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1968 ALL-IRELAND FINAL



● The camogie girls of Cork who were so narrowly beaten by Wexford in last Sunday's All-Ireland final.

BACK: Nuala Humphreys, Mary Moran, Anne Comerford, Teresa Murphy, Sheila Dunne, Anne McAniff, Liz Garvan, Stephanie O'Connell.

FRONT: Hannah Dinnien, Mary Jo Ryan, Anna Crotty (Capt), Peggy Dorgan, Eleanor Cummins, Sheila O'Sullivan, Nora O'Mahony.



From Left - Jessie Kehoe, Mary Shannon, Sheila O'Sullivan, Mary Doyle, Teresa Murphy, Eleanor Cummins & Hannah Dinnien.



Wexford defence is under pressure, but Mary Sinnott (right) runs in to gain possession of the ball. Joan Murphy is on the left of the picture.

From left - Anne McEniff, Joan Murphy
Anna Croddy, Nancy Murray (ref) &
Mary Sinnott.



M. Walsh being congratulated
by Mrs. R. McManus (Pres.)



Wexford forward, Josie Kehoe, about to tussle with a Cork defender. In the background is Mary Shannon.

Isisra Murphy on left & Shula
O'Sullivan on right



Brigid Doyle manages to clear the ball despite the close attendance of a Cork forward. On extreme left is Carmel Fortune.

From left C. Fortune, P. Dorgan, N. Humphreys
B. Doyle & A. McEniff



captain, Mary Walsh, being chaired off in triumph

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Mary Walsh leads the Wexford team in the pre-match parade.



Jossie Kehoe vs Shelia O'Sullivan



Jossie Kehoe evades a Cork defender as Wexford press home another attack.

Jessie Murphy



Josie Kehoe (No. 9) beats the Cork goalkeeper for Wexford's first goal. The other Wexford players are, Mary Doyle (No. 11); Mary Walsh (No. 10), Mary Shannon (No. 12) and Brigid O'Connor, extreme right.



Wexford forwards, Mary Shannon (left), Mary Doyle (No. 11) and Brigid O'Connor put pressure to bear on the Cork defence.

*Cork players Sheila O'Sullivan & Auala Humphries on left
& Eileen Cummins & Hannah Sinnott on right*



*From left Anne McAuliffe, Joan Murphy
Anna Crotty & Mary Sinnott*

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Liese Shields clearing from Peggy Byrne



Joan Murphy moves in to tackle one of the Cork forwards while Breda Doyle awaits the outcome.

Anne McAuliffe



Anna Crotty, Anne Comerford & [unclear]

CROKE PARK ATTENDANCE AUGURS WELL FOR FUTURE

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE Wexford mid-fielder Margaret O'Leary on Sunday last joined a very select band of camogie players who have won All-Ireland medals and also All-Ireland club championship medals.

Those are her Eoghan Ruadh clubmates, Kathleen Lyons and Maureen Brennan, and three other Dublin players from the Celtic club, Una O'Connor, Alice Hussey and Ethna Leech.

The three Celtic players, however, won their club-championship in the inaugural year of this competition, when it was known as the Jubilee Cup.

The added interest provided by a unique senior pairing and the first junior final was reflected by the attendance at last Sunday's Croke Park finals. The paying customers, 5,253, fell well short of the record figure of over 9,000 which was set up in 1942, but was the highest for ten years, and held out great promise for the future, as those who saw last Sunday's matches must have been well content with the fare.

Close Marking

The close marking in the senior game led to some patches of rather untidy play, particularly in the early stages. However the high excitement and the close scoring more than compensated for the lack of classic touches, while we had several magnificent individual performances.

The junior game between Cork and Down was far more open and therefore more spectacular. Indeed, some of the Down girls were very accomplished indeed. I was particularly taken by the display of their left-winger Barbara Sands, who reminded me almost irresistibly of the peerless Kathleen Mills when that great star was on her way to the top.

There was the same long stride, and the same long, effortless looping drive off the left, landing deep in opposing territory.

In addition Down seemed very well schooled in the finer arts of the game. Their combined play was very commendable, but then they were trained by the former Antrim star Peg Doody from Dunloy, who is now Mrs. Brian Denvir and had long ago become a Down woman by acclimatisation.

Hard To Beat

Down, of course, had an advantage over Cork as they had their best team on duty, but on what we saw last Sunday these Down girls will still be very hard to beat in senior ranks.

Incidentally this was not Down's first appearance in an All-Ireland final. They met Dublin in the senior final of 1948, when incidentally Peg Doody played on that Down team, so she has been intimately con-

nected with both the county's final appearances.

It was hard luck on Cork to be on the losing end in both finals but they accepted defeat in all the best traditions of their county and the speeches by their captain both at the presentation of the Cup and at the subsequent dinner were models of sportsmanship and sincerity.

Incidentally, this was Anna Crotty's third appearance in a final, and her third time on a losing side, a frustrating experience surely for one of the great stars of the game.

The victories of Wexford and Down add two new names to the roll of champions. The senior honours list now reads: Dublin, 25; Cork, 6; Antrim, 5; Wexford, 1. Down as first winners of the junior championship are for the moment in a category all their own.



ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR CAMOGIE FINAL IN CROKE PARK: DOWN v. CORK.

Josee Pyne on ball & Breda O'Sullivan on right



● Cork backs and Wexford forwards tussle in a goalmouth melee in yesterday's All-Ireland camogie final.

Anne Comerford (No 9), Anne Crotty on ground & Anne McAuliffe on right



Carmel Fortune manages to get her stick to a dangerous shot from a Cork forward. Watching the outcome on the left of the picture is Brigid O'Connor.

Anna Crotty

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Mary Doyle beat Cork goalkeeper Eleanor Cummins, for a well-taken goal in the 5th minute of the second half
—Wexford's third 'major.'

From left: Sheila O'Sullivan, Hannah Dunneen,
Mary Doyle, Josie Kehoe & Teresa Murphy



From left — Joan Murphy, Anna Crotty,
Carmel Fortune, Anne Comerford
& Mary Sinnott



Wexford culbaire Teresa Sheil made one of her many fine saves and cleared the ball.

Peggy Dorgan on right.



Waiting for the dropping ball, and the Wexford backs — Carmel Fortune (no. 5), Mary Sinnott (2) and Phyllis Kehoe — outnumbered Cork's Anna Crotty and seemed to have the situation well under control.

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Munster Face Holders In Gael Linn Cup At Fermoy

Six of the Cork camogie team, which lost to Wexford in the All-Ireland final a fortnight ago will be in action again on Sunday when they line out for the provincial side, in the semi-final of the Gael Linn cup against Ulster. This game, which will be played at Fermoy promises to be a very exciting affair.

Firstly, Ulster are the holders. They took the title the first time last season and they will be very anxious to retain the trophy. The Ulster team was not available at the time of writing but no doubt Antrim stars S. Cashman, Teresa Kearns, Mairead McAtamney, Mairead Quinn Kay Kelly and Eileen Collins will be included in the selection. Also Pat Crangle and Barbara Sands who did so much for Down in their junior All-Ireland final win over Cork should get their places. Certainly Ulster have plenty of talent at their disposal and Munster will be up against a really top class twelve.

HOME VENUE

What have the Southern girls to offer against this opposition? One advantage, of course, will be the home venue. The Ulster girls have a long journey before them and Munster with home support will expect to get away to a good start.

It is good to see so many Cork girls getting their places. All the players on both Cork teams trained very hard for the All-Ireland games and it was a thoroughly disappointed party which returned to Cork on the day after the All-Ireland. However, all credit to the Cork girls, particularly the seniors who put up such a tremendous display against this very confident Wexford team. Certainly Cork, on their final display, must get another chance at the title and maybe next time the trophy will at last return to the Lee. At any rate six of the seniors now have a chance of winning a coveted Gael Linn Cup medal, and all the hopes of Cork camogie followers will go with them in their attempt.

Eleanor Cummins was brilliant in the Cork goal against Wexford and was the obvious choice for the provincial side. Hannah Dineen who has been playing so well in the Cork defence won her place for the first time at wing back, while in the centre, Cork have two players—schoolgirl Liz Garvan and Sheila Dunne. What a hectic year it has been for Liz. She played a major role in the Cork schools team when they won the O'Duffy Cup earlier in the year. She then played in the senior championship final for Old Aloysians, when they lost to Glen Rovers; then on to the All-Ireland final in her first year on the senior county side, and now her Munster place for the first time.

TOP PLAYER

Certainly Liz has the ability to be a top player for a long time. Cork's remaining representatives are in the attack where Peggy Dorgan and Anne Comerford have won their places. Both these girls are stylish forwards who can snatch scores from any angle and thoroughly deserve their places.

An unusual feature of this Munster side is the fact that Tipperary have only one player selected—Bernie Moloney who plays at wing centre. Tipperary were always such a stronghold of camogie in Munster that it is a pity to see them going down so much. Waterford on the other hand, following their tremendous display in the Munster Final against Cork have four representatives on the side. Marion Frisby is a grand full back while Helen Phelan, and Mary Gough are two grand defenders. Mary Sheehan who is a wing forward was one of the girls who did so much to make Cork's task so difficult in the Munster tie.

Limerick have one representative on the side—Cary Gillane, a player who has done so much for Limerick for a number of years now and a player who has always turned in a fine performance for the province.

LOOK GOOD

On paper this Munster team

looks good. The defence is sound, the centrefield very capable and the attack clever. Of course they will be up against the best in Ulster, where camogie is flourishing at present and every one of the Munster girls will need to strike top form if they are to topple the champions. Both sides will be determined to bring one major trophy to their area, following Wexford's victory in the All-Ireland final, so the game should be well worth seeing.

Munster team: E. Cummins (Cork); M. Frisby (Waterford); H. Dineen (Cork); M. Gough (Waterford); H. Phelan (Waterford); B. Moloney (Tipperary); S. Dunne (Cork); L. Garvan (do.); M. Sheehan (Waterford); C. Gillane (Limerick); P. Dorgan (Cork); A. Comerford (do.). Subs: T. Devoy (Waterford); C. Murphy (Limerick); E. Cullinane (Waterford); and J. Shanahan (Kerry).

Fixture: Sunday at Fermoy, Gael Linn Cup semi-final Ulster v. Munster 3 p.m. Ref. K. Duffy (Dublin).

Ulster, 5-5; Munster, 4-4

Munster lost to a far superior Ulster in the semi-final of the Gael Linn Cup at Fermoy on Sunday last. Ulster, playing with a strong breeze in the first half, made the most of their advantage and piled up a good half-time lead of 5-3 to 0-2. Though Munster rallied in the second half, they were able to reduce the Northern lead by only a goal, and the fact that Ulster succeeded in piercing the Southern defence to the extent of 3-3 against the wind indicated a measure of superiority which was in keeping with the final score.

Ulster's success came from their excellent combined play; the manner in which their forwards took the chances offered to them, and their clean striking.

The game would have been a much closer one, if the Munster backs placed more confidence in their excellent goal-keeper Melia Cummins, and allowed her to clear the ball instead of backing in on top of her. They should have concentrated more in keeping the Ulster forwards out. Ulster got at least three goals in this manner.

Outstanding for the winners were P. Crangle, E. Collins, and L. Scullion in the attack, with good assistance from M. McAtamney and B. Sands. M. Forde, M. Caldwell and K. Diamond were strong in defence.

Best for Munster was Peggy Dorgan who got 4-2 of the total Munster score. Liz Garvan had a good game outfield, and Hannah Dineen was good in the backline. Marian Frisby at full-back and Marie Gough and Helen Phelan in defence did their best against a strong Northern attack.

Scorers for Ulster: P. Crangle (3-0); L. Scullion (2-1); E. Collins (2-1); M. McAtamney (0-3); S. Cashman (1-0). For Munster: P. Dorgan (4-2); C. Clancy (0-1); S. Cashman (0-1).

Ulsters: T. Cassidy (Antrim) in goal; Moira Forde (Antrim); M. Caldwell (Down); K. Diamond (Derry); K. Kelly (Antrim); M. McAtamney (Antrim); S. Cashman (Antrim); B. Sands (Down); P. Crangle (Down); M. Quinn (Antrim); E. Collins (Antrim); L. Scullion (Antrim).

Munster: M. Cummins (Cork) in goal; M. Frisby (Waterford); H. Dineen (Cork); M. Gough (Waterford); H. Phelan (Waterford); B. Moloney (Tipperary); S. Dunne (Cork); L. Garvan (Cork); M. Sheehan (Waterford); C. Clancy (Limerick); P. Dorgan (Cork); A. Comerford (Cork).

Leinster In Camogie Cup Final

LEINSTER 7-9
CONNACHT 3-1

Leinster scored an easy victory over Connacht in the semi-final of the Gael Linn Camogie Cup at Pearse Stadium, Galway, yesterday. The winners now play Ulster, the holders, in the final. Leinster, who led 2-5 to 1-1 at half time, were in control at mid-field throughout and would have finished further ahead but for some fine goalkeeping by Connacht's Eileen Naughton. The winners fielded without Mary Sinnott (Wexford) and Mary Fennelly (Kilkenny). Joan Murphy (Wexford) came on at full-back and Kit Kehoe (Dublin) in attack.

Leinster made the issue safe when they scored 3-2 without reply in the early stages of the second half.

Leinster opened the scoring with a point, but their lead was short-lived, as Margaret Kilkenny put Connacht in front with a well-taken goal. However, Margaret O'Leary (Wexford) and Judy Doyle (Dublin) added two points and a goal to give the winners a three point lead after ten minutes. Connacht pointed before Leinster made their first half tally 2-5 to 1-1 for the home side.

Safe Lead

It was all Leinster after the interval and when they led 5-7 to 1-1 the game was as good as over. Connacht then rallied for a short time and scored a goal, but Leinster came back and added two points and two more goals. Kay Flaherty had a lost minute goal for the home side.

Outstanding for the winners were Margaret O'Leary (Wexford) who dominated centre field; Alice Hussey (Dublin) and Carmel O'Shea (Kilkenny) were most prominent in defence; while the four forwards, Kit Kehoe (Dublin), Mary Walsh (Wexford), Mary Doyle (Wexford) and Judy Doyle (Dublin) who shot five goals, took their chances well.

Best for Connacht were Eileen Naughton, who had a great first half, Margaret Kilkenny and the O'Flaherty sisters.

SCORERS: Leinster—J. Doyle (5-0), M. Walsh (1-1), M. O'Leary (0-4), M. Doyle (1-0), K. Kehoe (0-2), M. Sheehy (0-1), B. Kinsella (0-1). Connacht—M. Kilkenny (1-1), C. Ferrick, Kay O'Flaherty (1-0) each.



● MOIRA FORDE (Ulster captain)

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Cork Oppose Limerick At Blarney

THIS season the Cork secondary team will be bidding for their third successive intermediate camogie title.

This competition is confined to Munster and in the three years since its inception Cork have taken two titles with Limerick winning the initial competition in 1965.

These sides meet in the competition tomorrow, and this game, which will be played in Blarney, should be a thrilling affair.

This competition is confined to players who have not won a Munster championship (senior) medal. This means that Limerick can play their full senior side, while Cork, having won the championship this season, will have to field their full second string.

But this did not deter the Cork girls last season when they were in the same position. And now, despite losing three more of their top players to the seniors, they must be given a great chance of retaining the title.

FINE GOALIE

Many of this season's team have fielded with the senior and junior Cork teams and they will all find the experience invaluable tomorrow against such a strong combination as Limerick. They have a fine goalie in Mary Barron, while full-back Peg O'Brien of Fermoy is a very sound full-back.

Marie Costin is a powerful and stylish centre-back while she is flanked by two very solid defenders in Bridie O'Sullivan and Pat O'Riordan.

In the centre-field Cork have three very useful players in Joan Twomey, Josie Pyne and Marie McCarthy, all of whom are capable of giving the forwards a plentiful supply of the ball.

In the attack Cork have plenty of talent in the persons of Joan Fitzpatrick, Kay Ryan, Eileen Ruxton, and Mary McDonald.

FULL SENIOR SIDE

What have Limerick in their favour? Of course, they have a full senior team which includes interprovincial star Cary Clancy.

Limerick, too, have a strong goalkeeper in Mona Kennedy while they, too, have very efficient defenders in Bridie Giltnane, and Buntie Guiry, both of whom played on the Munster team in the past.

They have splendid centres in Christina Murphy and Phil Ryan, while they can boast of a fine opportunist attack which in addition to Cary Clancy includes Eithne Neville and Peggy Duffy.

Looking at the teams one feels that this tie has all the ingredients of a thriller and certainly all those who go to Blarney for the game should be treated to a very entertaining afternoon's camogie.

On the club front there are three Junior League games listed, and all three promise to be very interesting.

Cork team: Mary Barron (Youghal), Peg O'Brien (Fermoy), Bridie O'Sullivan (South Pres.), Marie Costin (Youghal), Pat O'Riordan (do.), Joan Twomey (Glen), Josie Pyne (Fermoy), Marie McCarthy (South Pres.), Joan Fitzpatrick (do.), Kay Ryan (St. Ita's), Eileen Ruxton (Youghal), Mary McDonald (Glen). Subs: Anna Gaffey (Blarney), Cally Leamy (Youghal), Angela Hennerty (Old Ais.).

FIXTURES

Tomorrow
Munster Secondary Competition
— At Blarney, 3.30 p.m., Cork v. Limerick (Tipperary officials).

CORK - Back - Angela Hennerty, Josie Pyne, Pat O'Riordan, Mary McDonald, Joan Twomey, Kay Ryan, Marie McCarthy
Front - Eileen Ruxton, Cally Leamy, Mary Barron, Peg O'Brien (Capt), Marie Costin, Joan Fitzpatrick, Bridie O'Sullivan



The Cork and Limerick camogie teams which met in the intermediate championship at Blarney (Limerick won 4-2 to 1-0).

ST. PAULS QUALIFY FOR FINAL

ST. PAUL'S, 3-4; DEIRDRE, 2-2
St. Paul's, Kilkenny and Leinster champions, qualified for the All-Ireland camogie club championship final when they defeated the Antrim and Ulster champions, Deirdre, in the semi-final at Casement Park, Belfast, yesterday.

The winners, who lead 2-3 to 1-1 at the interval were the faster and fitter side, but were not flattered by the final score. The attack did not make the best use of the amount of play they enjoyed in the first half.

The visitors, who went into the attack from the throw-in were a goal up inside a minute. They settled down quickly and had scored 1-3 before the home side raised the point flag. Both sides exchanged goals to leave the score, St. Paul's 2-3 to 1-1 for Deirdre at half-time.

The Kilkenny girls resumed the more refreshed to stretch their tally to 3-4 to 1-1 before the home side rallied and scored 1-1 to make the final score 3-4 to 2-2.

Outstanding for the winners were Carmel O'Shea, Liz Mary and Mary Conway. They dominated the midfield exchanges. Goalie Joe Golden and Anne Phelan played well in defence, while Anne Carroll was the most dangerous of the visitors' attack.

Best for the losers were full back Nancy Murray and Sue Cashman, who tried hard to rally her side at midfield, while Mary McCallum and Lil Flanagan also impressed.

St. Paul's—A. Carroll (2-1), C. O'Shea (0-3), B. Cassin (1-0). **Deirdre**—S. Cashman (1-1), L. Flanagan (1-1). **Referee**—Mrs. Kathleen O'Duffy, Dublin.

LIMERICK FOIL CORK OF TREBLE

Limerick 4-2, Cork 1-0.

Limerick dashed Cork's hopes of making it three in a row when the sides met in the opening round of the Munster secondary competition played at Blarney yesterday.

The heavy rain which fell throughout the hour made conditions underfoot extremely greasy and hampered play in what should have been a thrilling match. The Cork girls gave a spirited display for most of the game and were unlucky to be beaten by three goals and two points.

Scorers—Limerick: Eithne Neville 2-0; Peggy Duffy 2-0; Cary Clancy 0-2. Cork: Eileen Ruxton 1-0.

Limerick—M. Kennedy, B. Ryan, K. Ryan, E. O'Keefe, B. Giltnane, C. Clancy, E. Murphy, M. Naughton, E. Neville, J. Hayes, P. Duffy, B. O'Leary.

Cork—M. Barron, P. O'Brien, B. O'Sullivan, M. Costin, P. O'Riordan, J. Twomey, J. Pyne, M. McCarthy, J. Fitzpatrick, K. Ryan, E. Ruxton, M. McDonald.

Ahane Advance To Decider

AHANE 3-3
BALLINASLOE 1-3

After leading by 1-1 to nil at half-time, Munster champions Ahane seemed on the way to easy victory in the semi-final of the All-Ireland club camogie championship at Ballinasloe yesterday, when they were in front 3-3 to 0-1 with only a few minutes to go.

The home side, led by Margaret Kilkenny, staged a late rally, however, and whipped in 1-2, but Ahane held on, and now meet St. Paul's (Kilkenny) in the final on November 6.

Heavy rain in the second half made things very difficult for both sides.

Scorers: Ahane—Carrie Clancy (1-2), Joan Hayes (1-1), T. Hennessy (1-0). Ballinasloe—M. Kilkenny (1-2), M. Kilroy (0-1).

The following is the present position of the Senior League (being run on a double round):

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Old Ais.	4	4	0	0	16
South Pres.	4	3	0	1	17
Youghal	6	3	1	1	17
U.C.C.	4	1	3	0	8
Glen Rovers	3	0	3	0	0
Churchtown	3	0	3	0	0

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CAMOGIE—Top: Seandun team, who had a substantial win over Blarney (below) in the Intermediate Championship final at Blarney G.A.A. Grounds. ("Echo")



Mary O'Callaghan, Vice-Chairman, Camogie County Board, presenting trophy to Breda O'Sullivan, captain of the winning team, Seandun, beating Blarney by a good margin in the intermediate final at Blarney. ("Echo")



● SUE CASHMAN (Ulster)

Leinster Will Test Northerners

By AGNES HOURIGAN

ULSTER, who won the Inter-provincial camogie title and the Gael-Linn Cup that goes with it, for the first time last year, will come South confidently to defend that title against Leinster at Croke Park on Sunday (2.0).

The game will go on as curtain-raiser to the Oireachtas Cup hurling semi-final, and with some of the greatest stars of the camogie game in action, the hurling fans are likely to be just as much impressed as they were a year ago, when the replay of the All-Ireland camogie final between Antrim and Dublin captivated those who had come to watch the Oireachtas decider between Kilkenny and Clare.

The North have a sound defence that includes three Antrim stars, Teresa Cassidy in goal, full-back Moya Forde who captains the side, and Kathleen Kelly, while Margaret Caldwell of Down has proved very effective at right back. The midfield trio of Mairead McAtamney and Sue Cashman of Antrim and Barbara Sands of Down proved effective in the semi-final, while the attack, made up of Lily Scullion, Eileen Collins and Mairead Quinn of Antrim, and Patricia Crangle of Down, has already proved that it can get scores.

Leinster will be without their great full-back Mary Sinnott, who had to miss the semi-final against Connacht because of injury. On that occasion her Wexford team-mate Joan Murphy proved a capable deputy.

Joan will play left back, and present left back Mary Houlihan, who has already played at full-back for the province, on Sunday. The other defenders, Carmel O'Shea (Kilkenny) and Alice Hussey (Dublin) were both in top form in the semi-final.

The Leinster selectors also have a midfield problem. When Mary Fennelly (Kilkenny) cried off from the semi-final due to a hand injury, Breda Kinsella of Kilkenny was moved out to the wing and did so well that she is retained there now. Kit Kehoe (Dublin), who filled the corner-forward post against Connacht vacated by Breda Kinsella, has also done well enough to justify retention.

The key to the verdict may be at midfield, where Margaret O'Leary, as she is capable of doing, gives her side dominance. Judy Doyle and the rest of the Leinster forwards could be sharp enough to bring the title back to the Eastern province, which has won it oftener than any of their rivals.

It may be a pointer to next Sunday's result that on Sunday last Leinster club champions Kilkenny defeated Ulster club champions Deirdre (Antrim) in the All-Ireland semi-final.

