over Ardee at Kilkenny last weekend. In Dublin, there have been plenty of shocks in the local championship already.

The first came when Eoghan Ruadh had a runaway win over Celtic in their first-round replay, and then Celtic were eliminated completely when shocked by U.C.D. in their group in the losers group.

Cuchulainns defeated U.C.D. in the losers final and now advance to meet Eoghan Ruadh in the semi-final.

The other semi-final rests between holders Austin Stacks and Sliabh Bloom, and both games will be played at Croke Park next Wednesday.

FAR-REACHING DECISIONS

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE recent annual Camogie Congress took decisions that are going to affect the entire future of the game.

The most publicised, as one might well expect, was the acceptance by the Congress delegates of the alternative uniform suggested by the Special Uniform Committee; the most far-reaching was the abolition of the Ban on hockey and football, and the most important was the agreement, arising from the General Secretary's Report that, if feasible, a Youth Congress be held.

Certain newspapers latched on to the alternate uniform, as though the decision to allow divided skirts and bobby-socks meant that the change was going to transform the camogie fields into an open-air version of the Folies Bergiere. Not one of them, although they were informed of the fact, bothered to point out that not alone had other sports for women been long using similar uniforms, but that blouses, divided skirts and bobby-socks had been allowed in Colleges games for a couple of seasons past, and no great revolution had resulted, except the one that had been contemplated from the start.

Many teams looked neater than they used to do, and that, of course, had been the object of the exercise.

As regards the Ban. Like the A.A. Ban, the Camogie one had outlived its utility. Indeed, it had over the last few years become a hindrance in so far as it meant that hockey-playing students at the physical training colleges were getting no training

of these girls were being appointed to schools where camogie was played. I do not think relaxing the ban on hockey will make any great difference at higher levels, though it will undoubtedly help camogie among the secondary schools and the Institutes of Higher Education.

Incidentally, in this regard, there were two very important announcements made at Congress.

- (1) That camogie will be a recognised subject when the new National College of Physical Education is opened in Limerick.
- (2) That the Camogie Council for Institutes of Higher Education has now been officially constituted and will now take over the organisation and popularisation and control of the game at competitive level in all Post-secondary Colleges, including the Universities.

The Ashbourne Cup series, the oldest competition in Camogie, will of course continue—all Irish Universities are now competing—but it is evident that other competitions, at various levels, will be organised in which all the Higher Colleges and the Universities will compete.

But most important of all is the question of a Youth Congress.

For years I have been stressing the fact that we must win the young people, since very obviously the young people of to-day are the adults of to-morrow.

Now the County Boards are to be asked to consider a Youth Congress, and let us hope, for the

ciation, that they will come to a quick decision.

If the County Boards hesitate to act, I believe that the people who deal with Youth should go ahead and hold a Youth Congress of their own. There are four busy Colleges Provincial Councils catering for almost 150 schools, there are the Ulster Secondary schools, and there is the new Higher Education Council with already 14 Universities and Colleges under its wing.

If all these Councils were to call together a delegate from every one of their affiliated Schools and Colleges we would have a ready-made Congress of Youth, and of articulate Youth at that, who would be surely able to let us know exactly what kind of Association these young people want when they themselves come to maturity in a very few years time.

Another important announcement at Congress was that the script is now being prepared for a full and detailed film on coaching and that all that now remains to be done is the actual shooting of the film.

So the future looks bright, but to my mind it will be even brighter if we can get this Youth Congress together before the Summer is over. The need for a clear look at the present position of the Association and the even more pressing need to plan for the future is a matter of extreme urgency.

Let us start with the Youth, and from there let us plan the future taking their ideal into account. But, for the sake of the game and the Association, let us start NOW.

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Championship Replays At Ballinlough

AT the Mardyke on Sunday week last, South Presentation and Old Aloysians played a 3-2 all draw in their first-round Championship game. Also involved in a drawn game were the much fancied Imokilly and Naomh Gobnait, who finished with 1-1 to 0-4. Now, these sides meet again tomorrow in what promises to be a very exciting afternoon's camogie at Ballinlough. There are also a number of important games listed for the coming week.

South Presentation Past Pupils, the holders, made a dramatic come-back in their first-round Championship tie against Old Aloysians two weeks ago. In the opening half, Old Als had more of the play, but ran up the large total of twelve wides. They drew ahead in the second period, however, and led by 2-1 with ten minutes to go, and looked as if they might at last have the better of their rivals. However, they appeared to relax and the vastly more experienced champions pounced on the opportunity to bring themselves into the game and force a dramatic draw.

Whether Old Als have lost their chance to topple South Pres. remains to be seen. Certainly, they cannot afford the luxury of so many wides in the replay.

Old Als must be pleased with the showing of newcomers Brid McAuliffe, Gerarda Barry, Val Fitzpatrick and Claire Kent, and certainly they will not admit defeat easily now that they have been so near to victory.

However, they will be up against a very experienced side in South Pres. Here is a championship-winning side who will be very hard to stop.

Consequently we should see their best championship form with Hannah Dineen, Betty Sugrue, Marion McCarthy, along with all their other star performers, striking top form to hold on to the title they have held for the last three seasons.

SECOND GAME

In the second replay there is great interest also. Many sup-

porters did not give Naomh Gobnait much chance against Imokilly and were surprised when they held them to a draw. On the other hand, Imokilly were very disappointed with the way they played. This was a very low-scoring game (1-1 to 0-4), and an improvement by either attack could swing it in their favour. Imokilly appear to have the better line-up of recognised players — including Marie Costine, Mary Salter, Angela Higgins and Nuala Gully. However Naomh Gobnait have their stars also in the persons of Sheila Dunne, Anna Gaffey, Sheila Roche and Marie Mackey, all of whom did well last time and they could spring a surprise. However Imokilly must start as favourites once again.

There are a number of junior games listed for the coming week. On Tuesday South Presentation meet U.C.C., who may be bound up by examinations at this time of year, and will hardly be in top form, which could mean two points for the young South Pres. side. On Wednesday it is Championship time with Glen Rovers, who have many young schools players in their ranks, taking on Sarsfields. In the second Championship game which will be held at Fermoy on Friday, Old Als will field a team completely composed of schoolgirls and they may not have the craft for a Fermoy team who have a number of experienced players in their line-up.

In the final match of the coming week Aghabullogue meet Clondrohid in the Under-18 League and here a win is likely for the visitors.

FIXTURES

Tuesday (16th): Senior Championship at Ballinlough, 3.0, South Pres. v Old Als; 4.15, Imokilly v Naomh Gobnait.

Wednesday (17th): Junior Championship at Riverstown at 7.30, Glen Rovers v Sarsfields. (Ref. Watergrasshill).

Thursday (18th): U-18 at Clondrohid at 7.30, Aghabullogue v Clondrohid. (Ref. Canover).

Friday (19th): Junior Championship at Fermoy at 7.30, Old Als v Fermoy. (Ref. Glasnaworth).

South Pres. to meet Imokilly

South Presentation 3-4,
Old Aloysians 2-2
Imokilly 2-3, St. Gobnait's 1-1

THE winners of the South Presentation-Imokilly game which is scheduled for two weeks time, will go forward to meet U.C.C. in the final of the Cork County senior camogie championships.

Both teams were successful at the G.A.A. grounds, Baumhough, yesterday, and as the scoreline suggests, there is very little between these two sides, each of whom had a 1-2 victory margin.

Of the two games, that between South Presentation and Old Als must be counted as the more entertaining. The South Pres. girls had stamped their superiority in the game from an early stage and the issue was never seriously in doubt. At the interval they were 1-3 to 0-1 up and despite a spirited final quarter series of attacks by Als, had little else to worry them. But the camogie was of a high standard, with plenty of flair and initiative evident on both sides. Mary McCarthy for Sth. Pres. had a goal and a point in the first half and a goal in the second and generally played an impressive part in this stylish team's win.

NOT SO EASY

Although Imokilly did run out winners and deservedly so, their's was not such an easy passage. An early goal by Mary Walsh for St. Gobnait's in the first half didn't help the confidence of what seemed to be a slightly suspect defence and were it not for the outstanding sharpshooting and field play of Mary J. Ryan in the second half, the scoreline might have read differently.

Imokilly were 2-0 to 1-0 ahead at the interval. After the restart Gobnait's were again first to score with a point from a free, but this was to be their last score.

Mary J. Ryan added three points to seal the issue in the final minutes of the game and thus earned her team the right to meet Sth. Pres. in what should be an exciting game.

Scorers for Imokilly were: M. J. Ryan 1-3, D. Ryan 1-0. St. Gobnait's: M. Walsh 1-0, S. Ahern 0-1.

Imokilly: L. Higgins, N. Baley, M. Costine, N. Higgins, M. Salter, J. Knowles, D. Ring, N. Gully, A. Higgins, M. J. Ryan, K. Spillane and E. O'Connell.

St. Gobnait's: D. Sutton, A. Gaffney, S. Dunne, H. O'Sullivan, S. Roche, M. Manoney, S. Ahern, M. Twomey, M. Coleman, C. Humphreys, M. Walsh and M. O'Leary.

South Presentation scorers were: M. McCarthy 2-1, A. Phelim 1-1, and B. Sugrue 0-2. Old Als: A. McCarthy 1-2, C. Desmond 1-0.

South Pres.: K. Dunne, M. Bohane, M. Crowley, M. Keohane, H. Dineen, B. Sugrue, A. O'Donovan, M. Whelton, M. McCarthy, E. Bohane, R. Grant, and A. Phelim.

Old Als: M. Moran, M. Garvin, B. McAuliffe, A. O'Leary, C. Barry, M. Murphy, A. McCarthy, V. O'Dwyer, C. Kenny, V. Fitzpatrick, G. Butler, and C. Desmond.

Referees: Imokilly v St. Gobnait's, L. Grady; Sth. Presentation; Old Als v South Presentation, B. Power, Youghal.

Downeys back in the news

By TAOBH LINE

MANY hurling followers will have vivid memories of Shem Downey who played so many outstanding games for Kilkenny in the period from 1946 to 1955. Now the Downey name is back in the sporting news, for his twin daughters Angela and Anne, starred on the Presentation Convent (Castlecomer), team that won the Leinster Colleges' junior camogie championship last week end.

Angela Downey, who, as captain of the winners, triumphantly carried off the Purcell Cup at the end, was the outstanding out-field player for Castlecomer and had their vital scores, while sister Anne was an extremely cool and competent goalkeeper.

This was Castlecomer's first year in competitive camogie, and a triumphant one for them, but

they had very little to spare over last week's losers Presentation Convent (Kilkenny), who might well have taken this title for the third time had their forwards availed of the opportunities presented.

SUCCESSFUL

On the Colleges fields this has been a very successful year for the Presentation Schools, with Presentation Oranmore winning the all-Ireland senior title and the Munster and Leinster junior championships going to Presentation Castleconnell, and Presentation Castlecomer, respectively. But Mercy Convents took two senior provincial titles. St. Aloysius winning through in Munster and Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy taking the premier Leinster title.

The other senior crown, in Ulster, went to St. Louis Convent, Killeel. Presentation and Mercy past students were

rivals in Cork, where last weekend, South Presentation and Old Aloysians met in their replay of the championship first round game.

South Pres. had beaten Old Als, in last season's county final, but the latter had since reversed the result in the League final. However, South Pres. confirmed championship supremacy over their keen rivals by winning the replay, and now in the replay tomorrow will take on the Divisional team, Imokilly, who also had to go to a replay before accounting for Naomh Gobnait.

IN FINAL

University College, Cork are already through to the final, and now that their star forward Liz Garvan, is back in action will be very hopeful of gaining a title that has eluded the Southern stu-

dents as another Cork and Munster forward Rosie Hennessy, will also be in the U.C.C. line-out.

Now that the inter-county championships are about to begin, the junior series in both Leinster and Munster are scheduled to start on Sunday week, it is interesting to note that Mary Sinnott, Wexford's great full-back in their all-Ireland victories of 1968 and 1969 has made a brilliant come-back to the game. She was the outstanding player on the Clan na Gael team that recently won the Dublin Intermediate B championship.

All-Ireland club champions, Austin Stacks, will again be defending that title this year. They qualified by retaining their Dublin title at Croke Park on Wednesday night with a merited victory over Poshan Ruadh, who

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NET IN FINAL.—The North Pres. (above) and the Mt. Mercy team which met in the Camogie Intermediate County Championship final at Ballinlough. North Pres. won by 3-0 to 1-1.

North Pres take Gael Linn Cup

North Presentation Convent 3-0,
Mount Mercy Convent 1-1.

In a closely contested game, North Presentation Convent captured the Gael Linn Cup in the Intermediate Championship camogie final played at Ballinlough G.A.A. Grounds, Cork, on Saturday afternoon.

North Presentation were served well by M. Hegarty, who scored two goals; J. O'Leary, who scored one goal; by M. Walsh and goalie J. O'Shea; while E. Quaid, who scored one goal, M. Walsh, who scored one point and B. Glynn, J. Black, C. Twohig, M. Moore and C. Philpott tried hard for the losers.

