

All-Ireland Camogie Final Wexford Should Keep Senior Title — Cork Could Win Junior

SUNDAY is All-Ireland day for the camogie girls with Antrim meeting Wexford in the senior final and Cork making their second successive appearance in the junior final.

Wexford took the senior title for the first time last season and already this year they have proved that their success was no fluke when they again disposed of long-standing champions Dublin in Leinster. However, they could find Antrim a different proposition. They are a younger side than Dublin and with the confidence gained by playing and winning an All-Ireland title in Croke Park (in 1968) they will not be overawed by the champions.

However, Antrim have had great difficulty in training in recent weeks because of the Northern troubles and this could come against them as fitness has always been one of their greatest assets. In fact, this could give the champions the vital edge but they will not retain their title without a very hard hour's camogie.

But in Cork main interest on Sunday will centre on the junior final. Last season Cork went down to Down in the decider and this season they had to find an entirely new team as players who had won Munster junior medals were not eligible for selection. This made things very difficult for the Cork girls but they were not deterred and in their first outing they defeated Kerry by 4-5 to 1-2. Then in the Munster decider they had a fine 3-4 to 1-3 win over Tipperary.

Cork then made a long journey up the country to dispose of Derry in the semi-final by 1-5 to 2-0.

LOW STARTERS

Biggest fault in this Cork side is their slowness to settle down. They have lost vital ground in their last two outings because of this and although they eventually managed to win they made things so much more difficult for themselves. Certainly, they can hardly afford this lapse on Sunday as there are rarely second chances in All-Ireland finals.

In Ulster a junior championship has been run for several years. Derry have emerged as winners on a number of occasions, the last being in 1967. They were surprisingly defeated in the early stages of last year's campaign by Tyrone. This season they received a walk-over from Cavan in the first round before easily defeating Armagh in the semi-final. They then put up a very good show in beating Antrim in the final. In the national semi-final they accounted for Galway by 3-2 to 2-1.

Outside of these results little is known of the Derry side although one source reports that they are a strong side particularly in defence. Among their best players are Kathleen O'Hagan, who played for U.C.C. for several years, E. McErlan, M. McPeake, A. McCann and A. McGuirk. Derry are allowed to field "second-best" for this competition (that is any player who did not play senior championship in 1968 or 1969).

TWO CHANGES

For Sunday's game the Cork team shows two changes in personnel and one positional switch from the side that defeated Kildare. Blanche Gibbons, who was unavailable for that game, returns to her centre-field position. This leaves Mary A. Murphy, who deputised for her, to move to centre-back. This switch could play a vital part in Cork's effort. Mary A. could do a great deal to steady the defence while Blanche Gibbons will be a big asset to the centre-field which is regarded as the strongest sector of the team.

The other change is in the forward line where Mary Ita O'Sullivan, who missed earlier matches due to a broken thumb,

returns to the side, to the exclusion of Catherine O'Regan.

These changes could make a big difference on Sunday and if the Cork girls can settle down from the throw-in then they could bring a first junior camogie title to the city. But it will not be easy.

Cork team — Mary Barron (Youghal); Mary Crowley (S.P.P.), captain, Mary Whelton (do.), Mary A. Murphy (Old Aloysians), Miriam Higgins (Glen Rovers), Maisy Murphy (St. Ita's), Blanche Gibbons (S.P.P.), Marion McCarthy (do.), Mary Ita O'Sullivan (U.C.C.), Joan Fitzpatrick (S.P.P.), Angela Cronin (do.); Rosie Hennessy (Old Aloysians), Subs: Marie Garvan (Old Aloysians), Cally Leamy (Youghal), and Catherine O'Regan (Old Aloysians).

The following are pen pictures of the Cork players:

MARY BARRON (Youghal), goalkeeper. Played with Cork secondary team last year. Won junior and intermediate championship medals with Youghal during the club's rapid rise from junior to senior grade. Has been a regular member of Youghal senior team since.

MARY CROWLEY (South Pres.), full-back. Nineteen sixty-nine has certainly been Mary's year. She captained South Pres to their first-ever county title and now she leads Cork into the All-Ireland final. Previously lined-out with St. Finbarrs. Well known in administration side of game, she has held the chair in both Cork and Munster. Holds a Munster Secondary and a Senior League medal in addition to her county medal.

MARY WHELTON (South Pres.), right-back. Played schools' camogie with South Presentation Convent and was a member of Cork Schools' Selection that defeated the Dublin Schools in 1968. Won a county championship medal with her club this season.

MARY A. MURPHY (Old Ais.), centre-back. Figured prominently in schools' camogie where she captained St. Aloysius and lined-out for the Cork Schools. Played for the Cork Secondary team and has captained Old Ais. senior side. A sister of well-known hurler Simon Murphy.

MIRIAM HIGGINS (Glen Rovers), left-back. One of the youngest players on the side. Is captain of the St. Vincent's Schools team and is a schools' referee. Played with Brian Dillon's before joining Glen Rovers. Holds a few tournament medals.

MAISY MURPHY (St. Ita's), right-centre. Almost unknown to camogie followers at start of this campaign but has turned out to be the find of the season. On her performances to date must be considered a very real prospect for this year's senior side. Only playing the game for about two years. Maisy has won a few tournament medals with her club.

BLANCHE GIBBONS (South Pres.), centre-field. Was unavailable for the semi-final but returns for the final. Won a schools' championship medal with Blarney, county championship with her club and Munster secondary with Cork. A very energetic player who never stops trying.

MARION MCCARTHY (South Pres.), left-centre. A stylish player, Marion played for the Cork secondary team last year. Although still very young she is an established member of the South Pres. team with whom she has won both county championship and senior league medals.

MARY ITA O'SULLIVAN (U.C.C.), right-forward. Learned her camogie at school in Cresshaven. Played for the now defunct club, Ballygarvan. Has participated in two Ashbourne Cup series with College. Was unlucky to have missed earlier games in this competition owing to injury.

JOAN FITZPATRICK (South Pres.), centre-forward. Started her career with St. Finbarrs with whom she won a junior championship medal. Has distinction of possessing county championship medals in junior, intermediate and senior grades. Played on two successful Cork secondary teams and holds a senior league medal. Is a sister of Eamonn, the Cork minor football captain.

ANGELA CRONIN (South Pres.), left-forward. Started her camogie with the South Presentation Convent School team. A regular with South Pres. senior side with whom she has captured a senior league and county championship medals. Played on the 1968 successful Cork secondary team. Is an accurate free-taker.

ROSIE HENNESSY (Old Ais.), full-forward. A very young player who is quickly making a name for herself. Was a sub. on this year's senior side. Is no stranger to Croke Park where she lined-out for the Cork Schools in 1968 and for St. Ais. in the All-Ireland Colleges final last April. Holds two Cork Schools' championships, a Munster Colleges and a Cork junior championship medal.

SUBS:

MARIE GARVAN (Old Ais.), back. Coming from a talented sporting family, Marie may tend to be overshadowed by the brilliant achievements of her sister Liz. Nevertheless, she can claim recognition for her own accomplishments, particularly at schools' level where she picked up three championship medals and captained the St. Ais. team. Is a regular and reliable member of the Old Ais. senior side.

CALLY LEAMY (Youghal), centre-field. Won junior and intermediate championship medals with her club. Was captain of Youghal for two seasons. Another player who has fielded for the Cork secondary team.

CATHERINE O'REGAN (Old Ais.), forward. Captained a St. Ais. championship winning side. Played in Croke Park with the Cork Schools' team. Was a member of the Cork senior panel this year. Is secretary of the County Board.

FIXTURES

Sunday — All-Ireland Junior Final at Croke Park, at 2.15. Derry v. Cork (referee Miss Anne Ashton, Dublin). Senior Final at 3.30, Antrim v. Wexford (Miss Lil O'Grady, Cork).

Antrim aim at Wexford's title

ENCOURAGED BY LAST Sunday's Under-21 football victory, which they were there in force to cheer, the Antrim camogie players are back in Croke Park next Sunday in quest of the all-Ireland title and O'Duffy Cup which they last held in 1967.

The team they meet in the final is the very team that deposed them last year, Wexford, who after accounting for Antrim in the semi-final then went on to defeat Cork in the decider.

Wexford are again Antrim's opponents this time. Wexford have gone from strength to strength and the fact that two of last year's defensive sars Mary Synnott and Phyllis Keogh have since retired has not halted their march.

They reconstructed the defence by bringing back Bridget Doyle and Bridget O'Connor, last year's wingers and they have called in Anne Foley, who has had considerable club experience in Dublin.

Brilliant

Joan Murphy is now full-back and Bridget Doyle, who captains the side, has been playing brilliantly at centre-back. Margaret O'Leary, at midfield, is still their key player, but the loss of Josie Kehoe has meant a reshuffle upfield. Annie Kehoe comes to centre-forward, with Mary Doyle at right forward and Mary Walsh on the left wing.

Wexford were very convincing in their Leinster campaign, but it was only a great last ten minutes by Margaret O'Leary that saw them through in their semi-final against a determined Tipperary, and they will need to show some all-round improvement on that performance to be sure of retaining their all-Ireland crown.

Antrim, on the other hand, have given their followers more than one fright on their way to the final. They made light of the challenge of last year's junior champions, Down, in the Ulster semi-final, but then were led for much of the way by unfancied Derry in the decider.

In the all-Ireland semi-final, they fell away in the closing minutes and were lucky that time ran out for Galway when the Connacht champions staged a great late rally.

The recent trend of affairs from the North has not been conducive to concentration on all-Ireland victory, but the difficulties they have surmounted in getting to Croke Park at all will be a big incentive to all the Antrim side to give of their very best.

Talented

They certainly have the talent and the experience, for there are few players better than Mairead McAtamney, Moysa Fords, Maeve Gilroy, Kathleen Kelly, Lily Scullion and Eithne Dougan and Marion McPetridge.

The return to mid-field of the lively Eileen Collins, who missed some of the earlier games through injury, is bound to improve the efficiency of the whole side, and if Kathleen McManus, Nuala Havelin, and Dalores Crawford live up to expectations, the Wexford champions will have to be at their very best to win the day.

In the junior final between Derry

by PAULINE LINE

and Cork there is little comparative guide to form. Cork looked very impressive when gaining a very narrow victory over Kildare at Naas, but Derry surprised all opposition in the North, and although in arrears at half-time rallied well to defeat Galway in their semi-final tie. The junior game is at 2.15, and the senior final at 3.30.

The teams

Wexford—T. Shell, J. Murphy, A. Foley, B. Doyle, B. O'Connor, B. Murphy, M. O'Leary, M. Walsh, M. Doyle, A. Kehoe, C. Power, M. Shannon, Reserves—J. Shannon, C. Fortuna, P. Doyle.

Antrim—K. Kelly, M. Fords, E. Dougan, M. Gilroy, K. McManus, D. Crawford, E. Collins, M. McAtamney, N. Havelin, M. Quinn, M. McPetridge, L. Scullion, Reserves—E. Brogan, A. Melvor, C. Wheeler.

Derry—B. McCann; K. McDonald; M. McNally, I. McErlan, F. Downey; S. McErlan, E. O'Hagan, C. Kelly; K. McPeake, E. McGurk, E. McErlan; M. McPeake.

Cork—M. Barron; M. Crowley; M. Whelton, M. Murphy, M. Higgins; M. Murphy, B. Gibbons, M. McCarthy, M. I. O'Sullivan, J. Fitzpatrick, A. Cronin; R. Hennessy.

And, speaking of camogie, it seems no more than fitting that so many of the great camogie players who set the headline for the mere males of Antrim by winning five All-Ireland senior titles were in Croke Park last Sunday to see the footballers follow the example the camogie players had set in 1945, '46, '47, '56 and '67.

I was particularly glad to see there the present Antrim camogie trainer, Mrs. Nancy Murray who (she was Nancy Mulligan then) played on Antrim's three-in-a-row championship sides of the 40s. There, too, was Maeve Gilroy, a star of the 1956 and 1967 victories.

Should Be Classic

Both Nancy, as trainer, and Maeve as centre-back, will return to Croke Park on Sunday next when the Antrim girls will, at one and the same time, try to bring an All-Ireland title to the Lagan for the second successive Sunday, bring home the Sean O'Duffy cup for the sixth time, and defeat holders Wexford in what should be another classic senior camogie final.

The junior curtain-raiser provides an unusual coincidence. The finalists are Cork and Derry who on the following Sunday will meet again in the All-Ireland minor football final. And one family has a direct interest in both games. Joan Fitzpatrick plays at centre-forward on the Cork camogie team, while her

brother, Eamonn, is the minor football captain.

WEXFORD HAVE THE TO RETAIN CAMOGIE

Home girls confident of crushing Antrim

BY DERMOT WALSH

NEVER have the fluctuating fortunes of sport been more emphatically reflected than in 1969. Twelve months ago as Wexford set records and precedents in winning three All-Ireland titles, only the most dedicated pessimist would have predicted that the seemingly invincible Model County would appear in only two All-Irelands this year.

Yet this has occurred, and on Sunday at Croke Park the entire county will be relying on the camogie girls of Wexford to rejuvenate the fighting sporting spirit of the county and regain some of the glory which has been decidedly tarnished over the present season of despondent failure.

Twelve months ago the ladies of Wexford discarded an inferiority complex which had foiled their ambitions and aspirations for over a decade, and in their first appearance in an All-Ireland final, made their first appearance in the final and the year a triumphant and memorable one for the Model County by taking the title against a determined Cork side.

In taking the title last year Wexford overcame the awesome task that had confronted them, and established themselves as a team, with team the operative word, which would prove its mettle in years to come.

During the past year the team has been depleted by the loss of defenders Mary Sinnott, Phyllis Kehoe and Carmel Fortune, the former pair unavailable and Mrs. Fortune relegated to the subs.

A remoulded side has proven itself in this year's campaign however, and with positional changes paying rich dividends and replacements emphasising the rich resources of talent in the county, Wexford has once again come up with a consolidated team which has proven itself equal to any task.

In the Leinster final Wexford's resilience in defence and opportunistic score-taking ability proved more than effective, and in the All-Ireland semi-final against Tipperary, a dour, uncompromising match, the girls of the Model County proved their determination and courage and—more important—showed that big occasion mentality that is the hallmark of champions.

Newcomers have found blend

The loss of Josie Kehoe, sent off in the game against Tipperary, is a tragic loss, but as Wexford have proven this year no player is indispensable, for newcomers to the side have knit in with their experienced colleagues to form one unit which must be reckoned as the most formidable in the country.

Wexford have accounted for old rivals, the boggy team, Dublin, and the tenacious Tipperary ladies, and on Sunday take on Antrim, whom they defeated in last season's penultimate game.

Antrim, like Dublin, one-time kingpins of camogie, are a team of equal strength and penetrating attacking qualities, but Wexford will undoubtedly prove equal to the task.

Their confidence has been bolstered by the victories in the Leinster final and semi, and they go to Croke Park on Sunday fully appreciative of the fact that they will need to bring all their skill, determination and scoring ability into effect, but quietly confident that they can win their second successive title in two final appearances.

Wexford only met Antrim in a championship tie for the first time last year, having failed to come out of Leinster previously, and thus hold the advantage over the Northerners in that they have one victory over them in their one encounter.

Antrim played Dublin, who failed to Wexford, in a challenge on Sunday, and the Metropolitan's won. However, this is a deceptive submission as Antrim were without two of their stars, full-back Moya Forde and full-forward Lily Scullion.

However, the fact that Dublin registered 5-5 against the Antrim defence indicates that Antrim may be vulnerable in defence, and their score of 4-6 indicates that Antrim's strength is in attack.

Wexford, however, will contrast strongly with Antrim as the defence is the strong point of the team, with experienced and wily campaigners manning the position, and the forward line, if lacking in finishing power, is fluent and decidedly fiery.

Wexford favoured at midfield

Thus the exchanges will depend to a great extent on midfield and here Wexford have the trump card,

for while the Wexford side is by definition and in practise a team, the leading light and the powerhouse of the side is midfielder Margaret O'Leary.

Miss O'Leary's elegant and forceful play can win for Wexford, and with her partners at midfield, if she can swing the odds in Wexford's favour they will lay the foundation of another All-Ireland victory.

The team selected shows one positional switch and one change in personnel from the side that beat Tipperary, the change in personnel being mandatory due to the absence of Josie Kehoe.