However, the only Ulster representative on the losing side was Sue Cashman, while Carmel O'Shea and Mary Houlihan were playing for St. Paul's.



● A narrow escape for Ulster in the interprovincial camogie final at Croke Park as the ball just eludes Leinster full-forward Judy Doyle on the end line. Also in the picture are Kathleen Kelly (left) and Moya Forde (Ulster).

Alice Hussey Stars in Leinster Victory

By AGNES HOURIGAN

LEINSTER 7-0
ULSTER 2-5

Thanks to a tremendous second half, in which their teamwork completely confounded the individual efforts of the Ulster girls, Leinster regained the interprovincial camogie championship and the Gael-Linn Cup in an entertaining final at Croke Park yesterday.

Although they had to field without their great full-back, Mary Sinnott from Wexford, Leinster had no worries in defence for the former Dublin All-Ireland star Alice Hussey gave a classic display all through at centre-back and was the dominating figure of the game.

Even when Ulster, with the breeze in the first half, had by far the better of the exchanges territorially Alice Hussey prevented them from turning their advantage to any real effect and it was Leinster against the run of play who led at the interval 3-0 to 1-5.

Early Point

Ulster had taken the lead with an early point by Mairead Quinn but goals from captain Mary Walsh and Judy Doyle put Leinster clear. Mairead Quinn, Mairead McAtamney and Sue Cashman had further points for the North but another goal by Mary Walsh stretched the Leinster lead again and despite a further goal by Sue Cashman

and a goal from Lily Scullion Leinster were that point ahead at the half-time whistle.

Leinster were a far more confident and competent side on the restart. With Wexford's Margaret O'Leary now getting into full stride at mid-field, the winners forced three 30's in vain but then struck a vital blow when they cracked home three great goals in rather quick succession from Mary Sherlock, Kit Kehoe and Judy Doyle.

These scores took much of the steam out of Ulster and Leinster had another goal disallowed before Judy Doyle made victory sure with her own third and her team's seventh goal.

Consolation

Patricia Crangle had a consolation goal for Ulster, their only second-half score, in the last minute.

If Alice Hussey was Leinster's outstanding defender she was well supported by Carmel O'Shea and Mary Houlihan (Kilkenny) and an alert goalkeeper in Teresa Sheil (Wexford).

At mid-field Maragret O'Leary got excellent second-half support from Mary Sherlock and Breda Kinsella while Judy Doyle, Mary Walsh and Kit Kehoe, in

that order took the attacking honours.

For Ulster, who, despite their strong Antrim contingent, showed little combination. Captain Moya Forde was sound at full-back and got most assistance from Kathleen Kelly in an otherwise far from steady defence. Sue Cashman and Mairead McAtamney did an amount of good work outfield but, after the opening stages, the forwards were completely contained by the solid Leinster defence.

This was Leinster's eighth victory in the 13 seasons of this competition as compared with four for Munster and one for Ulster.

Scorers—Leinster: J. Doyle (3-0), M. Walsh (2-0), M. Sherlock (1-0), K. Kehoe (1-0). Ulster: L. Scullion (1-0), P. Crangle (1-0), M. Quinn (0-2), S. Cashman (0-2), M. McAtamney (0-1).

LEINSTER—T. Sheil (Wexford); M. Houlihan (Kilkenny), C. O'Shea (Kilkenny), A. Hussey (Dublin), J. Murphy (Wexford), M. Sherlock (Dublin), M. O'Leary (Wexford), B. Kinsella (Kilkenny), E. Kehoe (Dublin), M. Walsh (Wexford) capt., M. Doyle (Wexford), J. Doyle (Dublin).

ULSTER—T. Cassidy (Antrim); M. Forde (Antrim) capt., M. Caldwell (Down), E. Coulter (Down), K. Kelly (Antrim), M. McAtamney (Antrim), S. Cashman (Antrim), B. Sands (Down), P. Crangle (Down), M. Quinn (Antrim), E. Collins (Antrim), L. Scullion (Antrim).
Referee—Miss L. O'Grady (Cork)

LIMERICK FOR SECONDARY FINAL

In the semi-final of the Munster camogie secondary championship, Limerick defeated Waterford at Cahir by 3-2 to 1-1.

The winners now meet Tipperary in the final.

Both teams gave a good display despite the heavy condition of the pitch. Limerick led at half-time by 1-2 to 1-0.

McCarthy Cup Final

Austin Stacks 5-2 (17 pts.)

Celtic 4-0 (12 pts.)

At the Phoenix Park, yesterday, Austin Stacks deserved their win over Celtic in the final of the McCarthy Cup. The score just about represents the relative merit of the sides. Stacks played with a strong breeze and made better use of their scoring chances, especially in the opening half.

Scorers—Austin Stacks: K. Moroney (2-0), K. Sheehy (1-1), A. McAllister (1-0), O. Ni Shochain (1-1). Celtic: U. O'Connor (3-0), J. Kehoe (1-0).

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● The Leinster team that defeated Ulster in the interprovincial camogie final at Croke Park. Back, from left: Mary Walsh (Wexford), capt., Joan Murphy (Wexford), Alice Hussey (Dublin), Mary Sherlock (Dublin), Breda Kinsella (Kilkenny), Orla Ni Siochain (Dublin), Carmel O'Shea (Kilkenny), Jo Golden (Kilkenny). Front: Margaret O'Leary (Wexford), Teresa Shiel (Wexford), Mary Doyle (Wexford), Kit Kehoe (Dublin), Judy Doyle (Dublin), Mary Houlihan (Kilkenny), Mary Fennelly (Kilkenny).

Camogie Title For St. Pauls

By AGNES HOURIGAN

ST. PAUL'S (Kilkenny) 7-2
AHANE (Limerick) 1-2

ST. PAUL'S, Kilkenny and Leinster Club champions, won the All-Ireland Club Camogie title for the first time when they scored a clear-cut victory over Ahane, Limerick and Munster Champions, at St. John's Park, Kilkenny, yesterday.

The winners were the more experienced side, showing fine combination, perfect positional sense, better ball control and were much quicker strikers.

The visitors, while they had some good individual players and a fine goalkeeper, lacked teamwork and were too slow to get rid of the ball.

St. Pauls, who faced the wind, were first to score when Ann Carroll goalied a long free from Carmel O'Shea in the second minute. The Ahane goalie made two fine saves before Ann Carroll goalied again in the 14th minute. A good effort by the Ahane girls only failed when goalie Jo Golden saved a hard shot from Joan Hayes.

Stretched Lead

Kilkenny had two more goals before the Munster champions closed the scoring of this half with a point to leave the score

4-0 to 0-1 in favour of St. Pauls.

The home side stretched their lead to 5-1 to 0-1 after the interval, but the visitors were not downhearted and fought doggedly despite the fact that the wind was against them. A rally midway through this half forced a "30" which their outstanding player Carrie Clancy goalied.

Like champions, St. Pauls came back to score a goal and a point to clinch the issue and though the score was 7-2 to 1-1 Ahane played gallantly to the end and were rewarded with a late-point from a free.

St. Pauls, who had not a weak link from goalie Jo Golden to full forward Ann Carroll, had other outstanding players in Mary Houlihan, Ann Phelan (defence), Carmel O'Shea and Liz Neary at midfield, and the Cassin twins in attack.

Best for Ahane were Carrie Clancy, their interprovincial star who played at midfield, Helen Roche was outstanding in goal, but she did not get enough assistance from her backs. Joan Hayes and Nora O'Sullivan, when she replaced Mary Barry, also tried hard.

SCORERS: St. Pauls — A. Carroll (4-1), M. Cassin (3-1). Ahane — C. Clancy (1-0), J. Hayes (0-1), N. Hayes (0-1).

ST. PAULS—J. Golden; M. Houlihan, J. Kelly, A. Phelan, B. Fennelly, M. Conway, C. O'Shea, L. Neary, M. Cassin, B. Cassin, T. Brennan, A. Carroll.

AHANE—H. Roche; B. Ryan, M. Hayes, M. Madden, K. Ryan, K. Richardson, C. Clancy, R. O'Leary, T. Fennelly, J. Hayes, M. Barry, P. Duffy. Sub.—N. O'Sullivan for M. Barry.

Referee—Mrs. N. Murray (Antrim).

LIMERICK REGAIN MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

By S.M.

Limerick 3-2
Tipperary 2-0
Limerick, who won the Munster secondary camogie championship in its inaugural year—1965—regained the title in atrocious conditions at Newport on Sunday last when they defeated Tipperary 3-2 to 2-0.

It was a first-class exhibition of the code, with both sides overcoming the worst conditions ever. Limerick played against the wind in the first half, but never produced the form they displayed when ousting fancied Cork and Waterford. The forwards missed numerous opportunities and throughout the field Tipperary were moving with precision. Tipperary took the lead in the 8th minute when Frances Meagher shot a spectacular goal and this was further increased six minutes later when Siobhan Tynan roced

through from midfield to raise another green flag. Limerick had numerous scoring chances before the interval but poor finishing cost them many scores and so the scoreboard at the interval read Tipperary 2-0, Limerick nil.

During the break a cloud-burst occurred and the referee was considering abandoning the game, but Tipperary, with their advantage, were reluctant to call a halt. And so in a continuous downpour the second half got under way. Limerick revelled in the heavy going and Kathleen Lavery put them on the road to victory with a beautiful overhead point shortly after the resumption, to which Joan Hayes tacked on a goal shortly afterwards. Limerick took the lead for the first time in the 12th minute when Christina Murphy picked up a short clearance and shot to the net. Tipperary rallied strongly but a resolute defence held them out and a goal by Kathleen Lavery and a point by Eithne Neville clinched the issue for the Shannonsiders.

The winning Limerick team lined out as follows: Mona Kennedy (Herbertstown), Bridget Ryan (Ahane), Eileen O'Keefe, Bridie Giltenane (Croagh), Angela Dee (Templeglantine), Betty O'Leary (Ahane), Christina Murphy (Herbertstown), Carrie Clancy (Ahane), Peggy Duffy (Ahane), Kathleen Lavery (Herbertstown), Joan Hayes (Ahane) and Eithne Neville (Croagh).

Tipperary: Carmel Manning, Ina Dermody, Eily Bate, Anne Minogue, Catherine Hackett, Margaret Cleary, Deirdre Lane, Siobhan Tynan, Frances Meagher, Beatrice Laurence, Mary Kirwan, Joan Power.

South Pres. Could End Old Aloysians Unbeaten Run

ON tomorrow Old Aloysians and South Presentation Past Pupils meet at St. Aloysius School Grounds in what might well be the deciding game of the senior league. There is a second senior league game at Youghal where the local side meet Churchtown and there is also a junior championship game at Glanworth where St. Ita's meet the local girls.

Old Aloysians are so far unbeaten in the Senior League, while South Presentation have only dropped one point. For this game Old Ais will be without their stylish half-back Honor Lynch, who has taken up a teaching appointment in France.

These teams met in the first round of the championship, when Old Aloysians just managed to get the better of South Pres. in an exciting game. But that game could have gone either way. Now, since then South Pres. have had far greater representation on the Cork senior and secondary teams and with this valuable experience for so many of their players they should be favourites to jump ahead of Old Ais on the points table. But this will not be before these two fine sides have treated their supporters to a grand game of camogie.

Youghal are likely to take the points in the second senior league tie. Churchtown have yet to record a win in the current league. As a junior and intermediate side Churchtown made a big name for themselves but they have not made any real impact in the senior grade. Of course, the step from intermediate to senior competition is a very great one and as Churchtown advanced from junior to senior in two years it is not difficult to see how the top grade might be proving tough for them.

FIGHTING SIDE

However, they are a grand fighting side who will not give up the battle, and given a little more experience they can still become a major force in senior competition. However, tomorrow's game against Youghal could prove too much for them, as Youghal on their last outing defeated county champions, Glen Rovers and will be full of confidence for this tie. Certainly the seaside girls will be expected to take these two points, but what a boost it would be for the Churchtown girls if they could cause a major surprise here.

In the third of Sunday's games St. Ita's, the Watergrasshill side

meet Glanworth at the latter's grounds in the junior championship. This promises to be a very closely contested affair. Glanworth are undefeated in the current league and with the advantage of a home venue they must be fancied to advance to the next round. They have three Cork juniors on their team — Margaret Mee, Breda O'Sullivan and Anne Kirby. All three were also on the Seandun team that won the Intermediate Championship recently. So they have plenty of talent in their line-out. St. Ita's are in their first full season of competition, but although they may lack in experience, they have plenty of spirit. They will of course be relying a great deal on Cork junior and secondary player Kay Ryan, who has done so much to put them on the map.

FIXTURES:—

(Tomorrow Sunday)

Junior Championship at Glanworth at 3.30 — St. Ita's v Glanworth. (Referee: K. Dunne).

Senior League at St. Ais Grounds at 11.30 a.m. Old Ais v South Pres. (Referee: Glen Rovers).

Senior League at Youghal at 3.30 p.m. — Churchtown v Youghal. (Fermoy referee).

SOUTH PRES: 5-0 OLD AIS: 1-0

South Pres Should Collect A Further Two Points

BIG CAMOGIE GAME of the weekend should be the Senior League clash between leaders South Presentation Past Pupils and U.C.C. Other important games will be the Senior League tie between Old Aloysians and Youghal and the Junior Championship semi-final between Inniscarra and Munster Institute.

South Presentation Past Pupils had a big win over their nearest rivals, Old Ais, a few weeks ago and must now be considered as strong favourites for the Senior League title. Tomorrow they meet U.C.C. and they must be expected to add two further points to their tally. South Presentation are playing really well at the moment, with Eleanor Cummins, Sheila and Bridie O'Sullivan and Hannah Dineen all in top form. The convent girls always manage to put up a good performance in the league and at the moment thoroughly deserve their leadership.

The university girls will be without their interprovincial star, Sheila Dunne, this season as she has qualified and she will be a great loss to them. However, they have a number of very fine players in Pat Devlin, Rosemary O'Halloran and Margaret McCarthy from last season's team and no doubt they will be able to call on a number of useful players from their newcomers. But, of course, they are team-building at the moment and are still trying to find a successful combination for the coming season, so that they will hardly be able to match the experience and confidence of the South Pres girls.

BIG BLOW

Defeat by South Pres was a big blow to Old Aloysians' league hopes and now they will have to stay on the winning trail if they are to stay in touch. Their game tomorrow will be against Youghal and this will be no easy task, especially as Old Ais will have to travel to the seaside resort.

Old Ais looked very good up to their defeat by South Pres and they will be very anxious to make up for this performance. However, they will be without another of their top players for Sunday's game, as Catherine O'Regan has had to cry off because of a broken finger. This season they have already lost the services of inter-county star Honor Lynch and the added loss of Catherine O'Regan must be a great blow to their hopes for the remainder of the season. However, they have often been at their best when the odds are stacked against them, so a win tomorrow is not as unlikely as it might seem.

However, Youghal are a very capable side, especially on their home ground, and if Esther O'Connell, Mary Jo Ryan, Marie Costin and Mary Barron are in top form they must be fancied to take both points.

Old Aloysians Oppose U.C.C. For Place In Junior Semi-final

THE junior championship has now reached a very interesting stage with sides battling for a place in the semi-finals. One of these quarter-final games will be played on Sunday next when Old Aloysians and U.C.C. will be endeavouring to win a place in the first semi-final against Glanworth.

Also on the list for Sunday is an intermediate league game and two junior league ties, while at Newport, Tipperary will meet Limerick in the Munster Secondary competition final.

On the schools front there are a number of senior and intermediate league ties listed for tomorrow.

Sunday's junior championship game should be a good one. At first glance one might take Old Aloysians to be hot favourites. They are having a very good run in the league at present and in the first round of the campaign they defeated a very useful Owens side. Old Ais have a number of very fine players in Nuala Jennings, Marion O'Leary, Rose Hennessy, Rose Long and Anne O'Dwyer. All these girls have plenty of experience with school and club teams, and should put up a good performance on Sunday. Against this U.C.C. are still endeavouring to get their side together after their long summer recess but in their last outing they have a very promising victory against Bishopstown, and might well cause a major upset on Sunday.

GOOD PLAYERS

In the Intermediate League Canovee met Douglas at the latter's ground. In the competition so far Canovee, who have two grand players in Kay Healy and Nuala Collins, have lost in their last outing while Douglas have won both their games. Douglas

have a very strong side this season and if Betty White, Mary Buckley and Marie Hegarty strike top form then Canovee might be in trouble again.

There are junior league games in Mitchelstown and at the Munster Institute Grounds. At the latter venue the girls from the Institute take on Owens. At the moment, Munster Institute are having a highly successful run and must be expected to dispose of the Owens challenge. The Owens girls have lost one of their two games in the campaign so far and although they are a very determined side they will hardly be strong enough for the Model Farm girls.

At Mitchelstown St. Fanahans, yet another new camogie team, will meet Mayfield in their second game in competition. In their first outing they defeated Araglin and on Sunday they might repeat this success at the expense of Mayfield. The Mayfield girls have lost both of their games in the league so far and seem to be having a rather difficult time at the moment.

LIMERICK TO WIN

Limerick should take their second secondary title on Sunday at Newport. They had good wins over Cork (the holders) and Waterford and with their full senior team available for selection they should be too strong for Tipperary.

SCHOOLS' CAMOGIE

Last week-end was a quiet one on the schools' camogie scene due to the mid-term break. The only game played was the Intermediate League fixture between Cobb and St. Vincents. In this game Cobb emerged deserving winners by six goals. The half-time score was two goals to nil in favour of Cobb.

At the weekly meeting of the

Schools Board held on Monday last the following fixtures were made for tomorrow:

Senior League

At St. Aloysius Ground — St. Aloysius "B" v. Youghal, 3.30.

At Drishane — School of Commerce "A" v. Drishane, 3.0.

Intermediate League

At St. Aloysius Grounds — St. Aloysius "C" v. Scoll Eanna, 2.30.

At Bishopstown — St. Patrick's v. Mount Mercy, 2.30; South Presentation Convent v. North Presentation Convent, 3.30.

FIXTURES

Sunday

Junior Championship at Marydyke, 11.30: U.C.C. v. Old Ais. (Referee: South Pres.).

Intermediate League at Douglas, 3.0: Canovee v. Douglas (U.C.C.).

Junior League at Munster Institute Grounds, 3.0: Munster Institute v. Owens (Inniscarra).

Junior League at Mitchelstown, 3.30: Mayfield v. St. Fanahans (Glanworth).

Munster Secondary Competition Final, at Newport, 3.30: Tipperary v. Limerick (M. Moran).

OLD AIS 4-4

U.C.C. 2-0

S.P.S. 2-2

U.C.C. 0-0

Old Ais: 4-2

Youghal 3-3

Old Aloysians Face Glanworth In Junior Semi-final

THE Junior Championship is reaching a very exciting climax. Four very evenly matched teams now remain and with one semi-final ending in a draw on Sunday last and the second one due to take place on tomorrow (Sunday) interest is very keen in the competition.

Sunday's semi-finalists are Glanworth and Old Aloysians, and an indication of their strength is the fact that both are unbeaten in the Junior League. So far the sides have managed to avoid one another in the League so that a forecast of Sunday's game is all the more difficult.

Glanworth club was only formed last year but these girls were quick to make an impression. They provided three players for the Cork junior team—Margaret Mee, who is equally at home at centrefield or in defence; Anne Kirby, who also plays with the Drishane team and Breda O'Sullivan, who is a very effective forward. It is a tremendous feat to reach the semi-final stage so early in their history and although they will be up against tough opposition on Sunday they must be given a great chance of reaching their first final.

ALL SCHOOLGIRLS

What of Old Ais? The present team is made up entirely of schoolgirls, but a number of them—Marion O'Leary, Rose Hennessy, Rose Long and Anne O'Dwyer—have had a few outings with Old Aloysians in the Senior League. Besides these girls they have a number of very promising youngsters in Nuala Jennings, Anne Courtney, Kathleen Carr and Malreud O'Regan. Most of these girls have plenty of experience playing with their school's teams so that they are not lacking in match practice. They should put up a good performance on Sunday and whatever the result the game promises to be a first class affair.

Kilkenny girls impress

ANYONE who feared that the Leinster senior colleges' camogie final would lose its appeal by being transferred to Portlaoise would have been surprised at the scene just before the final began there last Saturday. There were hundreds of cheering schoolgirls and not a few adults gathered round a whole assortment of rival banners on the stand, and the cheers and counter-cheers continued right to the end.

Kilkenny won this absorbing battle of the Presentation Convents and in doing so they certainly served notice on all the schools remaining in the All-Ireland championship that they are going to make a very bold bid for the first All-Ireland Colleges' title.

The reason I say so is that the Kilkenny girls won convincingly against a Mount-

in Laos.

For the record, the teams in this first Leinster colleges' final ever played between two provincial teams, and the first camogie game played at O'Moore Park since 1935 (or so I was informed), were:

Kilkenny: T. O'Neill, M. Tallis, C. Conway, A. Phelan, C. Dowling, E. Neary, H. O'Neill, C. Doyle, P. Byrne, T. Brennan, M. Barry, B. McEvoy.

Mountmellick: P. Conlon, J. Fallon, A. Conway, A. Fitzpatrick, M. Doheny, A. Phelan, M. Conroy, Mary Doheny, A. Ronan, M. Scully, M. Vereker, J. Folan.

The Stuart Cup was presented to Mary Tallis, captain of the winning side, by Sean O'Duffy, whose wife Kathleen refereed, while the medals were presented to the winners by Una Bean Uí Phuirseáil, at a very pleasant subsequent function in the Convent at Mountmellick, where both teams were entertained by Reverend Mother and the community.

Meanwhile, as the Leinster senior colleges campaign has come to a conclusion, there is plenty of encouraging news from the North. Magherafelt and Bunrana have both affiliated and are playing friendly matches for this season.

But the really heartening advance is the setting up of a new division in the Cavan area, in which four schools, Loreto, Cavan, St. Clare's, Cavan, Cootehill and St. Tier-nach's, Clones are all taking part. The winners here will meet the winners of the Eastern division in the senior league final.

News from that area is that St. Michaels, Lurgan will again be firm favourites to retain the senior crown, while St. Dominics, Belfast have entered a junior team for the first time in several years in this grade and are doing quite well in their section.

TIPPERARY CAMOGIE TITLE FOR CLONMEL

Clonmel 1-0; Thurles 1-1

Clonmel dethroned Co. Tipperary intermediate camogie champions, Thurles, in the county final at Holy-cross, when they held off a determined second-half bid by the champions to take the title. There was little to choose between two well matched teams, but the Clonmel girls made better use of their chances, and though Thurles scored first with a Bernie Moloney point, goals by Beatrice Lawrence and Teresa Hickey had the Clonmel team in front at the interval. After the break, Thurles tried hard for victory, and a goal by Bernie Moloney drove them to still greater efforts. The Clonmel defence was equal to the challenge, however, and held on for victory.

Beatrice Lawrence of Clonmel was the outstanding player on view, but she was ably assisted by Josephine Marshall, Nellie Russell, Bridie McCarthy, Margaret McCarthy, Margaret Phelan, Ina Hackett and Teresa Hickey. Thurles' best were Anne and Mary Graham, Bernie Moloney and Margaret Ceara.

BY AINE MEAGHER

mellick team that was itself far above the ordinary.

In the two Dohenys, Madge and Mary, Mary Scully and Marian Conroy, Mountmellick had players who would be welcome on any senior side, and yet their best efforts cut very little ice against a Kilkenny team that, on the day, scarcely had a single weak link.

I was particularly impressed by the Kilkenny defence which, though under severe pressure for long spells in the first half, never put a foot wrong, and, indeed, they made only one mistake in the whole game and that in the closing second when they needlessly conceded Mountmellick's only goal. Mary Tallis and Anne Phelan were particularly effective hereabouts and they were fronted by a very speedy midfield trio in Liz Neary, Helena O'Neill and Carmel Doyle.

The attack did not look quite as powerful as midfield and defence, but they proved that, given enough of the ball they could get winning scores.