Immaculate Heart Convent,
Ballyphehane 6-1;
Mercy Convent, Macroom 2-1.

In the junior game played at the same venue it was Immaculate Heart Convent, Ballyphehane, who shone with a 6-1 to 2-1 win over Mercy Convent, Macroom.

Here it was the second half which produced the thrills after a 1-0 to 0-1 interval score in favour of the visitors.

But in the second half Immaculate Heart team over-ran the visitors, and before the final whistle blew had rammed in no less than six fine goals.

Responsible for these goals were E. Hurley (2), C. Hickey (3), T. Purcell (1) and P. Coad (1) and for Macroom S. Creedon scored 1-0 and M. Twomey 1-1.

Imokilly qualify for final

Imokilly 5-4, South Pres. 1-2.
Imokilly caused a major surprise in the semi-final of the Cork county senior camogie championship at Carrigtwohill on Saturday evening when they defeated South Pres., Cork. Imokilly opened the scoring in the first minute when Kay Spillane scored a great goal. Mary Joe Daly added another a few minutes later to leave Imokilly leading by two goals after five minutes.

Marion McCarthy, for the city side, replied with a goal in the 7th minute followed by a point from M. Comerford, but two more goals from Mary Ryan and a point from Maria Costine saw Imokilly lead at the interval by 4-1 to 1-1.

On the resumption, Imokilly were well on top and with M. Higgins, M. Sweeney and M. Gully in top form, the losers had no answer to the power hurling of the East Cork side. The only score that South Pres. had in the dying moments of the second half was a point by Ann Comerford. After a lapse of 20 years, Imokilly now go forward to meet U.C.C. in the final on June 4.

'Comer's crown at first try!

Presentation Convent,
Castlecomer 4-1
Presentation Convent,
Kilkenny 2-3

Presentation Convent, Castlecomer, in their first year in the competition, captured the Purcell Cup when they defeated Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, in the Leinster Junior Colleges Camogie Final at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny, yesterday.

One goal and one point each at half time, there was little between the sides in this well-contested game, in which both sides had some outstanding players.

In a see-saw second half, Castlecomer pulled away in the closing stages to snatch the winning scores and finish deserving winners.

SCORES — Castlecomer: A. Downey (1-1), R. Breen (1-0), B. Breen (1-0), K. Purcell (1-0). Kilkenny: B. Martin (0-3), B. Delaney (1-0); K. McEvoy (1-0).

AGNES HOUGH
The inter-county camogie championship campaign for 1972 begins on Sunday next, with Limerick travelling to take on Waterford, and Cork, the provincial champions in his grade since the competition began defending their Munster crown against Kerry at Cork.

Limerick, graded junior, could have too much experience for Waterford in their game, as Waterford have not in recent years fulfilled the promise they had shown some seasons ago.

At Cork, the Cork girls, with half of the side that failed so narrowly to Dublin in last year's All-Ireland final, must be fancied to advance to the next stage. Kerry, however, showed up well in the Munster Colleges competition which proves that the standard within the county is improving. Indeed, with Monica Leahy,

Kerry Chances Slim At Cork

Joan Shanahan and Mary Geaney they should give a very good account of themselves. Central Council, at its meeting last weekend, had to face up to the problem posed by the fact that there will be no senior team in Connacht this year, and only one in Ulster, Antrim. This meant that the usual system of All-Ireland semi-finals, could not be followed.

According to the accepted sequence, the Munster winners should have met the Leinster champions in one semi-final

next August, while Ulster's standard-bearers should have opposed the Connacht representatives in the other.

But since their will be no Connacht representatives Antrim would thus, as the only Ulster senior side, find themselves, if the original pairings were adhered to in the All-Ireland final without even playing one previous championship game.

COMPLICATED

While the Open Draw might have proved the most satisfactory answer, the position was complicated by the fact that Munster and Leinster have already arranged their provincial championships. So it was decided that Antrim play either Munster or Leinster in the only semi-final, and the province that drew the bye was Leinster.

Thus the Munster champions will play Antrim at a Dublin venue on August 27, with the winners playing the Leinster champions in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park on September 17. The pairings were also made for the junior semi-finals, with Ulster at home to Connacht on August 6 and Munster entertaining the Leinster winners on July 30.

The Dublin Convention, which was switched back to the Autumn last year, will be held on Saturday next providing once again the wind-up to the competitive season. All the outgoing officers are likely to be returned unopposed, but there are quite a number of interesting motions for discussion.

SUGGESTIONS

Austin Stacks want the parallelogram extended by yard in each direction and have a very timely request also that the All-Ireland senior championship be run in future on the open draw system, presumably with the retention of provincial championships in the grade if provincial Councils so desire. At a more local level, Stacks ask that the Dublin camogie sports, formerly an annual event, be reorganised.

Celtic call for the organisation of an Under-16 division in Dublin competitions, while Eoghan Ruadh ask that the use of headgear be investigated and would also like to see a special Fixtures Committee. Naomh Mhuire want to see the possibilities of an Insurance Scheme for players investigated and want to have a victory dinner or social function to honour victorious county teams.

The Convention will open at Bru na nGael at 11 a.m. and will continue right through the day.

Cork juniors should have edge on Kerry

Cork holders of the Munster Junior Cup for the past four years, set out in defence of their title when they meet Kerry at Ballinlough on tomorrow afternoon. Five newcomers, Margaret Ahern, Brid McAuliffe, Val Fitzpatrick, Ger Butler and Nancy O'Driscoll are introduced to the side. In addition, Josie Pyne, returns after an absence of a few years. The ability of these girls to blend in with the more experienced players will have a strong bearing on the outcome.

The Cork defence is a strong one. Here Mary Salter, Nuala Jennings and Marion O'Leary retain the places which they occupied last season. Anne Keane and Angela, both minors and juniors in 1971, fill the wing-centre positions. The only remaining forward is Kay Spillane who returned to her best form last Saturday night for Imokilly.

Camogie in Kerry has expanded and improved since its growth at colleges level. Players from Causeway and Cloghane Schools in particular should find places in the side. Monica Leahy, Joan Shanahan and Mary Geaney are among the better known members of the team. With the large selection, keen competition and experience available in Cork they should field the better equipped outfit. However, Kerry have always been a difficult side to play against and the Cork team can take nothing for granted.

Cork: M. Ahern (Glanwirth), M. Salter (Churchtown), N. Jennings (U.C.C.), M. O'Leary (Old Als), B. McAuliffe (Old Als), A. Keane (Buttevant), V. Fitzpatrick (Old Als), A. Mc...

(Watergrasshill), G. Butler (Old Als), K. Spillane (Churchtown), J. Pyne (Fermoy), and N. O'Driscoll (Naomh Eoin).
Subs:—Munster Junior Championship at Ballinlough on Sunday next (28th May) at 3.30

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CORK GIRLS ON TOP—The Cork team which defeated Kerry in the Munster Junior Camogie Championship at Ballinlough, Cork. —(“E-cho”)



JOSIE ON MARK—Josie Pyne, the Cork full-forward shoots Cork's first goal in the Munster J unior Camogie Championship against Kerry at Ballinlough, Cork. —(Echo)

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Two New Teams Contest Co. Final

THE Cork County Camogie Championship must change hands this season, and with two new sides contesting the final, there will be great interest in the game fixed for tomorrow (Saturday), evening at the U.C.C. Grounds.

This year's finalists are Imokilly and U.C.C. and the tie promises plenty of exciting camogie. Imokilly last won the Cork Championship some 20 years ago, when they were captained by that grand Cork forward Noreen Duggan. This season they caused something of a surprise when they defeated the champions South Presentation Past Pupils in the semi-final, by the staggering margin of 5-4 to 1-3.

They have a sound defence built around Marie Costine the Cork defender, and she is ably supported in this sector by Mary Salter, Margaret, Nora and Elizabeth Higgins. At centre-field too they have a grand trio in Marion Sweeney, Josie Knowles and Angela Higgins, while in attack they have Nuala Gully, Kay Spillane, Mary Daly and Esther O'Connell (or Noreen O'Reilly), who are all able to pick off scores.

Against this what have U.C.C. to offer: They too, have their stars but, of course, the time of year is against them. Examina-

tions are very much in the air at the moment and a great deal will depend on whether the strain of the exams, will have taken its toll on the college girls. If it has not then College must be there with a very good chance.

In goal U.C.C. have the very sound Sheila Ryan, while they have grand defenders in Mary O'Brien, Margaret Long, Nuala Jennings and Honor Lynch. In the centre-field they are also strong with Nora May Lynch, Mary Kearney and Cork star Pat Moloney.

They have Cork stars also in attack where Rosie Hennessy and Liz Garvan must be feared by the Imokilly defence, while they cannot afford to take any chances with Louise O'Connor or Anne O'Dwyer either.

College carry their greatest power in attack, but they will require a good supply of the ball from the centre of the field. And here Pat Moloney, if she hits top form, could do the trick for the students.

However, Imokilly have the great morale booster of a big win over three-time holders South Pres., and having overcome the champions they will be very slow to throw away their chance of the title at this stage.

This is the only game listed for the weekend, which will give followers every chance of seeing it.

Fixture—Cork Co. Championship Final at U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke—Imokilly v. U.C.C., 7.45 p.m. Referee: J. Pyne.

A Long Wait For Imokilly

By AGNES HOURIGAN

ALL camogie interest in Cork this week will be centred on the county final in which Imokilly, the East Cork Divisional side, take on University College at the Mardyke tomorrow evening at 7.30.

Imokilly are entitled to start as favourites, thanks to their clear-cut semi-final victory over the holders, South Presentation. Moreover, the East Cork side will have the assistance of such county stars as Marie Costin, Nuala Guilley, Kay Spillane and Marion Sweeney.

It is just over twenty years since Imokilly won this title, and they will be very anxious now to emulate the success then achieved by a fine side led by that outstanding All-Ireland player, Noreen Duggan.

HIGH HOPES

Although the UCC Club has been almost sixty years in existence, the students have never yet succeeded in winning a senior county title, although it must be pointed out that in many seasons they did not field a side in the competition, as the players had departed on holidays when the competition championship was reaching its climax. However, they have high hopes of making the great breakthrough this time.

The present UCC side possesses three trump cards in All-Ireland and inter-provincial players, Liz Garvan, Rosie Hennessy and Pat Moloney. This is a game in which the team that gains the mid-field

advantage may well prove vital.

Here All-Ireland players Nuala Guilley and Pat Moloney will be in opposition. If UCC can gain an advantage around the centre, their two brilliant forwards Liz Garvan and Rosie Hennessy may get the scores that could bring victory.

FAVOURITES

But Marie Costin, the county's All-Ireland full-back could well contain the Hennessy threat, and while Liz Garvan, at her best, could prove a match-winner, it must be remembered that until a couple of weeks ago she had been out of the game through injury. So great forward though she is, she must be short of match-practice.

So Imokilly will still be favourites, but UCC will be on home ground at the Mardyke, they may be slightly the more even side, and they could well spring a surprise.

Meanwhile there were no surprises in the opening games of the inter-county championship last Sunday. Both games were in the Munster junior series and Cork further extended their remarkable record of never having lost a game in this grade within their home province when they easily accounted for Kerry by 7-4 to 0-1.

COACHING

In the other first round game, Limerick, despite having to travel to play Waterford achieved a comfortable victory on double scores, 6-4 to 3-2. In the semi-finals, Limerick will be at home to Tipperary on June 18 while Cork must travel to face Clare on the following Sunday.

The annual National Coaching Course, which has been held at Gormanston College since its inception, has been switched this year to St. Joseph's College, Garbally Park, Ballinasloe.

The reason for the change is because the Committee in charge feel it will be beneficial to hold the course in each of the Provinces in turn, thus giving all counties equal opportunities of availing of the chance of perfecting the skills of the game.

Last week a very successful coaching course for County Laois, sponsored by Leinster Council was held in Abbeylisk.



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Imokilly's Mary Salter comes away with the ball followed by a U.C.C. defender during the Cork county senior camogie championship game at the Mardyke.

Imokilly take title after 20 years

Imokilly 1-5, U.C.C. 0-5.

IMOKILLY, after a lapse of 20 years, regained the Cork senior camogie title at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, Cork, on Saturday when they defeated University College, Cork, by 1-5 to 0-5, having been in arrears 0-4 to 0-2 at the break.

Imokilly can thank their inter-county star Marie Costine, in particular, for their great win. It was she who steadied their defence against a dangerous U.C.C. attack which included Rosie Hennessy and Liz Garvan, who were the stars of Cork's great All-Ireland win last season. With these two players more or less held, the U.C.C. attack got little opportunity to show their true form and in consequence their scoring was kept down drastically.

In addition M. McSweeney at centre-field, and J. Knowles, also at centre-field, and the four Higgins sisters, were in brilliant form for the divisional side. U.C.C. were best served in defence by S. Ryan in goal, N. M. Lynch and P. Maloney in

Lynch 0-1, L. Garvan 0-2, and R. Hennessy 0-1.