Theresa Sheil, who continued playing gallantly when injured against Tipperary, is in goal, and the St. Ibar's girl can be depended upon to concede as little as possible.

An inter-provincial player, Theresa has a steady eye and the courage of a lioness, while her handling and efficiency in clearing is a boon to the side.

Full-back Joan Murphy, a veteran of Wexford camogie, has revelled in the switch to the full-back position, and the legendary fitness, striking power and vigilance of the full-back will be enhanced at Croke Park as she tackles Lily Scullion.

Joan is probably the most dedicated fitness fanatic in the side, and the unassuming St. John's player is regarded as the most reliably consistent in the county.

Joan has proven herself throughout the campaign, and despite suffering the after-effects of flu against Tipperary, turned in a performance that was marked by its defiance and its stubbornness.

On the right, Ann Foley, sister of hurlers and footballers Willie, Mick and Joe, has proven herself as a new comer to the side.

She has settled into the side admirably and her performance against Tipperary marked a new peak in her career. Her overhead striking, tight marking and unrelenting tackling marks her out as a defender of class and rare character.

On the left is Bridget O'Connor who has also been switched from her position of last year, and the change has proved highly effective.

Great in covering and aerial duels

A master of covering up for her co-defenders, Bridget is also tremendous in the aerial duels, while her speed off the mark and eye for danger has tightened up the defence.

The pivot of the defence, team captain Bridget Doyle, has emerged this year as a captain of heroic stature. The little mother, and sister of Josie and Annie Kehoe, is one of the most feared defenders in the country.

Her consistent displays for club and county have marked her out as a great of the game, while her inspiration to her colleagues by her dogged determination and fighting qualities is of inestimable value.

Mrs. Doyle's scoring power from frees is also a vital asset to the side, while her lengthy and judiciously placed deliveries when clearing her lines help in mounting attacks.

At midfield is Margaret O'Leary, the queen of camogie. The fluency of her play, her courage and science must be seen to be believed.

Margaret, who was on the Eoghan Ruadh side which lost to Kilkenny's St. Paul's in the club's All-Ireland semi on Sunday, is a truly remarkable player. She is as adept as any man in wielding a caman and her magic with a ball and hurley has shattered many a side, and proven an element in the ultimate de-fragmentation of many sides.

Bernie Murphy, a graduate from last year's junior side, is the second of the midfield trio, and while the young St. John's player has yet to strike her peak, her consistent performances and determination have made her a fine foil to Margaret O'Leary's brilliance.

A studious player, Miss Murphy seldom operates with flamboyance, but has the knack of playing her opposite number out of the game. On the left is Mary Walsh, captain of last year's title winning side.

The skilful Mary has operated brilliantly at centre-forward, but a change in positions with Annie Kehoe in the game against Tipperary convinced



MARY WALSH



MARY DOYLE



JOAN MURPHY



BRIDGET O'CONNOR

Ann postpones her honeymoon

AN example of the dedication of the Wexford camogie team is the decision of corner-back ANN FOLEY (who since she graduated from the junior side this year, has won a permanent spot on the team) to prematurely end her honeymoon after marrying last Saturday.

Ann, sister of inter-county hurler Joe Foley, and inter-county footballers, Joe, Mick and Willie, and 'groom' decided to cut their honeymoon short so that Ann can play at Croke Park on Sunday.

the selectors that she could be more effectively used, and her art could be more gainfully employed at midfield.

When she switched to midfield against Tipperary, Mary revelled in the open play and added scope for her fluent hurling. She will now bolster the midfield with O'Leary and Murphy, and here Wexford should have a conclusive edge over the challengers.

Kehoe switch may pay off

Annie Kehoe, a star of the Leinster final when she made her senior debut, switches from midfield to centre-forward, and with her cunning play and astute distribution should lead the line with forcefulness and penetration.

Mary Shannon, the determined Campile player who was a star of last year's All-Ireland and ranks as a great forward because of her qualities of determination and courage, is a tryer of the first class.

Mary can unsettle the most confident defences and creates confusion for her corner colleagues to exploit the situation. More than any other player Mary Shannon can take credit for the scoring feats of the ever watchful, ever vigilant Mary Doyle. The red-headed Mary Doyle has the physique of a fawn but the courage and skill of a tiger. Herself and Mary Shannon can create havoc in a defence

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MARY DOYLE



MARGARET O'LEARY



MARGARET DOYLE



BRIDGET O'CONNOR



Maize Murphy (St. Ita's) Watergrasshill, right centre field.

by their constant thrusting towards goal and their spoiling tactics when tackling.

Into the side comes Cathy Power of Campile, who takes over from the ineligible Josie Kehoe. Cathy, who has turned in great performances with her club, has been on the verge of senior recognition for some time.

She may be a little overcome by the occasion on Sunday, but Cathy should remember that her predecessor was Josie Kehoe who made a star debut for the county against Cork in last year's final.

Wexford must have the edge. Antrim will be anxious to reinstate themselves as heirs to the camogie throne, and avenge last year's defeat at the hands of Wexford, but Wexford have the key factors for triumph.

Wexford have the team spirit, the determination and the skill to see them through, and this will undoubtedly prove the decisive element in Sunday's final.

As the camogie team is the only remaining team that can win All-Ireland honours for the county, it would be a fine gesture if more supporters travelled to cheer the side on.

Team trainer **Dominic Kiernan** assessed Wexford's chances this week and said: "I think Wexford should be well able for Antrim if they hurl as they are able to hurl. The team is fit enough and have the ability to win. I have great confidence in them".

Asked if he was apprehensive about any sector of the side Mr. Kiernan said: "I have absolutely no anxiety about the entire team. As a team Wexford are first-class. Strictly speaking, Wexford are a team in the essential meaning of the word. It is their team-work and team spirit that will win the match for them".

Wexford's team is:

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| | T. Shell
(St. Ibar's) | |
| | J. Murphy
(St. John's) | |
| A. Foley
(St. Abban's) | B. Doyle
(St. Abban's) | B. O'Connor
(St. Patrick's) |
| B. Murphy
(St. John's) | M. O'Leary
(Eoghan Ruadh) | M. Walsh
(St. Ibar's) |
| C. Power
(St. Patrick's) | A. Kehoe
(St. Abban's) | M. Doyle
(St. Ibar's) |
| | M. Shannon
(St. Patrick's) | |

Subs.—Peggy Doyle (St. Ibar's), Eileen Allen (St. John's), Carmel Fortune (St. John's), Ellen and Therese Shannon (St. Patrick's), and Peg Moran



Members of the Cork Junior camogie team receive final instructions from trainers Ann Comerford and Mary Moran, at their final training session at Coláiste Christ Rí Grounds, in preparation for the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final against Derry at Croke Park on Sunday.

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CATHY POWER

WEXFORD WIN WITH A

LATE-GREAT GOAL

By AGNES HOURIGAN

WEXFORD 4-4
ANTRIM 4-2

Wexford are still All-Ireland camogie champions, but only, one might say, by a single puck of the ball, for it took a great goal 90 seconds from time by corner-forward Catherine Power to save the day and the title for the Leinster girls, after unfancied Antrim had seemed certain to snatch unexpected victory from an amazing second half rally.

The high excitement of the closing stages—the lead changed hands twice in the last couple of minutes—coupled with some magnificent camogie all through provided wonderful entertainment for the fair-sized crowd.

And if Antrim failed to climax their great come-back with what would have been a remarkable victory, they certainly proved that they are still as good as the best, and that they have in Mairead McAtamney one of the greatest players of all time.

On the day, Antrim's tall winger from Portlengone stole the individual honours even from that hard-working Wexford star Margaret O'Leary, who was once again the sheet-anchor of the Wexford side, and, while over the whole fifty minutes, Wexford deserved their narrow victory, a draw would have been the result most palatable to

neutral spectators who would have dearly loved to see these two grand sides meet again.

Yet, a thrilling finish did not seem in prospect through most of the first half with Wexford, playing with a brisk wind into the Railway goal almost constantly on the offensive for long periods.

Antrim defended doggedly but were trailing by 1-3 to nil after fifteen minutes, and Wexford were nine points clear just four minutes from the interval when Antrim made a vital switch that brought Mairead Quinn to midfield and Eileen Collins onto the right wing.

Antrim now began to attack and Christine Wheeler, Lily Scullion and Marion McPetridge combined for a great goal.

That left Wexford ahead 2-3 to 1-0 at the interval, but when Mairead Quinn had a point and Lily Scullion a goal within two minutes of the resumption, it was again anyone's game, Mary Doyle eased Wexford fears when she whipped in a goal following a "30" by Margaret O'Leary.

But Mairead McAtamney crashed home an unsaveable goal from a 15-yard free for Antrim,

and followed with a point from a "30" to leave only a point between them, with 15 minutes still to go.

Then came a bad blow to Wexford when a great goal by Margaret O'Leary was disallowed because of a square infringement by another forward. However, the same player added a point from a "30" and Wexford still held that two-point lead with only two minutes of actual time remaining.

Then, in a sharp Antrim attack up the right, Lily Scullion and Christine Wheeler worked in for Nuala Havelin to flash in a goal that gave Antrim the lead for the first time.

Wexford now seemed to be in the toils and had wasted a couple of chances before, in a massed attack Catherine Power nipped in for what proved the winning goal.

But Antrim were not yet done with. They came back in a couple of minutes "lost" time to force a "30" which was saved, but then Marion McPetridge on a solo run was fouled, and Antrim captain Moya Forde came up to take the close free. The shot

was saved. Wexford came away to the cheers of their big following, and the last whistle sounded seconds later.

It was the kind of game in which every player on each side can take pride in having participated, and if Margaret O'Leary was Wexford's bulwark all through, she might well have been outshone by her captain, Bridget Doyle, if the latter had not been hampered by a foot injury for most of the game. Joan Murphy and Bridget O'Connor were particularly sound Wexford defenders.

Key Switch

Mary Shannon and Annie Kehoe were the stars of the Wexford attack in the first half, but the latter lost much of her effectiveness when moved out to the wing thereafter.

For Antrim, Kathleen Kelly, normally a wing back, who played in goal because of a recent injury, made up in cleverness what she naturally lacked in mobility. Maeve Gilroy and Moya Forde found the pace a bit much for them, and Kathleen McManus was the best defender.

The switch that sent Mairead Quinn into the centre transformed the midfield scene for Antrim after the interval, and Eileen Collins revelled in the freedom of the wing, but might have turned the tide for Antrim with the chances that came her way in the closing minutes.

The attack was well held much of the way, but Lily Scullion and Marion McPetridge had some brilliant moments. But one question remains: What would have happened had Mairead McAtamney taken that last Antrim free?

SCORES: Wexford—M. Shannon (2-0), C. Power (1-0), M. Doyle (1-1), M. O'Leary (0-2), A. Kehoe (0-1); Antrim—M. McAtamney (1-1), M. McPetridge (1-0), N. Havelin (1-0), L. Scullion (1-0), M. Quinn (0-1).

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RECEPTION COMMITTEE . . . a picture from last Sunday's Wexford-Antrim camogie final.



THE WINNING GOAL! Cathy Power flashes the ball to the net for the match-winning goal past a 'stranded' goalkeeper Mary Doyle is up in support, and two Antrim defenders look on in despair.



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True, last Sunday's attendance of between three and four thousand was a reasonable attendance by camogie standards, but the fact remains that the fare provided was better than G.A.A. patrons often get on the same ground.

But perhaps the Camogie Association was unfortunate last Sunday because a whole variety of factors were working to keep the crowd down. I understand that club excursions from the North were cancelled owing to the uncertain situation in large areas of Belfast and County Derry and that a number of people stayed home to listen to the broadcast, as they did not want to travel back across the Border by car in the dark.

The unfortunate clash with the Cork country hurling final cut heavily into the quota of enthusiasts who travelled from the Southern Capital, while the fact that Na Fianna club with some close camogie connections were also playing in the Dublin football final at Parnell Park did not help the attendance either, and the big soccer game in Dalymount siphoned off what may be called the "casual" customers. So, in all the circumstances, I suppose the attendance was reasonable enough.

But the fact still remains that a game of such skill and excitement was worthy of an attendance of at least ten thousand, and much of the senior game was a sheer delight to watch.

Above all, it was a match in which sportsmanship dominated everything, a facet to which Sean O'Siochain, General Secretary of the G.A.A., paid special tribute at the subsequent reception to the four teams.

Wexford maintained their remarkable record of one hundred per cent success in All-Ireland finals. This was...



Miss Josie Kehoe right, chats with the Chairman of the County Camogie Board, Miss Mary McCabe, in the Talbot Hotel on Monday night. One of Wexford's most outstanding players, Miss Kehoe was denied a place on Sunday's winning team because she is serving a six months suspension.

A GROUP of girls arrived in mini skirts at Croke Park on Sunday. They changed into long skirted gym slips and played in the All-Ireland. Then they changed from the long, rather dowdily old fashioned official camogie attire back into the mini skirts and went off to celebrate.

One wonders, in this day and age, why it is deemed necessary that clothing which hampers activity is insisted upon in camogie. The Wexford girls had already intimated that they would prefer to play 'n jerseys and shorts. They had seen the Canadian girls play thus and decided that it was a more comfortable garb for the game.

One must wonder if the players had not been encumbered with their Victorian

clothing if there might not have been more scoring. It is a point worth considering.

Munster Face Connacht In Gael Linn Cup

Now that the All-Ireland is over—with Wexford taking the title for the second successive year—Camogie interest turns to the Gael Linn Cup Interprovincial Championship.

On Sunday Munster make their initial outing in the season's competition when they travel to Athenry to take on Connacht. Munster, who were well beaten by Ulster at Fermoy last year, have an easier draw this season. Connacht are the only province without their name on this trophy and can be termed the weakest of the four provinces.

Munster show a number of changes from last year. Naturally Tipperary, who won the Munster Championship this season and gave Wexford a very close call in the All-Ireland semi-final, have more players on the side than any other county. They have six, Cork four and Limerick two.

Sally Long and Eleanor Cummins are two really outstanding goal-keepers but a fantastic display against Wexford gave Sally her place in goal for Munster. Eleanor, however, found a place for herself at full-back. This position will not be strange to Eleanor as it might appear as she has previously played in the back line for Munster.

The half-back line is made up of Jo Marshall, Anne Graham and Mary Jo Ryan.

Jo Marshall is this year's Tipperary captain and is a strong dependable player. Anne Graham has played several times for Munster and her performance this year was a certainty for the side. She will be at centre-back. Cork's very effective Mary Jo Ryan deserves her place at left-back.

Two young players with very bright futures in camogie will be in partnership at centrefield. They are Liz Garvan of Cork and Margaret Cleary of Tipperary. The line is completed by Limerick's Christina Murphy who retains the place she won last year.

Beatrice Lawrence won the Tipperary camogie player of the year award last season and is playing even better in the current year. She will be at right half forward while Cork's Anne Comerford, although she missed the vital game against Tipperary through injury, retains her place on the other wing. In the centre is Cary Clancy of Limerick, who looked particularly good in the Ahane v. South Presentation Past Pupils game. At full forward is Bridie Conroy of Tipperary who will be remembered as a tremendous centre back as Bridie Scully. Recently Bridie has been converted to the attack and her success in this new position has been quite considerable.

Connacht will no doubt contain many of the Galway side that gave Antrim a very close call in the All-Ireland semi-final. Munster have the players capable of beating the Westerners but they would not want to treat their challenge too lightly as over-confidence has brought about many a downfall.

Certainly it will be hoped that Munster will advance in this competition as with the All-Ireland senior title gone to Leinster and the junior title to Ulster, Munster followers are very anxious to see some major trophy coming South.

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INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

On the home front, main interest will centre on the Intermediate Championship tie between Blarney and Canovee which will be played at Blarney on Sunday. Blarney had an easy league win over Canovee recently and with the advantage of a home venue, should again account for them.

There are two Junior championship games also listed. At Riverstown St. Ita's meet Sarsfields, St. Ita's, with Maisy Murphy and Kay Ryan, should prove too strong for their opponents in this tie.

In the remaining game of the day, Our Lady's Hospital meet Ovens. Here there could be a big upset, for although Our Lady's Hospital are only a new club, they have had some good league results and could cause a surprise.

The Seandun team will be playing in the Intermediate championship on the 19th October, and junior clubs are requested to send in a selector to the County Board on Monday night next.

FIXTURES

To-morrow (Sunday)

Gael-Linn Cup (Interpro.) at Athenry at 3.30: Munster v. Connacht. (Referee, Mrs. K. Timmons, Dublin).