The standard throughout was remarkably high and, during the first-half, the standard of striking from frees was the best I have ever seen outside an All-Ireland final. On this display Mountmellick must be taken as a permanent force in Leinster camogie, and I shall be greatly surprised if the enthusiasm engendered does not have a great effect on the game.

Pres., Kilkenny win camogie cup

Pres. Convent, Kilkenny 5-2
Pres. Convent, Mountmellick ... 1-1

COMPETING in their first ever Leinster Colleges Camogie Championship final, Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, won the Dr. Stuart Cup for the first time when they beat Presentation Convent, Mountmellick, 5-2 to 1-1 at Portlaoise, yesterday.

Leading 3-1 to 0-1 at the interval, the winners had scores from Bea McEvoy (3-0), Patsy Byrne (1-0), Teresa Brennan (1-0), Elizabeth Neary, Helena O'Neill and Carmel Doyle (0-1) each. Mountmellick—Mary Scully (1-1).

Inniscarra — Munster Institute Semi-final Replay Should Be A Thriller

THERE are two important camogie games down for decision this week-end. The semi-final of the junior championship between Inniscarra and Munster Institute will be replayed tomorrow while on the same day Blarney meet Douglas in what can be regarded as the deciding game in the intermediate League.

Inniscarra and Munster Institute met a fortnight ago and after a hard entertaining game the tie ended in a draw. The game was played in appalling conditions and if ground conditions are a little better on Sunday then the game should be a cracking one.

Munster Institute are unbeaten this year and are determined to hold this record intact. They have a number of very fine players including Mary Redahan, who captains the side, Maureen Lally, Angela Murphy, Olive Kinsella, Carmel Murphy, Kathleen Hannigan and Mary O'Dwyer. This is the first time that the Model Farm girls have been in such a strong position and with determination and spirit behind them it is a real possibility that they will take a really good Inniscarra to rob them of their right to test the final against Old Aloysians.

However, Inniscarra, although covets to competition, put up a splendid display in the first game and in fact Munster Institute had to give of their best to draw. Inniscarra have top players in Maureen Lally, who is a grand defender, Pat O'Sullivan and

Nora O'Brien, two very effective centres and Geraldine Ring and Rita Casey who do not waste too many chances in attack. Altogether this game has all the ingredients of a thriller.

UNDEFEATED

Both Blarney and Douglas are so far undefeated in the intermediate League and now these sides meet tomorrow and this game must decide the destination of the title for this season. As both these sides are playing their last game of the competition then no other side can hope to catch them. A feature of this game is the fact that both these sides were promoted from junior ranks only this year and it is a tremendous feat to remain undefeated in the higher grade for so long. It is a pity that one of these sides will have to lose the title but this will hardly be before a very fine game of camogie has been played.

Blarney owe a great deal of their success to such grand players as Anna and Angela Gaffey, Mary Heelan and Cora and Mary Humphries, while Douglas place most of their hopes on the shoulders of Betty White, Mary Cogan, Mary O'Shea and Marie Hegarty.

The remaining game of Sunday afternoon is a Senior League tie between U.C.C. and Youghal. Although both these sides are down a few points in the competition the game should be an entertaining one. Youghal will have the advantage of a home venue in

this tie and with so many of their players with inter-county experience behind them they will prove strong opposition for College. Mary Jo Ryan, Mary Barron, Esther O'Connell, Angela Riussell, Eileen Ruxton and Mary Costin, are all well known to followers and if they all hit top form they must be expected to take both points.

However, College will have the return of Sheila Dunne, who was fielding with Canovee during the summer, under Universities Rule, and who should mean a great deal to their hopes. Sheila, of course, played with Cork and Munster this season, and her experience will be invaluable to the College girls. Against this College will be without Pat Devlin, who is injured, and this must be a blow to their hopes. However, College have commenced their preparation for the Ashbourne Cup and they will take this game very seriously and their line-out will include Rose O'Halloran, Mary O'Driscoll, Barbara Buckley, and ex-Cork Schools player, Deirdre Garvan, so they should give the Youghal girls a tough fight.

FIXTURES — TOMORROW

Junior Championship semi-final at Ballincollig, 3.00: Inniscarra v. Munster Institute. (Ref. M. Moran).

Senior League at Youghal, 3.30: U.C.C. v. Youghal. (Ref. Old Ais).

Intermediate League at Blarney, 3.00: Blarney v. Douglas. (Ref. Canovee).

CAMOGIE

The replay of the county semi-final camogie tie at Ballincollig last Sunday resulted in a victory for Inniscarra who came from behind in a second half upsurge that routed their opponents, Munster Institute. Institute started well and at half-time had a score of 1-1 to Inniscarra's solitary point.

Inniscarra ladies had a final tally of 3-2 to Munster Institute's 1-1.

Inniscarra team: Mary Callaghan, Hannah O'Connor, Bernie O'Sullivan, Eileen Ring, Eiza Desmond, V. Murphy, Pat O'Sullivan, N. O'Brien, Margaret Lane, Margt. O'Brien, G. Ring, Rita Casey.

Munster Institute: Aine Creagh, Carmel Murphy, Kathleen Hannigan, Angela Murphy, Maureen Lally, Eiza Riordan, Kathleen Brennan, Nancy McGrath, Mary Redahan, Olive Kinsella, Mary O'Dwyer, Eileen Coffey, Teresa Walsh.

Inniscarra May Just Get The Better Of Old AIs

THE juniors hold the limelight to-morrow, when the Junior championship final will be played at Ballincollig. In this Inniscarra meet Old Aloysians in what promises to be a very exciting game.

On Sunday last Inniscarra qualified for their first championship final when they defeated Munster Institute in a replay of the semi-final. In these two games, Inniscarra proved themselves a very powerful side and it will take a first class side to deprive them of the title. To reach the decider, Inniscarra also disposed of Glen Rovers and Kanturk. Their side is strong in all departments with Mary O'Callaghan (goal) and Iza Desmond and Bernie O'Sullivan forming the nucleus of a sound defence.

In the centre Inniscarra have grand players in Nora O'Brien and their captain, Pat O'Sullivan, while they have fine opportunistic forwards in Geraldine Ring and Rita Casey.

What have Old Aloysians to offer in their favour? On their way to the final Old AIs disposed of Owens, U.C.C. and a very useful Glanworth team. The entire Old AIs' team is made up of schoolgirls but many of them have played with the senior Old AIs so they should not lack experience.

They have a grand goalie in Nuala Jennings, while Marion O'Leary, Brid McAuliffe, Margaret O'Sullivan and Mairead O'Regan are all very solid defenders. In the centre of the field Old AIs should be well served by captain Rose Long, Judy Walsh and Kathleen Carr, while in the forwards they have Anne Courtney, Anne O'Dwyer, Mary Quinlan and Rosie Hennessy, all capable of snapping up chances.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM

Perhaps Old Aloysians' greatest asset is their tremendous enthusiasm. They play with a grim determination and each and every one of the girls plays for the good of the team as a whole. Certainly, they are a youthful team but they are a side worthy of success.

The only pity about Sunday's game is that one of the teams must lose. Both deserve great credit for reaching the decider and both must be expected to put up good performances on Sunday. It would not be easy to forecast winners here but Inniscarra just have that little bit over Old AIs. However, only Sunday will tell where the title will rest for the next twelve months.

The only other game fixed for Sunday is a senior league tie between South Presentation and Glen Rovers, which will be played as a curtain raiser to the big game.

At the moment, South Presentation are leading the league and have only three games left to play. Two of these games are against Glen Rovers and one against Old Aloysians. So that Sunday's game is absolutely vital to the Convent girls' hopes. Glen Rovers are already out of the running for the title but they are never an easy side to beat and South Pres. could find it very difficult on Sunday.

All nominations for the Annual Convention, which will take place after Christmas, must be in the hands of the County Board Secretary by Monday next.

FIXTURES

To-morrow (Sun.)—1968 Junior Championship Final at Ballincollig, 3.30—Old AIs v. Inniscarra. (Referee, P. Devlin). Senior League, Ballincollig, 2.15—South Pres. v. Glen Rovers. (Referee, M. Moran).

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Officers for session '68-69—Hon. President, Ide Bean Uí She, M.A.; Hon. Vice-Presidents, Prof. L. Ní Dharaín, S'obhan Bean Uí Mhuiríle, M.Sc., Miss S. Brennan, B.Comm., Dr. Scott, Páin Uí Neill, M.Sc., Dr. Fíer Ní Mhuiríle, M.Sc., Mrs. Foley, B. Tveer, B.Comm.; staff representative, Cait Bean Uí Mhaldin, B.Comm.; captain senior team, Margaret McCarthy; vice-captain, Rosemary O'Halloran; junior captain, Ann Roche; runas, Mary Morgan; trainers, Micheal O Murchu, John Mitchell and T. Hughes.

The teams are playing a series

of matches in preparation for the Ashbourne Cup which takes place in Belfast in the New Year. In a hardly contested semi-final in the Inter-Faculty Competition at U.C.C. Grounds, Curraheen Road, Arts II defeated Arts III. The final will be played between Arts II and Meds. during College Week.

RESULTS

Senior League (played at Youghal) — Youghal 6-3, U.C.C. 6-0.

CO. CAMOGIE FINAL

A stubborn Old AIs backline robbed Inniscarra of their first ventured county junior camogie title at Ballincollig last Sunday. The fast moving, hard striking Inniscarra ladies opened play with an exceptionally fast pace and rattled a highly fancied opposition with the exception of the AIs backline and goalkeeper who frustrated every good effort.

Mary Quinlan, Old AIs cute corner forward opened the scoring with a goal after five minutes of play. A squeeze up in the Inniscarra defence nullified any further goal attempts by Mary Quinlan who was closely marked by Hannah O'Connor with the result that Old AIs next score did not come until two minutes from half time when Ann O'Dwyer shot a goal.

Between those two scores the Inniscarra ladies, spearheaded by hard-going Pat O'Sullivan and Nora O'Brien seemed well on top of their city opponents and it is no understatement to say that were it not for the expert covering of corner back Mairead O'Regan and Rose Long plus the excellent goalkeeping of Nuala Jennings, Inniscarra should have had at least three goals on the scoreboard.

Another lightning start by Inniscarra resulted in a goal scored by Margaret O'Brien from a cross by Geraldine Ring early in the second half. Following good midfield work by Rose Long, Kathleen Carr replied with a point for Old AIs from a "30."

Rose Hennessy added another goal after 14 minutes and Ann O'Dwyer six minutes later. Nothing seemed to go right for the Inniscarra ladies as they tried up to the last puck and a rewarding late goal from Mary O'Callaghan, but that score came too late to change the verdict. The final scores were: Old AIs 4-1; Inniscarra 2-0.

Best for Old AIs were Rose Long, Mairead O'Regan, Marian O'Leary, Nuala Jennings and Ann Courtney. Outstanding for Inniscarra: Pat O'Sullivan, Nora O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien, Geraldine Ring, Hannah O'Connor and Virginia Murphy.

Old AIs: A. O'Dwyer, R. Long, A. Courtney, K. Carr, M. Quinlan, C. Desmond, R. Hennessy, M. O'Regan, M. O'Sullivan, M. O'Leary, B. McAuliffe and Nuala Jennings. Inniscarra: M. O'Callaghan, H. O'Connor, B. O'Sullivan, E. Ring, E. Desmond, N. O'Brien, P. O'Sullivan, V. Murphy, M. Lane, M. O'Brien, G. Ring and R. Casey.

The referee was Miss Barbara Buckley, U.C.C. The cup was presented to the winning captain by Miss Mary Moran, chairman, Co. Camogie Board.



CAMOGIE CLUB PRESENTATION.—Miss Kathleen Coughlan, N.T., chairman Fermoy Camogie Club (second left) makes a presentation to Peg O'Brien, Josie Pyne and Ann O'Sullivan, well-known club members who were on the Cork team in this year's all-Ireland camogie final.



Lastuas :
Anne Marie Finn
(Aontroim).

Laistios :
Eileen McGrogan
(Aontroim).



Lastuas :
Judy Doyle (Ath Cliath).

Laistios :
Kitty Murphy (Ath Cliath).



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The victorious St. Paul's team and officials. In front (left to right) — Jimmy Morrissey (selector), Teresa Brennan, Mary Conway, Elizabeth Neary, Teasie Brennan (capt.), Maura and Breda Cassin, Joan Kelly, Rose Vennard. Standing (left to right): Mick Kenny (trainer), Jo Golden, D. Cassin, Brid Fennelly, William Carroll (selector), Anne Phelan, Mary Holohan, Carmel O'Shea, Anne Carroll, Helena O'Neill and John Fennelly (selector).

St. Paul's — club champions of Ireland

BY TOM O'SHEA

SUNDAY, November 3 is a day that will long be remembered by the members of the St. Pauls camogie club, Kilkenny as the girls from the Marble City won the All-Ireland club championship for the first time, by defeating Limerick and Munster champions Ahane by 7-2 to 1-2, on that date. The winning of this competition is a notable achievement at any time but St. Pauls deserve special commendation as the club was formed only four years ago.

Indeed when the club was formed, most of the girls, with the exception of a few college players, had never played competitive camogie before. How-

ever, it was not long before the beginners became proficient at the game and in their second year of existence they took the Leinster club title at their first

attempt. They failed only narrowly in the All-Ireland final to St. Patricks of Tipperary, then powered by the present St. Paul's player Anne Carroll.

Last year they went out at the Leinster semi-final stage to the eventual All-Ireland winners Eoghan Ruadh of Dublin, so this year's victory was just reward for their endeavours, indeed they avenged last year's defeat by Eoghan Ruadh in the Leinster semi-final of this year's competition. On their way to the All-Ireland decider the Kilkenny girls defeated Eoghan Ruadh by 2-3 to 1-3, Kildare champions Ardclough by 13-2 to 0-1, in the Leinster final and Antrim and Ulster champions Deirdre by 3-5 to 2-2.

St. Pauls magnificent victory along with the county team's feat in reaching the Leinster final should stimulate interest in the game in the county and encourage many more girls to take up the sport.

Now let us meet the girls who figured in this great victory:—

Teasie Brennan — Teasie is the popular captain of the side and also captained the Kilkenny seniors this year. Is also secretary of the county Camogie Board.

Anne Carroll — Anne, a student at U.C.D., has now won three All-Ireland club medals — two with St. Patricks Glengoole (Co. Tipperary). Anne has played with Tipperary, Munster, Kilkenny and U.C.D.

Maura Cassin — Maura, a twin sister of team-mate Breda, is in first year of camogie. Has played senior and junior for the county.

Breda Cassin — Like Maura, Breda also wore the county colours in her first year in camogie. A great future is forecast for the twins.

Anne Phelan — Anne is a student of Presentation Convent, Kilkenny. Played for Kilkenny juniors this year.

Joan Kelly — Joan was captain of this year's intercounty junior side. Played in goal for Kilkenny seniors a few years ago.

Mary Holohan — Mary has been with the club since it was formed. Played full-back for the county and won a Gael-Linn Cup medal with Leinster in a year.

Jo Golden — Jo won an interprovincial medal this year. Plays for the senior county side and U.C.D. A top class goalkeeper.

Mary Conway — Mary played in goal for the intercounty junior team this year. Joined St. Pauls two years ago and is now secretary of the club.

Carmel O'Shea — Carmel has been with St. Pauls from the beginning and has played for Kilkenny seniors and Leinster. Won a Leinster junior colleges' medal with Presentation Convent a few years ago.

Elizabeth Neary — Still at school, Elizabeth, an excellent ground player, has played for Kilkenny seniors and has won junior and senior championship medals with St. Pauls.

Brid Fennelly — Daughter of club chairman, John Fennelly, and was on this year's Kilkenny senior team. Won a Leinster junior colleges' medal with Presentation Convent.

Rose Vennard — With the club since its inception, Rose has played senior for the county and has won Leinster colleges' medals with Convent of Mercy, Callan.

Helena O'Neill — School-going Helena has played for the Kilkenny juniors and seniors. Is a member of the Presentation Convent team.

Teresa Brennan — A member of the Presentation Convent team, Teresa has played for the county junior side.

Before concluding this article it is appropriate to pay tribute to the people behind the scenes — men like trainer Mick Kenny, the former Kilkenny and Tipperary hurler; John Fennelly, chairman of the club and county board chairman; William Carroll, father of Anne, a selector and a member of the County Board; and selector Jimmy Morrissey, the sole founder member of the club, who all contributed so much to the victory.

MARGARET O'LEARY

Talking to SEAN O'DONNELL

MMARGARET O'LEARY, Wexford's pride and joy, is as dedicated a camogie player as one could find and the people of Garryaniel, Monamolín, must be very proud of her, indeed.

It would be futile to go into Margaret's achievements, as they have been told several times over in the pages of GAEILIC SPORT. More important, I feel, is to air her views on the game that she really lives for and I had the pleasure of having the following interview with her despite her discomfort of a fractured right thumb, which was a rather unfortunate end to a great year.

But knowing Margaret's tremendous will power and her great enthusiasm for camogie it would not surprise me in the least to find her back in the playing fields by the time these notes appear in print.

O'D.—To what do you attribute Wexford's All-Ireland success?

M.O'L.—I attribute it mainly to the collective training, which the players had for the first time. I was unfortunate in this regard as I was unable to attend and to be quite honest about it, I felt this affected my game in the final. I suppose it also helped matters when Dublin were defeated by Kilkenny, as they in years gone by had proved our big stumbling block in the championship.

My answer to this question would not be complete without a word of thanks to the following, without whose help our success could not have become a reality—Paddy Shannon, County selector; Pat Shiel, Dominic Kiernan, trainer; and Eileen O'Brien, County Secretary.

O'D.—What effect, if any, do

you think the success of the team will have on the game within the county generally?

M.O'L.—Oh, most certainly it should do the game of camogie a world of good. It will, I feel sure, provide inspiration for any young girl who is thinking of taking up the game.

O'D.—You say that you did not participate in the collective training for the final. Then how did you train?

M.O'L.—I trained mostly on my own in the Phoenix Park and this training consisted mainly of lapping round the pitch. As I have stated, it is not the best way to prepare for an All-Ireland final. It is very difficult to work up real enthusiasm when training on your own.

O'D.—Has it been a disadvantage to you that you've been playing club camogie in Dublin?

M.O'L.—Most certainly not. In fact the change to Eoghan Ruadh has helped to give me the necessary confidence to succeed at the game. The experience gained is invaluable and, of course, the game is more competitive in Dublin than it is at home. There are, also, more demands on players with Dublin clubs, therefore creating opportunities for more games. More important still, the standard set is pretty high so you have got to keep up with it.

O'D.—How did you come to join the Eoghan Ruadh club?

M.O'L.—It all came about as a result of a suggestion by Denis Molumbey, a teacher in Wexford, who highly recommended Eoghan Ruadh and I must say they have lived up to my expectations. They are a great club to be with and

I am very proud to be associated with them.

O'D.—What attracted you to camogie in the first instance?

M.O'L.—From an early age my dad was my tutor and having had great admiration for him and the way he could handle a hurling stick, I decided that I was going to be every bit as good.

O'D.—Have you any advice to give to young players taking up the game?

M.O'L.—Yes. I would like them to practise as much as they can to perfect their game. They should not be put off by the little knocks and bruises they get from time to time. This is all part of the game and should be taken in good spirits. As for giving encouragement to young players, I do all that I can when I go home at week-ends to render encouragement to the younger members in the family and, indeed, when some other girls gather from the neighbourhood we have some great fun and I always look forward to it.

O'D.—Has ever anything unusual happened to you before a game?

M.O'L.—Not really, but I gather there was a little bit of a mix-up between the RTE commentator and the Wexford players, or rather two of them, on All-Ireland final day. It seems that Brigid Doyle, number six on the programme and Brigid O'Connor, number eight decided to switch tunics before the game, never realising the confusion they were to cause. However, someone on the Wexford sideline who had a transistor radio realised what was happening and the girls switched back to their own tunics at half-time.

O'D.—I understand that a number of players are very dissatisfied with the present uniform worn by camogie players. Are you?

M.O'L.—Yes, indeed. I am one of the many dissatisfied ones. This is a very important matter and should be looked into as soon as possible. The uniform we now have to play in is not at all suitable or comfortable and I say this after playing the best part of fourteen years in the present tunic.

I feel that a culotte worn with a blouse and black tights would be an ideal uniform for camogie players. To explain, a culotte is a rather wide, flared skirt-trousers combination with a seam up the centre, leaving plenty of freedom to manoeuvre. I would definitely recommend it unless some genius comes up with a better idea.

As a matter of fact, Wexford hope to play in the county colours, purple and gold next year. Let's hope the uniform is a culotte.

O'D.—Generally speaking, Margaret, are the girls of Wexford anxious to play camogie?

M.O'L.—Yes, indeed, they are all very keen and this was reflected by the success of our two county teams, senior and junior, in the 1968 championships. Don't forget that our junior side won the Leinster title and I think it is a credit to them that Down, who beat them by four points in the All-Ireland semi-final, went on to win the title.

However, to get back to answering the question—the girls are very keen but they are given little encouragement. Perhaps this is where some of the county's famous hurlers could help and I can assure them that by doing so, their efforts would be a great inspiration to our young players.

O'D.—How many camogie clubs participate in the game in Wexford?

M. O'L.—There are four senior and four junior at present, so, as you can imagine, the number of games and the competitive element does not compare with that of Dublin. Still, we won the All-Ireland.

O'D.—Is there a particular hurler whom you admire?

M.O'L.—Well, I have great admiration for Seamus Keelvans, who has done some great work for camogie and Billy Rackard was always my favourite centre-half back. Perhaps I have tried to model my game on his. Last, but certainly not least, I admire the elusive Tony Doran, the best centre forward in present day hurling and, no kidding, he could

work wonders if they would let him play camogie!

O'D.—Do you feel the county team will show many changes for next year's championship?

M.O'L.—A good question. Well, it is always possible to have a few new faces on the team, although I don't know if any of this year's side intend to retire just yet. It will be hard to keep some of our junior players off the senior team as they gave some great displays this year. However, we will just have to wait and see.

O'D.—What hobbies do you have, apart from camogie?

M.O'L.—I really love a good game of badminton, and play whenever I get a chance.

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Lastus: *The Wexford team who beat Cork, 4-2 to 2-5, in the All-Ireland Camogie final at Páirc an Chrócaigh on September 15. It was Wexford's first senior title and the triumph was all the more notable because it was the county's first appearance in the final.*

CAMOGIE'S YEAR OF DESTINY

By Una Bean Uí Phuirséal

IN twelve or fifteen years time, I can foresee that the Camogie Association may well be passing a vote of thanks to the girls from Wexford who won the All-Ireland title and the O'Duffy Cup for the first time in this season of 1968.—Camogie's Year of Destiny.

And the reason is this: because Wexford achieved the break-through that has been so urgently needed if camogie is ever to spread far and wide throughout the land and achieve the position and prestige that it deserves as the only national sporting association for girls and women in Ireland.

Since the All-Ireland camogie championship was founded in 1932, the title was monopolised until this year by three counties, Dublin, Antrim and Cork.

In fact, however, the actual position has been even more circumscribed.

Cork won their last title as far back as 1941, which means that, until this year, Dublin and Antrim between them had monopolised the championship for 27 seasons.

That, from any viewpoint, could not be considered a healthy position for the game.

Now, do not think for one moment that I am in any way decrying the work Antrim and Dublin did for the game in that period.

Ever since the rivalry between those two counties became really keen in the early 'Fifties, the keen and constant clashes between them stepped up the standard of the game to heights that would scarcely have been believed in the old days.

That rivalry intensified as the 'Sixties went on, until the position was that we had superb teams in Dublin and Antrim. But there seemed to be a distinct danger that those two would find themselves in a class apart from the rest of the country.

Everybody assumed that the All-Ireland titles was going to rest between Dublin and Antrim and that Dublin would win, and from 1957 until 1967 Dublin invariably did.

The first breakthrough came last year, when Antrim first drew with, and then defeated, Dublin, in two classic games at Croke Park that did a great deal for the whole future of the game.