Imokilly—L. Higgins, M. Costine, M. Salter, M. Higgins, N. Higgins, A. Higgins, M. McSweeney, J. Knowles, N. Gilly, N. Bailey, K. Spillane, and M. J. Ryan. Subs.—A. O'Connell for M. J. Ryan and M. Barron for N. Bailey.

U.C.C.—S. Ryan, N. Jennings, M. O'Brien, M. Long, R. Long, H. Lynch, P. Moloney, N. M. Lynch, L. Garvan, R. Hennessy, A. O'Dwyer, and L. O'Connor. Subs.—M. Kearney for N. Lynch and B. Field for A. O'Dwyer.

Referee: J. Pyne.

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The inter-county camogie championship season, which has already got under way in the other two provinces, commences in Leinster and Connaught on Sunday next with All-Ireland junior champions Dublin travelling to commence the defence of their title by taking on Meath at Navan (7.0), and Galway, graded junior for the first time, entertaining Mayo at Galway.

Dublin have set something of a record by winning the All-Ireland junior title for the past two seasons, so they are this year seeking their third successive title. But as those who have previously won All-Ireland medals are not eligible to compete, the selectors have found their choice somewhat restricted.

Still the side chosen is reasonably strong, and although they may have difficulties later in the campaign, this widely based selection with players from Austin Stacks, Eoghan Ruadh, Cuchulainns, Naomh Aoife, Sliabh Blohm, Celtic, Naomh Padraig, Naomh Mhuire and Presentation will not be easy to beat.

They have had several training sessions and will travel very hopefully to Paire Tailteann.

Meath have not been in the limelight in recent years, but there is plenty of talent within the county and led by Dunshaughlin they should be able to produce a lively side. However, this early in the season they face a disadvantage against a Dublin side that has already been seasoned in the recently completed local championships, so the Dubliners must be taken to advance, to meet Louth or Wexford in the next round.

Over in the West, Galway for

Dublin In Quest Of Hat-Trick

Ireland camogie championships started, find themselves relegated from senior ranks. With a strong side from Ballinssloe to provide the backbone, including such experienced players as Pat Feeney and Jane Murphy, they must be taken to advance to the final at the expense of Mayo.

Cork's great full-back Marie Costine, proved the outstanding figure in the County final in Cork last Saturday night. Not alone did she foil the threat of those brilliant UCC forwards, Liz Garvan and Rose Hennessy by some fine defensive play, but she also scored the goal that eventually meant victory for the East Cork divisional side, Imokilly.

The remaining games in the opening round of the Leinster junior series will be played off through the next couple of weeks. On June 18, Wexford will be at home to Louth in Gorey, while on June 23, Louth travel to play Wicklow and Kilkenny will have home advantage against Kildare.

The semi-finals will both be played on July 9 and the final, in conjunction with the senior final on July 23.

In the senior grade, Dublin travel to play Kilkenny in the semi-final on July 2, with the winners facing Wexford in the final.

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First-Half Fright Inspires Devastating Dublin Rally

DUBLIN 6-2; MEATH 4-0.

DUBLIN, All-Ireland Junior Camogie champions for the past two seasons went successfully over the first hurdle in defence of their title when they defeated Meath in the opening game of the Leinster Junior Championship at Navan last evening.

The champions, after an uncertain first half at the end of which they were a point in arrears when the home side led 2-0 to 1-2, went from strength to strength after the interval and scored four goals without reply.

A Meath rally earned them two goals which only left five points between the sides. However, Dublin faced the issue with a final goal.

Best for the winners were Mairead Twomey, Peggy Mullins and Noreen Fleming. Maura Flanagan, Dolores Hanbury and Mary Duffy were best for Meath.

Scorers—Dublin: N. Fleming (2-0), A. Byrne (2-0), M. Jones (1-1), P. Breslin (1-1). Meath—M. Darra (2-0), C. Coyne (1-0), K. Reilly (1-0).

Galway Camogie Girls Beat Mayo

Galway defeated Mayo in the Connacht Junior Camogie championship at Melbourn by 5 goals 1 point to 1 goal.

Galway scorers were N. McHugh 2-1, J. Murphy 2-0, S. Crowe 1-0, K. Quinn, C. Collins, G. Divilly and K. O'Grady also played well for Galway.

Galway team: M. Kileen, M. Kilkenny, C. Collins, K. Quinn, H. O'Neill, K. O'Grady, G. Divilly, M. O'Grady, N. McHugh, J. Murphy, S. Crowe, T. McMahon.

The Galway girls are training hard under Jimmy Duggan for the Connacht final on 2nd July.

Meanwhile the Dublin selectors have announced their panel of players for the forthcoming Leinster senior championship and have chosen what looks a reasonable blend of youth and experience. Mary Ryan, Orlandi Shiochain, Kitty Murphy, Judy Doyle and Brid Keenan remain from the great All-Ireland sides of the past, Sheila Murray and Vera Feeley have previous senior experience, while Pauline Brennan, Dymna Caldwell, Anne Carey, Jenny Dooley, Pat Rafferty, Christine Dignam, Miriam Higgins, Evelyn Sweeney, Rita White, Sheila Wallace and Anna McManus have all come up from the teams that won two junior All-Irelands in succession in the past couple of seasons.

Their first engagement will be against Kilkenny in the semi-final at Kilkenny on July 2.

WEXFORD CHASING LEINSTER DOUBLE

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Wexford, who have high hopes of accomplishing the Leinster camogie double this season, a feat the county last achieved in 1959, will be hoping to take the first step towards the junior title on Sunday next when they oppose Louth in the opening round at Gorey (3.0).

Holders of the senior title, Wexford should be able to put a strong team in the field, with some promising College players also available. So, on home ground at Gorey, they will be warmly fancied to account for Louth.

With the holders Dublin given a close run by Meath at Navan on Sunday last, the outcome of this Gorey game, the winners of which meet Dublin in the next round, will be all the more interesting.

SPOTLIGHT ON CAMOGIE

Meanwhile the junior championships have already reached the semi-final stages in both Ulster and Munster and three of these games are also scheduled for Sunday next.

In the North, holders Armagh who are possibly the strongest side in all the provinces in this grade, will be firm favourites to account for Tyrone especially as they will have home advantage.

In the other semi-final, Antrim seem to face a far sterner challenge from Fermanagh, but the advantage would still rest with the Antrim girls.

Down Munster way, Limerick, who had a good first-round victory over Waterford, will now have the advantage of a home venue against Tipperary.

Tipperary held Cork to a draw in the final of this grade a year ago, and were counted very unlucky to lose the replay by a narrow margin. If they can measure up to that form now they are entitled to start as favourites.

But Limerick have been steadily improving. They have a strong backbone of experienced players, and the victory of Castleconnell in the recent

Munster Colleges junior championship must have provided a further boost to the game in the East of the county.

Tipperary may have a slight edge on the form book, but a victory for the home county cannot be ruled out.

The second Munster semi-final between Clare and holders Cork, will be played on Sunday week.

In Ulster the delayed final of the Maguire Cup is now scheduled for July 2 at an Antrim venue, when Antrim will take on Monaghan. This game will probably be availed of by the Antrim mentors to

give a run to their seniors who, otherwise, would have no outing before the All-Ireland semi-final in late August.

The strength of Camogie in Armagh was emphasised recently when St. Paul's, Bessbrook, retained the Secondary Schools' title with a very decisive win, 6-1 to 1-0 over St. Mary's of Clady-Portlengone in the final.

All counties are reminded that Tuesday next, June 20, is the latest date for applications for places at the National Coaching Course which will be held at Garbally Park, Ballinasloe in July.

To wind up the Dublin season the Celtic Club have organised an open Seven-a-Side competition for the Phoenix Park grounds on Sunday next.

Heavy Weather For Wexford

WEXFORD 2-4

LOUTH 0-1

Wexford reached the semi-final of the Leinster Junior Camogie championship when they made heavy weather of defeating an under-strength Louth side at Gorey yesterday.

The winners, backed by a strong wind, had the better of the play in the first half but were not flattered by their half time tally of 1-2 to nil. The Slaneysiders continued to dominate after the interval but again wasted many scoring chances.

Best for the winners were Bridie Tobin, Bridget Higgins, Eileen Hawkins and Breda Murphy. Kathleen Lynch, in goal, was the outstanding player on the visitors' side.

Scorers: Wexford—B. Tobin (1-3), B. Higgins (1-0), M. Murphy (0-1). Louth—A. Murphy (0-1).

CAMOGIE: TIPPERARY TROUNCED

Limerick's forty point championship win

Limerick 11-7
Tipperary 0-0

Yes, it's true, Limerick chalked up a 40 points to nil score win over Tipperary at Adare on Sunday in the semi-final of the Munster Junior Championship. The loyal band of Limerick supporters were treated to a feast of scores by a very lively and classy home side. Limerick now await the winners of the Clare and Cork game, and the final will be played on Sunday, July 23, at a venue to be arranged.

Hot favourites, Tipperary, were humiliated on Sunday last

by a fine Limerick team. At the interval it was wrapped up as the Tipperary girls found themselves 5-3 in arrears. Helen Roche was rarely tested in the Limerick goal. Bridgid Ryan celebrated her recall to the side with a very sound display. Half backs, Kitty Ryan, Bunty Guiry and Mary Hayes, were always in command. At midfield, Christina Murphy excelled in the second half, after a somewhat slow start. Geraldine O'Brien showed improved form on her display against Waterford, and Betty O'Leary had her usually sound display. Half forwards, Bridgid Darcy, Margo Condon and Car-

rie Clancy, were never better, and the latter named distributed the ball to full advantage. Full forward, Marian Madden, was the star of the game. The slightly built, 17-years-old from Ahane, playing her first game for Limerick, slammed in no less than six goals. Her first time pulling and no nonsense stuff was a complete contrast to what we have been accustomed to in the past. Her selection on the county team came as a bigger surprise than even her display on Sunday, as she still has to command a regular place on the Ahane senior team.

Scorers for Limerick were:

Marian Madden (6-0), Bridgid Darcy (2-2), Joan O'Brien (2-0), Margo Condon (1-1), Carrie Clancy (0-3), Teresa Fennessy (0-1).

TEAMS
Limerick: H. Roche, E. Ryan, K. Ryan, B. Guiry, M. Hayes, C. Murphy, G. O'Brien, B. O'Leary, B. Darcy, C. Clancy, M. Condon, M. Madden. Subs: J. O'Brien for B. Darcy, T. Fennessy for B. Darcy, P. Darcy for G. O'Brien.
Tipperary: J. Quigley, P. Egan, P. Quigley, S. Moyles, C. Doyle, A. Minogue, M. Moynihan, B. Kinnane, B. Feehan, E. Casey, M. Hayes.
Referee: M. Moran (Cork).

Wexford Send in 35 Wides—But Still Win!

Wexford 2-4, Louth 0-1

SENDING in a grand total of 35 wides — 21 of them in the first half — but still coming out on the winning side in the end was the dubious distinction of Wexford when defeating Louth in a sometimes good, sometimes bad 1st round tie in the Leinster junior Camogie championship in 'Pairc Eanna', Gorey, last Sunday (writes Setanta).

And from the point of view of almost everyone in the Model County camp, the victory, though surely merited on the run of play, raises 1,001 questions and doubts as to the future prospects of the team, for its showing with honourable exception of defence and midfield, was a calculated exercise in how not to win a match, and even the comfortable winning margin cannot but leave the team's selectors, in line with the team's followers, far, far from satisfied.

LACK OF PUNCH IN ATTACK

The team made very heavy weather of it throughout the game; the forwards, particularly, lacked punch and had the opposition been even a shade better than a very poor Louth, it could have been disastrous for Wexford. Backed by a wild, blowing wind, Wexford played a nightmare first half which, incredibly, had to be seen to be believed. Totally on top, and with almost as much percentage-wise in opportunities, scores up for 'grubs' were thrown away with w/d abandon. Golden opportunities and outright 'sitters'—not to even consider those 'half-chances'—were 'ignored' with painful ease.

It was only in the last half, strangely enough, even against the wind, that the team showed anything of note. Yet even then when the rest of the team had fairly settled down to play quite well, the attack remained sluggish and uninspired, being quite often guilty of the old failing of 'lifting' the ball.

Perhaps all this may seem too much, but believe me no team but

facing consistently poor Louth puck-outs, had a dismal first half. How many wides had we?—21; but how many scores did we miss in the process—possibly twice that number.

Points by M. Murphy and B. Tobin (5 and 10 minutes) were the only scores in the remainder and when, as the whistle sounded, the homesters should have been thinking of lighting the bonfires, they led by a mere 5 points, and were precariously perched as they faced wind-backed Louth in the last half.

In this half, however, Wexford began to show an improvement. Louth had a point early on but Wexford, after much pressing in which Louth culbairé Kathleen Lynch made superb saves, had a ready answer when Brigid Higgins goal'ed some 10 minutes from time. Amazingly, it was not until this stage that the Sharpeysiders wrapped up the game with that goal, but for good measure B. Tobin pointed.