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Although she has been playing at midfield for Wexford through their two victorious All-Ireland campaigns, the Dublin Eoghan Ruadh club player from Kilmuckridge Margaret O'Leary proved yesterday that centre-

back is still possibly her best position, as she gave an exhibition of all the finer points of the game.

It was mainly due to her lengthy clearances that Leinster dominated this game, even

against the breeze in the first half, and were it not for many courageous saves by Derry goalkeeper Brid McCann, must have won by a very big margin.

Two Disallowed

In addition, the winners had two goals disallowed. As it was Leinster led at half-time, by 3-2 to 0-2, with goals from Mary Doyle, Anne Carroll and Judy Doyle in that order, and Mary Walsh and Anne Carroll (30) notching the points, while Pat Crangle and Mairead McAtamney (30) replied for Ulster.

Leinster had a further 3-1 through the third quarter and then eased off somewhat, and Ulster fought back gamely for some consolation scores before Leinster took over again in the closing minutes.

If Margaret O'Leary was the star of the day, she had particularly able defensive assistants in goalkeeper Teresa Shields and full-back Joan Murphy. Kilkenny's Anne Carroll was the most effective winger on view, shooting a couple of unsaveable goals and receiving good support from Orla Ni Shiochain.

Though Una O'Connor had no score herself, she made most of the openings from which Judy Doyle scored her four goals.

For Ulster, Brid McCann in goal, full-back Moya Forde, and centre-back Margaret Caldwell defended solidly all through, but only Mairead McAtamney, Patricia Crangle and occasionally Lily Scullion, were seen to any great advantage further afield.

Scorers: Leinster—J. Doyle (4-0), A. Carroll (2-2), M. Doyle (1-0), O. Ni Shiochain (0-2), M. Walsh (0-1). Ulster—M. McAtamney (1-0), M. McAtamney (0-2), P. Crangle (0-1), L. Scullion (0-1).

LEINSTER—T. Shields (Wexford); J. Murphy (Wexford); M. Ryan (Dublin); M. O'Leary (Wexford); A. Hussy (Dublin); A. Carroll (Kilkenny); R. Murphy (Dublin); O. Ni Shiochain (Dublin); M. Doyle (Wexford); M. Walsh (Wexford); J. Doyle (Dublin); U. O'Connor (Dublin).

ULSTER—B. McCann (Derry); M. Forde (Antrim); N. McNulty (Derry); M. Caldwell (Down); B. McCann (Derry); M. McAtamney (Antrim); E. Collins (Antrim); M. McEneaney (Derry); M. McAtamney (Antrim); M. Delaney (Armagh); P. Crangle (Down); L. Scullion (Antrim).
Referee—Miss E. Neville (Limerick).

MUNSTER ADVANCE BY FOUR POINTS

MUNSTER 2-2, CONNACHT 0-4

MUNSTER qualified to meet Leinster in the final of the interprovincial camogie championship when they narrowly defeated Connacht in a thrilling semi-final at Athenry yesterday.

The home side, however, must be rated a trifle unlucky in that they lost two of their best players, injured, during the match. The sides were evenly matched except in the vital factor of scoring ability. Here, the Munster girls were superior and, although they had fewer chances in attack, they turned those to better account than did the home forwards.

Playing with the wind, Munster were on top from the start, but some great goalkeeping by Margaret Kilkenny and a series of splendid clearances by her sister, Mary, kept the game scoreless to the 15th minute. Then Carrie Clancy (Limerick) opened Munster's account with a magnificent long-range point.

Connacht equalised from a 25-yard free by Mona O'Flaherty, and then went ahead with a point by Sheila Quinn. Splendid centre-field play by Liz Garvin (Cork) forced Connacht into defence and, when they conceded a free, Ann Graham (Tipperary) sent in. Ann Comerford forced a Munster goal from close-in. Shortly afterwards, Ann Graham added a point from a '30' at a difficult angle. Connacht now suffered a set-back when Rosemary Divily had to retire with a head injury. Kathleen Quinn came on for her.

Leading 1-2 to 0-2 at the interval, Munster restarted strongly. When full forward Martha McCann (Sligo) was forced to retire, Connacht's prospects receded. She was replaced by Patricia Feeney, and immediately afterwards, Beatrice Lawrence, who was always prominent for Munster, scored the deciding goal.

Connacht battled back with two points from frees by Nono O'Flaherty, but could not get on terms.

Best for Munster were Mary Jo Ryan in defence; Margaret Cleary and Liz Garvan at centre; and Ann Comerford in attack.

Connacht's stars were the Kilkenny sisters and Rita O'Flaherty in defence, and Nono O'Flaherty amongst the forwards.

MUNSTER—S. Long (Tipperary); M. Cummins (Cork); J. Marshall (Tipp.); A. Graham (Tipp.); M. J. Ryan (Cork); E. Garvan (Cork); M. Cleary (Tipp.); C. Murphy (Limerick); B. Lawrence (Tipp.); C. Clancy (Limerick); A. Comerford (Cork); B. Conroy (Tipp.).
CONNACHT—Margaret Kilkenny;



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CONNACHT ATTACK FAILED: MUNSTER BEST IN CAMOGIE INTERPROVINCIAL

MUNSTER 2-2
CONNACHT 0-4

In a thrilling Interprovincial Camogie game at Athenry on Sunday Munster defeated Connacht by four points. The home side however, must be rated unlucky not to have at least shared the honours as the teams were very evenly matched except in the vital factor of scoring ability.

Here the Munster girls were superior and although they had less chances in attack they turned those to better account than did the home forwards.

Playing with the wind, Munster were on top from the start but some wonderful goal-keeping by Margaret Kilkenny and a series of splendid clearances by her sister, Mart, at right back, kept the score sheet clean to the 15th minute when the Limerick girl Carrie Clancy opened Munster's account with a wonderful long-range point.

Connacht equalised from a 25 yards free by Nono O'Flaherty and then went ahead with a point by Sheila Quinn. Splendid centrefield play by the Cork girl Liz Garvin, forced Connacht into defence and when their hard pressed backs conceded a free, Ann Graham the Tipperary half-back, placed her puck perfectly for Ann Comerford to force a Munster goal from close in.

Keeping up the pressure Munster were awarded a "30" when the Connacht back put the ball over her own end line and Ann Graham was on the mark to point from a difficult angle.

Connacht now suffered the first of two major set-backs when their splendid left back, Rosemary Divilly (Oranmore) had to retire with a face injury and Kathleen Quinn came on as a sub.

Leading 1-2 to 0-2 Munster re-started the second half strongly and although Connacht had some great approach work their finishing

near goal was ineffective and when full-forward Martha McCann (Sligo) was injured and forced to retire, the home side's prospects were further dimmed.

She was replaced by Patricia Feeney and shortly afterwards Beatrice Laurence who was always prominent, scored a great goal for Munster. Connacht, battling it out to the end, reduced the leeway with two points from frees by Nono O'Flaherty but could not get on terms, although they fully deserved to.

Best for Munster were Mary Jo Ryan in defence, Margaret Cleary and Liz Garvin at centre and Ann Comerford in attack. Connacht's best were the Kilkenny sisters in defence, Rita O'Flaherty and Nono O'Flaherty amongst the forwards.

SCORERS

Munster: Ann Comerford (1-0); B. Laurence (1-0); A. Graham (0-1) and C. Clancy (0-2).

Connacht: N. O'Flaherty (0-3) and S. Quinn (0-1).

Connacht: Margaret Kilkenny (Galway); Mary Kilkenny (do.), Rita O'Flaherty (do.), Maureen Forde (do.); Rosemary Divilly (do.); Angela O'Toole (Mayo); Kathleen O'Connor (Roscommon); Sheila Quinn (Galway); Nono O'Flaherty (do.); Chris Fenwick (Mayo); Teresa Mullen (do.); Martha McCann (Sligo), and substitutes Kathleen Quinn (for Rosemary Divilly) and Patricia Feeney (for Martha McCann).

Munster: Sally Long (Tipp.), Jessie Marshall (do.), Ann Graham (do.), Melon Cummins (Cork), Mary Jo Ryan (do.), Liz Garvin (do.), Margaret Cleary (Tipp.), Christina Murphy (Limerick), Beatrice Lawrence (Tipp.), Carrie Clancy (Limerick), Ann Comerford (Cork) and Bridie Conroy (Tipp.).

Referee: Miss Kay Timmons (Dublin).

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Stage Is Set For Semi-Finals

By AGNES HOURIGAN

BIG events on the camogie fields on Sunday are the semi-finals of the All-Ireland club championship at Kilkenny and Ahane. In one of these the holders, St. Paul's, Kilkenny, meet the Galway and Connacht representatives Oranmore.

In the other, Ahoghill, who won the Ulster championship for the first time last Sunday, travel to the Limerick venue of Castleconnell to meet the local side, Ahane.

Oranmore, who went within minutes of winning this title two years ago when they

played a draw with the then Leinster representatives, Eoghan Ruadh of Dublin, only to lose the replay at Ballinacree some months later, will travel hopefully to Kilkenny, but, though they will field a useful side powered by the Divilly sister, they face a very strenuous task.

St. Paul's looked even better than they did when winning the title a year ago in their earlier appearances this season. They accounted for the fancied Wexford champions, St. Abba's at Ennisceorthy, and then scored a very convincing win over keen rivals, Eoghan Ruadh, in the provincial final.

Their interprovincial, Carmel O'Shea, is out of action, but they will have Ann Carroll, Jo Golden, Tessie O'Neill, Liz Neary, Anne Phelan, Nuala Duncan and the Cassin twins, on duty again and it will be something of a surprise if they fail to advance to another final.

Ahane, who reached the final last season, only to fall to the Kilkenny girls, will be very intent on doing better this time.

They sprang a surprise in Munster when defeating the fancied Cork champions, South Presentation, and with inter-county players, Helen Roche, Bridie Ryan, Kathleen Ryan, Bridie O'Leary, Joan Hayer and interprovincial star, Carrie Clancy, will be very hopeful of victory now.

But Ahoghill, who are representing Antrim and Ulster for the first time (Belfast club, Deirdre have always previously had this honour) will not be daunted by the long trip South.

Joan Hayes Shot Ahane Into Final

AHANE 5-1

AGHOGHILL 3-2

Ulster and Antrim champions Ahoghill, seemed likely to reach the All-Ireland club camogie championship final when they led Ahane 3-1 to 2 goals at half-time in this thrilling semi-final at Castle Connell, Co. Limerick yesterday.

The visitors got off to a great start, when Moya Forde had goal direct from a "30", after the minutes and Lily Scullion added another soon after. Mar Doohan, however, had a goal. Ahane and Joan Hayes another to level after six minutes. Moya Forde (point) and Kathleen Graham (goal) had Ahoghill front 3-1 to 2-0 at the break.

On resuming Joan Hayes had another Ahane goal to narrow the gap, but Moya Forde had point for the visitors before Joan Hayes had the two goals which put Ahane into the final for a second successive year.

ONE WAY TRAFFIC AS ST PAULS MARCH ON

ST. PAULS 7-7
ORANMORE 2-1

St. Pauls, Kilkenny, the holders, qualified once again for the final of the All-Ireland club championship when they scored a big victory over the Connacht champions, Oranmore, Galway, at St. John's Park, Kilkenny.

The winners, who led 4-3 to 2-0 at half-time were the better trained side and showed great combination throughout.

St. Pauls were never really troubled after they had

quickly and added four goals and a point before Oranmore scored their second goal.

St. Pauls continued to dominate the play after the interval. They were best served by their midfield trio, Ann Carroll, Liz Neary and Carmel O'Shea who held the upper hand in this sector to create plenty of openings for an eager forward line. In defence, Nuala Dunean and Mary Conway were outstanding.

Oranmore were best served by Nono O'Flaherty, Sheila Quinn and the Divilly sisters. Scorers—Ann Carroll (3-1), (0-1), L. Neary (1-0),

R. Venard (1-0), C. O'Shea (0-3), B. Cassin (0-2), H. O'Neill (0-1), Oranmore—N. O'Flaherty (1-1), K. O'Flaherty (1-0).

ST. PAULS—J. Golden, N. Duncan, M. Conway, A. Phelan, J. Kelly, C. O'Shea, A. Carroll, L. Neary, R. Venard, B. Cassin, M. Cassin, H. O'Neill.

ORANMORE—J. Cosgrave, B. Flanagan, R. O'Flaherty, G. Divilly, R. Divilly, M. Cooley, A. Dilleen, S. Quinn, N. A. Dilleen, J. Kelly, M. Forde, O'Flaherty, Subs.—B. Sheridan for A. Dilleen, M. O'Dea for Mary Cooley.

Ref.—Miss M. Moran (Cork)





ST Ails team (April 1969) Front: Brid McAuliffe, Geraldine Flynn, Rosie Hennessy, Sheila Ryan (capt), Margaret O'Sullivan, Marion O'Leary & Nuala Jennings.
 Back: Winifred O'Regan, Anne O'Dwyer, Rose Long, Liz Garvan, Kathleen Carr, Anne Courtney, Helen Long & Lena Lynch

New Colleges Council Set Up

A CAMOGIE meeting was held at the Parkway Motel, Limerick recently to set up a Munster Colleges Council. Schools from five counties (Kerry, Cork, Waterford, Limerick and Tipperary) were represented and also present was the President of the Camogie Association Mrs. Rosina McManus from Belfast.

The officers of the new Council are: Chairman, Miss Celia O'Connell (Limerick); Vice Chairman, Sr. Vianney (Presentation Convent, CastleConnell); Sec./Treas., Miss M. Moran (Cork).

Fifteen teams will participate in this year's Munster Colleges Championship which will be run on different lines than heretofore. The teams have been divided into three groups on a geographical basis. The competition will take the form of a league within each group with the section winners playing-off in one semi-final and a final.

Teams in their sections:
 Section A—Stella Maria, Tramore; Presentation Convent, Youghal; Mount Mercy, Cork; St. Aloysius, Cork; Presentation Convent, Carrick-on-Suir.

Section B—Convent of Mercy, Newport; Presentation Convent, CastleConnell and two Presentation Convents from the Tralee area.

Section C—Convent of Mercy, Macroom; Deishane Convent, Millstreet; Loretto Convent, Kilmarny.

It is hoped to commence the competition within the next month. The winning team will then go forward to the semi-final of the All-Ireland Colleges Championship.

INTERPROVINCIALS

The Munster side which defeated Connacht 2-3 to 0-4 at Athenry last Sunday shows one change in personnel for the final against Leinster on 26th October. Anna McAuliffe

(Cork) replaces Christina Murphy (Limerick) at left-forward. Team: S. Long (Tipp.); M. Cummins (Cork); J. Marshall (Tipp.) (capt.); A. Graham (Tipp.); M. J. Ryan (Cork); L. Garvan (Cork); M. Clery (Tipp.); A. Conneford (Cork); B. Lawrence (Tipp.); C. Clancy (Limerick); A. McAuliffe (Cork); and B. Conroy (Tipp.). Subs.: S. Dunne (Cork); M. Ryan (Tipp.) and B. O'Dowd (Tipp.).

Cork Intermediate Championships: Blarney 6-1, Canovee 5-1; Churchtown 6-1, Munster Institute 1-2.

Cork Junior Championships—Our Lady's Hospital 4-0, Naomh Eoin 10-1, St. Ita's 5-8, Sarafeldia nil.

The full effects of the setting up of the All-Ireland Colleges' Camogie championship a year ago has only become obvious when the Colleges' Conventions for this season took place recently. Both Leinster and Munster held their annual gatherings last weekend, and the increased interest and enthusiasm in each case was notable.

Leinster had four new schools in competition—Scoll Caithriona, Eccles Street; Dominican Convent, Sion Hill; Convent of Mercy, Ardee, and Presentation Convent, Enniscorthy.

It is some years since any school in County Louth had affiliated and it is the first time ever that there has been any interest shown by any school in Wexford, which is indeed surprising in view of the fact that Wexford have been All-Ireland camogie champions for the past two seasons.

Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, winners of both the senior and junior Leinster titles last season, set a new record this time, as they have entered two teams in the senior grade.

Better Chance

So widespread was the entry in the junior section, which includes schools from seven counties and more than twenty teams, that a special preliminary round is being played to give a better chance to the weaker schools and to some who are playing competitive camogie for the first time.