That defeat of Dublin raised new hopes in every other active county throughout the country, but most of all in Leinster, where the Metropolitans had not been beaten for more than 30 years.

And that is where Kilkenny stepped in to earn a special niche in camogie history.

The Kilkenny girls achieved the seemingly impossible when defeating Dublin in the Leinster semi-final, and by doing so threw the whole championship wide open for the first time in a quarter of a century.

By so doing, they also opened the door for Wexford.

Wexford, for seven years, had been Leinster's Number Two team, but defeat by Dublin in a whole succession of senior provincial finals, had left them, I fear, with an inferiority complex, a belief that they just could not beat Dublin.

Now Dublin were gone, and the Wexford girls celebrated by simply sweeping Kilkenny out of their path to take the Leinster senior title for the first time.

They then faced a really testing assignment. They had to travel all the way to Glenarriff to take on the Antrim champions in the semi-final. They won, and victory in that game was perhaps Wexford's greatest achievement of the year.

They were thus through to their first All-Ireland final and there they made history with a well-deserved but hard-earned victory over Cork in the All-Ireland final.

And that was a great moment not alone for Wexford but for the whole camogie game, because it means that the long-awaited leveling-up of standards has come at last.

Camogie's year to be remembered

By AINE MEAGHER

FOR CAMOGIE, 1968 was a great year, a year that saw the great break-through in which Wexford won their first All-Ireland, when the first junior championship final was played, when the Central Council sanctioned an All-Ireland colleges' championship and when a special commission set to work to figure out how best the Camogie Association could re-plan its activities to ensure that the female game took its proper place in the life of the Nation.

Moreover, the idea of coaching courses, first seen in Belfast in the previous year, spread southward to very good effect and very successful get-togethers were held, first in Kilkenny and then in Longford.

Congress made only one change in the Association's officers — Miss Lil O'Grady (Cork), having completed her term as President, was succeeded by Mrs. Rosina McManus of Ulster.

It was an extremely busy and varied year on the playing fields. In the Spring, the Ashbourne inter-varsity Cup set the season really moving, and University College, Galway, just pipped University College, Dublin, in an exciting final.

The next event of note was the re-play of the 1967 All-Ireland club championship at Ballinasloe, where Dublin's Eoghan Ruadh scored an unexpectedly easy victory over Galway's Oranmore.

On colleges' fields, Holy Faith, Clontarf won the Leinster senior title by defeating Gilson School, Oldcastle, while Mercy Convent, Naas, sprang a surprise in the junior final by beating the well-fancied Presentation Convent, Kilkenny. In the North, St. Michael's Lurgan, got the better of Loreto, Coleraine, in both grades, while in the first-ever Munster colleges' series, St. Aloysius, Cork, sparked by Liz Garvan, her sister Deirdre and

Honor Lynch, a niece of the Taoiseach, defeated Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis in a great final.

Later the Cork colleges showed their worth by defeating a Dublin colleges selection at Croke Park, while the colleges' season ended with an unofficial All-Ireland final at Croke Park, in which Leinster champions Holy Faith, Clontarf, just got the better of Ulster champions St. Michael's, Lurgan by a point.

As a preliminary to the intercounty championship, Dublin had a goal to spare over Antrim in an exhibition game at Magherafelt, but the championship itself opened on a quiet note.

In Munster, Cork had not very much to spare over Tipperary, but Limerick and Waterford had sweeping victories over Clare and Kerry respectively and, when these two counties met in the semi-final, Waterford won through, only to go down to Cork, after extra time, in the final at Tramore. On the same day, Cork made history by bringing off the first provincial double, as their juniors also beat Kerry.

Galway subsequently achieved a similar feat in the West, but Down took the junior title in the North where Antrim again met little more than token resistance in senior ranks.

But the first shocks came in Leinster, and there they came thick and fast. Dublin, after a preliminary victory over Offaly, came up against Kilkenny at their own Parnell Park, and were beaten, the Metropolitans' first defeat in Leinster since 1936. A fortnight later, Kilkenny met Wexford in the Leinster final and, to the amaze-

ment of the critics, were routed by a seven-goal margin. Wexford went on to complete the double by defeating Dublin in a Leinster junior final in which the standard of play was remarkably high.

For the All-Ireland semi-final Wexford made the long trip to Glenariff, and again confounded the critics by defeating the All-Ireland champions Antrim, and thus qualified to meet in the final, a Cork team that had readily accounted for Galway, in the other semi-final at Ballinasloe.

Cork were also through to the junior final in which their opponents were Down, who had shattered Wexford hopes of a double.

The experiment of playing both finals together proved successful. The attendance was the highest in a decade, and Wexford went on to make further history by winning well, although they never quite broke away from a very gallant Cork side that went down, battling every inch of the way. Nor had Cork any consolation in the junior game, for Down, also winning their first title, were far more convincing winners on the field than their five-point margin on the score-board showed.

Nor did this end the surprises. Ulster, who had won the interprovincial title for the first time in 1967, were hotly fancied to retain the Gael-Linn Cup, following a notable victory over Munster at Fermoy, but were very well beaten by Leinster in the Croke Park final.

This left only the All-Ireland club championship still to be decided and here again we had surprise finalists, St. Paul's (Kilkenny), who had beaten holders Eoghan Ruadh in Leinster, beating Ahane in the final.

Camogie Statistics 1968

ALL-IRELAND FINALS

Senior — Wexford 4-2; Cork 2-5.
Junior — Down 2-3; Cork 1-1.
Club — St. Paul's (Kilkenny) 7-2; Ahane (Limerick), 1-2.

LEINSTER

Senior — Wexford (Kilkenny)
Junior — Wexford (Dublin)

MUNSTER

Senior — Cork (Waterford)
Junior — Cork (Kerry)

ULSTER

Senior — Antrim (Derry)
Junior — Down (Fermanagh)

CONNACHT

Senior — Galway (Mayo)
Junior — Galway (Mayo)

INTERPROVINCIAL

Final — Leinster 7-0; Ulster (holders) 2-5.

COLLEGES

LEINSTER

Senior — Holy Faith, Clontarf (Gillon School Oldcastle).
Junior — Mercy Convent, Naas (Presentation, Kilkenny).

ULSTER

Senior — St. Michael's, Lurgan (Loreto, Coleraine).
Junior — St. Michael's, Lurgan (Loreto, Coleraine).

MUNSTER

Senior — St. Aloysius, Cork (Drishane Convent).

INTER-VARSITY

Ashbourne Cup — U. C. Galway (U. C. Dublin).

COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Dublin — Eoghan Ruadh
Kilkenny — St. Paul's
Louth — Kilkierley.
Kildare — Ardclough.
Cork — Glen Rovers.
Waterford — Gaultier.
Clare — Kilfenora.
Limerick — Ahane.
Kerry — Killarney.
Tipperary — Clonmel.
Antrim — Deirdre
Wexford — Adamstown.
Fermanagh — Roslea.
Monaghan — Monaghan Town.

ALL-IRELAND TEAMS

WEXFORD — T. Sheil; M. Sinnott; P. Kehoe, J. Murphy, C. Fortune; B. O'Connor, M. O'Leary, B. Doyle; J. Kehoe, M. Walsh (capt.), M. Doyle; M. Shannon.

DOWN — N. McKenna; P. McArdle; R. McCann, E. Coulter, N. Sands; R. Walsh, M. Caldwell (capt.), B. Sands; C. Reid, P. Crangle, A. M. Kelly, E. Turley.

LEINSTER — T. Sheil (Wexford); M. Houlihan (Kilkenny); C. O'Shea (Kilkenny), A. Hussey (Dublin), J. Murphy (Wexford); M. Sherlock (Dublin); M. O'Leary (Wexford), B. Kinsella (Kilkenny); K. Kehoe (Dublin), M. Walsh (Wexford, capt.), M. Doyle (Wexford), J. Doyle (Dublin).

ST. PAULS — J. Golden; M. Houlihan, J. Kelly, A. Phelan, B. Fennelly; M. Conway, C. O'Shea, L. Neary; M. Cassin, B. Cassin, T. Brennan; A. Carroll.

AHANE — H. Roche; B. Ryan, M. Hayes, M. Madden, K. Ryan; K. Richardson, C. Clancy, B. Leahy; T. Fennessy, J. Hayes, M. Barry, P. Duffy, Sub.: N. O'Sullivan.

Stars of '68

AS a fitting farewell to 1968 here are my ten top stars for the year past.

- 1, MARGARET O'LEARY (Wexford); 2, PEGGY DORGAN (Cork); 3, BRIGID O'CONNOR (Wexford); 4, MEL CUMMINS (Cork); 5, SUE CASHMAN (Antrim); 6, CARMEL O'SHEA (Kilkenny); 7, MARY SINNOTT (Wexford); 8, EILEEN NAUGHTON (Galway); 9, ALICE HUSSEY (Dublin); 10, BARBARA SANDS (Down).

CAMOGIE YEAR SURVEYED

GREATEST SEASON IN THE HISTORY OF THE GAME

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Now that the playing season for 1968 has come to an end on the camogie fields, there can be no doubt that it has been the greatest in the history of the game.

Records toppled like nine-pins with Wexford winning the All-Ireland championship for the first time, Dublin beaten in Leinster for the first time in more than 30 years, and Down taking the first-ever junior All-Ireland title.

In addition 1968 was a year that saw the first ever Munster Colleges camogie championship, the setting up of a Commission to enquire into the whole future of the game, the first junior provincial championships in Munster and Connacht, and the biggest crowd at an All-Ireland final in more than a decade.

Add coaching courses in Antrim, Kilkenny and Roscommon and it is easy to see why this was camogie's greatest year.

For achievement pride of place must go to the girls of Wexford, who won the Leinster and All-Ireland crowns for the first time, and added a fourth name to the three that had formerly won senior titles—Dublin, Cork and Antrim.

The basis of Wexford senior victories, I am convinced, was laid by the decision of the selectors at the start of the campaign to move Margaret O'Leary from centre-back to centre-field.

She controlled the middle of the field in all subsequent games to such an extent that the defence was relieved of many worries, while the forwards were given a world of opportunities to show their worth.

The Wexford team, however, did not fly on one wing. Far from it. Mary Sinnott, at full-back, Teresa Shiel, in goal, Bridget Doyle, in the right wing, and captain Mary Walsh, in attack, all had their brilliant moments.

In addition, Wexford had a notable double triumph when their junior team won the Leinster title and, if they failed narrowly to Down in the All-Ireland semi-final, Josie Keboe was successfully called up to senior ranks for the big game of the year.

The Down juniors also had a memorable year, and they had a couple of very promising players indeed in Patricia Crangle and Barbara Sands.

The county that had most to regret from a victory viewpoint was Cork, who reached both All-Ireland finals only to be narrowly beaten. However, they shaped so well that it is obvious they will again be very serious championship contenders next season.

Sensation of the year was the defeat of Dublin by Kilkenny in the Leinster senior semi-final, their first senior defeat in the province since 1936. Yet Kilkenny were subsequently routed by Wexford in the Leinster final.

However, many of the Kilkenny girls had consolation later in the season when St. Paul's won the All-Ireland club championship with a ready victory over Ahane, from Limerick, in the final.

Leinster, with a strong selection from Wexford, Dublin and Kilkenny, had little difficulty in regaining the interprovincial title at Croke Park, where Ulster gave a somewhat disappointing display.

The 1967 All-Ireland champions, Antrim, retained their Ulster title, but never looked like saving the day against Wexford at Glenariff, even though they did stage a great second-half rally.

Early in the season, University College, Galway, won the Ashbourne Inter-varsity Cup on home ground after a very hard-fought final with U.C.D., while Eoghan Ruadh took the 1967 All-Ireland club championship after a replay with Galway's Oranmore.

In the Colleges fields, Holy Faith, Clontarf, retained the Leinster senior title early in the year, while Naas Convent of Mercy sprang a big surprise by taking the junior crown.

St. Michael's, Lurgan, won the Ulster senior title, and later lost narrowly to Clontarf in a challenge game at Croke Park.

St. Aloysius won the first ever Munster Colleges title, and the stage is now set for the first All-Ireland Colleges championship next spring, with Presentation, Kilkenny, already having won the right to represent Leinster in this series.

The Commission set up to discuss the position of the game and report to the next Congress has already made striking progress and, I understand, the report will be to hand in good time, and may well produce some very far-reaching decisions.



● MARGARET O'LEARY had a vital part in Wexford's historic victories.

- ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS**
Senior—Wexford.
Junior—Down.
Club—St. Paul's, Kilkenny.
- PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS**
- Leinster**
Senior—Wexford.
Junior—Wexford.
Club—St. Paul's.
- Munster**
Senior—Cork.
Junior—Cork.
Club—Ahane, Limerick.
- Ulster**
Senior—Antrim.
Junior—Down.
Club—Deirdre, Antrim.
- Connacht**
Senior—Galway.
Junior—Galway.
Club—Ballynacorney, Galway.
- COLLEGES**
- Leinster: Senior—Holy Faith, Clontarf. Junior—Mercy Convent, Naas.
Ulster: Senior—St. Michael's, Lurgan. Junior—St. Michael's, Lurgan.
Munster—St. Aloysius, Cork.
- Other Competitions**
- Interprovincial—Leinster.
Ashbourne Cup—University College, Galway.
Ashbourne Shield—University College Cork.
Maguire Cup—Antrim.
Munster Secondary Competition—Limerick.

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CAMOGIE CONVENTION.—Group of delegates who attended the annual convention of the Limerick Co. Camogie Board, which was held at the Gaelic League Hall, Limerick. Officers in front are: Rev. Fr. L. Murray, President; Miss C. O'Connell, Life President; Miss E. Neville, Chairman; Miss P. Duffy, Hon. Sec., and Mr. P. McCarthy, Vice-Chairman.

CORK ARE HOPEFUL

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Cork, narrowly beaten in both All-Ireland camogie finals, have just successfully concluded their home championships and are already looking forward hopefully to 1969.

Seandun, a selection of the best from the junior clubs, won the Intermediate title, while in the last event of the year, the junior championship, Old Aloysians defeated Inniscarra in the final.

The victory of Old AIs., their first in this grade in 12 years, will give renewed hope to their senior side which reached the senior final earlier in the year only to be heavily defeated by Glen Rovers.

But this young side, which won the county junior title, may well have further triumphs ahead. Nine of them are on the St. Aloysius senior school side which meets old rivals from Drishane Convent Millstreet in the Cork senior colleges' semi-final immediately after Christmas.

Rain Intervened

It had been intended to play this game and also the other semi-final between School of Commerce and the Presentation Convent Youghal in mid-December but rain intervened.

Drishane, a well-trained side, with a bright star in Cork junior county player Anne Kirby, will be hopeful, but St. Aloysius, powered by All-Ireland senior and interprovincial star, Liz Garvan, will be strongly fancied to retain this Cork title, and also the Munster crown for which the champion schools in each county will play off.

Loss to Galway

The outgoing Chairman, Miss Emer Walsh, who has the distinction of having played both camogie and table tennis for Connacht, did not pull any punches in addressing the delegates at the annual Galway County Board convention.

"With regard to inter-county camogie, I feel that there is something radically wrong with our approach to these games. We have, in Galway, players as good, if not better, as they have in any part of the country, and yet we have failed time and time again to win All-Ireland honours," said the Chairman.

Miss Walsh feels that there are three reasons for Galway's failures: (1) Lack of proper training facilities; (2) The apathy which players show in their approach to training sessions; (3) The defeatist attitude of players in general before matches.

"I will never understand why the will to win has been completely absent from Galway county teams when playing championship matches. Until this inferiority complex is rooted out, I fear that Galway will never gain All-Ireland honours," said the Chairman.

Officers for 1969 are: Chairman, Frank O'Grady; Vice-chairman, Miss Kathleen O'Flaherty; Hon. Secretary, Miss Rita O'Flaherty; Assistant Hon. Secretary, Miss Marie O'Dwyer; Hon. Treasurer, Miss Anne Walshe.

Glowing tributes were paid to Miss Walsh, who did not seek re-election, for her great work for the game in Connacht. She is to be married in the New Year and will be living outside Galway. She will be a big loss to Galway sport.

MY STAR

Early in the year I thought we had reached a new high in sporting ecumenism when I saw a nun running up and down the touchline in Croke Park, cheering on the team she had been coaching through the season.

But her record did not last long. A few weeks ago in a certain Southern county, a nun fielded out in a county championship camogie final, and helped her side to a good victory at that.

Come to think of it, after considering the courage her action must have taken, I think that nun must be my sports star of 1968.

New Year Dreams Of Sporting Leaders

★ SHEILA McANULTY — Camogie) — "I would like to see more young people taking an active part in the administrative side of the Association . . . not just com-

By TONY POWER

ing in to offer new ideas but prepared to work to implement them. This does not mean that I feel the older folk should abandon the Association; There is room for both, and, with the wider base of interest I would hope that camogie clubs would play a more active part in the life of the community".

'Shocking Language'

"It has shocked and distressed me this past year to hear some players and supporters using what I can only describe as very bad language," said Mrs. Una O'Carroll, Chairman, in her address to the Kilkenny Camogie Board annual convention in Kilkenny yesterday.

"I appeal to those concerned to control this bad habit," Mrs. O'Carroll continued, "and endeavour in the future to be a good example to our young players. In using such unsavoury words players and supporters alike are a disgrace to themselves, their clubs and their county."

Mrs. O'Connell was re-elected Chairman. Other officers elected were: Sec. and Registrar, Miss Teresa Brennan. Treasurer, Miss Mary Conway. Delegates: Leinster Council, Mrs. O'Carroll. Congress, Miss Anne O'Carroll.

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WRONG END OF THE STICK FOR POLICE IN NEWRY

By PADRAIG PURSEAL

The time was just about a quarter past five last Saturday evening. I sprawled in solitary somnolence in front of the television set, lazily awaiting two vision events, the weekly instalment of "Dr. Who" and my tea. At this stage, from a news announcer in Belfast, I heard for the first time of an apparently important armaments seizure above in Newry.

"Fourteen hurley-sticks and nine golf clubs," so the man said, led the list of the weapons impounded by the police, and, on every radio and television newscast through the next five or six hours those fourteen hurley-sticks were brandished at us over and over again, sometimes accompanied by the nine golf clubs, sometimes left severely on their own.

By the time the last news-reader had gone home to bed (or wherever it is that all good news-readers go when their station closes down for the night) I had built up for myself a mental picture of 14 very shady characters—they obviously must be very, very shady characters—all caught, on different roads, trying to sneak into Newry, each with a hurley-stick cunningly concealed down one leg of his trousers, or possibly the other way round, with the boss trickily tucked up under the hood of some particularly outsize duffle-coat.

A Rear Guard?

I couldn't quite make up my mind about the golf clubs, however. Were they being brandished by eight assorted "scrubbers?" Or did somebody intend

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loading the lot onto a caddy-car and launching this unique missile against the police cordon, without even the regulation warning shout of "Fore!"

And then, very early on Sunday morning, I caught up with the truth about the whole affair. I discovered that the Royal Ulster Constabulary had goofed!

In actual fact those famed (or infamous) 14 hurley-sticks were not hurleys at all. They were (whisper it softly) 14 camogie sticks, and, I am told, some of them very dilapidated camogie sticks at that.

Nor were they being smuggled into Newry, one at a time by 14 shady characters. They were not even being brandished by 14 angry amazons.

No, they were all reposing snugly and completely inadvertently together in the boot of a car which the President of the Camogie Association, Mrs. Rosina McManus, was driving down to Dublin for the monthly meeting of her Central Council.

Even The Driver . . . !

Now, though the genial Mrs. McManus is about as far removed from the popular conception of a suspicious character, I presume that the policemen were in a frame of mind when they would not have trusted Mrs. Terence O'Neill herself.

So they impounded not alone those 14 camogie sticks — but Mrs. McManus's golf-driver for good measure, and took the lot away to Newry Barracks for safe-keeping.

However they did let Mrs. McManus, and the other Ulster ladies from Central Council who were with her, carry on to the Dublin meeting . . . which was the essential thing as far as they were concerned.

So that is the real story behind the biggest "armaments" seizure in Newry last Saturday though I am still wondering where the other eight golf clubs came from.

But, after 30 years in journalism I have a rather mean mind, and I am still wondering why such knowledgeable men as the R.U.C. were seemingly unable to tell the difference between a camog and a caman?

After all a camogie stick is shorter, lighter and free of any kind of metal.

But then, come to think of it, what would have happened if all those radio and television items last Saturday night had started off with the announcement that "the principal weapons seized were 14 camogie sticks"? Even troubled Newry would have been convulsed by the gale of laughter that would have swept over Ireland.

Sports Stars

SIR — Now that the New Year is with us may I offer readers my three Gaelic sports stars of the past 12 months, and the reasons for my choice.

Hurling: Denis Murphy of St. Finbarrs, for yet another season of delightful defensive hurling, both on the inter-county and domestic scene. Denis has for long been the bed-rock of the county's defensive set-up and his play has always been notable for its coolness and exemplary sportsmanship — a facet of our games which was noticeable by its absence last year. His experience and dedication to the game surely makes him a most suitable captain for our county-side next season.

Football: Ray Cummins of U.C.C. surely the nearest Cork have come to a Sean O'Neill in the past decade. With only a handful of inter-county games under his belt, and still at the tender age of 19, this Blackrock youth has become one of the most levelheaded and unselfish forwards in the game. (The latter is another asset that seems foreign to our county forwards). For the 15 minutes the ball came his way in the Munster final, and again v. Tipperary in the League last month, he showed that, given the right support, he has the brains and the football to create havoc in any defence.

Camogie: Liz Garvin of Old Als. While still in her early teens Liz has shown herself to have all the qualities of a star athlete. Her play has been marked by sheer brilliance and an exuberance for the game which is a delight to watch. She should yet be the mainstay of a Cork side to bring home the All-Ireland trophy. Those in authority should avoid the pitfall of exhausting her undoubted talents by giving her too much competition in the coming season, and thus deprive the camogie scene of a personality which has been sadly lacking in recent years.

In conclusion may I offer my best wishes to the County Board and wish them well in their efforts to clean up the game in Cork. Their efforts will not be welcomed in some sectors of the organisation in Cork but all true Gaels will recognise the sad state of affairs which hurling in particular has found itself. Sincerely yours,

E. O'HANLAN,

Cork.

U.C.C. BEAT GLEN ROVERS

U.C.C. 3-1 Glen Rovers 1-2

U.C.C. showing the results of intensive training for the forthcoming Ashbourne Inter Varsity competitions in Belfast, scored a decisive win over Co. Champions, Glen Rovers, at U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke.

The match was played in good conditions, pace was fast throughout and standard of play was high. College got quickly into their stride when Mary Morgan, sister of the Cork footballer Billy Morgan, rasped in a goal after five minutes which left Deirdre Sutton in the Glen goal with no chance. After ten minutes play, Jean Lonergan scored another major for College. Glen's two points were scored by their inter-county player, Peggy Dorgan. Deirdre Garvan scored College's third goal just before half-time, leaving the half-time score—U.C.C. 3 goals, Glen Rovers 2 points.

Upon the resumption College had a point per Mary Ita O'Sullivan who had a great game. Glen rallied and had a well-earned goal per Margaret Murphy.

Best for College were, Mary Ita O'Sullivan, Rosemary O'Halloran in goal, Pat Devlin, M. Morgan, while P. Dorgan, and Margaret Murphy played well for Glen.

WATERFORD BOARD CAMOGIE CONVENTION

Delegates from all clubs in the County reviewed a year of unrivalled progress at the Annual Camogie Convention of the County Waterford Board held in Kilmacthomas.

In her report, the Secretary, Miss Sheila Hickey, said that Waterford had made a great impact on the inter-county scene in 1968, and with any luck at all might well have emerged as Munster senior champions for the first time. They had every reason to look forward with confidence to the coming championship year, she added.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman, Rev. Fr. Finbarr Lucey, C.C.; Vice-Chairman, Rev. Fr. P. Cooney, C.C.; Hon. Secretary, Miss Sheila Hickey (Kilbrin); Hon. Treasurer, Miss Margaret O'Sullivan (Portlaw); Member Council Representative: Miss Vera Desmond (Kilbrin).