SOLID BACKS

Outstanding feature of the win was a very solid display by the winning team's backs. Breda Finn shone all the way with some timely interceptions and long, relieving clearances that got her team so many times out of trouble. Not far behind her came centre-back Gretta Kehoe, a brave, unyielding figure throughout. Mary Boggan, at full-

back, didn't put a foot wrong. Left corner Kathleen O'Leary has had better outings, but with training should return to her outstanding form.

In goal, youthful Margaret Kelly, deputising for regular culbairé T. Shannon, had extremely little to do, but made a particularly fine save at a vital stage in the second half.

The midfield was dominated by a bang in-form Breda Murphy, a non-stop goer who had her best outing to date. Team captain Eileen Hawkins often showed delightful touches and generally inspired, but she, too, looked unfit. Completing the trio was Mairead Darcy, who was having her first inter-county outing, and her debut was very satisfactory. Her departure late in the game was viewed by many to be unwarranted. I would agree—while not 'starring,' she was an extremely hard worker and she, if anyone, certainly did not deserve to be taken off.

The Wexford forwards, as stated, were very off-form, with notable exceptions. Centre-forward Bridie Tobin was, perhaps, the star of the game. A bundle of energy as always, she ran herself into the ground in an effort to achieve scores, but she lacked the overall support. Brigid Higgins, also making her debut with the team, was a hard worker who showed clever touches, and made an improvement when switched.

One substitute was used, and determined Geraldine Duggan showed no drawback: it is strange to see such a strong player as her held in reserve when the team is crying out for 'more power.'

SCORERS

Scorers for winners were — B. McClean and B. Higgins (1-0 each), B. Tobin (0-3), M. Murphy (0-1), and for losers—A. Murphy (0-1).

TEAMS

Wexford—M. Kelly (St. Mary's); M. Boggan (St. Brigid's); B. Finn (Adamstown - Cloughbawn), G. Kehoe (do.), K. O'Leary (Buffers Alley); B. Murphy (Adamstown-Cloughbawn), E. Hawkins, capt. (St. Mary's), M. Darcy (do.); B. Higgins (St. Anne's), B. Tobin (St. Brigid's), B. McClean (Buffers Alley); M. Murphy (St. Vincent's); sub., G. Duggan (St. Mary's) for M. Darcy.

Louth—K. Lynch; R. Murtagh; A. Whelan, M. Guinnty, T. McDonald; C. Tumilty, G. Murphy, E. Whelan; J. Clarke, M. Gallagher, E. Rogers, A. Murphy.

Referee—Miss T. Byrne (Wicklow).

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WEXFORD team that beat Louth: At rear (left to right) — T. Higgins (sub.), R. Kirwan (sub.) B. Higgins, B. Murphy, G. Kehoe, I. Bolger (sub.), M. Darcy, M. Murphy, B. Finn. In front — K. O'Leary, M. Kelly, M. Boggan, E. Hawkins, M. Darcy, B. Higgins, B. Tobin, B. McClean, G. Duggan (sub.)

Cork's Unique Record

By AGNES HOURIGAN

In Camogie, Cork holds a remarkable record — since the Munster junior championship was instituted four years ago, the Cork girls have never been beaten within their own province. But they face unexpected opposition on Sunday when they travel to a Clare venue, probably Ruane, to take on the home team who are making a very brave bid for honours this year.

Camogie enthusiasm is now at a very high level in Clare, and the team will have the assistance of former Dublin stars, Annie Marie O'Loughlin, Pat Morrissey and Claire Harrington, all of whom have won All-Ireland medals with Dublin in this junior grade. They will also have the services of Munster inter-provincial player, Liz Scanlon.

So Cork face a very stiff test indeed, but they had a very easy first-round victory over Kerry, will have at least half of the side that failed very narrowly to Dublin in last year's All-Ireland final, and will now have the assistance of Marion Sweeney who was not available for the Kerry game.

Cork's greater experience may well prove too much for Clare's enthusiasm, but whichever county wins on Sunday will have a new force to reckon with in the provincial final, as Limerick fairly swept to victory over Tipperary in the other semi-final last Sunday by the remarkable score of 11-7 to nil.

Carrie Clancy, Betty O'Leary, Christina Greensmith and Bridget Darcy were outstanding for the winners, whose victory was all the more remarkable since the Tipperary girls had held Cork to a draw in last year's final and were unlucky to lose the replay.

I am told that Limerick, for the first time, have really got down to training this year, and if they maintain this form they could be well in contention not alone for the Munster but for the All-Ireland crown.

Two quarter-finals in the provincial junior championship provide next Sunday's attractions in Leinster with Kildare travelling to play Kilkenny (2.30) and Wicklow at home at Laois in Annacurra (7.00).

Kildare have named a useful side with particularly useful players in Betty Garry, Miriam Miggin and Marian Mangan, but Kilkenny can call on a blend of experienced players plus colleges stars.

Especially interesting will be the display of Angela Downey, who was the outstanding player on the Castlecomer side that won the Leinster Colleges Junior Championship.

Laois and Wicklow should prove well-matched at Annacurra where home venue could prove the deciding factor. The winners of the latter will meet Wexford in one Leinster semi-final, while the winners of the Kildare-Kilkenny game will play holders, Dublin, who got a good first-half round run from Meath.

Both Ulster semi-finals were played last Sunday with Antrim accounting for Fermanagh, and Armagh getting a harder battle than expected from Tyrone. In the West, Galway, who have no senior side this season, were, as expected far too experienced for Mayo, and they now await in the final the winners of the Sligo and Roscommon game. This will be played on July 2, and Galway are being trained by former All-Ireland hurling star, Jimmy Duggan.

Cork Juniors Play Clare At Ruan Tomorrow

CORK - Munster junior champions for the last four years - travel to meet Clare at Ruan in the semi-final of this season's competition, on to-morrow (Sunday).

There are no local fixtures on Sunday but there are a number of interesting games fixed for the coming week.

Cork had an easy win over Kerry by 7-4 to 0-1 in the first round of the junior championship. But while they beat Kerry comfortably the standard of their opponents was very low and, therefore it is difficult to assess the strength or weakness of the Cork side.

Clare had a bye in the first round which gives no information to the selectors. In previous years a game with Clare would be considered an easy task for a Cork side. However this year the situation is different with the Clare officials really determined to bring their camogie team out of the doldrums. They have been searching the country for Clare born players and have succeeded in getting many with inter-county experience with other counties. They applied to Central Council to have Ann Harrington, Ann Marie O'Loughlin and Pat Morrissey all of whom have All-Ireland medals with Dublin, regraded so that they could play junior for Clare. Central Council granted their request. In addition to these girls Clare will have Claire Harrington, who previously played for Louth, Liz Scanlon, who played for Munster last Autumn and probably Mary O'Brien and Louise O'Connor, both of whom won Ashbourne medals with U.C.C. in February.

Certainly this could produce a very formidable line-up indeed. They should have a very strong defence and the all round standard of the side must definitely be much higher than at any time in the past. Of, course, much will depend on whether their newcomers are fit and if the selectors have been able to blend them into a successful team.

LOOKS IN DANGER

Certainly Cork's title looks in danger at this stage of the season. They have this a very formidable task on Sunday and should they succeed here they meet Limerick, who on Sunday last served notice of their intentions when they annihilated Tipperary by 11-7 to nil a tremendous score against any Tipperary team. They must now be installed as favourites for the

game but a good win on Sunday could put Cork back in favour.

However they have a tough afternoon ahead of them on Sunday. About half of the Cork side were involved in examinations during these weeks and therefore are not as fit as they should be. But the return of Marion McSweeney should strengthen the midfield.

In goal Cork have a very solid keeper in Margaret Ahern of Glanworth while the side will be captained by that tower of strength Mary Salter at full back in the half line Cork have a grand trio in Brid McAuliffe, Marion O'Leary and Nuala Jennings.

Marion Sweeney will be part-

nered in the centre of the field by Anne Keane and Angela Higgins, two matchwinners on their day. In attack too Cork are useful with Ger Butler, Kay Spillane, Josie Pyne and Nancy O'Driscoll all capable of grabbing the scores.

Certainly Cork are not without talent and if their forwards can get the better of the solid Clare defence then they must have a big chance. However they must treat their opponents with the greatest respect if they are to advance to the final.

Cork: Margaret Ahern (Glanworth), Mary Salter (Capt.) (Churchtown) Brid McAuliffe (Old Als), Marion O'Leary (Old Als), Nuala Jennings (U.C.C.) Anne Keane (Buttevant), Marion Sweeney (Youghal), Angela Higgins (Watergrasshill), Ger Butler (Old Als), Kay Epillane (Churchtown), Josie Pyne (Fermoy), Nancy O'Driscoll (Naomh Eoin) Subst E. Higgins (Watergrasshill) R. O'Sullivan (O.L.H.) S. Roche (Aghabullogue) V. Fitzpatrick (Old Als), P. Walsh (Old Als).

There is one championship game listed for the coming week and in this Buttevant should advance to the second round at the expense of Castlemagner in the junior campaign.

The remainder of the fixtures are all league games.

FIXTURES

Sunday, June 25: Munster junior championship semi-final Ruan at 4.30, Clare v. C. (Limerick officials)

Clare Foiled

CORK 3-2
CLARE 3-1

A goal, scored in the last seconds, gave holders Cork a lucky one-point win over Clare in the Munster junior Camogie semi-final at Ruane.

Kilkenny Make

A Point

KILKENNY 1-8
KILDARE 3-1

Kilkenny just qualified for the Leinster Junior Camogie semi-final when they finished a point ahead of Kildare at Kilkenny yesterday.

The visitors, who had the advantage of a strong breeze in the first half, missed chance after chance before scoring two goals without a reply. Kilkenny, who were very slow to settle down, improved at this stage and were only a point in arrears at half time, 1-2 to 2-0.

Kilkenny drew level after the interval. This was the first of six points scored by the Nore-siders while Kildare only added a point. However, Kildare rallied in the closing stages to score a late goal but the homeside emerged victorious by a single point.

Angela Downey and Bridie Martin, who scored seven points between them, proved to be match winners for Kilkenny. Kathleen Brennan and captain Annie Bowden, were also prominent. Best for the losers were Margaret Deering, Margaret Molloy and captain Miriam Mignan.

Scorers: Kilkenny — A. Downey (0-4), C. Doyle (1-1), B. Martin (0-3), Kildare — M. Loughrey (1-0), T. Lynch (1-0), M. Molloy (1-0), R. Hassett (0-1).

Wicklow In Scoring Mood

WICKLOW 10-1
LAOIS 1-0

Wicklow scored a runaway victory over Laois to qualify for the second semi-final of Leinster Junior Camogie championship against Wexford, which was played at Annacurra last evening. The winners who led 6-1 to 1-0 at half time were always in command.

SCORERS: Wicklow — T. Byrne (4-0), G. Collins (2-1), K. O'Neill (2-0), M. O'Loughlin (1-0). Laois — S. Gorman (1-0).

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Dublin Rely On New Talent

HOUBRIGAN

Leinster senior championship starts next when Dublin, who changed side from the county side half a dozen years ago, will travel to meet the Leinster semi-

narrow victory over Kildare on Sunday last.

Only full-back Mary Ryan, centre-back Kitty Murphy, and Orla Ni Shiochain on the left ring now remain of the last Dublin team to win a senior All-Ireland title in 1966, and of the remainder only Anne Sheehy who has starred for both Dublin and Leinster, has previous inter-county experience.

But all the rest have been members of the great junior sides that won the last two junior All-Ireland championships in succession.

WONDERFUL

Anne Carey gave some wonderful exhibitions of goal-keeping through the recent county championship and is now preferred even to the brilliant Sheila Murray, whose sister Fiona appears at left back.

Jenny Dooley, at right back, and Anna McManus, on the right wing, were on last season's junior side as were Evelyn Sweeney on the left corner of the attack and Miriam Higgins, something of a surprise choice at full-forward. Pauline Brennan starred on the 1970 team. Christine Dignam is at mid-field on what looks a well-balanced side, if somewhat lacking in senior inter-county experience.

Kilkenny will field All-Ireland and interprovincial players in Teresa O'Neill, Phil and Carmel O'Shea, the Cassin twins, Helen O'Neill, Ann Carroll and Anne Phelan, but may be handicapped by the absence of their great winger Liz Neary.

Many of the side participated in St. Paul's three successive victories in the All-Ireland club championship, but the inclusion of the schoolgirls, Angela Downey and Bridie Martin is the principal talking point about the side.

VERY YOUNG

Both are most promising players, but both are very young. Angela Downey is only in her early teens, and it might have seemed wiser to allow them a longer spell in the lower grade. However, they are both experienced players for girls so young, and it will be a great achievement on

their part if they can help Kilkenny to victory.

In the West, the Connacht junior final between Galway and Roscommon at Roscommon is the main attraction. Roscommon have been the holders of this title for the past two seasons, but Galway, playing their best team in junior ranks for the first time, must start favourites.

With such stalwarts as Jane Murphy, Margaret Killeen and Pat Feeney in their ranks they will be fancied to take this Western title.