Meanwhile, Munster, which although it has run a colleges' championship through the past couple of years, has done so on a county basis, held a meeting at Limerick to set up a Colleges' Council for the

Huge Increase In Schools' Entries

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The meeting could hardly have been more successful and got off to a flying start in that it was attended by Mrs. Rosanna McManus, president of the Camogie Association; Miss Sheila McAnulty, general secretary; and treasurer Miss Lilly Spence, who is also the driving force behind the Ulster Colleges' Council.

First chairman of the new Munster Colleges' Council is a former president of the Association, Miss Chris O'Connell, of Limerick; vice-chairman is Sister M. Vianney, of CastleConnell.

15 Entered

Treasurer-cum-secretary is Miss Mary Moran of Cork.

A heartening number of schools, 15, have entered for the championship, and as so many of them are newcomers it was decided to hold only one grade of competition this season.

To cut down travelling it was decided to divide the province into three sections, and the winners of each section will be decided on a league basis.

The entries and sections are: Section "A"—Stella Maria, Tramore; Presentation, Youghal; Presentation, Carrick-on-Suir (two teams); Mount Mercy, Cork; St. Aloysius, Cork.

Section "B"—Convent of Mercy, Macroom; Deishane

Convent, Kilmarnoy (three teams).

Section C—Presentation Convent, CastleConnell; Presentation Convent, Tralee; Presentation Convent, Balloonagh (Kerry); Convent of Mercy, Newport.

Ulster Colleges' Convention also was most successful, but entries and fixtures have not yet been finalised.

As expected Leinster and Munster qualified to meet in the final of the interprovincial competition but the manner in which they did so was very different. A power-packed Leinster side, with Margaret O'Leary in devastating form at centre back, was far too good for a very uneven Ulster side at Croke Park.

On the other hand, Munster had to struggle all the way to get the better, at Athenry, of a Connacht team from whom a great deal had not been expected.

The final will be played on October 26 at a Munster venue. Meanwhile the next clashes of wide interest will be provided by the semi-finals of the All-Ireland Club championship on Sunday week, October 19, when St. Paul's Kilkenny, the holders will be at home to Galway champions Oranmore, and Limerick and Munster champion Ahane oppose Ulster standardbearers.

Kilmessan seek a double in the Meath championship finals at Trim on Sunday. Their junior play Stamullen (2.15) while the Dunboyne (3.15).

Leinster Are Favourites — But Munster Are Confident

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game of the weekend is the Gael Linn Cup between Munster and Leinster which will be played at Cahir on Sunday, at 3.30 p.m.

Munster have not won the provincial championship since 1957 and, with the advantage of a home venue on this occasion, they will be hoping for a victory. But the Munster girls face a very difficult task in front of them. In the semi-final Leinster brushed aside the challenge of Tipperary when once again Judy Doyle, the Dublin star, made her goal look so easy. When one considers that Ulster had many of their side, the Leinster victory is all that much more worthy. The sign of Leinster's strength is shown in the fact that only one Kilkenny girl could get a place. Kilkenny beat Dublin in the All-Ireland last year and also have the All-Ireland Club champions, St. Pauls, who have many fine players.

But of course Leinster have the tremendous All-Ireland winning forwards and Dublin at their disposal and biggest problem for the selectors must be who to leave out.

SOUND DEFENCE
The forwards of Wexford is in

goal and she is fronted by her county colleague, the very powerful Joan Murphy. The half line has an abundance of talent with Mary Ryan and Ally Hussey of Dublin flanking Margaret O'Leary, the Wexford star, whom many followers regard as one of the "greats" of camogie.

There is also an abundance of talent in the centre-field. Kitty Murphy of Dublin is in the full centre position and she is partnered on the wings by former Tipperary star Anne Carroll, who now lines out with Kilkenny, and Orla Ni Siochain of Dublin.

Then of course there is the devastating Dublin partnership of Una O'Connor and Judy Doyle in the forward line and these two got great assistance from the two Wexford girls Mary Doyle and Mary Walsh in the semi-final.

So when one sees the team on paper, it is not surprising that Leinster will start as favourites.

However, Leinster will be playing in Cahir and with six Tipperary girls on the side there should be plenty of local support. Again Munster teams always seem to play better with the odds stacked against them.

ONE CHANGE
Munster make one change from the side that defeated Connacht

in the semi-final. Anne McAuliffe of Cork gets her first chance to play for her province when she replaces Christina Murphy of Limerick at left-forward.

Munster did not play that well in their semi-final and they will need to improve greatly on that showing. However, some of the Munster players were not up to their championship form in that game and if they play to the best of their ability then they could cause a major upset.

In goal Munster have the very steady Sally Long while at full back is Eleanor Cummins, whose more usual position is goalie but who is also a very effective outfield player. The half back line is made up of Jo Marshall and Anne Graham of Tipperary and Mary Jo Ryan of Cork. All three are very competent players who should give the goalkeeper plenty of cover.

There are two schoolgirls in the centrefield for Munster. They are Liz Garvan of Cork and Tipperary's Margaret Clery but, despite their youth, they are two grand players. They will be partnered in this sector by the never-tiring and stylish Anne Comerford of Cork.

In attack Munster have number of fine players. Beatrice Lawrence of Tipperary and Anne McAuliffe of Cork are two stylish wing forwards while Cary Clancy of Limerick and Bridie Conroy of Tipperary are very clever and opportunist attackers.

This then is the Munster team. Individually there is plenty of talent and if they can combine successfully then they must be in the game with a big chance.

TEAMS

Munster: S. Long (Tipperary), E. Cummins (Cork), J. Marshall (Tipperary), A. Graham (do), M. J. Ryan (Cork), L. Garvan (do), M. Clery (Tipperary), A. Comerford (Cork), B. Lawrence (Tipperary), C. Clancy (Limerick), A. McAuliffe (Cork), B. Conroy (Tipperary). Subs: S. Dunne (Cork), M. Ryan (Tipperary), E. O'Dowd (Tipperary).

Leinster: T. Shiels (Wexford), J. Murphy (do), M. Ryan (Dublin), M. O'Leary (Wexford), A. Hussey (Dublin), A. Carroll (Kilkenny), K. Murphy (Dublin), O. Ni Siochain (Dublin), M. Doyle (Wexford), M. Walsh (do), J. Doyle (Dublin), U. O'Connor (do).

Locally the big game is an Intermediate Championship tie between Churchtown and Seandun which will be played at Rivers-town on Sunday. Seandun, of course, are the junior selection and with so many sides to choose from they would appear to have too many big names for Churchtown. They have Peg O'Brien of Fermoy, Maisy Murphy of St. Ita's, and Annie O'Sullivan of Fermoy to name a few and although Churchtown are very determined side Seandun must be fancied to advance.

The following is the Seandun team for this game: A. Fitzgerald (Kanturk); P. O'Brien (Fermoy); K. Hallisey (Sarsfields); J. Buckley (Kanturk); E. Murphy (Fermoy); E. Noonan (St. Ita's); M. Kearney (Sarsfields); M. Murphy (St. Ita's); A. O'Sullivan (Fermoy); E. Aherne (Ovens); M. Hickey (Araglin); C. Barry (Fermoy); Subs: B. O'Regan (St. Ita's); E. Hegarty (Fermoy); M. O'Connell (St. Ita's).

Leinster Retain Gael-Linn Trophy

Leinster 5-4; Munster 2-2
LEINSTER, the holders, retained the Gael-Linn interprovincial trophy at Cahir yesterday when they defeated Munster by 5-4 to 2-2 after having enjoyed an interval lead of 4-1 to 0-1.

The game, which was played in summerlike conditions, attracted a fine attendance mainly from south Tipperary. And although the home side was defeated, it was obvious that the spectators were quite pleased with the entertainment offered. Leinster were by far the better team, although Munster tried hard to match them and never gave up trying.

The secret of Leinster's impressive victory was their teamwork executed with delightful passing movements that simply had their opponents running the wrong way. Leinster was a team in the strict sense of the word, while Munster was a group of individuals with no set plan of action.

And so it was not surprising when Leinster took an early lead with scores by Judy Doyle (2-0), Mary Walsh and Mary Doyle (1-0) each and Una O'Connor (0-1). Munster's only reply was a point scored by Liz Garvan. Half-time came with Leinster in front by 4-1 to 0-1.

LEINSTER CAME AGAIN

Walsh (Wexford), J. Doyle (Dublin) (capt.), U. O'Connor (Dublin).

Munster: S. Long (Tipperary), M. Cummins (Cork), J. Marshall (Tipperary), A. Graham (Tipperary), M. J. Ryan (Cork), L. Garvan (Cork), M. Clery (Tipperary), A. Comerford (Cork), B. Lawrence (Tipperary), C. Clancy (Limerick), N. McAuliffe (Cork), B. Conroy (Tipperary).
Referee — Miss Lily Spence

CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS

Una O'Connor Is Out On Her Own...

By AGNES HOURIGAN
Famed Dublin camogie full-forward, Una O'Connor, may still have to play second fiddle to her former team-mate, Kathleen Mills in the matter of All-Ireland medals won, but in one particular the fair-haired Celtic player is out on her own. She has won more interprovincial medals than any other player in Ireland.

Una first played for her province as a youngster away back in 1954 when she was on the Leinster side that defeated Ulster in the special interprovincial series run to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Camogie Association.

Then, when the annual interprovincial competition for the Gael-Linn Cup was instituted in 1957, Una at once became an automatic selection for her province. She participated in every one of Leinster's victories until last season, when for the first time, the Eastern province won the title without Una O'Connor.

As she seemed to have then come to the end of a great career, few would have imagined a year ago that the brilliant Celtic player would ever again figure on a Leinster line-out. But Una returned to the Dublin side earlier this season, and the Leinster selectors, when interprovincial time came round, put their faith in her craft and experience, and their confidence was justified.

VITAL PART

Una's clever distribution of the ball to the other Leinster forwards baffled the Ulster and Munster defences in turn. She played a very vital part in this played a very vital part in this, Leinster's ninth victory in the interprovincial series, and won in the process her own eighth interprovincial medal, a record unlikely to be surpassed except by herself.

Incidentally, an unusual feature of last Sunday's Leinster victory was that two of the Leinster side, Anne Carroll and Una O'Connor, had already won

The officers of the new Connacht Council are: Chairman, Fr. O'Grady (Galway); vice-chairman, Miss M. Clissman (Sligo), and secretary and treasurer, Sr. M. Columbiere.

Entries have been received from 21 schools including four from Galway and also Athenry, Oranmore, Ballinasloe, Loughrea, Tuam, Athlone, Mountbellew, Elphin, Glenamaddy, Roscommon, Claremorris, Strokestown, Enniscrone, Tubbercurry, Castlebar, Gortnabbeey and Louisburgh.

For competitive purposes the province is being divided into four areas which will play out on a league basis.

TEAM TO BEAT

Current All-Ireland senior colleges' champions, Presentation, Kilkenny, will obviously be the team to beat again this year. Their "A" side, which had ten of last years All-Ireland champions still on duty, scored an easy victory over Presentation, Terenure, in the opening Leinster senior game last week-end.

Meanwhile, the preliminary rounds of the Leinster junior colleges' competition continues to make good progress. Tomorrow Holy Faith, The Coombe, take on Mercy Convent, Athboy, while in the first semi-final of this section, Maryfield, who have already defeated Kildare, now take on Naas. In Munster, holders St. Aloysius, play Presentation, Youghal, and should come through.

The Dublin senior competition for the McCarthy Cup also has its semi-finals on Sunday. Celtic play U.C.D. in the Phoenix Park. Both sides will have Leinster players on duty, Alice Hussey and Una O'Connor with Celtic, Ann Carroll with the students, who may not yet have rebuilt their side after the Long Vacation.

Holders Austin Stacks also have Leinster players on their side against champions Eoghan Ruadh in the second semi-final. Ruadh base their power on Leinster and Wexford star,

Council sets-up camogie history

Camogie history was made on Saturday last when at a meeting in Dublin representatives of the four provinces, an All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Council was set up.

The first President of the new Council is Miss Lily Spence, who started the whole idea some years ago by inaugurating the Ulster Colleges' competition. Miss Spence, a former President of the Camogie Association, is at present the Association's Treasurer, and her experience should ensure the success of the new body.

Vice-chairman is Mrs. Purcell, who was a pioneer of the Leinster Colleges competition, while the secretary is Miss Mary Moran from Cork, secretary of the Munster Colleges Council. Treasurer is Miss Clissman, an official of the Connacht Colleges.

The real effect of the new departure will be that in future the colleges competitions will be a completely self-contained unit of the Camogie Association with local colleges competitions, and competing schools responsible to the Provincial Councils. This in turn will be under the control and guidance of the Central Colleges Council which will have its own representative on the Central Council of the Association.

The first act of the new Council was to fix the dates for this year's Colleges All-Ireland games which are:-

March 7—Munster champions v Leinster champions, at a Munster venue with Ulster referee. March 14—Ulster champions v Connacht champions at Ulster venue with a Leinster referee. April 18 — All-Ireland Final.

Fine Display

The All-Ireland club championship final between St. Pauls, Kilkenny, and Ahane, Limerick, went on last Sunday despite very bad weather. After a very fine game St. Pauls retained the title by a small margin.

The outstanding feature of the holders' victory was the accuracy of Anne Carroll who shot seven of her team's ten scores, and in the process collected her fourth club championship medal in five seasons.

St. Pauls had an advantage in team-work, which was understandable as all but three of their side

by PAULINE BINE

played in last year's final. In fact the only real newcomer was the schools player Helena O'Neill.

Ahane, however, showed considerable improvement on their display of a year ago.

The first final of the new Dublin season is scheduled for Sunday at Phoenix Park when in the final of the McCarthy Cup, Austin Stacks defend against U.C.D. who caused a semi-final surprise when beating Celtic.

Austin Stacks, however, had an equally meritorious semi-final victory over the county champions Eoghan Ruadh, so we should have a most interesting game on Sunday.

Austin Stacks with Orla ni Shiochlainn, Mary Ryan, Mary Sherlock, Brid Keenan, Anne Sheehy and brilliant goalkeeper Sheila Murray, look to have the greater all-round power.

But U.C.D. with three players from last Sunday's club All-Ireland Anne Carroll, goalkeeper Jo Golden (St. Pauls) and Margie Doohan (Ahane), backed by Annette Corrigan, Pat Rafferty, Muireann Hayes Veronica Fingleton, Blanaid Ní hAnnrachain and Joan Taylor will be a hard team to beat.

U.C.C. SLOW TO SETTLE DOWN AGAINST GALWAY

U.C.C. 1-7; U.C.G. 2-1

In preparation for the Ashbourne Cup, U.C.C. played U.C.G. at University Sports Ground, Curraheen Road, Cork. U.C.C. are suffering from the loss of some of last year's stalwarts, particularly Dr. Pat Devlin, and they took a long time to settle down. Galway looked a far fitter and more experienced side, and their line-out included three Galway Inter-County players, Pat Feeney in goal, Jane Murphy (Mountbellew) and Grace Divilly.

The teams were level at half-time, but in the second half Galway had the same well in hand. Pat Feeney vacated the goal, and in her forward role scored a goal. Galway continuously pressed on the U.C.C. goal.

Scorers for U.C.G. were: Clare Connery, one goal, P. Feeney, one goal, Jane Murphy, 6 points. U.C.C.'s scores came from Jean Lonergan (goal), Deirdre Galvan goal, one point, Mary Ita O'Sullivan one point.

Referee, J. Mitchell. The visitors were afterwards entertained at the new pavilion attached to the sportsgrounds.

U.C.G.—P. Feeney, Jane Murphy, Grace Divilly, Clare Connery, K. Carmody, Ann Tierney, J. Langan, M. Fox, Ann Brazil, Renee Hickey, B. Moran, M. O'Rourke, E. Burke, M. Kinsella, M. Geraghty.

U.C.C.—A. Roche (capt.), R. O'Halloran, M. Cagrove, M. Long, Mary O'Brien (back), Mary O'Brien (forward), Honor Lynch, Joe O'Brien, M. Coakley, Mary Ita O'Sullivan, Jean Lonergan, Monica Lynch, Deirdre Galvan, M. O'Driscoll.

