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CORK SENIOR TEAM



FRONT — Mary Canavan (Sarsfields); Nuala Jennings (U.C.C.); Ann Keane (Buttevant); Marion Sweeney (Killeagh) (Capt.); Pat Moloney (U.C.C.); Nuala Guilly (Cloyne) and Nancy O'Driscoll (Eire Og). **BACK** — Sheila Dunne (Canovee); Marie Costine (Cloyne); Betty Sugrue (South Pres.); Mary Whelton (South Pres.); Hannah Cotter (South Pres.); Deirdre Sutton (Glen Rovers); Ann Ryan (Old Als); Marion McCarthy (South Pres.) and Bernie Costine (Cloyne).

Each year since 1968 Cork has featured in All-Ireland Camogie Final Day at Croke Park. The past year was no exception with the county's senior and minor sides challenging for top honours.

However, unlike the previous season, when Cork achieved an historic All-Ireland double by winning the senior and junior titles, the county had to settle for second best in 1974 to Kilkenny at senior and Down at minor.

Despite those reverses, the past seven years have been tremendously successful ones for the Rebel County on the camogie scene. During that period Cork won no fewer than five All-Ireland titles, and as many as 14 Munster Championships! In addition, the county contested 11 All-Ireland finals.

Weigh in Munster Colleges' and Inter-Club titles, Cronin Cup, Ashbourne Cup and C.C.I.A. League triumphs, and it all adds up to an outstanding record by any measurement.

In the first round of last year's All-Ireland Senior Championship Cork had a hard-earned win over Galway. Then came an impressive win over Antrim (8-2 to 3-1) in the semi-final. In the All-Ireland final in September, Cork and Kilkenny played a draw—Cork 4-5; Kilkenny 3-8.

Three weeks later the counties met in the replay at Croke Park, and the up-to-then invincible Cork side had to concede defeat to a very good Kilkenny side. The result was: Kilkenny 3-3; Cork 1-5.

It is coincidental, by the way, that a good Cork run of All-Ireland senior titles in the late Thirties and early Forties (they were champions in 1939, 1940 and 1941) also came to an end in an All-Ireland final replay—they lost the 1942 game to Dublin by 2-2 to 4-1, after each county had scored 1-2 in the drawn game.

The Cork minor team had easy wins in last year's Munster Championship over Clare and Kerry before meeting a fine Limerick side in the provincial decider.

However, Cork chalked up a narrow win, to earn the right of a semi-final clash with Galway. Despite the Connacht county's wealth of Colleges' players, Cork had a comfortable victory.

In the All-Ireland final at Croke Park on October

6, Cork lined-up against Down. The Ulster team's individual and collective ability proved superior to Cork, and the Northerners took the title on a 3-0 to 0-1 score-line.

Cork's particularly sporting tradition was very much in evidence in the losing All-Ireland finals of last year.

The county has an outstanding record in the major camogie competitions. The All-Ireland senior championship has been won ten times. The winning years were:

1934, 1935, 1936, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973.

Then, there was that All-Ireland junior title win of 1973, while the roll call of titles in Munster is equally impressive.

Here is the break-down:

25 Munster senior championships; 5 Munster junior championships; 3 Munster secondary championships; 4 Munster minor championships (three under-18 and one under-16).

Those under-age successes also help to bring into focus the fact that every effort is made to encourage the game among the school-goers. In this regard, camogie is being organised at present in the Primary Schools throughout the county.

Cork, whose colours are Red and White, enjoy keen rivalry with Kilkenny, Antrim and Tipperary at senior, and with Limerick and Down at minor.

As for the future, it is the aim to continue to seek improvement in all spheres.

All in all, then, Cork has a very proud record in the camogie scene. Moreover, it is a record that will undoubtedly be nobly enriched in the years ahead.

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Minor Selectors: Sheila Dunne, Phil Crowley, Mary O'Callaghan, Mary Fahy, Mary Moran.

CORK MINOR TEAM



FRONT — Kathleen Costine (Cloyne); Jane O'Brien (Churchtown); Margo Twomey (Canovee) (Capt.); Ellen McCarthy (Sarsfields); Patricia Riordan (Ballinlough); Eileen Kavanagh (Eire Og); Claire Harris (Na Piarasigh).

BACK — Ber. Foley (Sarsfield); Eileen Walsh (Castlevew); Betty Joyce (Killeagh); Catherine Landers (Killeagh); Gay Desmond (Ballyphehane); Margo Sugrue (Ballyphehane); Patricia Mackey (Blarney); Ann O'Connor (Old Als).

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Cork Chasing Fifth Successive Senior Title



ELEECE FITZGIBBON



ROSE KELLEHER



MAUREEN KELLY



ANNE MARIE O'LOUGHLIN



GERALDINE CROWE



MARY DOLAN

THE LADIES take over Croke Park on Sunday next when the Junior and Senior All-Ireland titles will be decided. In these Cork will be chasing their fifth successive senior title when they meet Kilkenny, still hoping for their first win while Clare meet Dublin in the junior decider.

Cork have won the senior All-Ireland title for the last four years and met Kilkenny in the finals of 1970 (which they won by seven points) and 1972 when Cork made it by 2-5 to 1-4. Now Kilkenny are facing their third battle with Cork—in a final—and they are determined that it will be third time lucky for them.