Clare also sprang the surprise of the Southern season at Ruane last Sunday night when they led Munster junior champions, Cork, all through the game and then were beaten by a last minute goal.

Leading by 2-1 to 0-2 at the interval, Clare, having added a further goal in the second half, were still five points ahead with just about as many minutes remaining for play. Then Cork scored a goal, kept swarming to the attack, and snatched the winning score just on the call of time.

So Cork retained their remarkable record of never having been beaten in the Munster junior grade, but they will need to show considerable improvement if they are to account for Limerick in the final.

Galway Junior Camogie Victory

Galway defeated Roscommon by 10 goals 4 pts to 3 goals 1 pt in the Connacht junior camogie final at St. Comans Park, Roscommon on Sunday.

Galway girls were in great scoring form and had the game sewn up at half time when they led by 8-1 to 1-1.

Roscommon tried hard after the interval but their forwards never really troubled the Galway defence and the final score was Galway 10-4 Roscommon 3-1.

Galway scorers Nono McHugh 2-0, Josie Kelly 2-1, Pat Feeney 2-2, Sheila Crowe 2-0, Jane Murphy 1-1 and Marian Forde 1-0.

Roscommon scorers M. Naughton 1-1, N. Bendetti 1-0, Anne Gannon 1-0.

Galway: M. Kileen, M. Kilkenny, C. Collins, K. Quinn, R. M. Divilly, M. Forde, J. Kelly, B. Warde, N. McHugh, J. Murphy, S. Crowe, P. Feeney.

On Sunday next 9th July Galway girls travel to Sligo to play Antrim in a challenge.

A Convincing Victory For Kilkenny

KILKENNY 8-6; DUBLIN 4-3

KILKENNY reached the final of the Leinster senior camogie championship when they scored a convincing victory over Dublin at Kilkenny last evening. The winners, who oppose Wexford in the final on July 23, started slowly but were completely on top in the fourth quarter.

Play was evenly contested through the first half and for the first seven minutes of the second half, but from then to the end, Kilkenny took command and ran up a tally of five goals and two points, while Dublin only succeeded in scoring a single goal.

The visitors settled down quickly and were a goal and two points up in ten minutes. Kilkenny drew level in the next three minutes, and took the lead in the 22nd minute.

Dublin, however, fought back to lead 2-3 to 2-2 at half-time. Best for the winners were Ann Phelan, Carmel O'Shea, Breda Cassin, Ann Carroll, Angela Downey, Maura Cassin and Helina O'Neill. Dublin were best served by Fiona Murray, Christine Dignam, Orla Ni Shiochain, Anna McManus and Pauline Brennan.

Scorers: Kilkenny — A. Downey (2-1), M. Cassin (2-1), A. Carroll (1-2), E. Martin (1-1), L. Neary (1-0); H. O'Neill (1-0) and B. Brennan (0-1). Dublin: P. Brennan (1-2), O. Ni Shiochain (0-1), E. Cassin (0-1), A. McManus (0-1), Sweeney (1-0); A. O'Neill, P. O'Shea, L. Neary, A. Carroll, B. Cassin, B. Martin, M. Cassin, H. O'Neill, A. Downey.

DUBLIN — A. Carey, M. Ryan, J. Dooley, K. Murphy, F. Murray, A. McManus, C. Dignam, O. Ni Shiochain, P. Brennan, A. Sheehy, E. Sweeney, M. Higgins, Substitutes: White, J. Dooley, D. Caldwell for A. Sheehy; S. Walsh for M. Higgins.

Referee: Miss M. Hearn (Wexford)

MUNSTER FINAL IN THURLES ON SUNDAY

Cork Should Overcome Tipperary's Challenge

THURLES is the venue for the clash of old rivals Tipperary and Cork in the Munster Championship Final on Sunday next (7 p.m.). These sides have met so often in the decider, and have produced so many class games, that any meeting between them always generates excitement.

Cork, of course, are All-Ireland champions for two years now and it will be remembered that Cork only barely beat them by a point last year after a tremendous game and no doubt this season Tipp, will be determined to have their crack at an All-Ireland title.

The Cork team shows two changes from the side that won the All-Ireland last September. Missing are Mel Cummins and Liz Garvan. These girls must be a big loss, but such is the strength of camogie in Cork at the moment that the selectors are confident that they have top replacements. Into the side once again comes Deirdre Sutton of Glen Rovers who will be between the posts. Deirdre needs no introduction to camogie followers as she was the regular goalie for many years before Mel took over. Deirdre has been the regular junior goal for the last

few years, but she must be best known for her very many great games for Cork and Munster not too many years ago. In the meantime she has been playing consistently well for both her club and Cork for the last few years.

Marion McCarthy moves to centre-forward in place of Liz. She is no stranger to this position which she often fills for her club. Her old berth at left-wing will be taken by Marion Sweeney. The latter has been a member of the Cork junior side for two years, has played for Cork minors and schools and Loreto, Fermoy. A strong, energetic player, Marion is capable of taking the big step without too much trouble. So Cork would appear to be as strong as ever this season.

They have great strength in defence where Deirdre Sutton is fronted by the very powerful Marie Costine at full back. Then you have the formidable half line of Hannah Dineen, Anne McAuliffe, who will be remembered for her tremendous game in the All-Ireland Final and Mary Whelton.

In the centre too they have their stars with Betty Sugrue, Pat Moloney and Marion

Sweeney, all capable of great things.

Then of course they have their highly talented attack with high-scoring Rosie Hennessy, Anne Comerford, Marion McCarthy and Nuala Gully, all so capable of winning games on their own.

Certainly Cork proved in Croke Park in September last that they have loads of ability, and it they can rise to this form again on Sunday, then they must have the beating of Tipperary, even in Thurles.

TIPPERARY'S TEAM UNKNOWN

It is very difficult to get the actual team from Tipperary but no doubt they will have most of last season's side Sally Long is a very efficient goalie while they have grand defenders in Mary Graham, Alice Perry, Anne Ralph and Kit Boland. In the centre too they have top players in Deirdre Lane, Monica Tynan, Beatrice Lawrence and Kathleen Treacy need no introduction. Should any of these be missing they have Bidy Heffernan who came on as a sub last season and played so well that she would be more than an effective replacement. In fact it is more than likely that she will be in the side anyway but at whose expense only the Tipperary selectors know.

In addition to their performance against Cork last season most of the side play for the Thurles club who reached the final of the All-Ireland Inter-Club championship last Spring. The majority are very experienced players and with a home venue there is no doubt that Cork have their work cut out on Sunday. However as I stated before Cork showed what they are capable of in last year's All-Ireland final and this season they have been training harder than ever and with more spirit so they must be in Sunday's game with a great chance. Certainly they will be determined to take this major step towards a three-in-a-row of All-Irelands which would be such a tremendous feat after Cork had spent so many years in the doldrums prior to 1970. So come on followers and give them your support on Sunday.

Cork Team:— D. Sutton (Glen Rovers); M. Costine (Cloyne); H. Dineen (S.P.P.P.) A. McAuliffe (Old Aloysians), M. Whelton (S.P.P.P.), B. Sugrue (do.), P. Moloney (U.C.C.), M. Sweeney (Youghal); A. Comerford (S.P.P.P.), M. McCarthy (do), N. Gully (Cloyne), R. Hennessy (U.C.C.). Subs:—S. Dunne (Canovee), M. O'Leary (Old Aloysians), A. Keane (Buttevant).

Fixture: Sunday, Munster Senior Championship Final at Thurles - Tipperary v. Cork 7 p.m. (Ref. N. Mangan, Dublin).

Dublin's camogie victory

DUBLIN 7-3
KILKENNY 1-2
Dublin, all-Ireland Junior camogie champions for the past two seasons, reached the Leinster final once again when they readily accounted for Kilkenny at Parnell Park, Dublin yesterday.

The visitors, under severe pressure, defended magnificently for the first quarter but as soon as the Dublin girls who were backed by a strong wind got their first score in the 12th minute they steadied up in attack and went on to lead 4-2 to 0-1 at half time.

Dublin were best served by Doreen Fleming, Ann Richard, Ann Doyle, Marian Kenny, Ann Byrne and Mary Jones. Best for Kilkenny was goalie Margaret Cuddy who made some fine saves. Marian Purcell, Mary Freeman and Sadie Cassin also showed up well.

Scorers: Dublin—N. Fleming (3-0), P. Breslin (2-0), M. Jones (1-1), A. Byrne (1-0), P. Mullins (0-2). Kilkenny—M. Sherman (1-0), C. Doyle (0-2).

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Cork Bid For The Hat-Trick

By AGNES HOURIGAN

ALL-IRELAND senior camogie champions, Cork, who have held the title for the past two seasons, begin their bid for a third victory in a row when they travel to Thurles on Sunday (7.0) to take on keen rival Tipperary in the Munster final.

The champions' line-out will show one change from the side which retained the O'Duffy Cup by defeating Wexford in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park last September.

Goalkeeper Melon Cummins has since retired from the game and is now replaced by Deirdre Sutton, who played in goal for the Cork girls in last season's junior final, when her team lost narrowly to Dublin.

Much more worrying for Cork is the absence of forward star Liz Garvan, who will not be available until mid-August. To fill the gap left at centre-forward, the Cork selectors have brought in the South

Presentation player, Marion McCarthy, from the left wing.

To play at left wing they have promoted Marion Sweeney the Loreto, Fermoy, player who has been a star of the Cork junior side through the past couple of seasons.

The rest of the team is as expected, with the defence of Marie Costine, Hanna Dineen, Anne McAuliffe and Mary Whelton. Pat Moloney is at mid-field, Betty Sugrue on the right wing. In attack, Rosie Hennessy, a driving force in Cork's victory a year ago, is again at full-forward, with Anne Phelan and Nuala Gully in the corner-forward positions.

Tipperary went close to victory last year, and with many of the experienced stars such as Margot Loughnane, Margaret Cleary, Sally Long and the Graham sisters, will be very hard to defeat at Thurles.

But Cork's confidence has grown with their victories, and they are more than optimistic, not only of defeating Tipperary, but of going on to retain their All-Ireland crown.

On the junior front, both provincial semi-finals will be played in Leinster with holders Dublin, also seeking a third-in-a-row All-Ireland success, entertaining Kilkenny in Dublin and Wexford travelling to Annacurra to play surprise-packet Wicklow.

HARD-PRESSED

Dublin were hard-pressed to account for Meath in their first outing, but Kilkenny just escaped by a single point from their home-ground encounter with Kildare. Moreover, the youthful stars of that victory, Angela Downey and Bridie Martin, have since been promoted to senior ranks so the odds would seem to be on Dublin to advance to yet another Leinster junior final.

Wexford, who had to struggle to make sure of accounting for Louth in the first round of the competition, must be wondering about the strength of Wicklow, who had such a runaway victory over Laois last time out.

Again on home ground at Annacurra, Wicklow could surprise, but the more experienced Wexford side look the more likely victors. Over in the West, Galway recaptured the Connacht title with a runaway win over holders, Roscommon, at Roscommon, on Sunday night and are now through to the All-Ireland semi-final.

CORK—D. Sutton; M. Costine; H. Dineen, A. McAuliffe, M. Whelton; B. Sugrue, P. Moloney, M. Sweeney; A. Phelan, M. McCarthy, N. Gully; R. Hennessy. Reserves—S. Dunne, M. O'Leary, A. Keane.

Cork Too Good For Tipperary

Cork 2-4, Tipperary 1-7

A fighting display by Cork retained for them the Munster senior camogie title when they defeated Tipperary in an exciting game at Semple Stadium, Thurles, yesterday (Sunday) evening.

Cork laid the foundation for their victory in the first half when taking the wind. An early goal from a 35-yard free by Marion McCarthy offset early Tipperary points and paved the way for a brace of Cork points. At the interval the sides were level, Cork 1-5, Tipperary 0-5, and although Tipperary pressed strongly after the break they could not breach a strong Cork defence.

Rosie Hennessy gave Cork the boost they needed when she crashed home a great goal and then followed with further points. Tipperary fought to the end, a goal by Margo Loughnane giving them hope, but Marion McCarthy clinched the issue for Cork with a pointed free.

Best for Cork were Hannah Dineen, Marie Costine, Rosie Hennessy, Marion McCarthy and Betty Sugrue, while for Tipperary Alice Perry, Margo Loughnane, Bernie Dowd, Deirdre Lane and Sally Kelly caught the eye.

Cork—D. Sutton, M. Costine, H. Dineen, A. McAuliffe, M. Whelton, B. Sugrue, P. Moloney, M. Sweeney, A. Phelan, M. McCarthy, N. Gully, R. Hennessy.

Tipperary—S. Kelly, M. Graham, A. Ralph, B. Dowd, A. Perry, K. Boland, D. Lane, S. Tynan, B. Heffernan, B. Lawrence, M. Loughnane, K. Treacy. Subs—M. Troy for Heffernan, B. Costine for Lawrence.