The Board has selected as its Player of the Year (1968), Miss Maura O'Donnell (Portlaw), and she will be presented with her award by His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Michael Russell, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, at next Sunday night's annual County Board G.A.A. dinner in Lawlor's Hotel, Dungarvan.

Convention Fixed For Dun Laoi Tomorrow

FOR almost the twelve months of the year it is the players who hit the headlines. But now as we come to Convention time it is the officers who come in for their share of the attention. On Sunday next the Cork County Camogie Board will hold their annual Convention at Dun Laoi, beginning at 2.30 p.m.

This year's convention promises to be a lively affair with competition for almost all the positions on the board and a number of interesting motions.

For the past twelve months Mary Moran of Old Aloysians has been in the Chair. This was Mary's first position on the County Board, but in the short time since coming to office Mary has become a highly capable Chairman and must be regarded as favourite to remain in office. However, she could have strong opposition from Mary O'Callaghan of the Inniscarra Club, who is also nominated for the position.

There are four nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman, and this promises to be a very close election. The nominees are Ann Comerford (S.P.P.), Mary O'Callaghan (Inniscarra), Rita Coleman (Churchtown), and Mrs. Kay Dunne (S.P.P.).

There is only one nomination for Hon. Secretary, namely Catherine O'Regan of Old Aloysians. Catherine will take over from Sheila O'Sullivan who has been a very hard working secretary for a number of years past. It is a pity to see Sheila deciding against going forward this year, but Catherine—although this will be her first position on the senior board—has had plenty of experience with the Cork Schools' Board and should make a very good secretary.

TREASURER

There are three names put forward for the important position of Treasurer. They are Mrs. Gretta Byrne of Old Aloysians, Mary Jo Ryan of Youghal, and Mary O'Callaghan of Inniscarra. Of course if the latter is elected to any of the other positions for which she has been nominated, she will not be in a position to stand for the position of treasurer. Mrs. Byrne has had previous experience as treasurer, a position which she held some years ago.

Blanche Gibbons of South Pres. and Sheila Dunne of U.C.C. have both been nominated for Registrar and this again could be a very close election. Mrs. Joan Morley is unopposed as Press Officer.

Looking down through the motions listed for convention, it would appear that a number of clubs are anxious for competitions for the weaker clubs in the junior grade. Kanturk suggest matches outside the League and Championships; Glanworth call for a 'B' Grade Championship, instead of a Junior League; while Inniscarra call for a new competition for the weaker junior clubs.

This year there is yet another call for a change in the camogie uniform—this time from South Presentation Past Pupils. They are looking for divided skirts with tunic tops, blouses with short or long sleeves and knee-length socks. Old Aloysians are also looking for a relaxation in the uniform rule, but they confine

Camogie will have two speakers, namely, Miss Sheila McAnulty, General Secretary of the Camogie Association and Mrs. Ide O'Shea, President of the Cork County Board. Miss Lil O'Grady, Chairman of Munster Council will be in the Chair. These two speakers are most experienced in camogie affairs and they will describe what camogie has to offer.

The evening, which will include a tea break, promises to be a very interesting one and tickets (at only 2/-), will be available on Sunday next at the Convention and also at meetings of the County and Schools' Board meetings for the next few weeks.

Delegates Say No To Men

MEN and their place in the running of camogie affairs was the main topic at the Cork County Camogie Board's Annual Convention held at Dun Laoi yesterday. Two clubs suggested that men should be allowed to act as delegates to the Cork County Board and the President, Ide Bean Uí She, in her address, said she was very surprised to see the suggestion.

Continuing, before a very large attendance, the President said that such a step was a backward one for the Camogie Association. It will be remembered, she said, that Cork broke away from the parent body over the same subject and as that split lasted for eight years she felt that bringing the subject up again was going the wrong way.

Bean Uí She, continuing, said: "Cork camogie was always strong and, surely, after 25 years of training, the girls were capable of running their own affairs. The advice and help of men is always welcome, but this is a women's association and should be run by women."

"Since 1922," she said, "women have been allocated a certain role in Irish life. The day is gone when Ireland's destiny can be decided by men alone and in this year of celebrating the jubilee of the first Dail sitting, surely it is a retrograde step to suggest that men should once again be accepted in the running of camogie affairs."

The President also spoke of a possible change of uniform for camogie. Some years ago, she said, a motion to this effect was dismissed by Central Council, but now perhaps with the advent of the mini-skirt Central Council may think differently. Bean Uí She suggested that Central Council might consider holding a fashion competition among players to pick a young designer to fashion a new uniform.

"Are we satisfied with the state of the game in Cork and with the position that Cork maintains with the Association?" This was the theme of the address by Miss Mary Moran, Chairman. "While we have had a reasonably successful year," said Miss Moran, "there is still plenty of room for improvement. Why not make 1969 Cork's year? The year that we jumped from the rating of one of the better counties to that of leading all others as we approach the Seventies. The means to this end lies with ourselves. Nobody is going to do it for us."

REAL CHALLENGE

"I think it is essential that we place the winning of an All-Ireland title high on our list as the importance of success to stimulate interest in the game cannot be over-estimated. To win an All-Ireland is a real challenge, requiring dedication and hard work. Our inter-county achievements this season proved what we are capable of when we unite and work together. When you consider that this success was attained by a minority of our members, our accomplishments could be greater if we would awaken the interest of the majority of our members and harness their energies to work for Cork camogie."

"Our first step towards an All-Ireland title," the Chairman continued, "must be to improve the standard of our players. This can be done by frequent and keen competition and so give players an opportunity to improve themselves. Each player must have as many games as possible before the Munster Championships commence. This will mean starting club games immediately, clubs accepting fixtures at any time, extra referees, etc."

"Our plans must also include the expansion of camogie so that every girl in Cork County and City will have an opportunity of playing the game. The acquisition of a suitable pitch or pitches is of utmost importance. Consideration should also be given to the holding of a coaching course or any similar course that will be of benefit to us," she added.

Miss Moran concluded by thanking her fellow officers, the Schools Board, the clubs, referees, umpires, county selectors and trainer, the Press, and all helpers for

their work and co-operation during the past year. She also thanked the G.A.A. for the continued use of their pitches and for the financial backing afforded last year's All-Ireland trip.

The Hon. Secretary, Miss Sheila O'Sullivan, in her report said that the year just completed was a very satisfactory one. Twenty-three clubs affiliated, six senior, five intermediate and 12 junior. In previous reports, Miss O'Sullivan said she had commented on the absence of a camogie club in Kanturk and another in Mitchelstown but there was still a considerable amount of ground to cover, especially in the South/West, South/East divisions of the county.

Miss Ailce Quigley, vice-president, said it was very gratifying to see such fine reports from the officers. She could remember a time when it was very difficult to get capable officers and said it was wonderful to see such an efficient Board—"without the aid of a man," she added.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Two of the outgoing officers, Miss Sheila O'Sullivan, who had been secretary for five years, and Miss Terry Fahily, who was treasurer for two, did not seek re-election. There were a number of keen contests for the various posts and the elections resulted as follows: Chairman, Miss Mary Moran (Old Aloysians) (outgoing); Vice-Chairman, Miss Anne Comerford (S.P.P.); Hon. Sec., Miss Catherine O'Regan (Old Aloysians); Treasurer, Miss Mary O'Callaghan (Inniscarra); Registrar, Miss Sheila Dunne (U.C.C.); Press Officer, Mrs. J. Morley (Old Aloysians) (outgoing). Senior selection committee: Mrs. N. Newman, Misses Gemma Kelly, Mary O'Callaghan, Brid Power and Glen Rovers, as County champions, to nominate a selector. Secondary-Junior selection committee: Misses Anne Comerford, Mary Moran, Sheila O'Sullivan, Teresa Murphy and Sheila Dunne. Delegate to Munster Council, Miss Mary Moran; Delegates to Congress, Misses Peg O'Brien, Mary Moran, Mary Crowley and Sheila Dunne.

The senior championship draw was then held and resulted as follows: Glen Rovers v. Neomb Gobnait, U.C.C. v. Old Aloysians, S.P.P. v. Youghal.

There were many lively discussions when it came to the motions. Biggest talking point, as stated at the outset, was the re-admission of men to the Cork Board. Both Glanworth and Glen Rovers, who submitted motions on this subject, were adamant about the necessity of men as delegates, especially in the country areas. But the majority of the attendance were against it and after a long and sometimes heated discussion, the President stated that it was already a Cork bye law that men were not allowed to act as delegates and that the rules of the Association stated that women should run camogie affairs, if possible, she could see no point in taking this backward step.

CHANGE OF UNIFORM

Old Aloysians called for a change of uniform for school players. They felt that school girls should be allowed to play in their games uniform and not be expected to wear the specified camogie uniform, which would cause them extra expense. The motion was carried unanimously and will now go forward to Munster Council.

Other motions passed were one to improve the social side of camogie by allowing Old Time as well as Ceili; another calling for an Imokilly selection to take part in the senior championship and another that a team should win the intermediate championship in two successive years before being promoted to the senior grade.

Before the meeting concluded, Miss Lil O'Grady, chairman of the Munster Council, said that Convention was a very lively one and there was no fear for the future of camogie in Cork when such interest was shown. She thanked the president for her fine handling of the meeting and also paid tribute to the outgoing secretary and treasurer.

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CAMOGIE DELEGATES—Delegates who attended the Cork Co. Camogie Convention at Dun Laol, Cork, —(“Examiner”).

NO SECOND BEST SPOT FOR CORK

By TAQBH-LINE

Cork, beaten in both the All-Ireland senior and junior camogie finals last September, have no intention of filling second best position in 1969. At the annual Convention at Cork last Sunday, the outgoing chairman, Miss Mary Moran, who was re-elected, stated their determination to recapture the All-Ireland crown and have a go for the junior trophy as well.

Most remarkable feature of the convention was the number of current players willing to take a hand in the administrative end of the Association. Miss Moran was the reserve goalkeeper for the county in last year's senior All-Ireland final, while two members of that senior side, Anne Comerford and

Sheila Dunne, are now respectively vice-chairman and Registrar of the County Board.

Such involvement speaks highly for the enthusiasm of these Cork girls, so Wexford had better look to their laurels.

WOMEN ONLY

Though some of the Cork clubs were keen on having male representatives on the County Board this move made no headway. The Cork president, Ide Bean Uí Shé, stated that: "This is a women's Association and should be run by women."

The matter of changing the present uniform led to some lively discussion and drew the suggestion

from Bean Uí Shé that a fashion competition among players would be a very good way of discovering exactly what the players themselves feel would be the ideal playing gear.

Cork will also propose to Congress that schoolgirls be allowed to play camogie matches in their school uniforms. This is a sensible idea, but it will need a change or footnote to the present rules to see it through.

Kilkenny, like Cork, also had a successful and yet frustrating year to look back upon at the Convention on Sunday last. It seemed the county was bound for great things when the senior side de-

feated Dublin in the Leinster semi-final.

OPTIMIST SPIRIT

Wexford then routed Kilkenny in the senior final, while the junior county side went down narrowly to Dublin. However, before the end of the season Kilkenny did win their first all-Ireland title, when St. Paul's won the all-Ireland club championship.

With all of last year's stars still available and plenty of promising newcomers on the way up, there was a great spirit of optimism about this Kilkenny gathering which re-elected Mrs. Una Carroll as chairman. Mrs. Carroll will also represent the county on Leinster Council.

'NEW LOOK' FOR CAMOGIE?

By Agnes Hourigan

Ever since dress designer Neill Mulcahy, in an article in the official publication 'Our Games Annual' a couple of months ago, discussed the possibility of a new-look camogie uniform, the question as to whether or not the present blouse and tunic is fully suited to the modern game has obviously been exercising the minds of forward-looking camogie folk.

Cork, which has never been backward in considering new ideas — they brought forward a plea for divided skirts at Congress some years ago—gave the matter of new uniforms a further airing at a very lively and enthusiastic annual Convention in Cork last Sunday.

A very commonsense idea was put forward by the President of the Cork Board, Ide Bean Uí Shé, who suggested that a competition be held among players for designs for a new uniform.

On the other hand players to whom I have spoken have not many complaints about the present uniform, provided the tunics are made to individual measurement.

However, I am sure this matter of the uniform may well get another airing at the symposium on camogie which will be held in Cork's Fr. Matthew Hall next Tuesday night, January 28.

With Mrs. O'Shea and Miss Sheila McAnulty, the general secretary, among the speakers this promises to be a lively gathering.

One very logical motion sent forward from Cork to Congress about uniforms refers to school teams. The motion asks that where school sports uniforms and the camogie uniforms differ, the girls be allowed to play in the school uniforms. That seems a very fair proposition, considering that neither school uniforms nor camogie tunics are cheap, and it may well get sympathetic consideration from congress.

Another motion from Cork for Congress asks that Old-time as well as Irish dances be permitted at Camogie club functions.

The outgoing chairman, Miss Mary Moran (Old Aloysians) was re-elected. Vice-chairman is All-Ireland player Anne Comerford (South Presentation Past Pupils).

Secretary is Catherine O'Regan (also of Old Aloysians); the treasurer is Mary O'Callaghan, of Inniscarra; while the Registrar is another All-Ireland player, Miss Sheila Dunne of U.C.C. Cork.

Miss Moran will represent Cork on Munster Council, while the Press Officer is again Mrs. Joan Morley.

Kilkenny also had a most successful Convention last Sun-



MARY MORAN

day, and chairman Mrs. Una O'Carroll was elected for another term. Mrs. Carroll will be the County's representative on Leinster Council for the coming term.

Bad weather and soft pitches keep playing activities at a minimum, and it will be some time yet before the Dublin Leagues will be able to resume full activities. However, U.C.D. still can find dry ground at Belfield. They had a lively practice game there with Eoghan Ruadh last Sunday and hope to have a similar outing against Austin Stacks this weekend.

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Progress In Munster

By AGNES HOURIGAN

While the Colleges' camogie situation is still clouded by the possible closure of the schools, the position in Munster has been considerably clarified in recent weeks, and one school, Convent of Mercy, Portlaoise, representing Waterford, is already through to the provincial final.

In Munster each county is represented by the champion school in the provincial series and the Waterford champions were to have met Colaiste Mhuire (Ennis) in the semi-final. The latter did not send a team forward, however, so Waterford advance unopposed.

Played Havoc

The other end of the draw is more complicated. St. Mary's the Limerick champions, were due to meet Kerry in a first round game. But Kerry, although they have four schools participating in the local championship, decided that their players are too

inexperienced, as yet, for inter-county tests.

So the Limerick champions go on to the semi-final in which they are due to meet the Cork champions on Saturday. In Cork where rain and flooding played havoc with the schedule, the final was at last due to be played this week between holders, St. Aloysius, and Presentation Convent, Youghal. Youghal had beaten College of Commerce in one semi-final, while St. Aloysius accounted for Drishane Convent, Millstreet.

However, the Cork final has again been held up and so the semi-final position is obscure at the moment.

Held Up

St. Aloysius, powered by All-Ireland star Liz. Garvan should get the better of Youghal in the final and will be favourites

to beat both Limerick and Waterford representatives and retain the Munster crown.

The Munster champions will meet their Connacht counterparts in the All-Ireland semi-final. Meanwhile, the Leinster Colleges' officials have also been held up by the weather, and have decided not to go ahead with their remaining junior fixtures.

The dates for the Ashbourne Cup inter-varsity series at Belfast have now been finalised for February 15 and 16, with the two Cup semi-finals on the Saturday and the Cup and Plate finals on Sunday.

Both U.C.D. and U.C.G. were in action last weekend. The Dublin students had the better of a practice spin against a somewhat understrength Austin Stacks side at Belfield, but the Ashbourne Cup holders failed narrowly to Oranmore in a Pierce Cup game at Oranmore.

Oranmore, who are Galway champions, won by 2-2 to nil after a scoreless first half.

Improving

Conditions on the Phoenix Park pitches are reported to be improving, and the Dublin Board, in the hopes of even further improvement, made a list of fixtures for Sunday next.

But these hopes proved vain and the only games listed this weekend are again at Belfield where U.C.D. take on All-Ireland club champions St. Paul's (Kilkenny) tomorrow and play Celtic in another challenge game on Sunday.

Outgoing Leinster Council Secretary, Miss Anne Ashton, who had announced that she was not seeking re-election, has been nominated by the Dublin Board and has agreed to go forward again.

Sports Symposium

'Gym Training A Must For Athletes'

SPEAKERS at last night's session of the Sports Symposium which is being run at Fr. Mathew Hall during this week discussed physical training and culture, volleyball, and camogie.

Mr. Bernard Martin, well known Cork physical culture expert, said that many sports catering for girls were played indoors, apart from the usual club types, and sports such as table tennis required great skill. Games such as badminton and volleyball can be played using the same set up, with the net and floor area about the same.

"These games have been recommended to all members of the female sex".

He said that in sports requiring special talents such as camogie, hockey, athletics, swimming, sports requiring dedication of a very high level, performance could be very definitely improved by improving the physical condition of the participants. "Many barriers have been broken down in sport and many of the people taking part have changed with the times, and as well as this systems of training have also changed".

Speaking on Gym training, he said that this has now become a must, "for not alone is it desirable from the point of view of those involved, but it has merits in other ways such as being available when outdoor activities are restricted," he said.

Mr. Martin's ladies physical training class gave a practical demonstration of physical training methods as well as a demonstration of volleyball.

Miss Sheila McAulity, General Secretary of the Camogie Board of Ireland, gave a very detailed talk on club administration and this was followed by a film of the game. The president of the Cork County Camogie Board, Miss Ida O'Shea also spoke on the game in Cork.

Roscommon Sports Stars of 1968

CAMOGIE

The winner is a 19 years old girl, who has been a member of the Knockcroghery team which won the County Championship in 1967 and again in 1968. The star member of her Club in League and Championship she is a member of the County team and in 1968 has been a member of the Connacht team. The Camogie star of 1968

MARY WALSH



● Miss Mary O'Callaghan, Inniscarra, was elected Hon. Treasurer at the Cork Co. Camogie Board annual convention.



● Miss Mary Moran (Old Aloysians) was elected Chairman of the Cork Co. Camogie Board at their annual convention.

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Camogie Plans Hinge On Schools' Decisions

The future of the Colleges' Camogie competitions must be for the moment uncertain, but the position is that, if the secondary schools reopen in the immediate future there would be no great difficulty in completing what is this year the really important event, the senior All-Ireland championship.

The present set-up in three of the four provinces is reasonably clear-cut. Leinster has had its senior championship finished since well before Christmas and Presentation Convent Kilkenny will be the Eastern standard-bearers.

In the South, the holders, St. Aloysius Cork, having retained their local championship, scored a runaway win over the Limerick representatives, St. Mary's, at Limerick last Saturday and are now through to the final against Mercy Convent Portlaoise. This game has been tentatively fixed for a Waterford venue on February 15.

ALREADY DRAWN

In Ulster only the Western Division is affected by the Teachers' strike, and as there are two Cavan schools, Loreto and St. Mary's in contention it may be possible to have a decision. In the North division St. Dominic's, Belfast look likely to come through as they are at home in their final match to Loreto, Coleraine, with whom they have already drawn at Coleraine.

In the Southern section, the holders St. Michael's Lurgan must be firmly fancied as their

only outstanding game is at home against Sacred Heart, Newry, whom they have already defeated at a Newry venue.

So the Ulster champions should be known before the end of the current month, and St. Michael's are favourites to advance to meet Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final which is provisionally fixed for mid-March.

The Munster champions are due to meet the Connacht champions early in March, but there is little news from the Connacht scene at the moment.

But, of course, if the schools remain closed the whole set-up must become uncertain, and all present plans must remain provisional.

I hear from Cork that the camogie night at the local Sports symposium was most successful and drew the biggest crowd of the week. General Secretary Miss Sheila McAnulty proved the 'lion' of the evening, and a most encouraging feature was the very large number of young players present.

Munster Convention will be held at Lawler's Hotel, Dungarvan on Sunday next when former President of the Association, Miss Lil O'Grady (Cork) will be returned unopposed as chairman. Secretary Miss Eithne Neville (Limerick) is also returned unopposed.

The Ashbourne Cup Inter-varsity competition which is due to be played at Belfast on Saturday and Sunday of next week (February 15 and 16) is providing training problems for all the sides concerned, due to the bad weather.

Munster Convention At Dungarvan Tomorrow

MUNSTER CONVENTION takes place tomorrow at Lawler's Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. On the home front, there are two games listed for tomorrow.

Certainly, they will get strong opposition from Youghal, and the experience should help them greatly.

On the schools front, St. Aloysians "A," holders of the Munster Colleges title, look in great form this season. Already they have taken the Schools Championship, and on Saturday last St. Ais. defeated St. Marys (Limerick City) in this season's semi-final of the Munster campaign. This game was played in very bad weather, but St. Ais. showed their undoubted ability when they won by 13-1 to nil. St. Ais. now meet Convent of Mercy (Portlaoise, Co. Waterford) in the Munster final on February 15 at a Waterford venue.

Cork have two officers on the Munster Council. Miss Lily O'Grady is chairman and Mrs. Aedin McCarthy is treasurer. Both of these officers have done a tremendous amount of work for camogie in Munster, and it is not surprising that they have both been returned unopposed for the coming year. In fact, there will be only one election tomorrow, and this is for the position of vice-chairman. Fr. Farrell, of Waterford, is the present holder of this post, but he will have very strong opposition in Miss Chriss O'Connell, of Limerick. The unopposed hon. secretary is Miss Eithne Neville, of Limerick, and Miss Kitty Flaherty of Tipperary is the sole competitor for registrar.

There are a number of interesting motions listed for tomorrow. Limerick are looking for an Under-18 or Under-21 Munster Championship. Cork are not in favour of this, as they feel that three existing Munster competitions are sufficient.

HALFWAY VENUE.

A motion which is likely to arouse plenty of discussion is one calling for halfway venues for all Munster competitions when the teams involved are not far from neighbouring counties. This is a Limerick motion, but it will hardly get the support of the Cork delegates. It would, of course, do away with home venues, and this is a big advantage to the home side. It is also important from the "gate's" point of view, as neutral venues would hardly draw the attendance which a home venue would attract.

Of Sunday's games, there is only one competitive one. This is a Junior League tie between Mayfield and Old Aloysians. The latter are so far unbeaten in their section of the League, and they must be fancied to take both points again tomorrow. Mayfield, however, are a very determined side, who will not admit defeat easily.

In the senior friendly game listed for U.C.C. Grounds, the College girls are keeping up their policy of playing as many games as possible before their forthcoming Ashbourne Cup games.



CAMOGIE CLUB PRESENTATION.—Mrs. J. Pyne, chairman of the Fermoy Camogie Club, makes a presentation both to Kathleen Coughlan (a former chairman and team member) and to Anne Coughlan (a former treasurer and team member) on their forth-coming marriages. Included are B. Hegarty, P. O'Brien, M. Stritch, B. Dorgan, C. Foley, B. Doyle and K. O'Rahilly. Presentation took place at function at the Grand Hotel, Fermoy. (The Coughlans are not O'Brien)

U.C.C. Will Make A Bold Bid For Ashbourne Cup

THIS week-end the U.C.C. team are in Belfast to take part in the Ashbourne Cup — Inter-varsity camogie competition. The Cork girls last held the title in 1967 and this year they are determined to regain the trophy.

There is only one game listed for Cork on Sunday. This is a junior league game between St. Fanahan's and St. Ita's. The Munster convention which was cancelled on Sunday last because of the dangerous conditions of the roads throughout Munster, will take place at Lawlor's Hotel, Dungarvan, on this Sunday.