OFFICERS ELECTED

At the annual general meeting of the U.C.C. camogie club, the following officers were elected:

Hon. President: Ida Bean Uí She, M.A.; Hon. Vice Presidents—An tOllamh L. Ní Dhugáin; Síobhan Bean Uí Mhuiríthí, M. Sc.; Bean Uí Neill, M. Sc.; An Dr. Spott, Síle Ní Bhraonáin, B. Comm.; Bean Uí Shuilleabháin, Bean Tyers; An Dr. Emer Ní Mhuiríthí, Staff Representative, Cait Bean Uí Mhaidín, B. Comm.

Captain Senior Team: Aine de Roisic. Runai: Maire Ní Choeláin. Committee: A. de Roisic, A. Ní Bhraonáin, R. Ní Adhúmháin, M. Ní Longaigh, M. Ní Choeláin.

Colleges now have central council

Colleges' camogie progressed a step further when a Central Colleges Council was formed at a meeting held in Dublin last Saturday. This move was inevitable as provincial colleges councils existed in the four provinces. Now the colleges have a complete structure of their own.

The new Central Colleges Council comprises of a President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, three delegates from each Provincial Colleges Council and a non-voting representative from Central Council. These officials will hold office for a period of two years. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Lily Spence (Antrim); Vice-president, Mrs. Una Purcell (Dublin); Secretary, Miss Mary Moran (Cork); Treasurer, Miss Maeva Clissmann (Sligo).

The All-Ireland Colleges Championship, which was inaugurated last year, promises to be even better this season. Approximately 60 teams are taking part. The champions from each province go forward to the All-Ireland semi-finals. The Ulster champions will be at home to the Connacht champions on March 7 in the first semi-final while the Leinster champions will meet the Munster champions at a Munster venue on March 14. The All-Ireland final will take place in Dublin on April 18.

MUNSTER COLLEGES

Despite the bad weather over the weekend five of the six Munster Colleges matches scheduled were played. The three Cork teams in action. Presentation Convent, Youghal, Mount Mercy and Convent of Mercy, Macroom, collected the points in their games. St. Aloysius and Mount Mercy travel to Carrick-on-Suir next Saturday and should move further up the league table. Drishane make their debut in the competition when they entertain Loretto Convent, Kilarney, this weekend. Drishane, who are generally regarded as the second-best team in Cork, could open on a winning note.

Results:

Munster Colleges — Presentation, Castleconnell 1-0, Convent of Mercy, Rathkeale, nil; Mount Mercy 14-2, Tramore 2-0; Pres., Youghal 5-4, Carrick-on-Suir 4-0; Macroom 5-0, Kilarney 1-0.

Cork Junior Championship — Araglin 5-0, U.C.C. 1-0.

Cork Junior League—St. Ita's 11-1, Sarsfields nil.

Senior League Points For South Pres. P.P.

South Pres P.P. 2-7

Old Aloysians 2-3

South Pres collected two valuable Senior League points when defeating their closest rivals Old Ais at St. Ais Grounds. Both sides lined out minus some regular players. Nevertheless, the game, which was fast and exciting, produced a good standard of camogie. Aided by a strong breeze, Old Ais went into the lead with a fine goal by Anne McAuliffe. Old Ais kept up the pressure and were in front by 2-1 to 1-2 at half-time. South Pres attacked for long periods after the resumption and slowly built up their score. They had to survive strong pressure from Old Ais in the last few minutes before emerging as winners.

Anne Comerford, Betty Sugrue, Mary Whelton and Marion McCarthy were in good form for South Pres, while Anne McAuliffe, Catherine O'Regan, Liz Garvan and Nuata Jennings were prominent for the losers.

Scorers — For South Pres: A. Cronin (1-2), A. Comerford (0-4), E. Hurley (1-0) and M. McCarthy (0-1). For Old Ais: A. McAuliffe (1-0), C. O'Regan (1-0), Liz Garvan (0-2) and A. O'Dwyer (0-1).

Churchtown 2-3, Seandun 1-3

Churchtown qualified for the Intermediate Championship final when they scored a good win over Seandun at Riverstown. The Seandun team, which comprises of a selection from the junior clubs, had many fine individual players, but Churchtown's better teamwork saw them through. They meet the winners of next Sunday's game between Blarney and Inniscarra in the final.

COLLEGES

The Munster Colleges Championship got off to a good start in summerlike conditions last Saturday. In the opening match, St. Ais had an easy win over Presentation Convent, Youghal. St. Ais, who fielded seven of the side that played in last year's All-Ireland Colleges final, were superior in all departments and were particularly well served by Liz Garvan, Judy Walsh, Rosie Hennessy and Colette Desmond. Pat Moloney, Carmel Hardney, Marie Hennessy and Síobhan Parker tried hard for Youghal.

Cork Junior Championship—Kanturk 5-5, South Pres P.P. 1-1, Fermoy 9-4, Rochestown 1-0.



U.C.D. camogie team, Ashbourne Competition winners of 1969.

County Semi-finals At Nenagh

(By ATLAS)

Thurles, 3-7; Lorrha, 4-1
Knockshegowna, 5-1
Drom-Inch, 4-2

The Co. Tipperary semi-finals were played in atrocious weather conditions at McDonagh Park, Nenagh on Sunday.

It was bitterly cold, with rain and sleet showers falling heavily during both games, making conditions very trying and difficult for all four teams which nevertheless served up grand camogie and played their hearts out, so much so, that in both games the issue was in doubt up to the last.

In the first semi-final, Thurles were confidently expected to easily dispose of Lorrha, but what a shock they got as the North Tipp team gave a scintillating display, and matched the South champions stroke for stroke up to the last puck of the game. What a pity these two grand young teams couldn't have avoided each other until the county final, which would have been a great crowd-puller. But, as it was, the county board are fortunate to have just as worthy finalists in Knockshegowna who beat Drom-Inch in the other semi-final.

LORRHA'S EARLY LEAD

Lorrha went into an early lead with a goal by Deirdre Lane, but Thurles fought back to draw level and then lead at the interval by 2-4 to 3-0. In the second half, Thurles went further ahead with a goal and a point by Margo Loughnane and two points by Anne Graham, while Deirdre Lane replied with a goal and a point for Lorrha.

Scorers for Thurles: Margo Loughnane, 2-1; Alice Long, 1-1; Anne Graham, 0-3; and Margaret Cleary, 0-2.

Lorrha scorers: Deirdre Lane 2-1; Mary Lane, 1-0; and Deirdre Kennedy, 1-0.

Thurles: Sally Long, Margo Loughnane, Alice Long, Mary Quinlan, Kit Boland, Ann Graham, Bernie Dowd, Kathleen Ryan, Breda Loughnane, Margt. Cleary, Eileen Coonan, Kay Birmingham.

Subs: Marian Mackey, Joan Maher and Eileen Maher.

Lorrha: Eileen Enright, Margt. Enright, Margt. Brophy, Mary Brophy, Mary Brophy, Nuala Kennedy, Deirdre Lane, Deirdre Kennedy, Mary Lane, Carmel Mannion, Agnes Brophy, Christine Hough, Teresa Houlihan and Maura Mahe.

Subs: Bridget Abbord, Berni Dwane and Martina Maher.

DROM-INCH START IN STYLE

Drom-Inch started off in great style, and with scores by the Tynan sisters, led at the interval by 2-2 to 2-0.

Knockshegowna, however, rallied in the second half, and with good scores by Bridie Conroy and Mary Treacy edged out in front to win by two points.

Scorers for Knockshegowna: Mary Treacy, 3-0; Bridie Conroy, 1-1 and Mary Kirwan, 1-0.

Scorers for Drom-Inch were Bawn Tynan, 2-2; Kathleen Tynan and Monica Ryan, 1-0 each.

Knockshegowna: Bridie Conroy, Helen O'Meara, Ellie Bates, Margt. Fogarty, Anna Browne, Josie McCoy, Dot Ralph, Breda Corrigan, Mary Treacy, Mary Maher, L. Howard and Mary Kirwan.

Drom-Inch: Josie Costello; Bawn Tynan, Sheila Harkins, Kathleen Tynan, Joan Ryan, Kathleen Hynes, Joan Boyle, Monica Ryan, Kathleen Ryan, Mollag Butler, Mary McGrath, Helen Kenned, Patricia Butler, Mary Dillon.

Ahane on home soil this time

By PAOUIE LINE

THE FINAL of the all-Ireland club camogie championship at Castleconnell on Sunday, brings together the same teams, St. Paul's, Kilkenny and Ahane of Limerick, that clashed in last year's final of this competition.

On that occasion St. Paul's won by a reasonably comfortable margin, but that game was played at Kilkenny. This time Ahane are on home ground, and that could go a long, long way towards bringing the teams on to level terms now.

Besides Ahane are now a much improved side. They very comfortably retained the Limerick title, and then had a narrow but well deserved Munster final victory over the fancied Cork representatives, South Presentation.

In the all-Ireland semi-final against the Antrim and Ulster champions, Ahoghill, they were led for much of the game, but came back to win in a spirited late rally. They have past or present Munster interprovincial players in Carrie Clancy, Christine Murphy, and Marjorie Douhan, and Limerick county stars in Helen Roche, Bridie Ryan, Kitty Ryan and Joan Hayes.

They have gained a great deal of experience through the past twelve months, and should be a far more effective force now.

But their Kilkenny opponents have not been idle either, and from what I have seen of them in this competition to date, St. Paul's will put up a tremendous battle in defence of their treasured title.

They showed magnificent form in

Leinster when accounting in turn for the Wexford champions, St. Abbans, and the Dublin champions, Eoghan Ruadh, and followed this up by a clear cut semi-final victory over the Connacht representatives, Oramore, who went so close to winning this title in 1967.

The Kilkenny girls will have nine, and possibly ten of last year's winning side on duty, including their four Leinster representatives, Ann Carroll, Jo Golden, Carmel O'Shea, and Liz Neary, while all the rest are well used to representative camogie.

The teams should be very evenly matched, but while the Kilkenny girls are entitled to start favourites Ahane are a great force on home soil.

The new Dublin season got into full stride last Sunday with the semi-finals of the McCarthy Cup provided at the Phoenix Park. As they did a year ago, holders, Austin Stacks got the better of county champions, Eoghan Ruadh, while U.C.D. surprisingly had several goals to spare over Celtic.

Both sides were a little under full strength in this latter game and if the students can master their full forces for the November 16 final, they will give Stacks a very hard run for the honours.

An all-Ireland Colleges Council will be set up at a meeting of representatives of all four Provinces in 6 North George's St., Dublin, tomorrow (2.30).

Ann Carroll Is The Star

ST. PAUL'S 3-7
AHANE 2-1

A small attendance braved the gales and showers of sleet at Castleconnell, Co. Limerick, yesterday where St. Paul's (Kilkenny) proved too good for Ahane, the Limerick champions and retained their All-Ireland camogie club championship for the second successive year.

Aided by a strong breeze, Rose Leonard opened the scoring 30 seconds after the throw-in with a goal for St. Paul's to which Ahane replied with a point within two minutes. For the remainder of the first half it was one-sided traffic and St. Paul's added point after point from a succession of thirties and frees to give them a comfortable half-time lead.

St. Paul's advanced with another goal within three minutes of the re-start. At that stage the game was sprang to life when Mary lagging but immediately Tierney had the ball in the net for Ahane. Three minutes later they had another goal but their scoring spree was short lived and St. Paul's capped their victory by adding a further 1-1 before the final whistle.

Star of the game for St

Kilkenny girls retain title

Ahane (Limerick) 2-2
St. Pauls (Kilkenny) .. 3-7

St. Pauls (Kilkenny) retained the All-Ireland senior club camogie championship title when in very poor conditions at Castleconnell, Co. Limerick, yesterday, they defeated Ahane in a top-class final.

The visitors, with the aid of the breeze, were in front by 1-6 to 0-1 at half-time, but Ahane staged a very fine rally early in the second session, which looked as if they might bring off an upset.

However, Ann Carroll was in outstanding form for St. Pauls and she scored 1-6, though five of the points came from frees. Rose Bennard had two goals and the remaining point was scored by Helena O'Neill. Ahane had goals by Peggy Duffey and Margie Doohan, and Carrie Clancy had two points from frees.

Ann Carroll was given best support for St. Pauls by Nuala Duncan, Liz Neary and Joan Kelly, and for Ahane Betty O'Leary was outstanding, and she was given best assistance by Kitty Ryan and Carrie Clancy.

St. Pauls—J. Golden, M. Conway, N. Durkin, J. Kelly, N. Neary, C. O'Shea, A. Carroll, M. Cassin, B. O'Neill, R. Bennard, B. Cassin, A. Phelan, A. Phelan, K. Ryan, B. Roche, C. Clancy, B.

only four All-Ireland semi-finals altogether, the chance of a double must be very remote indeed. And yet, three school-girls achieved that feat last week.

They are three young players from the town of Kilkenny, Liz Neary, Anne Phelan and Helena O'Neill. Last April all three played on the Presentation Convent, Kilkenny team that won the inaugural All-Ireland Colleges camogie championship at Croke Park.

Last Sunday the same trio from Presentation played together in their second All-Ireland final of the year, with St. Paul's of Kilkenny against Ahane at Castleconnell in the Club Championship decider, and were once again on the winning side, thus completing what had to be the unique double of winning a Colleges' All-Ireland and a Club All-Ireland in the same year.

A Great Year

For the record, Liz Neary and Anne Phelan were also on the St. Paul's team that won the Club Championship for the first time a year ago, while Liz Neary was a reserve on the Leinster side that recently retained the interprovincial championship.

Two All-Irelands and an Interprovincial medal in the same season is not bad going for a school-girl!

And the disturbing thought for other participants in this year's All-Ireland Colleges camogie championship is this—that Liz Neary, Anne Phelan and Helena O'Neill are still students at Presentation Convent, Kilkenny.

Stacks And U.C.D. Into Cup Final

Austin Stacks, holders of the McCarthy Camogie Cup, defeated Eoghan Ruadh, champions and League holders, while University College scored a good victory over Celtic in the semi-finals at Phoenix Park yesterday.

AUSTIN STACKS 3-3
EOGHAN RUADH 3-0

Austin Stacks, who faced the wind in the opening half were rather lucky to lead 1-1 to 1-0 at the interval, as their goalie Sheila Murray made three great saves.

The winners, however, were clearly the better side after the interval and deserved their three-point victory.

Best for Stacks were Orla Ni Siochain, Mary Sherlock, Mary Ryan and goalie Sheila Murray. Margaret O'Leary, Kathleen Lyons, Pat Rafferty and Anne Ashton did well for Eoghan Ruadh.

Scorers: Stacks — R. Halpin (1-0), C. Moroney (1-0), M. Sherlock (1-0), O. Ni Siochain (0-3), E. Ruadh—K. Lyons (1-0), R. Ryan (1-0), J. Dooley (1-0).

U.C.D. 6-3
CELTIC 1-1

University College, backed by the wind in the opening half, made the best use of their advantage and scored 5-0 to 0-1 for Celtic by the end of the first half.

The students increased their lead to 6-0 to 0-1 after the re-start and, though Celtic had their share of the play in this half, they only chalked up one goal to 1-3 for College.

Ann Carroll was outstanding for College, assisted well by Mags Kelly, Muireann Hayes,

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Intermediate Final At Riverstown

THE girls from Churchtown and Blarney take over the limelight this weekend when they meet in the Intermediate Championship Final at Riverstown on Sunday. There is also a senior league as well as junior and Under-18 league games listed for Sunday and the Munster Schools Championship continues on tomorrow with Drishane travelling to Macroom.

Churchtown were regraded from the senior ranks this season after two very difficult years. Now they have reached the final of the intermediate championship again, a title which they won in 1966. They must have a good chance of winning the title as on their way to the final they had good wins over Munster Institute and the strongly fancied Seandun side. They have wonderful determination and with a grand player in Noreen O'Reilly will be a very difficult side to beat.

Blarney for their part will not admit defeat easily. They were a very successful junior side and have been holding their own in the higher grade. They have a number of very fine players in Angela and Anna Gaffey, Mary Healan and Cora and Mary Humphries. In the competition so far they defeated Canovee and Inniscarra and they should make it a game well worth seeing.

SENIOR LEAGUE

In the senior league tie U.C.C. meet Old Aloysians. The University girls have already started to prepare for the Ashbourne Cup and will take Sunday's game very seriously. U.C.C. have only played one game since they returned from their long summer vacation and in this they defeated Yougal. Old Aloysians also defeated Yougal but they gave already dropped two points to holders. South Presentation Past Pupils and if they lose again they would find it very hard to get back with the leaders. If Old Aloysians have a full team for Sunday's game they should take full points as

they have plenty of talent in their line out. These include senior county players Lila Garvan, Mary Moran and Anne McAuliffe as well as very promising young players in Rosie Hennessy, Marion O'Leary and Nuala Jennings. U.C.C. too have their stars including Rosemary O'Halloran, Margaret Long and Mary Ita O'Sullivan.