Wexford 9-6 (24)
Wicklow 0-2

Wexford had a runaway victory over Wicklow in the other semi-final played at Annacurra last evening. Wexford led at the halfway stage by 4-2 to nil. In the second half, Wexford had all the play and won without any opposition.

Scorers—Wexford—K. Tobin (3-3), E. Hawkins (2-3), M. Murphy (2-0), B. Finn (1-0), B. Higgins (1-0). Wicklow—F. Carroll (0-2).

Cork Win Camogie Title Too

Final defeat by Cork in the Tipperary camogie team to the rebel county at Semple Stadium, Thurles, on Monday evening in the Munster

Monday was a black day for Tipperary's camogie players. The senior and junior hurlers bit the dust in the hands of Cork at Semple Stadium, Thurles, Tipperary senior and junior teams went under in the camogie final, before a Munster camogie final, before a packed stand attendance, the majority of whom were jubilant Cork supporters, who had evidently made the extra journey from Limerick to watch their girls complete the hat-trick against Tipperary.

The green award of the spacious Semple Stadium resembled a well-trodden carpet as the teams lined out.

AGAINST THE BREEZE

Cork won the toss and elected, like the hurlers in Limerick, to play against the stiff breeze in the opening half.

Tip took an early lead when their top-scorer Margo Loughnane, got two well taken points, but this was quickly negated by a Cork goal, followed by a further exchange of points, which left scores level at the interval — Tipp, 0-6; Cork, 1-7.

After the changeover, Cork assisted by the wind, gradually took control and tucked on a further goal and six points, to which Tipp replied with a goal from a free by Margo Loughnane.

CORK HITTER AND FASTER

A liner, and faster, Cork team, now summed command and ran out convincing winners. Tipperary lacked pace and combination, and were inclined to bunch in the middle of the field, instead of using the open spaces.

REF. TOO STRICT?

Some wishing to criticise the

Central Council's choice of referee one feels bound to state that the official in question, Miss Naidan Mangan, Dublin, was inclined to impede the flow of play by a too frequent use of the whistle for technicalities to which she might have turned a blind eye. Some of the players became indignant at being pulled up for minor offences, and were at a loss to know which way the free was being given. The attendance gave expression to their

"A Pitiful Tipperary Challenge"

Never called upon to produce maximum exertion, Cork in the face of this pitiful Tipperary challenge, the poorest I have seen in this grade for many a day, strolled through the remainder of the match and taking their scores with aplomb raced out handsome winners.

—Michael Ellard in the "Cork Examiner" reporting on Sunday's minor hurling game.

disapproval on more than one occasion. Indeed, it was difficult to interpret the referee's decisions, at times, and one is left to wonder if rules of camogie are equally understood in various parts of the country.

Be that as it may, Cork were worthy winners, and having successfully defended their Munster title, will make a bold bid to retain their All-Ireland crown.

Scorers for Cork were: Rosie Hennessy, 1-0; Nuala Gilley, 0-2; and Marion McCarthy, 1-7.

For Tipperary, Margo Loughnane scored their total tally of 1-6.

Best for Tipperary were — Sally Long, who saved her side from a heavier defeat, Ann Graham, Bernie

nie O'Dowd, and Margo Loughnane; while best for Cork were: Deirdre Surton, in goal, Pat Mooney, Marion McCarthy and Rose Hennessy.

Cork: Deirdre Sutton, Mary Wheaton, Maria Costen, Ann McAuliffe, Hannah Dineen (captain), Betty Sugrue, Pat Mooney, Ma. McSweeney, Marion McCarthy, Nuala Gilley, Ann Phelan, Rose Hennessy.

Subs: Sheila Dunne, Marion O'Leary and Ann Keane.

Tipperary: Sally Long, Mary Graham, Ann Ralph, Bernie Dowd (captain), Alice Perry, Kit Boland, Siobhan Tynan, Biddy Heffernan, Beatrice Lawrence, Margo Loughnane, Kathleen Treacy, Deirdre Lane.

Subs: Marion Troy, Breda Loughnane, Josephine Quigley, Monica Ryan and Bridie Conroy.

ARRANGEMENTS PRAISED

Thurles Camogie Club are to be complimented on the excellent field arrangements for this game, and it was obvious that a lot of hard work was overcome to get the pitch into such splendid condition and the arrangements could not have been bettered. A number of Central and Munster Council representatives were present, and they were loud in their praise of Semple Stadium, which is not far behind Croke Park.

With the Munster senior and junior championship now completed, the Tipperary Co. Board can now attend to its own programme.

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Tipperary Used Wrong Methods

Ably led senior camogie captain Cork retained their Munster title after a very exciting final against Tipperary at Thurles last Sunday night.

convincing fashion. Dublin, All-Ireland champions for the past two seasons, had a win that was clear-cut as it was unexpected over Kilkenny at Thurles. While even at

Wexford Romp Into Junior

Final

WEXFORD	9-6
WICKLOW	0-2

Showing a vast improvement on their first round form, Wexford qualified for the Leinster junior Camogie championship final when completely routing neighbours Wicklow by 31 points in the second round (semi-final) in Annacurra last Sunday night. This was Wexford's biggest ever win in this grade in the history of the game. Wexford now



EILEEN HAWKINS... crashed home 2-3 in Wexford's big win.

DOUBLE FOR WEXFORD?

A feat that Wexford came so tantalisingly close to last season — the Leinster Camogie 'double' — will be again within its grasp next Sunday evening in Croke Park when the Slaneysiders contest the 1972 provincial finals v. Dublin in junior, which is the curtain-raiser at 6.30, and meet Kilkenny in senior at 7.30, writes Setanta.

The first occasion Wexford sought the elusive 'double' was in 1968 when two very fine teams made history by bringing the two coveted trophies back to Loc Garman. But while the seniors went on to score notable wins, the junior side's inconsistency ruled out another double bid until 1971.

Indeed, last year was the first time the juniors reached the final in three years. The tale of this bid is all too easily recalled; the juniors, after a scoreless first half, finally shook themselves to come

O'LEARY IS OUT

Kathleen O'Leary, who will wed to-day (Fri.) will definitely not line out with Wexford in Sunday's Leinster junior final, writes 'Setanta'. This—Kathleen told me the news herself—will be something of a setback for Wexford's hopes though it's likely full-forward B. Finn may now be switched back to defence and B. Higgins brought back to the forwards.

There are high hopes Kathleen's famed sister, tonsillitis-victim Margaret, will line out with the seniors. Mary Walsh, who 'ties the knot' to-morrow (Sat.) is also expected to field with the seniors as selected.

within three points of their conquerors — a marvellous fight back that deserved victory, but unfortunately was not to be. The seniors made up for this somewhat in the following game by trouncing Dublin.

This year the seniors, who had a bye into the final, face 1970 champions, Kilkenny, who scored a very impressive 'double' scores' victory over Dublin (3-6 to 4-3) in the semi. This Kilkenny team is a very young and powerful one and includes two stars of the College fields, both 'teenagers' who earlier in the year were not even on the junior side, but who were quickly promoted to junior and then senior.

Wexford, on the other hand, has made no such revolutionary moves, and one is inclined to feel it should be at this stage 'blooded' some of its younger stars. Last year it had little trouble in disposing of both Kilkenny and Dublin in Leinster, and it was only outside the province, v. Antrim and v. Cork, that its weaknesses were often cruelly exposed.

Has Kilkenny really improved

'double' next Sunday evening in headquarters.

KILKENNY (senior v. Wexford)—T. Golden, T. O'Neill, C. O'Shea, M. Kennedy, A. Phelan, A. Carroll, M. O'Neill, M. Cassin, A. O'Shea, M. Doherty, P. Carty and A. Downey.

DUBLIN (junior v. Wexford)—A. Giles, P. Barry, M. Toomey, M. Kennedy, A. Doyle, A. Redmond, L. McEvoy, P. Millen, A. Byrne, M. Jones, N. Fleming and P. Breslin.

CAMOGIE LINE-OUTS

Wexford will be represented in both Leinster Camogie finals in Croke Park next Sunday, in senior v. Kilkenny (7.30), and junior v. Dublin (6.30) by these teams selected on Tuesday night:

SENIOR—Teresa Sheil (Castlbridge St. Ibar's); Joan Murphy (St. John's); Peggy Doyle (St. Ibar's); Bridie Doyle (Adamstown-Cloughbawn); Bridie Jacob (Buffers Alley); Maggie Hearne, Margaret O'Leary (capt.), Elsie Walsh (all Buffers Alley); Mary Walsh (St. Ibar's); Annie Kehoe (Adamstown-Cloughbawn); Kit Codd (do.); Mary Shannon (Campile St. Patrick's); subs., Bernie Murphy (St. John's), Teresa Shannon (St. Patrick's), Mary Sheils (St. Ibar's).

JUNIOR—Margaret Kelly (Ennis-corthy St. Mary's); Mary Boggan (Kilrush St. Brigid's); Geraldine Duggan (St. Mary's); Gretta Kehoe (Adamstown-Cloughbawn); Kathleen O'Leary (Buffers Alley); Mairead Darcy (St. Mary's); Eileen Hawkins (capt., do.); Breda Murphy (Adamstown-Cloughbawn); Mary Murphy (Buncelody St. Vincent's); Bridie Tobin (St. Brigid's); Breda McClean (Buffers Alley); Breda Finn (Adamstown-Cloughbawn); subs., Lily Bolger (St. John's); Rita Kirwan (St. Ibar's); Bridie Higgins (Rathnure St. Anne's); T. Shannon (St. Patrick's); Tish Higgins (St. Anne's).

In senior Wexford shows three changes from last year. Unavailable are Brigid O'Dwyer (née O'Connor) and Josie Gahan (née Kehoe), who are replaced by B. Doyle and K. Codd, respectively. M. Hearne is brought on at mid-field, moving A. Kehoe to centre-forward, with M. Walsh in turn moving to wing-forward to the exclusion of M. Sheils.

In junior, the final team is the same as that that finished against Wicklow. B. Finn now leads the attack, with G. Duggan coming in at right wing-back. M. Murphy moving to wing-forward to the exclusion of B. Higgins.

Wexford To Keep Title

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The Camogie season reaches something of a climax on Sunday next when the remaining three provincial finals are all down for decision, with two Leinster deciders, Wexford v. Kilkenny in senior and Wexford v. Dublin in junior grade, scheduled for Croke Park, and the Munster junior final between Cork and Limerick scheduled for Cork in the afternoon.

Chief interest will centre on the Croke Park matches in which Wexford will not alone be striving to retain the senior title but also to complete the provincial double by taking the junior cup away from Dublin.

Wexford are the holders of the senior title, and have one great factor in their favour, that they have never yet lost to Kilkenny in a senior camogie game.

They have almost all of their stars, who failed somewhat unexpectedly to Cork in last year's All-Ireland final, again on duty and, in addition, will have the aid of former All-Ireland captain, Bridget Doyle, who was not available a year ago.

Add on Margaret O'Leary, Joan Murphy, the Kehoe sisters, Mary and Elsie Walsh and Mary and Teresa Sheils and it is easily seen why Wexford are confident.

HOODOO

But Kilkenny showed such wonderful form in the closing stages of their semi-final victory over Dublin, that they must be given a very good chance now of ending the Wexford hoodoo.

The O'Neills, Anne Carroll, Carmel O'Shea, Liz Neary, youthful Angela Downey and the Cassin twins form a powerful backbone to a very even side, and they have the advantage of having a hard match behind them already.

Wexford are the stronger side, and may have the power to break up the Kilkenny combination, but they have not had an outing in company since the All-Ireland final last September, and may therefore lack something in sharpness at this stage.

So, there is likely to be very little between the sides, and while Wexford are still entitled to start slight favourites, Kilkenny must run them very close indeed.

Dublin, holders of the Leinster and All-Ireland junior titles for the past two years, will be optimistic of their chances of making it three provincial titles in a row when they take on the Wexford girls in the opening game,

These Wexford juniors were far from impressive in their first outing against Meath, but they looked a power-packed combination when sweeping past Wicklow in the semi-final.

They have particularly promising players in their colleges stars, Eileen Hawkins and Mairead Darcy, and could well end Dublin's long unbeaten run.

But the Dublin girls were also very impressive when defeating Kilkenny in their semi-final, and if Mairead Twomey, Lucy McEvoy, Ann Redmond and Anne Doyle, to name but a few, play as well now as they did then, the tearful work of the home side may see them through to yet another title.

Cork, who have never been beaten in the Munster junior championship, could have their proud record ended at Ballinlough where they take on a Limerick side that has earned far better credentials in the earlier matches.

The Limerick girls travelled to Waterford and beat the home county by double score in the opening round and then swept Tipperary from the field in the semi-final.

PROMISE

Cork promised well when scoring freely over Kerry in the first round, but only snatched semi-final victory from Clare thanks to a last-minute goal.

Since then they have lost Marion Sweeney to the senior side, and they now change goalkeepers, Elizabeth Higgins from Watergrasshill, who won a senior county medal with Imokilly, is brought on, while Phil Walsh and Rosie O'Sullivan, who came on as substitutes against Clare, are retained.