U.C.C. won the Ashbourne Cup in 1967 in Cork when they put on a tremendous display to beat Dublin in the final. Last year they were beaten in the semi-final but defeated Queens for the losers' Shield. The Cork girls have a tough semi-final game again this year as they meet U.C.D. on tomorrow. U.C.D. were runners-up last year and they should have a strong side again this time. They have Kilkenny goalkeeper Jo Golden, two inter-provincials in Anne Carroll and Kittly Murphy and a number of very useful players like Nora Stewart and M. Loughnane. Missing from their side will be Sheila McGuinness, who was killed in an accident on the continent during the year. All Sheila was a prominent member of last year's Ashbourne side, her absence in such sad circumstances is bound to have an effect on the team. However, U.C.D. will probably be more determined than ever to win this year as a tribute to their late colleague.

EXPERIENCED SIDE

What of U.C.C.'s side. Only a few of the great 1967 side remain and 3 of last year's side: inter-provincial Sheila Dunne, Catherine O'Riordan and M. Keohane have left the university. This season they will have newcomer Deirdre Garvan, who played on the successful Cork schools team last season. Rosemary O'Halloran is a very experienced member of the side having played for the Cork senior team. Rosemary is now playing in goal but she is equally effective out the field. Pat Devlin is another College girl with plenty of experience, while they have a number of very promising players in Mary O'Driscoll, Barbara Buckley, Margaret McCarthy, Mary Ita O'Sullivan and Jean Lonergan.

The College girls have trained very hard for this competition and to sharpen up their game they have played a number of practice matches with top senior teams in the county. They travelled to Belfast full of hope and not a little confidence.

If U.C.C. defeat Dublin they will then meet the winners of the second semi-final — U.C.G. or Queen's University, Belfast, on Sunday. In recent years, Queens have not made a real impact in this competition. They are handicapped by the fact that they do not participate in competitions run by the Antrim County Board therefore they have no competitive practice. So that, even with the advantage of a home venue, they cannot be expected to defeat holders U.C.C.

The Galway girls took this title last year on their home ground. Of course a home venue always plays a major role in this competition and the home team has taken the title for the last few years. Still, U.C.G. should have a good side again this year, but the travelling and the loss of one of their greatest players may prove too much for them. Eileen Naughton, the interprovincial goalkeeper who has been the backbone of the U.C.G. team for the past few years, has now qualified as a doctor and her absence from the team will be greatly felt this season. However, they should be good enough to dispose of Queens and, who knows, with the confidence of holders, they could retain the title.

Certainly the competition seems to be wide open this season and the good wishes of all Cork

followers will be with the U.C.C. girls this week-end.

Congratulations are extended this week to the dynamic Liz Garvan who has just been named Munster camogie star of 1968. Liz had a tremendous year in 1968. She was on the successful St. Aloysius School team, winners of the Munster schools competition, and also the Cork schools league and championship. Liz was also the star of the Cork schools' team which won the O'Duffy Cup and also played in her first senior county championship final, with Old Aloysians. But perhaps her greatest feat was that in one season and at only 16 years of age, she played for the Cork senior team in an All-Ireland final and was also picked for Munster.

Liz is one of the most promising players in Cork for many years and is dedicated to the game. Certainly she appears to have a highly successful camogie career ahead of her and this coveted award could be the first of many for this unassuming young girl who is still playing with St. Aloysius School team.

U.C.C. Selection For Ashbourne Cup

THE Ashbourne inter-varsity competition takes place this weekend in Belfast. Despite adverse weather conditions the team has trained consistently since October and have completed a series of inter-faculty matches, as well as league and friendly fixtures. With recent wins over Queens, Belfast, county champions Glen Rovers and Youghal they hope to bring the Ashbourne Cup, last held by them four years ago, back to Cork.

The panel is as follows (school last attended in brackets):—

Rosemary O'Halloran (South Pres) in goal. Rosemary, who is a sister of the Cork hurler, John O'Halloran, is a Third Arts student playing in her third Ashbourne.

Barbara Buckley (Convent of St. Louis, Monaghan) is full-back. She is a Third Science student playing in her third Ashbourne.

Margaret Long (Convent of Mercy, Macroom) is at right-wing back. Second Commerce, second Ashbourne.

Pat Devlin (St. Aloysius) is at left-wing back. Pat, playing in her fifth Ashbourne, is a Final Med

Josephine O'Brien (Scoll Croist Ri, Cahiri), Second Arts, second Ashbourne, plays at centre-back.

Mary Ita O'Sullivan (Pres Convent,

Crosshaven) is at right-wing centre. A stylish hurler, Mary Ita is a second Arts student playing her second Ashbourne.

Mary O'Driscoll (Ursuline Convent, Backrock), second Arts, second Ashbourne, is at left-wing centre.

Margaret McCarthy (South Pres) is captain, full-centre. Third Arts, third Ashbourne.

Monica Lynch (Drishane Convent, Millstreet) is at right-wing centre. Second Commerce, first Ashbourne.

Jean Lonergan (Miss O'Sullivan's), left-wing centre. Second Arts, second Ashbourne.

Deirdre Garvan (St. Aloysius) is a sister of this year's camogie star, Liz Garvan. A First Arts student, she plays at full-forward in her first Ashbourne.

Ann Roche (Tipperary), half-forward, Third Commerce, second Ashbourne.

The other players on the panel are:—**Mary Morgan** (South Pres), **Mary Cosgrave** (Ursuline Convent, Waterford), **Mary Coakley** (Convent of Mercy, Mallow), **J. Dwyer** (Mercy Convent, Kinsale).

Draws are as follows:—
Saturday—U.C.C. v. U.C.D.; U.C.G. (holders) v. Queens, Belfast.
Final on Sunday.

All matches at Belfast.



The Glen Rovers' Camogie Committee pictured at their annual victory dinner at the Metropole Hotel, with the Cork Co. Championship Cup which they have won for seven years in succession, thus creating a record for all Ireland. (Left to right): Mrs. Newman, Chairman; Miss A. Crotty, Cork Captain; Mrs. N. Hourihane, Vice-President; Mrs. P. O'Regan, Captain; Mrs. C. Buckley, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. K. Harrington, Treasurer; Mrs. C. Wilson, President.

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U.C.D. And U.C.G. Are Ashbourne Finalists

Holden, University College, Galway, and University College, Dublin qualified for the final of the Ashbourne Inter-Varsity Cup when the semi-finals were played in arctic conditions in the Malone Grounds at Belfast yesterday. Considering that, though the pitch had been cleared, there was still an inch of hardpacked snow on the ground, the standard of camogie was outstandingly high. Indeed, referee, Miss Lily Spence, would not have played the game if either team had disagreed as she felt the pitch was slightly dangerous.

U.C.D. 6-1
U.C.G. 0-1

In this, regarded as the key game of the series, a well-drilled compact Dublin side proved far too good for keenest rivals, Cork, and after leading 3-1 to nil at half-time, clicked into top gear in the closing ten minutes to finish most convincing winners.

Two goals from Kitty Murphy midway through the first half gave the winners just the boost their confidence needed, and with Ann Carroll dominating the midfield exchanges throughout, Dublin were constantly on the attack.

Goalie, Jo Golden, Meta Kelly, Vera Sullivan in defence, Muireann Hayes, Breige Murphy and Jean Traynor further afield, were other particularly prominent players on a uniformly good Dublin side.

Best for Cork were Margaret McCarthy at midfield, Josephine O'Brien and Barbara Buckley in defence, with Annie Roche the pick of the attack.

Scorers: U.C.D. — K. Murphy (2-0), B. Murphy (2-0), J. Traynor (1-1), A. Carroll (1-0). For U.C.G.—A. Roche (0-1).

U.C.G. 6-2
Q.U.B. 0

After leading 2-1 to nil at half-time, holders Galway were well in command after the interval and emerged comfortable winners.

Galway, eminently sound in defence, were best served by T. McMahon and Grace Divilly in defence, Jane Murphy, a brilliant forward, Clare Connery and Mary Kinsella.

Queens played very well in the first half, but their forwards could not break through, whereas Galway took their chances for the scores that counted. In addition, Galway's superior fitness told its inevitable tale in the second half.

Best for the Belfast students were: Mary Lavery, Cecilia McCuskey, both of whom took turns in goal; Frances McGuinness, Kathleen Fee and Mary McGee.

Scorers: J. Murphy (2-2), M. Kinsella (2-0), B. O'Hare (1-0), C. Divilly (1-0).

Camogie Star —Liz Garvan



LIZ GARVAN of Old Aloysians has the rare distinction of having been picked to play camogie with Munster while still at school. The 16-year-old St. Als girl maintains a long Gaelic tradition. Her father played senior hurling with Sarsfields, while both her sisters have been prominent players with St. Als.

At 15 she was a member of the 1967 Cork intermediate team, where her performances were so promising that she graduated to the Cork senior team which won this year's Munster championship and contested the All-Ireland final. Her rapid promotion indeed has been quite exceptional. At 14 she was a member of the St. Als "A" team which took the Cork Schools League and the championship. Two years later her school and Liz went one better when they added the Munster Colleges championship.

In a crowded year in 1968 she figured on the Cork team which beat Dublin schools in the O'Duffy Cup and suffered the disappointment of being on the losing side in the Cork Senior Camogie championship final. It was her consistently high standard all through the year which gave her a fractional edge over two of the greatest players Cork has produced, last year's winner, Anna Crotty, and her brilliant Glen Rovers colleague, Peggy Dorgan.

Sligo team to represent Connacht?

Ursulines defeat Loughrea in Semi-final

THE once remote possibility that Sligo might represent Connacht in the Schoolgirls' Interprovincials, seems well on the way to becoming a reality after the Ursuline Convent, Sligo, victory over St. Raphael's, Loughrea, on Saturday last.

Traditionally this honour has been held by Galway, but this year the competition was thrown open to the rest of Connacht and twenty-two schools from all parts of the Province are taking part.

In Saturday's match the Ursulines team met their strongest opposition to far. The Loughrea team got away to a very promising start when they succeeded in penetrating the Ursuline defence during the first few months of play, to score their one and only goal. It was not long, however, before E. Meehan scored the equaliser.

For the rest of the first half the game went rather slowly, with both trying to gain the advantage.

There was a lot of loose play and many opportunities on both sides.

Special mention must be made of the Loughrea goalie, B. Ni Chorrain who, played a magnificent game throughout.

dominated

Once the second half started the Ursuline team began to dominate. But each goal had to be fought for, as the Loughrea team never once gave up, fought back vigorously, and indeed with such strength that despite the score increasing steadily in favour of Sligo, one could never be sure of the final outcome, until the last few minutes of play.

Howley's skill as defence did much to reassure the Ursuline supporters.

The game ended in a 5-1 to 1-1 victory for Sligo, who now go forward to the Connacht final.

Loughrea: B. Ni Chorrain, M. de Burca, F. Ni Chiallach, C. Nic Eirde, M. Ni Chormaic, A. Ni Dhonnacha, N. Ni Neachtain, P. Ni Coistealla, M. Ni Mhadain, C. Ni Gottheadh, J. B. Strain, M. Ni Mhainn (Captain).

Subs: A. Ni Fhathaigh, M. Ni Fhionnagain, M. Ni Fhathgaigh.

Ursuline: E. Meehan, B. Mulvihill, M. Kelly, V. Laine, H. Mottimer, M. Leonard, A. Dodd, D. Resnolds, R. Hickey, M. McBride, Z. Howley, C. O'Sullivan.

Referee—Miss V. Howley.

Munster Schools Final At Portlaw

The final of the Munster Schools Championship will be played on tomorrow afternoon when Cork champions, St. Aloysius, meet Waterford champions, Mercy Convent, Portlaw.

The Munster Convention is again fixed for Sunday, after two postponements because of bad weather conditions. Locally there are two Junior League games listed.

St. Aloysius School are the holders of the Munster Schools title, which they won last June in the first year of the competition. St. Ais have been the top Cork school side for many years and it was fitting that they should take the initial title.

This season they have again won the Cork championship, and look well on their way to taking their second Munster title in a row.

To reach the final they won the Cork Championship and then played St. Marys of Limerick in the Munster semi-final. They easily defeated the Limerick side by 13-1 to nil. Of course, they could have a different proposition in the Portlaw girls, who are an unknown quantity as far as the Cork girls are concerned. There are only two schools playing in Waterford — Mercy Convent, Portlaw, and Tramore. These played each other for the right to represent Waterford. Then they received a walk-over from Colaiste Mhuire of Ennis, so, in fact, they have yet to play a game in the competition. This means that they will probably be lacking in match practice. However, at present there is a strong under-18 club competition run in Co. Waterford and it is likely that at least some of the Portlaw school players take part in this. If this is so, then they will not be as inexperienced as at first thought.

However, St. Aloysius have a tremendous side. They have Munster Camogie Star of 1968, Liz Garvan, at half-forward, and with Liz's experience with Cork and Munster she is a brilliant

member of the school team. But as well as Liz they have many other fine players, most of whom have experience with Old Aloysians' club teams. In goal they have Eileen Long, a grand keeper, while they have very solid backs in Sheila Long, who captains the side, Marion O'Leary Nuala Jennings and Margaret O'Sullivan. Regular back, Brid McAuliffe, is recovering from an appendix operation and must be very disappointed at missing the final. In the centre, St. Ais have the hardworking Rose Long, Kathleen Carr and Judy Walsh, while as well as Liz Garvan in the attack they have Anne O'Dwyer, Anne Courtney and Rose Hennessy. In all, they have a very effective line-out and they must be taken as favourites to retain the title. However, one word of warning before they go—remember 1965 when a fancied Cork team met Waterford in Youghal in the Munster Championship and Waterford caused the surprise of the season by defeating Cork.

Glanworth will be expected to take both points in their Junior League against Youghal. Glanworth are so far undefeated in the league, although they have only a few games played, and they should be good enough to win.

In the second league game both Ovens and South Presentation Past Pupils are down points and it is difficult to pick possible winners here.

The Munster Convention is again fixed for Lawler's Hotel, Dungarvan, on Sunday at 3.30.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday) — Munster Colleges Final at Portlaw, 3.30, Convent of Mercy, Portlaw, v St. Aloysius School (Cork).

Sunday (March 2) — Junior League at Glanworth, 3.6, Youghal v Glanworth. (Ref. Fermoy).

Junior League at Ovens at 3.30, S.P.P.P. v Ovens. (Ref. Canover). Munster Convention at Lawler's Hotel, Dungarvan, 3.30.

Camogie Double

St. Michael's Lurgan 3-5
St. Dominics, Belfast 2-0

St. Michael's Lurgan won the Ulster Colleges junior and senior camogie titles for the second year in succession at Belfast yesterday. They had more trouble in the senior game, but, nevertheless, they deserved their victory.

Down star Pat Crangle from Gilford played a big part in her side's win. She got good help from Pat McLoughlin, Mary McNeely, G. McCreegan, M. Crilly and Ursula Scullion.

Scores: St. Michael's: P. Crangle (0-3); S. O'Hara, E. Turley (1-0) each; U. Scullion (1-1); M. Crilly (0-1). St. Dominics: M. Magee, M. McCuskey (1-0) each.

Junior Final: St. Michael's 8-2, St. Dominics 1-0.



● KITTY MURPHY

This Promises To Be A Great Final

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The delayed Ashbourne Inter-Varsity Cup final at Athlone provided the talking point of the camogie fields on Sunday when the holders, University College Galway defend their title again keen challengers in University College Dublin.

In the semi-finals, played on a frozen ground in Belfast three weeks ago, both teams won convincing victories but while Dublin were then ranked as something of favourites, Galway will still be very hard to beat.

They looked a very sound side in defence, and I liked their attacks, which had a real-live wire in Jane Murphy.

Dublin looked a very talented all-round outfit, with Ann Carroll and Kitty Murphy and May Kelly their key players, but they are rarely at their best against the close-marking Galway side and will have to battle hard indeed, if they are to achieve victory now.

SUDDEN RUSH

Meanwhile, after the long hold-up there has been a sudden rush of camogie activity both on the playing fields and in Council.

Both the Leinster and Munster Conventions were held last week-end, and the remarkable thing about the Leinster gathering, was that there was almost a complete change of officers, the only outgoing official re-elected being the Secretary, Miss Anne Ashton (Dublin).

After fifteen years in office, the outgoing chairman, Mrs. Leonard, was succeeded as chairman by the outgoing chairman, Mrs. Corcoran of Kildare. Mrs. Corcoran was in turn succeeded as vice chairman by Mrs. Timmins of Dublin. Former Treasurer, Miss Ann Carroll of Kilkenny did not seek re-election and is succeeded by Miss Eileen O'Brien who is Secretary of Wexford County Board. The new post of Registrar is held by Miss Marie Walsh of Kildare.

KILKENNY REQUEST

The Convention had no motions of tremendous importance to discuss, but did decide to look into a Kilkenny request for an Under-16 championship.

And it also recommended to Central Council that all the Leinster counties except Kilkenny, Dublin and All-Ireland champions Wexford, be graded junior for championship purposes.

Four counties were represented at the Munster Convention which had been twice postponed owing to bad weather. The officers elected were:

Chairman: Lil O'Grady (Cork);

Vice-chairman: Chris O'Connell (Limerick); Secretary: Eithne Neville (Limerick); Treasurer: Mrs. McCarthy (Cork); Registrar: Kitty Flaherty (Tipperary).

Also last weekend saw the senior Colleges final played in Munster and both the senior and junior finals decided in Ulster

CONVINCING WIN

In Munster the Cork champions St. Aloysius travelled to Portlaw and there scored such a convincing victory, 11-5 to nil over the home side that they will now be very well fancied to go on to take the All-Ireland crown.

In the North, St. Michael's, Lurgan, holders, had a hard enough fight to defeat St. Dominic's, Belfast in the senior decider at Cherryvale. However the experience of such as the Down All-Ireland and Ulster player, Patricia Crangle told its tale, and Lurgan advanced to meet Presentation Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final at Kilkenny on the St. Patrick's week-end.

GOOD FUTURE

It was my good fortune to see Kathleen Mills play at every stage of her unrivalled camogie career that extended for just over twenty years and brought her the amazing total of 15 All-Ireland senior medals.

I don't suppose any player in any other, team-game scored as many long-range goals as Kathleen did. She has an amazing talent for dropping in the long, looping drive that falls just under the crossbar and puts the hearts cross-ways in any defence, no matter how experienced.

Those who can remember back 20 years to the days when the "two Kays" Kathleen Mills and Kathleen Cody were in their heyday saw possibly the greatest camogie combination the game has ever known, a partnership that provided the mainspring of any absolutely unique achievement, the winning of the All-Ireland title by a club side, C.I.E. representing Dublin in 1948.

ALSO NOMINATED

Mrs. Corcoran and Mrs. Leonard have also been nominated for the post of vice-chairman as have Mrs. Timmins (Dublin) and Miss Eileen O'Brien (Wexford).

Outgoing Secretary, Miss Anne Ashton (Dublin) who had, at an earlier stage, announced her intention of retiring has been prevailed upon to go forward again and also nominated for this position are Mrs. Leonard, Miss Marie Walsh of Kildare and Kilkenny's Anne Carroll.

The latter, who is the outgoing treasurer has, however, let it be known that, owing to pressure of studies, she is not seeking re-election, and so is unlikely to go forward for the Secretaryship.

Wexford's Miss O'Brien, together with Miss Carroll and another past holder of the office, Miss Nuala Duncan (Kilkenny), are all nominated for Treasurer as is Miss Phyllis Breslin (Dublin).

For the first time in Leinster the post of Registrar will be a separate one and for this there are four nominees, Miss Ashton, Miss Walsh, Miss Carroll and Miss Neary of Louth.

Ashbourne Cup Back In Dublin

By AGNES HOURIGAN

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University College, Dublin, won the Ashbourne Camogie Cup for the 25th time when they scored a decisive victory over the holders, University College, Galway, at Athlone yesterday and thus regained the trophy they last held in 1966.

This delayed final, snowed out at Belfast three weeks ago, was not as one-sided as the score suggests, for Galway put up stern opposition, especially in the second half.

The holders, who had wind advantage in the opening half, started well but fell away after the Dubliners went into a two goal lead after eight minutes, and the winners went on to lead 5-0 to nil at half time.

Galway tightened up their marking in the second half, and even though the Dublin girls were now backed by a strong wind, had plenty of the play. Galway now held the Dublin attack well, but could not break through the very strong Dublin defence.

Great Goalkeeper

The winners had a great goalkeeper in Jo Golden, whose long puck-outs were an added asset to her side. In a sound defence, captain Meta Kelly and Vera Sullivan were outstanding. Anne Carroll, Veronica Fingleton and Muireann Hayes were in control at midfield, especially in the first half, while Kitty Murphy made the openings in attack, which Joan Traynor, Brid Murphy and Marian Cullen turned to the best advantage.

For Galway, who must be disappointed in their first-half showing when they had that strong wind behind them, had an outstanding player in Jane Murphy, who had their only score.

The defence, in which Kathleen Pyne and Grace Divillery were the pick, did much better after the interval. Bernice O'Hara and Mary Canavan tried hard at midfield, while Jane Murphy, Clare Connery and Mary Kin-sella looked most dangerous in attack.

Scores — U.C.D. — J. Traynor (3-0), A. Carroll (1-1), B. Murphy (1-1), M. Cullen (1-0); U.C.G. — J. Murphy (0-1).

U.C.D. — J. Golden; M. Kelly (captain); P. Morrissey, V. Sullivan, E. N. Anbrochun; M. Hayes, A. Carroll, V. Fingleton; J. Traynor, K. Murphy, M. Cullen; B. Murphy.

U.C.G. — B. Moran; K. McMahon; A. Tierney, E. Pyne (captain), G. Divilly, M. Canavan, E. O'Hara, M. Joyce, C. Connery, J. Murphy, M. Kin-sella; E. Waldron.

Referee — Miss L. Spence (Antrim).

Tuam defeat Sligo in Connacht Cup Final

Tuam 3-1; Ursuline 1-0.

The high hopes of the Ursuline Convent senior Camogie team, that Sligo might be the first holders of the Connacht Cup, were dashed on Saturday last when they were defeated by the Mercy Convent, in a very exciting final.

The game was played under ideal conditions on the Convent of Mercy pitch, which was in excellent condition. The Tuam team got underway from the starting whistle, and their forwards kept the ball inside the Sligo twenty-five, until the first goal was scored after about seven minutes play. This spurred on the Sligo team and the spectators were treated to some very exciting play, mostly in the centre field, as the respective backs cleared the ball away from the danger zone.

However, it soon became evident that Tuam was the fitter team and had more effective tackling methods. The Convent of Mercy forwards really showed their skill in a beautiful exhibition of palming which resulted in a point. Two more goals for the Tuam team gave them a very comfortable lead as the half time whistle blew.

The Ursuline team started with great determination in the second half, and were encouraged by a goal scored by E. Meehan in the first few minutes of play. However their forward line never really got going during the match, and once again play was more concentrated in the Ursuline half. Had it not been for the excellent defence tactics of V. Loan and Z. Howley, and some very fine saves by the Ursuline goalie, M. Leonard the score in favour of Tuam might have been much greater.

During the presentation of the Connacht Cup, after the match, Mrs. Cavanagh, of the Central Council, congratulated the Convent of Mercy, Tuam, on their well deserved victory, and commented on the high standard of play during the match.

She congratulated the Ursuline team on having done so well in their first year in competitive camogie.

On Saturday next, The Convent of Mercy, Tuam, team will play Munster.

Tuam — K. Delaney, N. Keane, M. Walsh, E. Sweeney, T. Fahey, E. Sweeney, A. Reilly, M. Higgins, T. Burke, U. Waldron, B. Crave. Subs.—K. Nalty, T. Keane, M. Flanning, M. Keane.

Sligo—V. Loane, H. Mortimer, A. Dodd, D. Reynolds, R. Hickey, M. Kelley, B. Mulvihille, K. O'Sullivan, M. Leonard, Z. Howley, E. Meehan, M. McBride. Sub — P. Newell.

Referee—Miss V. Howley.

St. Aloysius Would Not Want To Underestimate Tuam Side

IN the world of schools camogie 1969 is an historic year. An All-Ireland colleges competition has at last got under way. And tomorrow Cork champions, St. Aloysius, meet Convent of Mercy, Tuam, in the All-Ireland semi-final. On Sunday there are two Junior League ties listed.