JUNIOR GAME

The only junior league tie listed for Sunday is one between Mayfield and Brian Dillons at the Tank Field. This should be a very closely contested affair with the points likely to be divided.

The Under-18 League is a new competition this season and it is not very easy to discuss the merits of the teams involved. However Rochestown could take the points from Bishopstown in their encounter at Bishopstown while St. Fanahan's could dispose of Araglin.

In the Munster Schools Championship Drishane are the only Cork club involved tomorrow afternoon. This week they travel to Macroom where they take on the local girls. Drishane are one of the most fancied teams in the competition and should take the points in this game.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow, at Macroom — Munster Schools Championship: Macroom v. Drishane, 3.30 p.m. Cork Ref.

Sunday at Riverstown — Intermediate Championship final: Churchtown v. Blarney, 3.30 p.m. Ref. K. Dunne.

At Mardyke: Senior League: U.C.C. v. Old Aloysians, 11.30 a.m. Ref. S.P.P.P.

At Tank Field: Junior League: Mayfield v. Brian Dillons, 3.30 p.m. Ref. U.C.C.

At Bishopstown: Under-18 League: Bishopstown v. Rochestown, 3.30 p.m., Ref. Munster Institute.

At Mitchelstown: Under-18 League: St. Fanahan's v. Araglin, 3.30 p.m. Ref. Glanworth.



The Blarney team which defeated Churchtown in the final of the Cork Co. Intermediate Camogie Championship at Riverstown, by 2-0 to 1-1.



Mary Healan, the Blarney goalkeeper, clears the ball well up field in yesterday's Cork County Intermediate Camogie Championship final against Churchtown at Riverstown. — ("Examiner")

BLARNEY WIN

Blarney, 2-0; Churchtown, 1-1. Tenacious Blarney came back against all the odds to win their first Cork County Intermediate Camogie Championship when they pipped Churchtown in a pulsating game at Riverstown on Sunday last. Playing with the strong wind in the first half, the Blarney girls found themselves a point in arrears at the interval. Mary Barry with a goal and Nuala Galley a point pushed Churchtown into a slender lead after Mary Doherty had notched Blarney's first major. But the Blarney girls tore into the fray in the second half and just as it seemed Churchtown would hold out on, Pauline Humphries of Whitechurch, playing on the Blarney team, from just outside the square sent home the winner. All the Blarney team are to be complimented on their fine performance, but our "Oscar" goes to Blarney goalkeeper, Mary Healan. Blarney—M. Healan, A. Gaffney, N. Kiely, M. Mackey, Mrs. B. White, N. Kiely, C. Humphries, M. Humphries, A. Gaffey, M. Doherty, P. Humphries and B. O'Leary. Churchtown—K. Horgan, M. Walsh, J. Garvey, J. O'Brien, M. Salter, N. O'Reilly, K. Finn, J. Morris, N. Galley, D. Speight, M. Barry and C. Walsh. Referee: Mrs. K. Murphy.

Blarney win championship with late goal

Blarney 2-0 Churchtown 1-1

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Blarney: M. Healan, A. Gaffney, N. Kiely, M. Mackey, Mrs. B. White, N. Kiely, C. Humphries, M. Humphries, A. Gaffey, M. Doherty, P. Humphries, B. O'Leary.
Churchtown: K. Horgan, M. Walsh, J. Garvey, J. O'Brien, M. Salter, N. O'Reilly, K. Finn, J. Morris, N. Galley, D. Speight, M. Barry and C. Walsh.
Referee: Mrs. K. Murphy.



Thurles Outclass Knockshegowna

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In County Final

(By "ATLAS")

Thurles 5-7; Knockshegowna 1-1.

ON a cold, windy day at Newport G.A.A. grounds last Sunday, Thurles won the 1969 camogie county championship, when they easily defeated the North division champions, Knockshegowna, by 5-7 to 1-1.

This was not a final to remember. The marking was too close and the play was too rugged, and both teams were obviously playing to instructions — and well below their best.

Thurles won because they were the better ball-players and they had the forwards to get the vital scores. Knockshegowna, on the other hand despite a promising beginning, were never in the hunt — though they tried hard all through

THE SCORING

Knockshegowna played with the strong wind in the first half but it was Thurles who took the lead with a well taken goal by Margo Loughnane who doubled a centre from the left wing to the net. A minute later Bridie Conroy replied with a point for Knockshegowna, but Thurles went further ahead when Margo Loughnane again sent a rasper to the net. This was followed by two points in the 17th and 18th minutes from the same player. Just before the interval Bridie Conroy sent a 30 yds free to the net to leave the score 2-2 to 1-1 at the break.

With the wind behind them in the second half Thurles got on top with a procession of scores without reply from Knockshegowna.

These came from: Mary Quinlan (0-1); Margo Loughnane (1-3);

Alice Perry (1-0) and Anne Graham (1-1).

Best in defence for Thurles were Sally Long, Anne Graham and Margaret Cleary; while up front Margo Loughnane and Alice Perry were best.

For Knockshegowna Bridie Conroy stood head and shoulders over her colleagues, many of whom are not yet experienced enough for senior camogie.

Bridie Conroy was my player of the match on Sunday, even against the superior Thurles team, who regained the title last won in 1967.

Thurles are now seeking the Frazer Cup as well, in which they meet beaten semi-finalists Lorrha.

TEAMS

Thurles: Sally Long; Kathleen Ryan (capt), Breda Loughnane, Anne Graham, Margaret Cleary; Kij Boland, Bernie O'Dowd, Eileen Cronin; Alice Perry, Mary Quinlan, Kay Brennan; Margo Loughnane.

Knockshegowna: Breda Corrigan; Helen O'Meara, Eily Bates, Anne Browns, Margaret Fogarty; Dot Ralph, Mary Maher, Libby Howard; Mary Kirwan; Bridie Conroy (capt), Josie McCoy; Mary Treacy.

Sub: Maura Browne for Josie McCoy.

Ref: Josephine Marshall (Clonmel).

OLD ALS KEEP IN TOUCH

Old Als 3-2; U.C.C. 1-2

Old Als kept in touch with their chief rivals, South Pres., by taking full points from their Senior League camogie clash with College at the Mardyke. Old Als scored first and were not led at any stage. Four points separated the sides at half-time but a further goal by Old Als midway through the second half finalised the issue.

The McAuliffe sisters, Anne and Nora, Mary Murphy and Anne O'Dwyer were in good form for the winners. Schoolgirls, Val O'Dwyer and Judy Walsh, who deputised for some missing regulars also played their part. College had their stars in their captain, Annie Rooke, Mary Ita O'Sullivan and Deirdre Garvan, who has recently been converted from full-forward to full-back with success.

Scorers: Old Als — Anne O'Dwyer (2-0); Anne McAuliffe (0-1) and Mary Murphy (0-1). U.C.C. — Annie Roche (1-2). *R. HENNESSY (1-0)*

Drishane Convent 12-0; Convent of Mercy, Macroom 1-0

In appalling weather and under-foot conditions at Macroom, Drishane Convent established themselves as favourites for Section "B" honours with a big win over Convent of Mercy, Macroom, in the Munster Colleges Championship. Scorers: Drishane — Margaret O'Shea (7-0); Joy O'Brien (3-0); Valerie Collins (2-0). Macroom — Claire Whelan (1-2).

SENIOR CAMOGIE GAMES

Both U.C.D. and Celtic collected maximum points in their senior league matches at the Phoenix Park yesterday. The students beat Austin Stacks 4-2 to 2-0, while Celtic proved too good for Eoghan Ruadh by 5-2 to 4-3.

Scorers for U.C.D.—J. Traynor (2-1), M. Doohan (2-0), A. Carroll (0-1); Austin Stacks—P. Brennan and R. Halpin (1-0 each). Celtic—U. O'Connor (4-2). C. Harrington (1-0); Eoghan Ruadh—D. Barbour (2-0), C. Lyons (1-3) and E. Eoner (1-0).

Seek Place In Stuart Cup Final

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Despite the break in the weather, excellent progress has been made in the Leinster Colleges camogie championship. Already Mercy Convent, Naas, are through to the final of the junior preliminary competition. They will know their opponents on Saturday next when Kilcock and Mercy Convent, the Coombe, meet in the second semi-final at Phoenix Park.

On the same day both semi-finals in the senior series, for the Stuart Cup will take place. The holders and All-Ireland champions, Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, come to Dublin to play Maryfield College at Maryfield, while Mercy Convent, Callan, one of the great sides in the early days of this competition, are at home to a school that made a great bid for victory on their very first appearance last season, Presentation Convent, Mountmellick.

The finals of both these competitions will be played before Christmas.

Top Form

Presentation, Kilkenny, with the vast majority of last year's All-Ireland champion side again on duty were in devastating form when they swept past Terenure in their only outing to date this season.

They will have a stiffer task on this occasion, but while Maryfield can be expected to put up a determined battle on home soil, it will be a big surprise if they conquer the Kilkenny girls, who have the assistance of three of the St. Paul's team that recently won the All-Ireland club championship. Liz Neary, Anne Phelan and Helena O'Neill.

Mercy Convent, Callan, gave an adequate display when they defeated the second string of Presentation, Kilkenny, at Kilkenny last Sunday, while Mountmellick have not been in action so far this season. But the Mountmellick side looked so promising last season, that, if any number of those players are again available they will take beating, even at Callan.

In the junior series, Kilcock were very impressive indeed in a first-round victory over Ardee, who are, however, only beginners.

Testing Outings

They will have tougher opposition now from a Coombe side that has had the advantage of a couple of very testing outings of late, for after playing a draw with Athboy in Dublin, they travelled to the Meath venue last Saturday and won through in extra time.

The McCarthy Cup final last Sunday provided very entertaining fare in the Phoenix Park, despite the bitter cold, and if Austin Stacks retained the trophy, after trailing at half-time they had very little to spare over a U.C.D. side that failed in only one particular, scoring power.

The students had almost a monopoly of the first-half play, but even allowing for some magnificent work by Sheila Murray between the Stacks posts, the losers forwards missed chances that subsequently proved of vital importance.

However, U.C.D. are still team-building and last Sunday's defeat may have taught them a few lessons for their clash with senior League champions Eoghan Ruadh on Sunday next.

Lost Power

In some recent appearances, Ruadh seem to have lost some of the power that has brought them three successive Dublin leagues and championships, but they are still a very efficient side, and their solid defence is likely to prove just as big a barrier to the U.C.D. attack as the Stacks defence proved last Sunday.

In the other league game, in the other league game,

CUP TIME DILEMMA

by TAQIBI LINA

ALTHOUGH THE end of the Camogie year is approaching there is still a deal of activity and even all the inter-county matches have not yet been played.

In Ulster the Maguire Cup is in its closing stages, with Down and Monaghan scheduled to meet in the second semi-final at a Down venue on Sunday. Down have not lived up to the promise they showed when winning the 1968 all-Ireland junior title but they should have the measure of Monaghan.

Favourites to win the competition are Armagh who defeated Derry in the other semi-final on Sunday.

Stuart Cup

On the Colleges' front, the way is clear for the final of the Leinster senior championship and the Stuart Cup which will be decided at Croke Park on Saturday, December 13. The contestants will be last year's finalists, Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, and Mercy Convent, Callan.

the closing stages and went on to win the first-ever All-Ireland title.

This season they have been even more impressive having scored run-away victories over Presentation, Terenure and Maryfield College.

Mountmellick, making their first appearance in the Cup this season, gave a brilliant display when defeating Callan in the other semi-final last Saturday when they ran up the huge tally of 9-13.

In the Munster Colleges' championship, the holders, St. Aloysius, Cork, their local rivals, Mount Mercy, and Drishane are undefeated to date in their sections. Main contenders in the other area are Castleconnell and Newport.

Blarney, the 1967 junior champions, have won the Cork Intermediate title. In the Cork county junior semi-finals on Sunday, Araslin meet Owens and Kanturk play

The Dublin senior league got off to an intriguing start on Sunday when U.C.D. defeated Eoghan Ruadh, holders for the past three seasons. There were only two points between the sides at the finish, but the students well deserved their success. Incidentally, U.C.D. were the last side to achieve a league victory over Eoghan Ruadh—in the Spring of 1967.

Next Sunday U.C.D. meet Austin Stacks, who narrowly beat the students in the Isle McCarthy Cup final a fortnight ago. Since then U.C.D. have reshuffled their attack and they looked a much improved side against Ruadh.

Austin Stacks turned in another good performance last Sunday when defeating Celtic, and may still have a slight advantage over the improving Belfield brigade.

Eoghan Ruadh, anxious to get back on the winning trail, are expected to take both points from Celtic who are beginning to find their form and should put up a good display.

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Despite Injuries St. Aloysius Should Beat Carrick-On-Suir

THIS WEEKEND should be a busy one in camogie circles, with Munster Colleges as well as Schools League games listed for tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon and a number of important junior and under-16 games down for decision on Sunday.

Carrick-on-Suir travel in force to Cork on tomorrow afternoon, when their "A" and "B" teams will take on Mount Mercy and St. Aloysius, respectively. A fortnight ago these Cork teams went to Carrick and both Cork sides won, but against the opposite Carrick team.

St. Aloysius, the holders, are hit very badly at the moment with sickness and injury. Liz Garvan, Marion O'Leary, Rose Long and Margaret O'Sullivan are all out for tomorrow, but in spite of this they should still be good enough to win against Carrick's second string. St. Als have tremendous talent on which to call and Nuala Jennings, Judy Walsh, Anne O'Dwyer, Rosie Hennessy and Sheila Ryan all have experience with the senior Old Aloysians team.

Mount Mercy, who will take on the "A" side, will have a more difficult task on hands, but with Eileen and Rita Grant, Frances Barry-Murphy and Jacqueline Faugh on their side they should do enough to win.

While the Munster Colleges Championship is going on there are also competitions for the other schools in Cork. The Intermediate and Junior Leagues are well under way at the moment and there are four games listed for tomorrow afternoon.

At Bishopstown, St. Patrick's "B" meet St. Vincents, while Macroom meet Scoil Eanna. At

the same time St. Aloysius "B" and "C" sides travel to Cobh, where they take on the local "A" and "B" teams.

The following is the present position of the Junior and Intermediate League tables:—

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Scoil Tractala	3	3	0	0	6
Mount Mercy "A"	3	2	1	0	4
Naomh Albhais "B"	2	1	1	0	2
Naomh Padraig "A"	3	0	2	1	1
Cobh "A"	3	0	2	1	1

JUNIOR LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Mount Mercy "B"	4	3	0	1	7
Naomh Albhais "C"	3	3	0	0	6
St. Vincents	4	3	1	0	6
Coachford	3	2	1	0	4
St. Patrick's "B"	3	1	2	0	2
Scoil Eanna	4	0	3	1	1
Macroom "B"	3	0	3	1	0
Cobh "B"	2	0	2	0	0

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday's big games are Junior Championship ties at Ballincellig and Riverstown. In the Ballincellig tie Araglin meet Ovens. Here the latter must be expected to win. They had a much harder way to the final. They beat Inniscarra, Our Lady's Hospital and Fermoy, while Araglin received a walk-over and then defeated U.C.C.

Ovens have been playing very well this season and have a number of very promising players on their side. They include Eileen Aberne, a grand centre-forward or centrefield, Keira Callahan, who is an opportunist full-forward, and Marian Lucey, who is a very efficient corner-back or

centrefield player. Of course, Araglin will not accept defeat easily and with a grand player in M. Hickey they could cause a big surprise.

The Riverstown game should be a closely contested affair with the clash of St. Ita's and Kanturk. St. Ita's have been holding their own during the last 12 months and could have a slight edge in experience over Kanturk. The Watergrasshill girls have many



Rosie Hennessy, who will be in action for St. Aloysius tomorrow

fine players on their side, including Masie Murphy, Evelyn Noonan and the three Higgins girls, Nora, Angela and Margaret.

However, Kanturk, too, have their share of star players, including Liz Manley, Anne Fitzgerald and Julia Buckley, and with their determination and spirit they should make this a great game.

The remaining fixtures are a Junior League tie in which Sarsfields should defeat South Representative D. M.