Limerick are in many respects the more seasoned side, and have a strong leaning from the successful Ahane club team, and have outstanding units in Bunty Guiry, Christina Greensmith, Cary Clancy and Mary Hayes, but Cork will be very hard to beat on home ground, and I'm reluctant to vote against the perennial holders.

The National Coaching Course at Garbally Park, Ballinasloe, last weekend, was voted the most successful ever and attracted almost one hundred participants.

CORK—E. Higgins; R. O'Sullivan, B. McAuliffe, M. O'Leary, N. Jennings; A. Keane, N. O'Driscoll, A. Higgins; G. Butler, M. Salter (capt.), J. Pyne; P. Walsh.

LIMERICK—H. Roche; B. Ryan; M. Hayes, B. Guiry, K. Ryan; B. O'Leary, G. O'Brien, C. Greensmith, B. Darcy, C. Clancy, M. Condon; M. Madden.

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Brilliant Game As Wexford Girls Crash

KILKENNY TRIUMPH

KILKENNY 6-4
WEXFORD 5-6



● Kilkenny are in control here as one of their defenders evades a tackle before clearing the ball.

KILKENNY qualified for the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final when they defeated Wexford for the first time and won their second Leinster Championship title at Croke Park last evening.

Kilkenny were the better balanced side and using ground play to good effect, deserved their narrow victory after both sides had served up a brilliant game.

The first half was evenly contested with fortunes fluctuating. First Wexford took the lead, scoring a goal and a point. Kilkenny fought back to earn two goals. It was Wexford again who went in front, scoring another point and a goal. Kilkenny added two points and Wexford three to lead 2-5 to 2-2 at the interval.

Kilkenny were in top gear after the interval and ran up a total of eight points without a reply.

At this stage Margaret O'Leary came on at midfield for Wexford, while Annie Kehoe moved to centre forward and Mary Walsh replaced Mary Shannon at full-forward. They added a point but Kilkenny were still in command and put on two more goals to lead 6-4 to 2-6.

A great Wexford rally brought three quick goals and, in the dying minutes, Kilkenny, who had been leading 22 points to 12, were suddenly fighting to hold on.

Best for Kilkenny were the Cassin twins, Maura and Breda, Ann Carroll, Liz Neary and Angela Downey. For Wexford, Elsie Walsh, Brigid Doyle, Margaret Hearne, Joan Murphy and Mary Shiels were prominent.

Scorers — Kilkenny — M. Cassin (2-0), A. Carroll (1-3), A. Downey (2-0), H. O'Neill (0-1). Wexford — M. Shiels (2-0), K. Codd (1-0), E. Walsh (1-0), M. Hearne (0-3), A. Kehoe (0-1), M. Shannon (0-2).

KILKENNY — T. O'Neill; P. O'Shea; M. O'Neill, C. O'Shea, A. Potts, B. Cassin, A. Carroll, L. Neary; B. O'Neill, M. Cassin, B. Hearne; A. Downey. Sub: P. Carr for B. Martin.

WEXFORD — M. Shiels, J. Shanley, P. Doyle, B. Doyle, B. Jaffe, E. Walsh, A. Kehoe, M. Hearne, K. Codd, H. Walsh, M. Shannon, M. Shannon. Sub: M. O'Leary for M. Shannon. Referee — Miss R. White.

N. Fleming (1-0), M. Jones (0-2).

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

DUBLIN—A. Giles; P. Barry; M. Kenny, A. Doyle, M. Twomey; A. Redmond, L. McEvoy, P. Mullins; A. Byrne, M. Jones, N. Fleming; P. Breslin. Subs.: M. Higgins for A. Redmond, M. Murphy for A. Doyle.



● A Wexford forward (left) flicks the ball goalwards in the Leinster senior camogie final.

Champions Toppled

WEXFORD 5-4
DUBLIN 4-5

Dublin, All-Ireland junior camogie champions for the last two years, were toppled from their throne at Croke Park last evening after a thrilling Leinster final against a Wexford side which was inspired by the brilliance of Margaret Kelly in goal.

The losers had slightly the better of a lively first half and were a point in front, 3-2 to 2-4, at half-time. Dublin added a further goal, but then Wexford struck back with two quick goals to take the lead.

Through the next 15 minutes Margaret Kelly defied Dublin with a series of brilliant saves, but they eventually broke through to take a point lead just before the end. Then, with almost the last puck of the match, Bridie Tobin snatched victory for Wexford with a late goal.

Wexford thus regain a title they last held in 1969, and will meet Limerick in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Scorers — Wexford — B. McCleane (2-1), B. Tobin (1-3), B. Finn (1-0), M. Murphy (1-0). Dublin — P. Mullins (1-2), P. Breslin (1-1), A. Byrne (1-0).

Wed yesterday plays in Croke Pk. today



● Miss Mary Walsh from Ballysimon, Enniscorthy, yesterday married Mr. Laurence Cahill from nearby Rathnure.

The bride plays for the Wexford camogie team and will be playing in Croke Park today.

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Met In Leinster Camogie Final



● KILKENNY (above) who qualified for the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final by defeating WEXFORD (below) in the Leinster Final at Croke Park. Wexford were the holders of the provincial title, which Kilkenny last held in 1970.



● The Wexford team which won the Leinster Junior Camogie Championship Final by defeating holders Dublin in Croke Park.

SENIOR: TOO MUCH TOO LATE

Kilkenny 6-4 (22),
Wexford 5-6 (21)

Three quick goals in the 20th, 22nd and 24th minutes of the last half put Wexford within one point of retaining the New Ireland Assurance cup and its Leinster senior championship title, but its late, great effort had come too late.

The final whistle put a rude end to Wexford's fast-rising hopes — and put Kilkenny into the All-Ireland final to meet the winners of the Cork-Antrim 'semi'. To be perfectly candid, it is hard to foresee any of these teams being prospective All-Ireland winners, at least capable of dethroning Cork. It is true Kilkenny were vastly superior in fitness but let us remember their scores, particularly the goals, were gained against a poor Wexford defence — and how will they explain away those three goals in less than five minutes just when they seemed to be 'untouchable' with a 10-point lead?

TEAMS

Wexford — Teresa Sheils; Joan Murphy; Peggy and Brigid Doyle, Bridie Jacob; M. Hearne (capt.), Annie Kehoe, Elsie Walsh; Kit Codd, Mary Cahill, Mary Sheils; Mary Shannon; sub., Margaret O'Leary (for M. Shannon).

Kilkenny — T. O'Neill; P. O'Shea; M. O'Neill, C. O'Shea, A. Phelan; B. Cassin, A. Carroll, L. Neary; H. O'Neill, M. Cassin, B. Martin; A. Downey; sub., P. Carey (for B. Martin).

Referee — Miss R. White (Dublin).

The Wexford captain started off so well and played good enough to lead by three points, 2-5 to 2-2, at the interval. But then Kilkenny came at them with the ferociousness of a team hungry for success. The Noreiders hit top gear from the restart and Ann Carroll's early goal from a long-range free signalled the 'beginning of the end' for the holders. Kilkenny scores followed with alarming frequency — the agony was piled on and in a twinkling Kilkenny had reached a lead of 6-4 to 2-6 (22 points to 12).

It was then that Wexford's representatives, inspired by the introduction of Margaret O'Leary (who had been ordered a complete rest from 3 weeks ago), showed anything like their capabilities. Mary Sheils touched on a centre by E. Walsh with 5 minutes left; Elsie herself, with Mary Sheils close by, finished a centre by O'Leary to the net with three minutes remaining; and with a minute to go in normal time Mary Sheils steered home another goal — Kilkenny 6-4 (22), Wexford 5-6 (21).

Wexford had done the impossible — all but wiped out Kilkenny's dominance — in a flash. Just before the end Margaret O'Leary broke through on a solo but just before she could shoot she was 'bottled up' and had to pass to a colleague. However, the ball was cleared before any shot could be taken and then the final whistle, its drawn-out sound broken only by the cheers of the Kilkenny camp.

If... if... if... if Margt. O'Leary had been introduced earlier in the game, if she had been able to take just one more step and shoot in her last, great effort... if... if... there were too many 'ifs' for the liking of Wexford folk. After all, there were more players on the team that the late substitute, even though this happened to be none other than the Camogie Queen herself.

OUTCLASSED

Wexford gave too much too late. Its representatives had their opportunities earlier on, but after an exciting opening, as the game wore on they were well and truly outclassed by the challengers. It is

rather wishful thinking to harp on those 'ifs', just as it is relatively simple enough to think the team's 'impossible' comeback deserved at least a draw, if not victory. Without doubt, Wexford's line-out had the better individuals but as a team they were not in it with their opponents. Just as Kilkenny will have to answer a few things to themselves, Wexford must answer how they let the Noreiders run 'all over them' in that second half. In the end the answer, however unpalatable, it seems, must be that Kilkenny, the better all-round side, did not deserve to lose.

It is very easy to be critical of the Wexford team, but there is no denying after Sunday that there are a few places on the team that need new and fresh faces. It is an unfortunate thought to have to face, but one that must certainly be faced, that some of the players must be thinking of 'calling it a day'. This is not a suggestion brought about in panic or disappointment, but one that was very clearly seen in last year's All-Ireland final, and was once again very obvious last Sunday.

However, to look for these new players in junior ranks must bring further anguish, for truthfully Wexford officials will tell you 'there's not a whole ton' to be secured from the 'seconds'.

Few of the Wexford team stood the test in the face of fierce Kilkenny pressure, and many were sorely disappointing. Mary Sheils proved the selectors wrong (she was originally a reserve) by turning in one of her best displays and showed she has not lost any of her speed or opportunist eye for the half-chance. But it was 'much of a muchness' between the attackers, any of whom, and not just Mary Shannon, could have been replaced when Margaret O'Leary came on.

Margt. played an inspiring part mainly through her ability to rally the side. Brigid Doyle, though far from her best, added some magnificent touches and was the most dependable of the backs. Goalie Teresa Sheils, as in the All-Ireland, was afforded little or no cover, but with some terrific saves she tried her best to halt the tide, while Elsie Walsh tried valiantly to the last. Of the remainder, M. Hearne, M. Cahill (née Walsh), K. Codd, A. Kehoe and B. Jacob all opened very impressively but in the end faded in the face of a fit Noreide squad that out-paced the holders.

The Cassin twins, Maura and Breda, Ann Carroll, Liz Neary, A. Downey and goalie Teasie O'Neill impressed for Kilkenny.

SCORERS

Scorers for losers were — K. Codd (2-1), M. Sheils (2-0), Elsie Walsh (1-0), M. Hearne (0-3), M. Cahill and A. Kehoe (0-1 each); and for winners — M. Cassin (3-0), A. Carroll (1-3), A. Downey (2-0), and H. O'Neill (0-1).

Footnote — Wexford will have a few 'cribs' about the fact that no goal-squares were marked out (indeed there were some markings there for the seating arrangements for the previous Wednesday's big boxing match!). This lack deprived them, through 'infringements', of two (vital as it turned out) points and a goal. On one occasion Elsie Walsh broke through while a Kilkenny substitute came on and was giving her name to the referee. Though the Wexford player had scored a 'goal', the referee, instead of waving the sub. away until the ball was out of play (wide or, as it turned out, scored), called back the play while taking the sub's name. Wexford must be given credit for this particular claim, though regarding the 'no squares' appeal one must say it worked both ways in that it had as much of an advantage/disadvantage for their opponents, and also the two teams in the junior final.

JULY 1972

Kilkenny Win Thrilling Final

KILKENNY 6-4
WEXFORD 5-6

ON SUNDAY in Croke Park, Kilkenny senior camogie team captured the Leinster title and ensured their place in the All Ireland final in September.

This was Kilkenny's first ever win over Wexford in a championship game and their second Leinster Title in three years.

Both Kilkenny and Wexford served up some brilliant camogie in a thrill packed game.

Kilkenny were by far the better balanced side, using both ground and overhead play to good effect.

They deserved this victory and their one point winning margin does not do them justice for the grip they held on the game all through, but it was enough to give them a tilt at the All Ireland crown against Cork or Antrim.

Both teams should be congratulated on a hard fought, clean and brilliant game.

EVEN FIRST HALF

The first half was evenly contested with the lead changing hands. Wexford were first to score — a goal and a point, Kilkenny fought back in no uncertain manner and scored two goals.

It was Wexford again as they forged ahead with another point and a goal. Kilkenny added two points and Wexford three before half time to leave the score:

WEXFORD 2-5
KILKENNY 2-2

As the second half started it was evident that Kilkenny had moved into top gear.

This was Kilkenny at their best and they added 8 points without reply from Wexford. This was the camogie that had baffled Dublin earlier in the championship and Wexford at this stage had no answer to it either.

At this point Wexford put into operation their well prepared plan. They put on their star Mar-

garet O'Leary at midfield and replaced their full forward. These two fresh girls added more thrust to the Wexford attack but still the Kilkenny girls held out and Wexford scored their first score of the second half, a point.