Camogie has been played in schools in Cork for many years and it is in a strong position. Cork schools selections have played their Dublin counterparts down through the years and because they have been successful on many occasions, Cork followers have often wondered how a Cork side would fare in an All-Ireland colleges championship. We will soon know the answer, as Cork champions, St. Aloysius, have already reached the semi-final stage and must have a good chance of reaching the final.

It is fitting that St. Aloysius, who have always been so prominent in Cork schools camogie, should have the honour of carrying the hopes of Cork and Munster in this first competition.

Though St. Aloysius had a hard match with Drishane they have not been really tested in Munster. And judging from the standard of the other semi-final played last Saturday between Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, and St. Michaels of Lurgan, it is going to take a very good side indeed to win the O'Kelly Cup. Presentation

highly rated Ursuline Convent, Sligo.

So that St. Als., although they were so dominant in Munster, would want to approach this game with caution.

What of the St. Als. team. In goal they have a grand keeper in Eileen Long, while their defence is very solid indeed. Sheila Ryan is a tower of strength at full-back while she has very safe wingers in Margaret O'Sullivan and Nuala Jennings. Completing this sector is stylish half-back Marion O'Leary.

In the centre, the Cork girls have camogie star of 1968 Liz Garvan, where she is flanked by two hard-working and determined performers in Rose Long and Kathleen Carr.

Then, of course, they have a very high scoring forward line who will not waste many opportunities. At half-forward is the brilliant Anne Courtney; on the wings St. Als. have two top forwards in Anne O'Dwyer and Mairead O'Regan while at full-forward they have that grand opportunist Rose Hennessy.

HAVE THE PLAYERS

Certainly St. Als. have the players to win tomorrow's game. Of course, they have a long journey at the end of which they meet the Tuam girls on their own grounds. But St. Als. have travelled for both their Munster championship games this season and it did not deter them in the least. So it should not effect them in this most vital game.

It is expected that a large contingent of schoolgirls will travel to Tuam for the game and all those followers who will remain behind will be sending their good wishes with the St. Als. girls and eagerly awaiting the result.

TEAMS

St. Aloysius — E. Long, S. Ryan, M. O'Sullivan, M. O'Leary, N. Jennings, R. Long, L. Garvan, K. Carr, A. O'Dwyer, A. Courtney, M. O'Regan, R. Hennessy.

Convent of Mercy, Tuam — K. Delaney, N. Keane, M. Walsh, E. Sweeney, T. Fahey, E. Sweeney, A. Reilly, M. Higgins, T. Burke, U. Waldron, B. Crave, K. Nalty.



Liz Garvan who missed the Munster final.

beat St. Michaels 5-0 to 2-2 in a very fast exciting match. There wasn't a weak link in the Kilkenny side. Each girl was capable of hitting lengthy balls left and right, lifting when necessary, showing good positional sense and playing with the confidence of a senior.

GOOD SIDE

It is perhaps a pity that St. Als. did not meet stiffer opposition in Munster. In this province only the champions of each county were allowed to enter but in Connacht as many schools from each county that wished to participate were permitted to do so. In all, 22 teams played, and to emerge victorious from such opposition takes a consistently good side. Of course, as this is a new competition it is difficult to judge the strength of the opposition but the Tuam girls had a grand win in the Connacht final over the

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The St. Aloysius team who won the Munster Schools' Championship.

FRONT:- M. O'REGAN, M. O'SULLIVAN, S. RYAN (CAPT.)
R. HENNESSY, N. JENNINGS, A. O'DWYER

BACK:- A. COURTNEY, R. LONG, E. LONG, K. CARR
M. O'LEARY, L. LYNCH



● Tommy Moore displays his Gaelic All Stars Award at last night's presentation of awards in Dublin last night. Admiring the trophy are Seamus Ryan, president of the G.A.A. (left), Mrs. G. Hill (Kathleen Mills) and Sean O'Siochain general secretary, G.A.A.

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Peggy Has Set A Fine Record

PEGGY HORGAN of Sun Row, Dillons Cross, Cork, is perhaps better known to most readers by her maiden name Peggy Dorgan, captain of the 1968 Glen Rovers camogie team, which brought the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship Cup to the North-side for the seventh year in succession, thus setting an Irish record, since the club are the first in the county to win seven Senior County Championships in a row.

Peggy was educated at St. Vincent's Convent with whom she first played camogie. On leaving school she joined Glen Rovers and immediately made the senior team. She won her first senior county medal at the age of sixteen and now has seven in a row.

A fine record indeed for any player. Peggy has represented Cork since she was seventeen and has helped them to win the Munster Championship in 1963, 1967 and 1968. In 1968 they were narrowly beaten by Wexford in the All Ireland final — by just two points. And here Peggy's dedication to the game shows very clearly. She had just got married and was on her honeymoon but she returned home to take part in the final, thus becoming the first married woman to play inter-county for Cork.

She has represented Munster for the past four years and was on the team which won the Inter-Provincial title in 1965. She was chosen in 1964 as Cork sports star of the year for camogie for which she received the Carling Black

Label Award. Apart from camogie Peggy is also interested in badminton and is on the recently formed Glen Rovers Badminton team.



Kilkenny Go Through To First Final

By AGNES HOURIGAN
KILKENNY 5-0
LURGAN 2-2
Presentation College, Kilkenny, the Leinster champions, qualified for the final of the first ever All-Ireland Colleges camogie competition when at Kilkenny yesterday they defeated Ulster title-holders St. Michael's College, Lurgan, in a hard-fought semi-final. The winners will now meet St. Aloysius, Cork, or St. Mary's, Tuam, in the decider.
The Kilkenny girls were deserving winners but their victory was not easily earned, even after they had led by three goals at the end of a first-half of high standard. As they had had the assistance of a strong breeze that lead did not seem unbeatable.
Interprovincial player Patricia Crangle raised Lurgan hopes with two great points from successive side-line pucks after the resumption, but Kilkenny showed their power by battling back into the wind for two goals that decided the issue.
Lurgan missed many scoring chances in the closing stages for which a late goal was poor compensation.

Scorers — Presentation, Kilkenny: C. Dowling (1-0), B. McEvoy (1-0), P. Byrne (1-0), T. Brennan (1-0), M. Barry (1-0); St. Michael's—U. Scullion (1-0), M. Kelly (1-0), P. Crangle (0-2).

ST. ALOYSIUS IN ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE FINAL

St. Aloysius "A" Cork—2-3;
St. Brigid's, Tuam—1-2.

St. Aloysius "A" fought back from being a goal and a point down to beat St. Brigid's, Tuam in an exciting All-Ireland Schools Camogie semi-final at Tuam on Saturday.

Defences dominated in the first half and there was no score from play. St. Brigid's led by a single point from a free at half-time.

Within minutes of the restart the home school added a goal and looked poised to take over. But St. "Als." hit back with a fine goal from Rose Hennessy.

GARVAN STARS

Then Lix Garvan, this year's Munster Camogie star, who was the outstanding player throughout, levelled with a point. Ann O'Dwyer put St. "Als." into a point lead.

Lix Garvan countered a point for St. Brigid's and Mairead O'Regan made it safe for the Cork school with a clever goal.

St. "Als." captain, Sheila Ryan was outstanding in a solid defence and if their attack can recapture their form of the second half, they could go on to capture the All-Ireland honours.

Goal Decides

St. Aloysius, Cork 2-3
St. Brigid's, Tuam 1-2

A last minute goal put St. Aloysius, Cor. into the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie final for the first time when they beat St. Brigid's, Tpm., in the semi-finals at Tuam yesterday. It was a thrilling finish to a game which the Connacht girls were rather unlucky to lose as they had led for three quarters of the way and were only pipped in extra time.

The Cork goal came after they had pulled back a four points deficit and take the lead with a disputed point. The serptingh of the Connacht challenge came as a complete surprise but though they had by far the better of the first half they led by only one point to nil at the interval.

Star of the game was Cork inter-county mid-fielder, Lix Garvan, whose second half display encouraged her colleagues to the resurgence which brought victory. Ann Courtney, Maureen O'Regan and Rose Hennessy were best of the forwards and Mary O'Leary was an excellent full back.

Scorers: Cork—R. Hennessy, M. O'Regan (1-0 each), L. Garvan (0-2), A. Courtney (0-1), Tuam—M. Higgins (1-0), E. Sweeney and E. Vabey (0-1 each).

Cork Motion Is Passed

The most important motion passed at the annual Camogie Congress was one from Cork granting permission to teams in College's competitions to wear their school sports outfits, if these differ from the usual camogie tunics, provided that black tights are worn.

All the outgoing officers were re-elected: President — Mrs. R. McManus (Antrim); Secretary — Miss S. McAnulty (Down); Treasurer — Miss L. Spence (Antrim); Organiser — Sean O'Duffy; Trustees—Mr. O'Duffy and Mrs. I. Leonard.

After approximately half the motions had been dealt with, Congress adjourned until Saturday, April 12. Of the motions of general interest already dealt with, an endeavour by Galway to have the ban on players taking part in hockey and football lifted, was defeated, while a motion to allow old-time dances at functions organised by camogie clubs failed to receive the requisite two-thirds majority.

CORK GIRLS FOR FINAL

St. Aloysius, Cork, 2-3; St. Brigid's, Tuam, 1-2.

Munster camogie champions, St. Aloysius, Cork qualified for the All-Ireland Colleges final with Presentation Convent, Kilkenny by beating St. Brigid's, Tuam, in the semi-final at Tuam yesterday.

But the Cork girls were rather lucky to survive the strong challenge of the home side for it was only in extra-time that Rose Hennessy finished a centre from Lix Garvan for the winning goal.

The Tuam girls were in front up to the three quarter stage but a goal by Maureen O'Regan put Cork on level terms and they finished the stronger side.

Scorers: Cork—R. Hennessy (1-0), M. O'Regan (1-0), L. Garvan (0-2) and A. Courtney (0-1), Tuam—M. Higgins (1-0), E. Sweeney and E. Vabey (0-1 each).

St. Aloysius Could Make History At Croke Park

THERE have been many illustrious moments in the camogie history of St. Aloysius School, Cork, but on tomorrow afternoon the present team can add the most important chapter when they meet Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, in the All-Ireland Colleges final at Croke (3 p.m.).

This game overshadows all other camogie fixtures for the weekend and the interest which the Cork school has aroused is tremendous. A special train is being laid on for the occasion. It is expected that practically the entire senior school will travel and there are hundreds of other supporters expected to make the journey by road.

Never has a schools game caused so much excitement. But this is not surprising. An All-Ireland competition in any grade has a special glamour. Up to now the best a schoolgirl could do in Cork was to win a Cork schools championship medal. Then the Munster campaign was inaugurated and now the All-Ireland competition has reached its first final.

St. Aloysius and Old Aloysians are names synonymous with Cork camogie. As early as the 1917-18 season St. Aloysius School were fielding a camogie team and in their very first season they won the first schools championship trophy. They repeated this success in 1920, 1927, 1928 and 1929.

There was a lapse in schools camogie then from 1923 to 1933. But this did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm, and St. Aloysius during this time took part in the senior county championship, winning the trophy on more than one occasion.

RE-ESTABLISHED

In 1939 the schools championship was re-established and again it was St. Aloysius who took the first title. From then until the present day they have a formidable record indeed. Titles came their way in 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944. They lost the title in 1945 but then they began a tremendous nine years' run in 1946. In 1956 they lost to South Presentation Convent, but they began yet another winning run the following year which lasted for three years. They were out of the honours for two seasons but came back again in 1962 to take the title in five successive years. And of course they are the holders of the 1968 Merriman Cup.

It is doubtful if any Cork follower would begrudge St. Aloysius the right to represent Cork in this first All-Ireland final. To reach the decider St. Aloysius, although they had a tough game against Drishane, did not meet very stiff opposition in Munster and it was only when they travelled to Tuam to meet the Mercy Convent there that they really came up against it.

But on that occasion, after being led by 1-1 they proved what a grand side they were by coming back to gain a fine victory. St. Aloysius have a number of top class individuals but their greatest strength is their ability to play as a team. Their combination is first class. They have a grand goalie in Eileen Long while their defence of Sheila Ryan, who captains the side, Margaret O'Sullivan, Marion O'Leary and Nuala Jennings, is very solid indeed.

TRUMP CARD

In the centre they have their trump card in Munster camogie star Liz Garvan, while she is flanked by two tireless and highly efficient centres, Rose Long and Kathleen Carr. They have a fine forward line made up of Anne O'Dwyer, Anne Courtney, Mairead O'Regan and Rosie Hennessy, all of whom are capable of snapping up the smallest opportunity. This side is not lacking in experience either as five of the girls were members of the Cork Schools' team which won the O'Duffy Cup in Croke Park last spring. They were Sheila Ryan, Marion O'Leary, Liz Garvan, Rose Long and Rosie Hennessy, so that Croke Park should not hold any fears for these girls. Only three of the team, Liz Garvan, Sheila Ryan and Eileen Long were not members of the Old Aloysians junior side which won the junior championship. A number of the side have senior league experience with Old Aloysians also and, of course, Liz Garvan is a member of the Cork and Munster teams. In order to gain even more experience the girls have been playing friendly games against senior clubs and on Sunday last they looked very good in beating South Presentation Past Pupils in a friendly.

DEDICATED

Certainly the side are dedicated to winning this game, but they must approach tomorrow's tie with the greatest respect for their opponents. Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, have only taken up competitive camogie in the past year or so but already they have made their mark. About

two years ago they won the Leinster Colleges' junior championship defeating a strong Mountmellick side in the final.

In the All-Ireland semi-final they beat a very good St. Michaels side from Lurgan. This was a fast and exciting game, the standard of which was very high for schools camogie. In that game the Kilkenny girls looked a very strong combination indeed. Four of the side won All-Ireland Inter-Club medals with St. Paul's last October. They are Anne Phelan, Liz Neary, Helena O'Neill and Teresa Brennan. These four girls have all worn the Kilkenny county colours—Liz as a senior and other three as juniors. So that the Kilkenny girls have plenty of experience on their side.

The hopes and best wishes of all Cork followers will of course be with the St. Aloysius girls in this game. They are good enough to bring the first title to Cork but they would be wise to take the undoubted strength of the opposition very seriously indeed.

The following are pen pictures of the St. Aloysius team:

Eileen Long (17), goalie, has been on the team since she was 14. Has also played on junior Old Aloysians team.

Sheila Ryan (17), full back, captains the side. Has played for senior Old Aloysians and was also a member of Cork Schools team which won the O'Duffy Cup last year.

Margaret O'Sullivan (14), right wing back. Has only been on the team for the past three months but has played on junior Old Aloys team

which won the Junior Championship this year.

Nuala Jennings (15), left wing back. Joined the "A" team this year and is also a member of junior Old Ais.

Marion O'Leary (14), half back. Has been playing on the team from the age of 13. Was also a member of the successful Cork Schools team and has played with junior and senior Old Ais.

Kathleen Carr (17), left wing centre. Played with "A" side two years ago. Regained her place this year and also plays with junior Old Ais. Was one of the stars of this year's Junior Championship win.

Liz Garvan (16). Has already gained many of the honours the game has to offer. Played in Senior County Championship with Old Ais, last season. Played in All-Ireland final with Cork and also gained her place on the Munster team. So outstanding were her achievements in fact that she was awarded the Munster Camogie Star in 1964 award recently.

Rose Long (16), right wing centre. Has played with the team since she was 14. Also captained this year's successful junior Old Ais team.

Anne Courtney (17), half forward. Like Kathleen Carr, Anne played with "A" side two years ago and this year regained her place. She is also a member of junior Old Ais.

Margaret O'Regan (16), left wing forward. Has played on the team in recent months but has had previous experience with junior Old Ais. Margaret's sister, Catherine captained St. Ais. two years ago.

Rose Hennessy (15), full forward. Joined the team two years ago and is one of the most prominent members of the side. Was outstanding in the Junior Championship final. Was also a member of the successful Cork schools team and is a member of the senior Old Ais. team.

Anne O'Dwyer (16). Has played on the team for the last three years. Previously played at right wing centre. Anne was also a member of the successful junior Old Ais. team and is now a member of the senior club side.

Lena Lynch (17). Has played with "A" side for last four years. However, due to an operation this year she was unable to play with the team but hopes to be fully recovered in the not too distant future.

Brid McAuliffe (14). Was on the team at the start of the year but like Lena had an operation and has been unable to play for a few months.

Geraldine Flynn (15). Has only joined the team in the last three months. Previously played with the "B" side.

Kilkenny team: T. O'Neill, M. Tallis, C. Conway, A. Phelan, C. Dowling, L. Neary, H. O'Neill, C. Doyle, P. Byrne, T. Brennan, M. Barry, B. McEvoy.

FIXTURES

Saturday, April 19, at Croke Park, 3.00 p.m.: All-Ireland Colleges Final: St. Aloysius, Cork, v. Presentation Convent, Kilkenny. (Referee: Mrs. Nancy Murray, Antrim).

Sunday, April, 20, at Youghal, Senior League, 3.00; U.C.C. v. Youghal. (Referee, Churchtown).

At Tramore Road Senior League at 3.00: South Pres v. Glen. (Referee, Biatney). Junior League at 4: St. Ita v. Mayfield.

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EXCITING FINAL IN STORE . . .

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Camogie history will be made at Croke Park tomorrow when Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, meet St. Aloysius College, Cork, in the first All-Ireland Colleges camogie final.

The victorious side will become first custodians of Corn Scelge, which has been presented by members of his family to commemorate the late Seán O'Ceallaigh ("Scelg"), who was one of the members of the Keating Branch of the Gaelic League who helped found the Camogie Association in 1904.

His daughter, Mrs. Leonard, is now one of the Trustees of the Camogie Association.

Both teams in tomorrow's final have come there with top credentials. The Cork girls had first to win the championship of their own county, a very tough assignment, but subsequently had little difficulty in Munster, where they had an easy victory over Portlaw in the provincial final.

HARD-PRESSED

They got a scare, however, in the All-Ireland semi-final, when they were very hard-pressed by the relatively unknown Connacht champions from Tuam, St. Mary's.

Yet this is a very talented Cork side. Several of their players have senior club experience with Old Aloysians, while the remainder were all on the Old Aloysians side that won the Cork club junior championship shortly before Christmas.

But their trump card will be the Cork All-Ireland senior player and Munster Interprovincial star, Liz Garvan, who will be expected to give the Cork girls a winning pull around midfield.

The Kilkenny girls are not likely to be dismayed by the strength of the opposition, however. They themselves have two players who possess All-Ireland club championship medals won with St. Paul's, Anne Phelan and Liz Neary. In addition, the rest of the side has showed up well on a stiff path to this final.

GREAT BATTLE

The Leinster title was not easily won, and they had a great battle for the provincial honours with Presentation, Mountmellick, in the final at Portlaoise.

They had the advantage of home ground when they met St. Michael's, Lurgan, in the semi-final at Kilkenny, but even so finished such convincing winners that they must be in with at least an even chance against the Cork girls in this final.

So there should be a fitting final to this new Colleges competition, and while Kilkenny's form on the way to the decider may have been slightly the more impressive, it would be rash to write off the chances of Liz Garvan and her team-mates.

St. Aloysius Are Croke Park Bound All Ireland Final On Saturday

MORE than 400 excited school-girls will entrain in Cork city early on Saturday morning en route to one of the most exciting events in the half-century long camogie history of their school.

St. Aloysius, Cork, first winners of the Cork Camogie championship in 1923 lost to regain a title in 1928 but in 1939 retained championship in 1939 and first holders of the Munster and first holders of the All-Ireland championship last year, will be hoping to become the first all-Ireland school senior camogie champions.

Encouraged by almost the entire population they line out against St. Pauls of Kilkenny, the League champions on Saturday at 1 pm at Croke Park.

St. Aloysius fought their way through Cork, Munster and an All-Ireland semi-final for this unique opportunity of establishing their considerable camogie reputation.

HAVE DOMINATED
From the inception of schools camogie championships in Cork St. Aloysius have dominated the

game. They have won 25 Cork school titles. For ten years from 1929 the schools competitions were in abeyance and St. Aloysius entered for the county senior championship and won it twice.

When the schools championships were revised Old Aloysius were established and have competed with distinction since. Powered by past pupils of one of the country's longest serving camogie schools, Old Aloysius have won the county championship on 15 occasions.

But, in many aspects, next Sunday's final is one of the most important fixtures in the annals of the school.

SAME SIDE

St. Aloysius field the same team which beat St. Brigids. Tuam in the All-Ireland semi-final, having beaten Drisbane, Waterford, St. Mary's Portlaoise and St. Mary's Limerick beforehand.

The team is led by Liz Garvan one of the most talented young players Cork has produced. A Cork senior player at fifteen, an interprovincial at sixteen she was named as the outstanding player

in the game in this year's Munster awards.

St. Aloysius will be depending heavily on the tall young inter-provincial centre mid-fielder for the inspiration to overcome St. Pauls who ousted Lurgan in the semi-final.

Liz is one of the two senior club players on the side, the remainder of whom, with the exception of goalkeeper Eileen Long, are club juniors.

But team balance and fitness—they are trained by teacher Marie Hobbs—are also St. Aloysius' strong points.

With seven of last year's side their chances are good and they will not lack encouragement. Certainly they will have the good wishes of the Cork sporting public who have a particular affection for the schools' loyalty to the game.

The team is: Eileen Long; Sheila Long, Margaret O'Sullivan, Nuala Jennings, Marian O'Leary, Liz Garvan, Rose Long, Kathleen Carr, Ann Courtney, Rose Hennessy, Mariad O'Regan, Ann O'Dwyer.



St. Aloysius star, Liz Garvan, in action.

Kilkenny Side Best In Schools All-Ireland

Presentation Convent Kilkenny 1-2; St. Aloysius, Cork 1-2

A TWO-GOAL margin separated the victors, Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, from the vanquished, St. Aloysius School, Cork, at the end of a keenly contested game at Croke Park on Saturday, but while the victors took the major spoils, to both teams went the honour of participating in the first ever All-Ireland Colleges Camogie final.

The Leinster champions, who had earlier defeated a fancied St. Michaels, Lurgan, team in the semi-final, were the more balanced team and, while they looked unimpressive with the wind in the first half, they were just that little bit too strong for St. Aloysius afterwards and they got through for the vital scores.

Gallant St. Aloysius went down fighting but they won honour in defeat. After the game was over, no bitterness or distance for these girls, but acceptance of defeat and the fact that on the day they lost to a better team. The disappointment of defeat was quickly forgotten as close on five hundred of their schoolmates cheered them as enthusiastically at the end, as had been the case all through the game when the unfamiliar sound of a thousand cheering girls.

Significant in the Kilkenny victory was their excellent teamwork from goalkeeper Teresa O'Neill out while St. Aloysius boasted Marion O'Leary and Liz Garvan, their opponents' combined play. Presentation Convent, four of whose members have worn the Kilkenny colours, led by a goal and a point at the end of the first half. After eight minutes, however, Eileen Long's chance was a ground shot which went

all the way to the back of the net from twenty yards.

Yet, while they succeeded in adding only one other point, a "thirty" from Helena O'Neill, without any reply from the Munster champions, they had enough possession to have been well ahead at the interval.

COMEBACK HOPES

Hopes of a Cork comeback were upset by a brilliant Kilkenny goal immediately following the resumption. St. Aloysius keeper was about to clear when the ball was knocked from her hurley and Teresa Brennan was in to goal. In the 8th minute, the goalkeeper saved a certain goal but conceded a point and Kilkenny were through for another goal a minute later to finish their scoring.

In the 16th minute Cork and Munster camogie star Liz Garvan, who was upset by an early ankle injury, pointed for St. Aloysius and Ann O'Dwyer followed up with a similar score before the goal they badly needed was scored by the same player. This came after 15 minutes play and while they rallied strongly for several all-out attacks, the Kilkenny defence stood firm in the remaining ten minutes and St. Aloysius' efforts brought little reward.

Scores—Presentation Convent: E. McEvoy, T. Brennan and P. Byrne, 1-0 each; E. Neary and H. O'Neill, 0-1 each. St. Aloysius: A. O'Dwyer 1-1; E. Garvan 0-1.