Recognition For Camogie

SIR — Now it is nearing the time when the Texaco stars will be announced. I was very disappointed to see that camogie wasn't listed among the 10 sports selected. Surely when hurling and Gaelic football were selected (as indeed they should) camogie, one of our national games, should have got preference as well. There are many wonderful players of camogie around such as Liz Garvan, Anne Comerford, Anna Crotty and Rose Hennessy of course of St. Aloysius who promises to be one of the best players ever to come out of the county, still only a school-girl of 15. Three cheers for camogie.

"MALE LOVER OF SPORTS",

Cork.

Off the playing field a new competition got under way on Monday night. This is an inter-club 'Question Time and in this cold weather it is good to have some indoor interests for followers. Old Aloysians, who were represented by four ex-officers of the Cork Co. Board — Lil O'Grady, Aedin McCarthy, Terry Fehily and Stobhan O'Sullivan, scored a good win over Inniscarra in the opening contest. Both contestants and audience seemed to enjoy the proceedings which were lively and entertaining throughout. The competition continues on Monday next when Ovens take on U.C.C. in another first round tie.

St. Aloysius make further progress

St. Aloysius 16-7; Carrick-on-Suir "B" 1-0.

St. Aloysius made further progress in the Munster Colleges

Important Post In Malta For Cork Girl

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VERY shortly to take up a post on the Mediterranean island of Malta as manager/designer of a newly established spinning company is Miss Teresa Murphy, a charming young Cork lady who has some outstanding past sporting achievements to her credit.

Teresa, one of the leading exponents of camogie in the country, was a senior player at the age of fourteen and a veteran of all spheres of competition of that code when she was barely ten years older; in fact until she retired a few years ago the career of this attractive dark-eyed brunètte read like a section out of a sports "who's who."

Teresa is at present undergoing a short familiarisation period in Bradford at International Fibres (U.K.) Ltd., the parent firm of the concern she will shortly join—Melita Knitwear of Valetta. She is due to leave Britain for Malta at the end of the year.

A native of Rathpeacon, but residing in Cork City for some time, Teresa was attached to the knitwear design department of Sunbeam Wolsey Ltd., Millfield for eleven years. She is keenly interested in painting and drawing and studied at Cork School of Art for three and a half years prior to going to Sunbeam. She is an avid theatre-goer and likes to go abroad to a sunny clime for her holidays; she paid a short visit to Malta last summer and readily admits she found the weather very much to her liking.

In the span of fourteen years in the camogie field she took part in four All-Ireland finals; she is the holder of six Munster Championship and three inter-provincial (Gaël Linn) medals. She has won seven county championship medals with Glen Rovers, a club she joined in

she was, in fact, the runner-up in the Ladies' Junior Stroke Play Championship, and the above photograph was taken at the conclusion of that event in Limerick.

Of the latest development in her business career which looks like becoming as equally successful as her sporting past, Teresa comments: "I'm looking forward to it, I feel it's a challenge."

THOSE CAMOGIE STARS ARE NOW THE PRIDE OF AHANE

The camogie girls of Ahane-Castleconnell, a tiny village on the outskirts of Limerick City, recently reached the All-Ireland club championship final for the second successive year, thanks to the efforts of two

priests, the local garda sergeant and other men folk of the district.

The combined forces of the men and women in bringing a triumphant revival of the game in the district is being achieved

at the expense of the local hurlers, who have now been pushed out of the sporting limelight.

For 20 years Ahane-Castleconnell was one of Limerick's strongest hurling powers. Then Fr. Liam Murray C.C. was appointed to the district, and

keep Ahane-Castleconnell on the sporting map.

'Lost Without Them'

The all-male committee act as selectors, team trainers and club organisers. And the girls are full of appreciation. "We

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MOUNTMELICK BID TO HALT KILKENNY

By AGNES HOURIGAN

What is confidently expected to be one of the greatest Colleges' camogie matches ever played will be staged at Croke Park tomorrow when the holders and All-Ireland champions, Presentation Convent, Kilkenny meet Presentation Convent, Mountmellick in the final of the Leinster senior championship for the Stuart Cup.

The same teams met at Portlaoise in last year's final when the Kilkenny girls, showing the greater craft finished the stronger but Mountmellick on their only competitive outing this season, gave such an amazing display when scoring the remarkable total of nine goals and thirteen points against Callan in the semi-final, that they then looked like a side far above the ordinary.

And it must also be remembered that the Callan girls had beaten Kilkenny's second string at Kilkenny in the opening round.

TALENTED SIDE

All the Mountmellick side are talented from P. Conlon in goal to Mary Doherty at full-forward and their outfield players, particularly M. L. Curtis, M. Conroy, K. Sweeney and M. Doyle can score from any angle.

But they may find scores hard enough to come by this time against the craft and teamwork of a Kilkenny side that had ten of last year's All-Ireland champion side again on duty and has three of the St. Paul's club side that recently won the All-Ireland club championship, Liz Neary, Anne Phelan and Helena O'Neill.

Though their progress has been since over-shadowed by that astonishing semi-final display from Mountmellick Kilkenny have fairly swept through to this final, with very clear-cut victories over Presentation Torenure and Maryfield College in turn.

On semi-final form there has been a big swing of opinion in favour of Mountmellick.

CURTAIN-RAISER

But whether their individual brilliance can overcome the craft team-work and experience of Kilkenny remains to be proved.

And for good measure, Croke Park patrons will have a very lively curtain-raiser in the final of the Junior preliminary competition between two Kildare sides, Mercy Convent, Naas, and Mercy Convent Killock.

The Naas girls are a very useful combination as they proved in their earlier victories, especially in the semi-final against Maryfield. But Killock are a different proposition. Unknown before this competition began they have won all their matches by handsome scores and should on their matches to date go a long way in the competition proper.

Naas will test their rivals from County Kildare, but it will be a very big surprise if the Killock girls are beaten at this stage.

Kilkenny Girls Keep Title

PRESENTATION KILKENNY 1-4
PRESENTATION MOUNTMELICK 3-0

Eight points down after ten minutes play, All-Ireland Colleges camogie champions Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, staged a remarkable rally to retain the Leinster Colleges' senior title and Stuart Cup before a wildly enthusiastic crowd of school-girls at Croke Park yesterday.

Thanks to some great work by Helena O'Neill, Kilkenny had cut the arrears to a point, 3-0 to 2-2, at the interval. Soon after the restart, Kilkenny captain Liz Neary gave her side the lead for the first time when she crashed an unsaveable shot to the net, and the winners, for whom Anne Phelan, Catherine Conway, Claire Dowling and Carmel Doyle were also outstanding, were well in control from there on.

Marian Conroy played a captain's part at mid-field for Mountmellick who had other fine players in Deirdre Fallon, Anne Conroy, the Doherty sisters and Mary Scully.

SCORERS: Kilkenny — H. O'Neill (2-3), C. Doyle (1-0), M. Barry (1-0), L. Neary (1-0), C. Dowling (0-1). **Mountmellick** — M. Scully (1-0), M. Doherty (1-0), M. Conroy (1-0).

KILKENNY — T. O'Neill, A. Phelan, C. Conway, P. Cady, M. Hennessy, P. Byrne, L. Neary (capt.), C. Dowling, C. Doyle, H. O'Neill, M. Barry, B. McEvoy.

MOUNTMELICK — P. Conlon, J. Fallon, D. Barry, Mary Doherty, A. Conway, K. Sweeney, M. Conroy (capt.), M. L. Curtis, M. Doyle, M. Scully, Madge Doherty.

Referee—Mrs. O'Duffy.

EASY FOR KILCOCK

PRESENTATION, KILCOCK 7-1
MERCY, NAAS 2-0

Presentation Convent, Killock, well held through the first half by a game Naas side, dominated the second half to readily win the preliminary competition in the Leinster Colleges' Junior camogie curtain-raiser at Croke Park.

Killock, who led 2-0 to 1-0 at half-time, had a brilliant player in Maureen Mangan, who scored four goals, while Maureen Kennedy, Mary Carroll and Marian Behan tried hard for Naas.

SCORERS: Killock — M. Mangan (4-0), T. Rafferty (1-0), B. Farrell (1-1), T. Kavanagh (1-0). **Naas** — M. Behan (1-0), P. Smith (1-0).



Mrs. Rosina McManus, President of the Camogie Association, presenting the Stuart Cup to Liz Neary, captain of the Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, team that defeated Presentation Convent, Mountmellick, in the Colleges senior final at Croke Park. In centre is Mrs. A. Purcell, Chairman Leinster Colleges Camogie Council.

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Schools plan should prove rewarding

Camogie administrators of future years will no doubt laud the officials of 1969 who finally got to grips with the game at school level. So successful was the All-Ireland colleges championship this year that at its conclusion a Central Council was set up to control the game at the most critical time of a girl's camogie career. On the efficiency in running schools competitions, the attitude of the player is determined and the establishment of this national body should certainly go a long way to keeping hundreds of girls in the game, who may otherwise lose interest when they leave school.

To Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, fell the honour of winning the inaugural schools championship this year. In a final that reached great heights they overcame Munster's representatives, St. Aloysius, Cork who had earlier taken the county league, championship and provincial title. A Colleges Council has also been established in Munster and good progress has been made in the 1969/70 championship. Seventeen teams from five counties are participating and at this stage the title rests with either Newport, Drishane or St. Aloysius.

WEXFORD AGAIN

Wexford, who won the All-Ireland Senior Championship when defeating Cork in 1968, proved their worth by retaining the cup for another year. Cork lost interest when failing by two points to Tipperary in their first outing. Tipperary went on to take the Munster title with an easy victory over Limerick. One wonders if inter-provincial star, Anne Comerford, had been available to Cork for the Tipp. game, would the Leesiders have qualified for another tilt with Wexford.

Cork met with more success in the Junior Grade. As a result of winning the 1968 Munster Junior Championship, they had to field a completely new side for this year's competition. They overcame Kerry, Tipperary and Kildare to reach the All-Ireland final. In this match, Cork conceded some easy scores in the opening minutes and despite a spirited comeback had to give best to Derry on the score of 4-2 to 2-4. On their performances throughout the campaign, players like Maisey Murphy, Marion McCarthy, Rosie Hennessy and Miriam Higgins should win promotion to the senior side within the next few seasons.

On the home front all three County Championship holders surrendered their trophies. Most notable of these was, of course, the end of Glen Rovers' fantastic run of seven championship victories in a row. Deirdre Sutton, Teresa Murphy, Anna Crotty, Peggy Dorgan and their teammates had created a really great record which every other club longed to put an end to.

AMBITION ACHIEVED

It finally happened when the youthful enthusiasm of an Old Aloysius side, which contained five schoolgirls, knocked Glen out of the championship at the semi-final stage. Inexperience told against Old Als in the final against South Pres., who have been knocking on the door for years, achieved their ambition at last and took their first Cork County title.

Blarney, in only their second season in the Intermediate ranks, proved to be the surprise packet of the competition. They defeated a fancied Churchtown side in the final, who in turn had eliminated the holders, Seandun, Old Als, the 1968 Junior champions, said goodbye to their cup before the 1969 competition had commenced.

Their club promoted five of their best players to the senior team and consequently made no impact in the Junior series. Two teams remain in the championship, Watergrasshill and Ovens. No matter which team wins, the final, which will be played after Christmas, a new name will be engraved on the cup.

The Gael-Linn Cup was retained by Leinster, who proved too good for Munster in the decider. Ahane of Limerick won the Munster Inter-Club Championship for the second successive year but were unable to depose St. Pauls in the All-Ireland final. The Ashbourne Cup went to U.C.D.

With 1970 just around the corner, one wonders what the new year has in store. Will Cork make a break-through at last and take an All-Ireland title? Will South Pres. retain the County Championship? Will Glen be back? What new players will emerge as the stars of the Seventies? Soon the days will be getting longer again and camogie players will be back in action. Let's hope 1970 will be a year they will all want to remember.

DERRY JUNIORS DID WELL

ULSTER, powered by Antrim and Derry, did not measure up to the standards in 1969 as shown in previous years. There were, perhaps, cogent reasons for this as neither team had the usual opportunities for training before the important games. Yet, credit must be given to all concerned for fielding under circumstances which could very well have deterred stronger units from taking part in the semi-finals and final stages of the championships.

All counties sent forward teams and the junior section was well represented. Pride of place must be given to this, as Derry won the junior All-Ireland championship by defeating Cork by 4.2 to 2.4. This was some consolation for the failure of the Ulster province to hit the headlines.

But, the seniors were not far behind and Derry came into the picture again when the side almost created a surprise in the Ulster senior provincial final against Antrim and lost by a margin of five points — 4.5 to 4.0. Indeed, it was only in the closing quarter that the champions pulled out as Derry led by 3-0 to 1-2 at the interval.

This put Antrim into the All-Ireland semi-final against the Connacht champions, Galway. Here again the Ulster champions had a close call, and in a hectic finish, survived by a single point — 2-6 to 3-2. Antrim had to pull out all the stops, and it was only the good play of L. Scullion, M. McPetridge and M. McAtamney that checked the Galway girls.

In arrears at the interval in the final against Wexford, Antrim rallied and in the closing quarter made Wexford travel all the way and, in fact, went into the lead by a single point minutes from time. However, in the final seconds Wexford secured a goal to win for the second year in succession.

The North Antrim team, Aghoghill, won the Ulster club championship at the expense of Deirdre, who held the honour for some years. The winners reached the semi-final against the Munster champions (Ahane), but lost by 5-0 to 3-2. And, again, Ulster's chance of securing honours faded when they went under to Leinster in the inter-provincial semi-final to the tune of 7-5 to 1-3.

CAMOGIE COACHING HAS WORKED WONDERS

At a first glance, the most noteworthy fact about the 1969 camogie season was that Wexford retained the 'Duffy Cup and the All-Ireland title for the second successive season. But if you care to look a little deeper, even more remarkable was the fact that, in winning their second successive senior crown, the Wexford girls had less than a goal to spare over Antrim in the final, and only came from behind to snatch victory from Tipperary in the closing minutes of the semi-final.

And remember in the other semi-final, Antrim were most pipped in the closing seconds of the game by the girls from Galway.

Those results prove that there has been a general levelling up of standards all over the country, and when you consider the fact that in Leinster, Wexford have little to spare over either Dublin or Kilkenny, that Tipperary are only narrowly ahead of Cork, and that Antrim were at a rare fright in the North from Derry, it is no wonder that the Central Council of the Camogie Association is looking forward to the 'seventies with complete confidence.

I feel that the coaching courses initiated in Belfast a couple of years ago, have had a great deal to do with the new approach to the game in so many counties. Those courses gave many players and officials an entirely new concept of what training and coaching teams meant. The spread of these courses south to Leinster and Munster during the past season, has proved very beneficial at all levels and Dublin Board Chairman, Miss Nell McCarthy, and Antrim stars, Maeve Gilroy and Moya Forde deserve tremendous credit for the work they have put into those courses.

Dublin made history last Easter by holding the first residential course at Gormanston College and had to confine it to Dublin club members, because of the numbers who wished to attend from the rest of Leinster. Cork, Roscommon and Limerick had camogie seminars, while Kilkenny had two coaching courses, and Munster had a gathering for referees.

During the coming season, such gatherings are also planned. Dublin hope to repeat last Easter's successful residential course, and the U.C.D. club have fairly elaborate

plans for a one-day seminar, on the Belfield campus, which will be open to all students interested in the game.

And most important of all, the Leinster Colleges Council has tentative plans for a comprehensive get-together of all schoolgirls and schools coaches, who may be interested.

Indeed, it is on the colleges' front that camogie holds the most promise in the coming year. The inauguration of the All-Ireland colleges' championship has induced tremendous interest and the big influx of schools is going to pose some problems of administration and organisation. In this respect, the setting up of an All-Ireland Colleges' Council is a very timely move.

And it is to be hoped that two decisions taken at the last Congress will be implemented during the coming months . . . a competition for the vocational schools and one for the various institutes of higher education.

There is already a thriving competition in the Six Counties for the intermediate schools, which correspond to our vocational schools, but although there are such competitions in hurling and football, we have no similar competition for camogie. It is long overdue, and it is high time some practical steps were taken.

Just as pressing, if not more so, is the problem of camogie in the post-secondary sphere. Almost since the organised start of the game, the clubs in U.C.D., U.C.C., U.C.G. and Queen's Belfast have played a great part in promoting the game. After all, the Ashbourne Cup is the oldest existing camogie competition, but it is no longer sufficient.