A great Wexford rally brought them three goals but one of these was very much in dispute. Kilkenny fought back like tigers as the pressure mounted, Kilkenny who had been leading a few minutes earlier by 10 points were now fighting to hold on to their one point lead.

They swept up the field and had the ball on the Wexford 15 yard line when the final whistle sounded.

Scorers for Kilkenny: M. Cassin (3-0), A. Carroll (1-3), A. Downey (1-0), H. O'Neill (1-1).

For Wexford: M. Sheils (3-0), K. Codd (1-0), E. Walsh (1-0), M. Hearne (0-3), A. Kehoe (0-1), M. Shannon (0-2).

Kilkenny: T. O'Neill, P. O'Shea, M. O'Neill, C. O'Shea, A. Phelan, B. Cassin, A. Carroll, L. Neary, H. O'Neill, M. Cassin, B. Martin, A. Downey.

Sub: P. Carey for B. Martin; M. Kennedy, M. Doherty, B. Kincella, M. Cody.

Wexford: M. Sheils, J. Murphy, P. Doyle, B. Doyle, B. Jacob, E. Walsh, A. Kehoe, M. Hearne, K. Codd, M. Walsh, M. Sheils, M. Shannon.

Subs: M. O'Leary for M. Shannon.

Referee: Miss R. White (Dublin).

After the game the Kilkenny captain was presented with the cup by Mr O'Duffy.

Kilkenny will now have to wait for their game until the third Sunday in September but they will not be idle as they have already arranged matches with Wexford and Dublin.

JUNIOR: KELLY TURNS THE TIDE

Wexford 5-4 (19)
Dublin 4-5 (17)

In the junior final, Wexford at last regained the Smyco cup that for so long has eluded the Purple and Gold in this grade. In doing so it defeated Dublin, if somewhat luckily, to extract full revenge for its defeat by the metropolitans in last year's decider — coincidentally enough two points divided the counties at the finish in both these finals.

Wexford is now through to its first All-Ireland 'semi' since 1968 and must travel to meet Munster winners Limerick.

Needless to say the win was welcomed in delirious fashion by the Wexford team and by its faithful followers who, no doubt, hoped it was the first 'leg' of the 'double.'

Redmond), M. Murphy (for A. Doyle).

Referee — Miss T. Byrne (Wicklow).

GOALIE STARRED

The Wexford team and its officials will be thanking their lucky stars for weeks to come, and the one player they will include in the 'star' category is, without a shadow of doubt, the team's magnificent goalie. College starlet Margaret Kelly, who has yet to celebrate her 16th birthday, played a 'dream' match, so superbly, in fact, that without her between the sticks her county would have been well beaten long, long before the end. The young Enniscorthy girl played with the assurance and authority of a player much her senior and in a much bigger occasion, and the team officials, in line with the attendance, were at a loss for words at her mastery.

"After all the fumbling in the first half, I was sure I wouldn't be walking out on the field in the second," Margaret confessed to me afterwards. But she needn't have worried — her second half display,



WEXFORD junior team which dethroned holders and All-Ireland final on Sunday: At rear (left to right)—G. Kehoe, R. Kirwan, M. Darcy, E. Hawkins (capt.), B. Finn. In front—B. Tobin, B. G. Duggan, T. Higgins (sub.), M. Kelly (goal). In

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However, many followers and officials are thrilled that the juniors have at last earned the reward for which they have long striven, and the fashion in which it was won made it one of the best provincial junior finals in many years.

Though not seeking to attempt to dampen the celebrations, I must say the Wexford camogie were very, very fortunate to take the cup. In the absence of Kathleen O'Leary the team was reshuffled almost out of recognition but this was quickly seen to be playing into the hands of the fast Dublin forwards. It was only with the change to their more normal roles that Wexford's representatives played more confidently.

TEAMS

Wexford — Margt. Kelly; Gretta Kehoe; Geraldine Duggan, Eileen Hawkins (capt.), Mary Bogan; Breda Murphy, Bridie Tobin, Mairead Darcy; Mary Murphy; Breda McClean; Bridie Higgins; Breda Finn.

Dublin — A. Giles; P. Barry; M. Kenny; A. Doyle; M. Twomey; A. Redmond; L. McEvoy; P. Mullins; A. Byrne; M. Jones; N. Fleming; P. Higgins (sub.); M. Higgins (for A.

providing as it often did Wexford's sole, razor-thin link with the trophy on the Hogan stand, stunned the Dublin team to despair, and at the same time inspired her team to success. Not considered for a county 'cap' until this year, when she was the emergency choice for regular 'keeper' Teresa Shannon, Margt. also said, "I just thought of the cup up there and was fully determined that Dublin wasn't going to beat Wexford this year again."

WEAKNESSES

A critical look at the team highlights some glaring weaknesses in Sunday's game — a defence that shook like a September leaf and which on too many occasions to count left the goalie at the mercy of the marauding, crafty Dublin forwards; and a midfield that, to my mind, gave Wexford too little advantage. It is certain that this team must be one of the luckiest ever to take the title with such deficiencies in such vital departments.

Wexford opened with an early pointed free by B. Tobin but the fleet Dublin forwards shot two quick long-range goals before ten minutes. B. McClean finished off a

point before B. Finn, aided by B. Higgins, added a goal, and three minutes later Higgins crashed home another. B. Tobin followed with a point, but once again the Wexford backs cracked at the seams as Dublin 'waltzed' home 2 goals and then a point. A point for Wexford by B. McClean, from a beautifully-placed pass by B. Higgins, left Wexford trailing by only one point at the end of an exciting first half (2-4 to 3-2).

For excitement that 'made war on the nerves', the second half was just too much. Dublin shot another goal — its last as it turned out — which put it four points in front, but for the next 15 minutes a series of fantastic saves by 'save-a-minute' Kelly inspired Wexford to battle back. M. Murphy finished off a centre from a free by E. Hawkins for a fine opportunist goal, to leave one point between the sides again (Dublin 4-2, Wexford 3-4) and three minutes later B. McClean rattled the net to put Wexford in

front. A Dublin point cut Wexford's lead to the minimum.

At this stage Dublin's representatives were pressing for the equaliser, but through a combination of sheer bad luck, poor marksmanship and not least the magnificence of the Wexford goalie (though it was little use to Dublin to try for a goal!) they were deprived of this on some dozen occasions and there seemed to be a jinx on them getting another score.

But they had the equaliser and then, about two minutes from the end, pointed for the lead. My feelings at this stage, which concurred, I'm sure, with every Wexford follower in the park, was that Wexford's chance had utterly gone and felt what a pity it was to see this team losing after such a great game. But how wrong we were!

ONE SWEET STROKE

Into injury time, Wexford gained a free to the left sideline some 40 yards out from the Dublin goal. Free-taker E. Hawkins left it to B. Tobin, and the Kilrush girl coolly placed the ball sailing into

the top of the net flashing hurleys — the puck-out came and Wexford was pion; after all it had taken just on the ball to win the

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As stated, the eulbaire was the day. She has been so much praise all quarters that one saying anything more, having already won Leinster senior (College) finals in little thing such a display for her con

Hot Pants Invade Garbally

Any visitor to the grounds of Saint Joseph's College, Garbally Park last week end might have rubbed his eyes and wondered if that august establishment of learning had finally gone co-ed. All around the playing fields, usually filled with blue and white jerseyed young males, engaged in gaelic, rugby or hurling, were scores of girls, ranging from bright eyed young schoolgirls to the more mature and all of them were wielding camans (or is it camogs?) with considerable zest and some with quite a fair measure of strength and skill.

Out among the girls — all ninety five of them, were two mere males, one with a very familiar shock of fair, reddish hair and the other very neat and compact in an American jersey. The red hair and a Liffey-side accent made identification of Dubliner, Des Ferguson, easy enough and a crisply-struck ball that sailed between the posts sixty yards away and a crisp but detailed explanation of the sequence of actions, given in the

mellow accents of North Tipp, immediately identified Donie Nealon.

And the girls in gym frocks, hot pants, cool slacks and track suits, in skirts divided, in skirts mini and just skirts in all colours of the rainbow? They had come to Garbally to attend the week end course organised by the Camogie Association. Under a blazing sun on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the two coaches did not spare themselves demonstrating the arts and skills of the game to the players and administrators, who had come from all over Ireland to attend this course, held in Connacht for the first time.

Present in Garbally too was the President of the Association Miss Nell McCarthy and many members of her central council, including Miss Lily Spence, Honorary Treasurer and Miss McNulty, Honorary Secretary. There too was former President, Mrs. McManus.

An "oasis of calm" amid the welter of activity was the

Secretary to the Course, Mrs. Agnes Purcell better known maybe to followers of the game as Agnes Hourigan and wife of another whose name will also be familiar to those who follow Gaelic Games Mr. Paraig Purcell.

Mrs. Purcell told our correspondent that this course is now three years in being, held for its first two years in Gormanstown College. Central Council decided that for greater coverage of the country the course should rotate among the provinces.

Coaches Ferguson and Nealon were very pleased with the progress made.

Away in a quieter corner a film camera-man and a director were working with a number of the more experienced players in the making of an instructional film.

Over the whole scene was "Mr Camogie" himself, Mr. Sean O'Duffy, the Mayo man who has been associated for long more than a half century with the game.

10 YEARS AGO

Galway scored a 3-1 to 1-4 win over Cork in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie semi-final at Fermoy. Cork were represented by D. Sutton, K. Barry-Murphy, N. O'Callaghan, J. Clancy, M. Clancy, L. Coughlan, D. Young, T. Murphy, M. Fitzgerald, K. O'Mahony, S. O'Connell, R. Manley (captain).

20 YEARS AGO

Cork lost their All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi-final tie against Antrim in Belfast, the score being 3-2 to 1-5.

MOVE TOWARDS AN OPEN DRAW



All-Ireland champions Dublin in the provincial. Kirwan (sub.), L. Bolger (sub.), M. Murphy (goal). Inset — B. Murphy.

of the net past a mass of hurleys—it was 'in.' With the final whistle came the final whistle. Oxford was Leinster champion after all the excitement, it was just one sweet stroke of the game.

'certain' final will not put her out too much. Whatever amount of praise she receives she is worth it all.

The entire team, despite inconsistencies, played with a full heart and it would be unfair to single

WILL we have an Open Draw in the All-Ireland senior camogie championship next season? Such a development seems to be very much on the cards, and the annual Dublin Convention has already tabled a motion to that effect for the March Congress.

As it is, we are very little short of an Open Draw in the top competition this year, and in fact the semi-finals had to be redrawn as there was no senior side to represent Connacht.

According to the original pairings, the Ulster champions should have met the Connacht champions in one semi-final, but Antrim, who were unopposed in Ulster, would thus have got a semi-final walk-over, and so have found themselves in the All-Ireland final without playing any previous championship game.

Such a position would not alone have been farcical, it would also have been very unfair to Antrim, and indeed to whatever other counties would be directly concerned.

So Central Council very wisely decided to have Antrim play either Leinster or the Munster champions. Leinster got the bye, which means that the Munster winners will now play Antrim in the semi-final in Dublin in August with the Leinster champions facing the winners in the All-Ireland final on the third Sunday in September. So far so good, but this can obviously be

only a temporary measure, and it is obvious that Congress will have to devote plenty of time next Spring to this matter of the senior championship.

It is remarkable that only six counties, three in Leinster, two in Munster and one in Ulster are good enough to be rated senior, but in some respects the reason is not far to seek. One would expect winning junior sides to make an impact in the higher grade, but the first two counties to take the junior All-Ireland crown, Derry and Down, cut no ice on the senior scene. Then, for good measure, the All-Ireland junior crown in the last two seasons has been won by Dublin, already in senior ranks. Moreover, Cork have monopolised the Munster junior championship since the start.

As things stand this season, there is every hope that one of the counties now graded junior only will win the All-Ireland in that grade and thus qualify for senior ranks. But that would not improve matters much unless Galway took the junior title and that would give us no more than a second All-Ireland semi-final, and would still leave a great lack of competition and actual games for all the counties still in the senior grade.

It is a long time to Congress yet, but it is not too early to give this very serious problem of the senior championship some thought. I personally would

favour an open draw, with Leinster and Munster running their provincial championships as separate competitions as they think fit. But even the Open Draw alone would not solve the problem of lack of matches. So I would suggest that, if the Open Draw is adopted, a Losers Group be included.

This would mean that the counties beaten in the first round would then play off between themselves for a place in the second-round, which would in effect mean a place in the All-Ireland semi-finals.

Failing this, would it be possible to play off the early stages of the championship on a league system, with the two top teams facing one another in the September Final? Certainly some drastic steps will have to be taken, if the senior championship is to retain any meaning at all.

At the moment it can be truly said that, at least in the number of matches that have to be played, it is far harder to win a junior All-Ireland camogie medal than a senior one.

And perhaps there is the real long term solution. As the standard in junior ranks improves, we can hope to see more and more counties growing strong enough to hold their own in both grades. But this is necessarily a slow process and we will have to wait at least ten years before such a position can be attained.