Presentation Convent—Teresa O'Neill, Ann Phelan, Kathleen Conway, Mary Tullis, Helena O'Neill, Liz Neary, Claire Dowling, Carmel Doyle, Patsy Byrne, Mary Barry, Brena McEvoy, Teresa Brennan.

St. Aloysius—Eileen Long, Margaret O'Sullivan, Sheila Ryan, Nuala Jennings, Marian O'Leary, Liz Garvan, Rose Long, Kathleen Carr, Ann Courtney, Mariad O'Regan, Rose Hennessy, Ann O'Dwyer. Referee: Mrs. Nancy Murray (Antrim).

Kilkenny the first champs

Presentation Convent, Kilkenny 3-2; St. Aloysius Convent, Cork 1-2

PRESENTATION CONVENT, Kilkenny, deservedly became the first all-Ireland Colleges' Camogie champions, and first holders of Corn Sceilge when they defeated St. Aloysius Convent, Cork, after a brilliant final at Croke Park yesterday.

The Kilkenny girls led by 1-1 to nil at the interval and had built up a lead of 3-2 to nil before the Cork girls staged a rally midway through the second half.

Although conceding one goal, the sound Kilkenny defence stood firm, thereafter, and it was the Cork back division that was under pressure before the end.

The winners had outstanding players in full-back and captain Mary Tullis, Helena O'Neill, Liz

Neary, Carmel Doyle, Patsy Byrne and Mary Barry. Best for Cork were goalkeeper Eileen Long, Sheila Ryan, Margaret O'Sullivan, Liz Garvan and Mariad O'Regan.

Scores—Kilkenny: M. Barry (1-0), P. Byrne (1-0), T. Brennan (1-0), H. O'Neill (0-1), L. Neary (0-1), Cork: A. O'Dwyer (1-1), K. Carr (0-1).

Kilkenny—T. O'Neill; M. Tullis (capt.), H. O'Neill, A. Phelan, C. Conway; C. Doyle, L. Neary, C. Dowling; B. McEvoy, P. Byrne, T. Brennan; M. Barry.

Cork—E. Long; S. Ryan; M. O'Sullivan, N. Jennings, M. O'Leary, R. Long; L. Garvan, K. Carr, A. Courtney, M. O'Regan, R. Hennessy; A. O'Dwyer.

Referee—Mrs. N. Murray (Antrim).

Camogie Convention

The setting up of a competition which will include all institutes of higher education, including Universities, Teachers' Training Colleges, Physical Education Schools and possibly, Schools of Nursing was one of the most important motions adopted at the second session of the annual All-Ireland Camogie Congress at the weekend.

Despite a motion from Dublin to the contrary, the inter-provincial championships and the All-Ireland club championship were retained, but a motion from Limerick asking for an All-Ireland League failed to find a second.

County Boards and Provincial Councils will co-operate in drawing up a national panel of inter-county referees, coaching

seminars are to be held by the Provincial Councils, and the affiliation fee for each club has been raised from 10/- to fl.

In future when Congress extends over two days, a special function organised by Central Council will be held on the Saturday night.

The recommendations of the Policy Committee set up by the 1968 Congress were debated at some length and it was decided that instructional pamphlets be issued that would carry instruction on club foundation, management and general rules of procedure at meetings, etc.

Greater efforts are also to be made to spread the game through the schools at all levels, and to ensure that the activities of the Association get greater publicity.

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BADGE SAID 'ST. ALS FOR EUROPE!'

By PADRAIG PURSEAL
In my time I have seen many annual "invasions" of Croke Park, but never before had I witnessed anything like the sudden descent upon G.A.A. Headquarters last Saturday afternoon by the supporters of St. Aloysius School from Cork.

whisper it gently both in Cork and Kilkenny, hails from Tipperary. When the game was over I could not find the girl with that "St. Als for Europe" badge. But I see no reason why she should not save it up for next season. After all, their inter-county star, Liz Garvan, is only a fifty-year yet, and will again be a force in this competition next year.

There was I, strolling up an almost deserted Jones's Road in the sunshine to watch the All-Ireland Colleges camogie final between the team from the Cork school, and the girls from Presentation Convent Kilkenny, and saying to myself that I must be either late or early, for there did not seem to be very many going to the game.

Then, suddenly, round the corner from Clonliffe Road, came a seemingly endless convoy of double-decker buses, every last one of them jam-packed with youthful supporters of the Cork side.

In a moment I was engulfed by more teenage schoolgirls than I would have believed could be found in all Cork, not to say in a single school, every second one of them carrying a flag and everyone of them sporting a rosette in the school colours.

AIMING HIGH

Most of these well embellished with orthodox slogans, such as "Come on, St. Als", or "St. Als, the champions," but one young lady certainly set her sights high, for her really massive rosette bore the unique legend, "ST. ALS FOR EUROPE."

As well may be imagined, the seven or eight single-decker busloads of Kilkenny supporters were outshouted in the early stages, but as the Presentation score mounted, slowly but steadily, those shrill Kilkenny cheers grew louder and louder, and though a late St. Als' rally brought the thunder rolling again from the Cork ranks, in the bell of the reel, the Kilkenny players were just that vital shade too good.

But, if the Cork College could boast of the greater number of youthful fans, the Kilkenny school held the advantage at the other end of the age-scale. Among the strong contingent of the Presentation Community that travelled from Kilkenny to support their team was 82-year-old St. Mary Borgias who was not content to just sit there on the stand and savour victory.

When the game was over, there she was out on the pitch, congratulating the players, their coach, Miss Mary Conner, and the man in charge of games, Sister Mary Modica, who,

Big camogie games now arranged

By TAOBHLINE

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL of the Camogie Association, meeting in Dublin last week-end made the draws and preliminary arrangements for the forthcoming All-Ireland and the interprovincial competitions.

If possible it was decided to play the junior and senior All-Ireland semi-finals together, and in the first set, the Leinster champions and the Munster champions in both grades on August 10. If, however, there is any hold-up in the senior grade that game will be played on August 17, while the junior match goes on on August 10.

The second set of semi-finals, in which the Ulster junior and senior champions will be at home to the Connacht representatives, have been definitely fixed for August 17.

Leinster have home venues in the first set of semi-finals and Ulster in the second. In the interprovincial series holders Leinster are at home to Ulster in one semi-final, while Connacht entertain Munster in the other.

LEINSTER AGAIN

In the All-Ireland club championship the draw has again been favourable to Leinster, whose champions play the Connacht champions in one semi-final, while the Munster champions will be at home to the Ulster representatives in the other. The provincial championships in this competition must be finished by September 14.

Old Aloysians And U.C.C. Meet In C'ship Tonight

THE Cork senior championship gets under way on to-night when Old Aloysians meet U.C.C. at the Mardyke (7 p.m.).

credit not alone to their school but to the county as a whole and they were a shining example of the true meaning of the word "sport".

On Sunday a Referees' Course will be held in St. Aloysius' School and all those interested in the game are asked to attend.

There is little between the sides which meet in to-night's opening game of the Cork County Championship. Both were defeated by Glen Rovers (the holders) in last year's campaign.

However, Old Aloysians are in a better position in the league and might start as slight favourites. Old Als, for this game, will be calling on a number of the St. Aloysius' School team which lost to Kilkenny on Saturday last.

They will probably include Liz Garvan, Sheila Ryan, Marion O'Leary, Rose Long and Anne O'Dwyer. Other players of note on the Old Aloysian team are Mary Moran, Marie Garvan, Nora McAuliffe and Mary Murphy.

Old Aloysians have been doing very well in this year's league campaign and they are determined to advance in this year's championship. Last year they lost to Glen in the final and they are very keen to have another chance this season. Certainly they have plenty of skill in their line-out and with a grand captain in Mary Moran they will not lack enthusiasm.

FIXTURES

Tonight at U.C.C. Grounds, S.C.: Old Aloysians v. U.C.C. 7 p.m.
Sunday at St. Aloysius School: Munster Council Referees' Course 11-1 and 2-5 p.m.

EXPERIENCED PLAYERS

Against this U.C.C. have a number of very experienced players in their side. They have Rosemary O'Halloran and Pat Devlin, two great campaigners. They also have Deirdre Garvan who played with St. Aloysius' last year, while they also have a number of very promising performers in Mary Moran, Barbara Buckley, Mary Ita O'Sullivan, Annie Roche, Margaret McCarthy and Jean Lonergan. U.C.C. always have the difficulty of changing personnel but in spite of this they have proved a major force in the championship over the past few years. To-night they will be very keen to do well and whatever the result this game should lack nothing in excitement.

In an effort to improve the standard of refereeing in Munster the Munster Council are holding a Referees' Course on Sunday next at St. Aloysius' School, Cork. It will be conducted by Miss Lily Spence of Antrim and Miss Nell McCarthy, the Dublin chairman.

It is hoped to have a big gathering from all the Munster counties and the Cork clubs will be expected to support it in large numbers. Referees, or the lack of them, has always been a problem. In many cases girls are nervous of taking up refereeing as they may feel they do not know the rules sufficiently well to do the job properly. Now they have an opportunity to rectify this. But it is not only referees and prospective referees who will find interest here. Players, trainers and all those interested in the welfare of the game will find plenty to talk about in this fine morning session course. The morning session starts at 11 a.m. and continues until 1 p.m., while the afternoon session will be from 2 to 5 p.m.

No fixtures have been listed for Sunday to permit clubs to attend the course.

GREAT SUPPORTERS

Condolences this week to St. Aloysius School team who were beaten by St. Paul's, Kilkenny, in the All-Ireland and Colleges Final on Saturday last. But hear the best congratulations too to the twelve grand girls who represented Cork in this competition. They took their defeat in true sporting spirit and it is perhaps true to say that they made more friends in defeat than they would have if they had won. And what a tremendous performance from their supporters. Hiding their obvious disappointment they surrounded their "heroes" at the final whistle and "chaired" and sang them on the field. These supporters were a

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All-Ireland Title For Presentation Convent

Giving a really outstanding display, Presentation Convent, Kilkenny senior camogie team became first all-Ireland Colleges champions and first holders of Corn Sceilge when at Croke Park on Saturday they defeated a highly skilled team from St. Aloysius's, Cork, by 3-2 to 1-2. In achieving this victory they opened a new chapter in camogie history, being the first school in Ireland to complete the grand slam in winning the Leinster senior cup, Leinster junior cup, and all-Ireland Cup in the same year. It was also an historic occasion, since the Captain, Mary Tallis, was presented with a gold medal in recognition of this first all-Ireland Colleges' final. From the throw-in, Presentation broke away and were quickly in Cork's danger area, but a very strong back line built around Sheila Ryan and goalie E. Long cleared. Kilkenny's centre-field trio of Carmel Doyle, Elizabeth Neary and Claire Dowling played with great vigour and determination and had the edge over a very strong Cork centre-field, built around all-Ireland and Munster player, Liz Garvan.

FIRST GOAL

The first score of the game—a goal—came when a very good ball was sent to the net by Patsy Byrne. This roused the Kilkenny girls and some fine passages of play were seen before Helena O'Neill stretched Kilkenny's lead with a well-taken point from a '30'. Kilkenny's defence was magnificent with Teresa O'Neill brilliant in goal and Captain and full back Mary Tallis, clearing well under pressure, while Helena O'Neill and Catherine Conway were rarely beaten. Centre-back, Ann Phelan also defended soundly. Kilkenny led 1-1 to nil at the interval.

After the resumption excitement ran high as Kilkenny broke away and some very clever passing between Mary Barry, Bee McEvoy and Patsy Byrne, resulted in Teresa Brennan sending a great shot to the net for Kilkenny's 2nd goal. But the best goal of the game came when a high dropping ball was sent to the net by Bee McEvoy. This stretched Kilkenny's lead to 3-1. The Kilkenny team, now confident and comfortably in front, played some first-class camogie, particularly Carmel Doyle, Elizabeth Neary and Helena O'Neill.

CORK MISSED CHANCES

Cork missed some chances but were still playing very well. Kilkenny got another point from play by Carmel Doyle but Cork had not given up. They quickly got a point and a goal and concluded their scoring with another point. Kilkenny attacked again with Claire Dowling getting the better of her opponent and sending on to Bee McEvoy who at this stage was unbeatable. She passed to Teresa Brennan who just missed the posts by inches. When the final whistle sounded jubilant Kilkenny supporters swarmed on to the field to congratulate their victorious team. The cup was presented to Mary Tallis by the President of the Association—Mrs. McManus on the Hogan Stand. The team received their medals at a very pleasant function in Cleary's restaurant.



Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, All-Ireland senior colleges camogie champions, 1969. In front (from left)—T. O'Neill, P. Byrne, M. Tallis (capt.), B. McEvoy, C. Dowling and Michael Walsh (lucky mascot). Centre—M. Hennessy, P. Cody, C. Doyle, K. Dooley, H. O'Neill, M. Barry. Behind—E. Neary, A. Phelan, C. Conway, T. Brennan, Miss M. Connery (coach).

Three Cheers For The Camogie Girls

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

IF ANYONE told me I'd spend a Saturday evening in Croke park at a camogie match, I'd have scoffed at the very idea. Not that I have anything against camogie, it's great, as I learned recently.

But it happened that I did spend Saturday evening in Croke park, caught in the middle of a bunch of cheering schoolgirls, bedecked with coloured paper hats and the colours of their teams. And what's more; I enjoyed every minute of it, and was so caught up in the fever of the excitement, that I found myself cheering and shouting encouragement to "our team" just as I would at an All Ireland.

And I needn't tell you, that when "our team" won, I shouted as good as some, better than most and nearly lost my hat into the bargain.

GREAT WIN

What a great win it was for Presentation Convent to take the first all Ireland Colleges Camogie championship and the coveted cup. They deserved every score of their win and they played with all the traditional skill of a county senior team in "a final".

Maybe 'twas because they faced the traditional enemy from Cork, that they put such spirit into their game, or maybe they knew that a certain Sister was almost in a state of a nervous breakdown on the sideline.

FINAL WHISTLE

But they won and they won well, although they gave us a few nervous moments near the end when the Cork girls put on the pressure and looked like scoring. School bells, rattles and full throated roars for "the Pres" contingent on the Hogan Stand never let up until the final whistle.

Even the good nuns forgot decorum and shouted their encouragement and when the Cork girls roared loudly, we roared louder.

One of the finest moments was just before the game began when Sister strolled down the playing pitch and the girls let out a roar almost as good as the "Croke park" roar, and although she acknowledged with a quick wave of her hand, we know she was saying a silent prayer to her patron Saint for a win.

And another moment was to see the happy wide smile on the face of another member of the Community who, despite her great age, made the tiring trip to Dublin.

FELT PROUD

And I was thrilled too, to hear my young family cheering for their father's and mother's old school and deep down, I felt proud of the Kilkenny girls and wouldn't have missed the match for anything.

And it was grand to see the Cork girls, in the great sporting tradition of the county, throwing their arms around their Kilkenny victors at the end of the game.

But just one disparaging note. Where were the "top brass" of the GAA or is Camogie just the poor Cinderella of the Association? Here was a great opportunity of showing more interest, and indeed, a band, which could be well afforded, would have added glamour to the occasion and after all, it was "an All-Ireland Final" and where was the National Flag sadly missing from over the Cusack Stand?

Let's hope next year's final will be more fittingly honoured.

Waterford And Tipp. Girls Open New Season

By AGNES HOURIGAN
The All-Ireland camogie championship gets under way on Sunday when Tipperary meet Waterford in the first round of the senior series at a Waterford venue.

Waterford, who held Cork in the Munster championship final on home ground a year ago, and were only beaten in extra time, but will need to be wary of Tipperary, who have some good players coming up in Beatrice Lawrence, Margaret Cleary and Deirdre Lane.

As Clare have withdrawn from the senior championship, Cork will meet Sunday's winners in the first semi-final on June 22. In the other semi-final, Kerry and Limerick are scheduled to meet at Limerick on June 8.

Meanwhile, Cork are preparing by running off their own championships. Old Aloysians had a surprisingly easy 4-5 to nil win over U.C.C. in the opening round.

It is noteworthy that St. Als included no less than six of their All-Ireland schools final side. St. Als, will now meet long-term holders Glen Rovers in the semi-final. At the other end of the draw, South Presentation just got the better of Youghal after a most exciting game.

Up North the Maguire Cup, the pipe-opener for the senior championship is already under way and the next clash is between Antrim and Fermanagh on May 18. The Antrim seven-asides will be played at Whithill on Sunday.

In Dublin we have had a whole series of surprise results in both league and championship, and the position is that Austin Stacks are already through to the championship final, in which they await the winners of the second semi-final between Eoghan Ruadh and Celtic.

As Ruadh defeated Celtic in convincing fashion in a recent league clash, the odds would seem to be on the holders advancing to the final again.

But league form has thus far proved a most unreliable guide. U.C.D. beat Austin Stacks fairly comfortably in the league and then failed by four points to the same opposition less than ten days later in the semi-final of the championship.

However, whatever about the championship, Eoghan Ruadh seem to have the league title in safe custody. They have full points from the matches played and could clinch their claim when they meet U.C.D. on Sunday.

Leinster camogie fixtures

THE Leinster Camogie Council has made the following championship fixtures (first named county in each instance at home):
Senior—June 22—Wexford v Kilkenny (Mrs. O'Duffy). Final—Wexford v Kilkenny v Dublin.
Junior—1st Rd. "A"—Kilkenny v Wexford (Mrs. O'Duffy). Quarter-finals—June 8—"B"—Wicklow v Offaly. May 25—"C"—Louth v Westmeath. June 25—"D"—Kildare v "A" (Mrs. Timmins). June 15—"E"—Dublin v Meath (Kildare referee). Semi-finals—"C" v "E"; "B" v "D".

Glen Rovers Set Out In Quest Of Eight In A Row

GLEN ROVERS, seven-in-a-row County Champions, make their first appearance in this year's competition on Sunday next at the Mardyke. Their opponents in this first round tie will be intermediate selection, Naomh Gobnath.

This game is the first of a double-decker attraction with Youghal and South Presentation Past Pupils in opposition in the second championship game. There are also three junior league games listed for Sunday.

Glen Rovers set out on their eight consecutive title on Sunday. This season Glen have been doing badly in the League but they are always a different side in the championship. During the league campaign they have rarely been able to call on their best side but on Sunday they are expected to be at full strength.

On paper it looks as if the champions will have too much experience for their opponents. They have dominated this competition for so long now it is difficult to see them being beaten. Glen have strength in all sectors and are always particularly effective in attack. Anna Crotty needs no introduction to Cork followers in this regard, while Stephanie O'Connell and Peggy Dorgan can

also be match winners in their own right.

Then they have goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton and top defenders in Teresa Murphy, Nora O'Mahony and Margaret Buckley.

PLENTY OF TALENT

Among the up and coming club members they have plenty of talent too in the persons of Eileen O'Doherty, Joan Twomey and Mary McDonald, while Maura Coleman and Nuala Humphries are two other fine players who have plenty of experience.

So it would appear that Glen must be favourites to qualify to meet Old Aloysians in the semi-final. However, there are some very good players in the intermediate grade and if these can combine together successfully then they could make a real game of it.

Naomh Gobnath will be selected from Douglas, Munster Institute, Inniscarra, Churchtown, Cobh, Canovee and Blarney. The team was not available at the time of writing but among the players likely to be called upon are Sheila Dunne, the Cork and Munster player, Noreen O'Reilly, who also played for the Cork senior side, Mary Heelan, Pat

O'Sullivan, Kay Healy and Nuala Collins, all Cork junior players. Others who are very much in the reckoning are Mary Redican, and the Gaffneys of Blarney.

The second game is likely to be a very close encounter. Both teams have yet to win the championship, although South Presentation have come close on a number of occasions. At present they are top of the senior league table and are more determined than ever to do well in the championship. They have many grand players including Eleanor Cummins, who was so brilliant between the Cork posts last season. Full back Hanna Dineen is another tremendous asset with her long pucks, while Sheila and Bridie O'Sullivan are grand defenders. Other top class players on the side are Betty Sugrue, Angela Cronin, Blanche Gibbons, Emer Hurley, Anne Comerford and Mary Crowley, while among the more recent arrivals on the side are Marlon McCarthy, and May Whelton. South Pres are doing so well at present that many followers will expect them to win on Sunday.

STRONG SIDE

However, Youghal have always been a side with a fighting spirit and this season's side is no exception. They have very capable performers in Mary Barron, Pat Riordan, Eileen Ruxton and Marie Costin, all members of the Cork secondary team, while their biggest assets are in the persons of Mary Jo Ryan and Esther O'Connell, both members of the Cork senior selection.

There is tremendous interest in camogie in Youghal and no doubt they will have a large band of followers to cheer them on. Certainly they will not relinquish their chance of playing in the semi-final easily and although South Pres, could emerge as eventual winners, they will have to be at their best to do so.

In the junior league ties a great deal of interest will centre around newcomers, Sarfields. This will be the club's first competitive game, and it could be a difficult one against the experienced Fermoy. Sarfields are connected with the hurling club in Glanmire and no doubt they will get plenty of encouragement from the club, which is a great help to any new team.

In the other ties Bishopstown will be expected to take both points from Araglin while Glanworth should account for U.C.C.

At Mardyke — 1969 Senior Championship, Glen Rovers v N. Gobnath (Ref. M. Moran) at 3 p.m.; Youghal v South Pres. (Ref. O'Grady).

*Glen got walk-over
S. Pres. 2-2 Youghal 1-3*

Tipp. Defeat Waterford

(By "ATLAS")

The 1969 Munster senior camogie championship opened at Gaultier East, Waterford, on Sunday in brilliant sunshine, when Tipperary and Waterford lined out before a good attendance. Tipperary emerged worthy winners by 2-9 to 2-0.

CAN FEEL REASONABLY CONFIDENT

It's still too early in the season to assess the merits of this victory, but, after Sunday's performance, Tipperary can feel reasonably confident of the future.

On Sunday they introduced two teenage school girls, Deirdre Lane (Lorrha) and Margaret Cleary (Thurles) to senior competition for the first time, and the experiment was a complete success. The newcomers blended ideally with their team-mates and all gave promise of better things to come.

After a shaky start Tipperary settled down and went into an early lead with scores by Monica Ryan one goal and one point and a point by Bridie Conroy. Waterford fought back against the run of play and scored two rather easy goals to leave the half-time score 1-4 to 2-0 in favour of Tipperary.

TIPP. BETTER IN SECOND HALF

In the second half Tipperary settled down to play a more constructive game and went further ahead by scores by Peggy Gramham (1-0), Monica Ryan (0-2), Beatrice Laurence (0-2), Anne Graham (0-1), without reply from Waterford.

The winners will be at home to Cork (holders) in the semi-final on Sunday, June 22nd. The venue for this attractive game will be fixed at the next Co. Board meeting. Meanwhile Tipperary juniors will be in action against Limerick next Sunday at a Limerick venue.

Wexford Girls Move Ahead

WEXFORD 3-3
KILKENNY 1-2

Leinster junior camogie champions, Wexford, although having to field a completely new side, defeated Kilkenny in the opening game of the current year's competition at St. John's Park, Kilkenny yesterday.

Scores were level at 1-2 each at half-time but Wexford pulled out to win in the closing stages.

Scorers—Wexford—P. Cashman (2-2), P. Power (1-0), J. Kinnaid (0-1). Kilkenny—B. McEvoy (1-0), C. Doyle (0-1), T. Brennan (0-1).



LEFT: Mr. Paddy O'Keeffe, regional general manager, Allied Irish Banks, presenting a cheque for the sponsorship to Mr. W. Healy, chairman, Bord na nOg. Included are: Mr. Sean Gunning, treasurer; Mr. Michael English, secretary; Mr. Jim McEvoy, registrar; Mr. Jim Harrington, committee; Miss Mary Moran, chairman, Cork Co. Camogie Board, and AIB; Mr. George Mansfield, regional officer, AIB; and Liam Fitzpatrick, do.

—("Examiner")