Dublin University, and the new University of Ulster must be brought in. So must the teacher training colleges at Carysfort, Dublin, Limerick and Belfast, and the physical education schools, in which, for too long, hockey has had the competitive field entirely to itself.

These are problems that must be tackled and must be tackled now, if camogie is to make progress in the 'seventies.

The All-Ireland club camogie championship once again proved a most successful venture and attracted a far more representative entry than in some recent years. In

the final St. Paul's from Kilkenny retained the title for the second successive year by defeating the Munster and Limerick champions Ahane.

Nine of the Kilkenny team had played in the 1968 final, while Ann Carroll set up the amazing personal record of winning her fourth club championship medal in five seasons, as she had been on the winning St. Patrick's teams from Tipperary in 1965 and '66.

Since she also played on the U.C.D. team that won the Ashbourne Cup and the Leinster team that won the Gael-Linn Cup, it was a great year for her, but her record was almost equalled by her great friend, Jo Golden who kept goal for U.C.D. and St. Paul's and was a reserve on the Leinster side.

The camogie year ended on a most progressive note with the formation of an All-Ireland Colleges Council, which will be the supreme controlling body of Colleges Camogie.

The officers of this new Council are: Chairman, Miss L. Spence (Antrim); Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Purcell; Secretary, Miss M. Moran (Munster); Treasurer, Miss Clissman (Connacht); Delegate to Central Camogie Council, Mrs. Purcell.

By ÚNA BEAN UÍ PHUIRSÉAL

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THE most dramatic development in camogie in the past few years is the speed with which the balance of power has shifted to counties that had hitherto been almost completely out of the limelight. Last September Wexford won the All-Ireland senior title for the second successive year. Until July of the previous year they had never won even a Leinster senior title.

But Wexford's victories only show the tip of the iceberg, as it were. Quite suddenly the standards all over the country seem to have reached a hitherto unknown uniformity.

Through the early 'Sixties the title virtually rested between Dublin and Antrim. Dublin started well ahead of Antrim but gradually the Northern girls learned their lessons from repeated defeats, and finally caught up on the perennial champions, defeating them on a replay in 1967.

The levelling up of standards was, however, never more obvious than in the season just past.

Just look at the senior championship results. In the North, where Antrim have reigned supreme for so many years past, Derry almost caused a surprise in the Ulster final and, indeed, held the lead for much of the game. In Munster, Cork, the 1968 provincial champions, were narrowly pipped in the semi-final by Tipperary after a great game. In the West Galway had not all that much to spare over Mayo, while in Leinster, Wexford had to battle hard all the way to overcome first Kilkenny and then Dublin.

Once again Margaret O'Leary, the Wexford mid-fielder, must get my vote as the star of the championship. She was consistently good right through the Leinster campaign, saved her county with a great last five-minute effort against Tipperary in

the semi-final, and did an almost incredible amount of hard work against Antrim in the final. Mairead McAtamney was again outstanding for Antrim, and many an accomplished hurler must envy the Portlengone girl's ability to strike with equal facility off the right and off the left.

Nor can anyone let 1969 pass without paying tribute to the All-Ireland junior finalists, Derry and Cork. Due to the disturbed state of their part of the world, the Derry girls had many completely unexpected difficulties to overcome in the latter part of their campaign, but they rose superior to all of them and went on to take the title after being twice in arrears.

As for Cork, due to the fact that they had been in the All-Ireland junior final also in 1968, they had to find a completely new team for 1969, and yet reached the final for the second successive year, only once again to endure the mortification of a narrow defeat.

From the long-term viewpoint, 1969 must have been the most significant year ever for camogie, as it saw the first All-Ireland Colleges camogie final, and scenes that Croke Park never expected. The competing teams were Presentation Convent (Kilkenny) and St. Aloysius (Cork) and not even Central Council anticipated that the supporters of the schools concerned would travel in such strength.

The result was that the Hogan Stand was alive with hundreds of gaily bedecked and loudly cheering school-girls, and their exuberance was rewarded by a sparkling game on the field. Kilkenny won narrowly, and thus gained the honour of becoming first All-Ireland champions and first holders of Corn Sceilge—presented by his family in memory of Seán O Ceallaigh, one of the men who helped to draw up the first rules of camogie away back in 1904.

Central council should be satisfied

ALTHOUGH THE annual report and statement of accounts of the central council of the Camogie Association are not yet to hand it is understood that, at the last meeting satisfaction was expressed at the results achieved during the past year.

The games in the All-Ireland and inter-provincial series were brought to a successful conclusion. In the latter competition some delegates expressed an opinion at the last congress that this, along with the All-Ireland club championship, be discontinued.

This was, however, negatived, and we await the financial returns for the games in both cases. A feature of the year's work was the formation of an All-Ireland colleges council, on which the four provinces have representatives.

The special policy commission, set up in 1968, was fully discussed at the last congress and, while earnest consideration was given to the recommendation and suggestions made, it was felt that quite a few were not easy to implement.

All findings were arrived at as a result of a comprehensive and detailed examination of the existing structure of the Association throughout the country, taking special cognisance of its future role in the community and of its ability to adjust itself to the demands of a changing society. Major problems had to be faced and these have been kept under constant review.

Another notable milestone of the year's work was the inauguration of coaching courses for Dublin and Kilkenny, while Cork, Roscommon and Limerick had camogie seminars. Belfast, of course, gave the lead in this respect a couple of years ago, and the southern counties have not been slow to follow their example.

1969 also saw the start of the All-Ireland Colleges championship, with Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, having the honour of winning the beautiful new trophy, "Corn Uí Cheallaigh".

Attention was also given to the organisation of teams in the vocational schools and all four provinces report progress. For the second year in succession Wexford took major honours by winning the All-Ireland championship and O'Duffy Cup. Derry, in the first All-Ireland junior final got the better of Cork to win the New Ireland trophy.

SOME RESULTS

All-Ireland semi-final—Antrim 2-6, Galway 3-2; Wexford 4-4, Tipperary 3-3.
O'Duffy Cup Final—Wexford 4-4, Antrim 4-2. All Ireland (Junior) New Ireland Cup—Derry 4-2, Cork 2-4.
Inter-Provincial semi-finals—Leinster 7-2, Ulster 1-3; Munster 2-2, Connacht 0-4.
Final Gael Linn Cup—Leinster 3-4, Munster 2-2. Inter-County Club Championship semi-finals—Ahane (Limerick) 5-0, Abigail (Antrim) 3-2; St. Paul's (Kilkenny) 7-7, Grammore (Galway) 2-1.
Final—St. Paul's 5-7, Ahane 2-2. All Ireland Colleges Championship—Presentation Convent (Kilkenny) 3-2, St. Aloysius School (Cork) 1-2.



Ann Comerford, Mount View, St. Luke's, hon. sec. of the South Presentation Convent Past Pupils Camogie Club, pictured at the dinner at the

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CAMOGIE COLUMN

ANN CARROLL

OUR COVER GIRL

ANN CARROLL, the subject of our cover picture this month has many claims to camogie fame, but in one facet of the game she has possibly no rival in Ireland — her almost fanatical dedication to the pastime of the girl-Gaels.

She began her inter-county career with Kilkenny, before she was yet into her teens, but then her family went to live in Ballinagart, just over the Tipperary border and she was soon playing in the club colours of Glengoole-Ballingarry and in the blue and gold tunic of Tipperary.

While still a school girl she

won two inter-provincial medals with Munster, two Munster medals with Tipperary and captained Tipperary against Dublin in the All-Ireland final of 1965.

Indeed in that year she set up a record never likely to be equalled when she won a Leinster medal with Callan in the Colleges and a Munster medal with Tipperary.

In 1965 she also won her first All-Ireland medal when Glengoole-Ballingarry won the All-Ireland club championship. In that same autumn she came to U.C.D. as a student of Architecture, and signalises her arrival

by helping the Dublin students win back the Ashbourne Cup in the following February.

Later that year she helped her Tipperary club retain the club championship, and was on the Tipperary and Munster sides again that season. But early in 1967 disaster struck. Her family had moved back to live in Kilkenny City and, in a practice outing she badly injured a knee, an injury that was fated to keep her out of camogie for more than twelve months.

Indomitably, however, she worked on that knee until, by mid-summer, 1968, she was back to full fitness again, and signalled her return by helping her Kilkenny club, St. Paul's, win the All-Ireland club championship of 1968. But in many respects the season just past, 1969, was Ann Carroll's greatest year to date on the camogie fields.

In the spring she was the sheet anchor of the U.C.D. team that won the Ashbourne Cup, she was again a stalwart of the St. Paul's team that retained the Inter-club All-Ireland title, and she played on the Leinster team that won the Gael-Linn Cup and inter-provincial title, thus becoming one of the very few people ever to win Interprovincial medals with two different provinces.

In addition she is now captain of U.C.D. and has set a new headline there by introducing coaching for young players, revised training methods and infused her colleagues with so much of her own enthusiasm and dedication that the students have in the weeks before Christmas achieved victories over every top club in Dublin.

Her immediate sights are set on winning the Ashbourne Cup once again at Belfield next month, and of course she still had one great ambition, the winning of a full All-Ireland medal.

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Free Camogie Competition

MISS CAMOGIE 1970 TROPHY

Sponsored by Elvery's of Dublin & Cork

It is only in recent years that camogie has taken its rightful place as a national sport. For many years it was the Cinderella of Gaelic games. It was even difficult for the Camogie Association to obtain a date for their All-Ireland Final at Croke Park.

This has all changed and much of the credit goes to the staunch camogie organisers Sean O'Duffy, who is often referred to as Mr. Camogie, Mrs. Roisin McManus, President of the Association, and Officers Miss Sheila McNulty, Miss Nell McCarthy, Miss Lilly Spence, Mrs. Agnes Purcell, Miss Sheila Corcoran and Miss Mary Moran, who did not spare themselves, as well as to the fine camogie teams all over the country which are a credit to the game. The results of their endeavours could be seen in this year's All-Ireland Final between Wexford and Antrim. This was a spectacular game of skill and endurance and the champions were certainly deserving of their win over their worthy opponents.

Glamour, however, is a word which has not been associated with Camogie up to now, despite the well known models and actresses who have played.

Gaelic Stars therefore has pleasure in introducing the Miss Camogie 1970 Trophy which is sponsored by Messrs. Elvery's of Dublin and Cork. The prize will be awarded to the most attractive Camogie player whose photograph is received by the Editor before Easter Sunday.

As the Camogie girls may be too shy to submit photographs of themselves a special prize worth £5 will be presented to the person who sends in the winning entry. The special prize will be in the form of a gift voucher for goods to the value of £5 at Elvery's Sports Shops of Dublin or Cork.

Photographic entries, which need not necessarily be in Camogie uniform, should be accompanied by the name and address of the young lady and her club and by a stamped addressed envelope for return of photograph.

Additional entry forms may be had free of charge at Elvery's of Dublin or Cork or by application to Gaelic Stars.

The Editor's decision is final and no correspondence may be entered into.

ENTRY FORM

Name of young lady in photograph

Address

Club

Name of sender of photograph

Address of sender of photograph

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The Leinster camogie team.

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CAMOGIE.—Miss Mary Moran, Chairman Cork Co. Camogie B board presents the cup to St. Ita's (Watergrasshill) captain, Maisie Murphy after her team defeated Ovens in the Cork Co. Junior Camogie Championship final at Riverstown.

Colleges Fixtures Well Advanced

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Although the combination of flu and bad weather has put back the reopening of the Dublin camogie season for a couple of weeks, it is hoped that the principal activity at this time of year, the Colleges competitions, will not be seriously affected.

These games were not, in any case, due to resume until the end of the current month, so it is to be hoped that the influenza epidemic and the hard weather will both have abated by then, so the competitions can get going again more or less to schedule.

HOLDERS FANCIED

In any case, such good progress has been made in the two busiest provinces, Leinster and Munster, that even a hold-up of a week or two would not seriously affect the programme.

In Leinster the senior championship, for the Stuart Cup has already been decided, with Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, retaining their title, while the preliminary section of the junior Percell Cup competition has also been completed with Presentation Con-

vent, Kilcock, having qualified for the competition proper.

The Munster championship is being played in three sections on a league basis.

In Section "A", holders St. Aloysius of Cork lead all the rest and are the only unbeaten side in their section. They have only one match still to play, against Stella Maria of Tramore, who made no great impression in their earlier games, so that the Cork girls, narrowly beaten in last year's All-Ireland final, must be fancied to qualify for the knock-out stages from this section.

Section B has already been decided and the winners here are Drishane Convent, Mill-Street, who won all their five games.

Their closest challengers were the "A" team of Loreto Convent, Killarney.

Section "C" has also been completed. Five schools took part, all playing competitive camogie for the first time, and the winners here were Mercy Convent, Newport, Co. Tipperary.

CORK CONVENTION

The draw for the knock-out stages has resulted as follows—Semi-final: winners of Section "A" v Newport; Final: Drishane v semi-final winners.

The dates for these games will be arranged at a meeting of Munster Colleges Council in a couple of weeks time.

Down in Cork the annual Convention is due to be held on Sunday week, January 19, but efforts will be made meanwhile, weather permitting, to play-off the junior county final which was washed out before Christmas.

In this the opponents will be Watergrasshill from East Cork and Ovens from the West of the county.

Watergrasshill, with junior inter-county players, Kay Ryan and Maisie Murphy in their line-out, are the favourites. Meanwhile Cork are not idle.

They are running off an inter-club Question Time, after the County Board meetings, in which Old Ais and Ovens scored good first-round victories.

PLAYERS HAMPERED BY THEIR SKIRTS!

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Although major honours in camogie have evaded Cork for all too many years the great southern county is still one of the strongest, one of the best organised and one of the most forward-looking units of the whole Camogie Association.

The annual Convention of the Cork Board usually has at least a couple of controversial motions for discussion and this year's gathering, which will assemble at the Imperial Hotel on Sunday, is no exception.

Although seven of the twelve motions for discussion are of almost entirely local interest, the remainder are important to all players.

STRONG OPINION

For a long time, the present uniform for players has been a bone of contention down Cork way where there is a strong body of opinion in favour of a divided skirt and three-quarter length socks as against the conventional tunic and tights. Already the Colleges teams have been allowed depart from the rigid regulation whose school sports uniforms are in use.

But oddly enough the Leinster Colleges teams that I have seen this season, while all very smartly turned out, have almost all adhered to the gym tunic and blouse.

The case for divided skirts has not the same urgency now as it had even a few years ago when tunics were considerably longer than today's less than knee-length, and could be fairly said to hamper the players.

The main difference now between divided skirt, and tunic must be a matter of style rather than practicability, and does not seem to make all that much difference one way or the other.

PERMISSION

Another Cork motion for discussion at the Cork Convention would give teams permission to make substitutions for three players irrespective of whether the retiring players were injured or not.

A year ago, when the annual Congresses of the G.A.A. and the Camogie Association were faced with similar motions concerning the allowing of old-time waltzes at official social functions they came to different conclusions.

The G.A.A. accepted the motions allowing old-time waltzes with Irish dances

at official functions; the Camogie Association did not. The present position is therefore anomalous.

If, for instance, a joint function is organised by a hurling club and a camogie club, the camogie club could be penalised if the hurling club includes old-time waltzes in their joint programme.

South Presentation now propose a motion that would legalise the old-time waltz and thus bring camogie back into line again with the G.A.A. An important consideration if both bodies are to work together on the social side.

South Presentation also propose that only the team winning the All-Ireland junior championship be excluded from competing in that grade in the subsequent year's competition.

At present all teams that win provincial junior championships are ineligible to compete in that grade in the following inter-county season.

St. Fanahan's propose a motion that a closed season be established between November 1 and March 1 each year. While this has a deal to recommend it in bad weather, it would be impossible as a universal rule.

The greater number of Colleges games would be ruled out by such a step, and Dublin for instance, plays right through the winter. Even as a local rule for Cork it is doubtful if such a decision would prove fully popular or even practical.

Tipp. Sports Stars 1969

The Tipperary United Sports Panel has chosen by secret ballot the following Tipperary Sports Stars for 1969:—

Ladies Athletics—

EMILY HALLINAN (Newcastle).

Men's Athletics—

CHRISTY MAHER (Golden).

Boxing—

FRANK CAHILL (Mullinahone).

Camogie—

SALLY LONG (Thurles).