But Cork will be just as keen to stay "at the top" where they have shone so brightly over the last few years. And following their toughest road to the final in recent years they will certainly take a great deal of holding.

This year, as last year, an open draw was again in operation. In the first round Cork drew their arch rivals, Galway. Cork never seem to play well against the Westerners and surely their great strength as a winning side was brought home in their meeting with Galway. Played at the Mardyke, Cork were well below their best form, but in one ten-minute "purple patch" Cork did enough to win by 3-5 to 3-2. When one considers that Galway only lost to Cork by two points in 1973 and when they represented Connacht and Cork represented Munster in the Gael Linn Cup, the Galway girls reversed this result and defeated Munster handsomely.

Then the Cork Girls faced a ten-hour journey to Glenarriffe in North Antrim, to take on the girls from that county in the semi-final. To play in the North at the present time is no easy task and when one realises that Cork only had a two-point win

over Antrim in last year's final—after a tremendous game—their tie in Antrim was all the more formidable.

Add to this an early goal to the Northerners and an nasty injury to Cork's centrefielder Betty Sugrue and Cork looked in dire straights in the opening quarter. But Betty, in spite of her injury insisted on playing on and put in one of the best performances of her career. She outplayed the brilliant Mairead McAtamney and at the same time did trojan work in the Cork centrefield. Inspired by Betty's courage the Cork girls began to play as only they know how and ended up with one of their greatest performances and a 8-2 to 3-1 win

OVER-CONFIDENCE

Early in the season Cork easily defeated Kilkenny in a friendly at Riverstown, but Cork would want to ignore that result as it was a very depleted Kilkenny line-out on that occasion with all their "big guns" missing. Admittedly Kilkenny began 1974 unimpressively losing to Wexford in the Leinster Championship but they got on to the winning trail when they had six points to spare over Tipperary in the first round of the All-Ireland and this margin was poor return for the amount of the play they dominated. Then they seemed to find their true form when they met Wexford in the semi-final, showing a vast improvement and looking a very useful side indeed.

Like Galway, the Colleges have become a very successful part of Kilkenny camogie. In the 1968-69 season Presentation won the All-Ireland Senior Colleges and two of their stars on that occasion are now Kilkenny county stars. They are Helena O'Neill who is playing brilliantly this year and Liz Neary who is not far behind in top performances. Both are very fast and excellent ball-players. Another danger girl is, of course Ann Carroll, who will be playing in her fourth final on Sunday (as well as the 1970 and 1972 with Kilkenny she was also on the successful Tipperary team in 1965). Ann is Kilkenny's very accurate free taker and although she is listed at half back she is quite likely to be in front of the Cork goal at every opportunity. Mary Kennedy, Teresa O'Neill, Mary Fennelly and Carmel Doyle are all strong and useful players on the Kilkenny side

while Angela Downey, their grand goal-poacher is back to her best form after a knee injury

CHASING FIRST

Kilkenny have trained exceptionally hard since their semi-final win and with that added incentive of chasing their first title they will certainly be no "cake walk" for the Cork girls. Most of their side are members of St. Pauls Club, who won the All-Ireland inter-club in 1968 '70 and reached the final again this year. No Cork club has so far managed to win this competition so that the Kilkenny threat to their "Kingdom" must be taken very seriously.

But Cork have the talent, confidence, and a determination to take this title. Of last season's winning team only Ann Phelan and Rosie Hennessy are missing while the above two and Liz Garvan are missing from the side which defeated Kilkenny in 1972. In spite of the fact that all three are forwards, Cork are still very much a scoring power.

Ann Phelan did not play this season while Rosie Hennessy cried off the selection, because of pressure of studies. But their replacements Ann Ryan, who return after a non-playing season, and Nancy O'Driscoll, who captained the junior side to All-Ireland glory last season have fitted in extremely well and in the Antrim game Cork showed that their attack is once again in top gear.

Deirdre Sutton is again between the posts while the powerful Cork defence is as usual made up of Marie Costine, Hannah Cotter, Sheila Dunne and Mary Whelton. Marion McCarthy, Pat Moloney and Betty Sugrue make up Cork's stylish midfield trio while in addition to Ann Ryan and Nancy O'Driscoll, Cork have Marion Sweeney and Nuala Gully to complete the attack.

FORMIDABLE LINE-UP

This is indeed a formidable line-up and if they can reach the heights they reached in Antrim, then Cork must have a great chance of bringing their fifth successive title back to the Lee.

It is good to see Clare involved in the junior final and no doubt all Munster followers will be anxious to see them doing well. Clare, has always been one of the "weaker" camogie counties. But since they succeeded in reaching the All-Ireland final Clare have gone into intensive training with their two Dublin-based players Margaret O'Toole, their captain, and C. Harrington, as well as their Cork based player Mary Mahon all gathering in Clare for collective training.

Teams:—

Cork: D. Sutton (Glen Rovers), M. Costine (Cloyne), H. Cotter (S.P.P.), S. Dunne (Canovee), M. Whelton (S.P.P.), M. McCarthy (do.), P. Moloney (U.C.C.), B. Sugrue (S.P.P.), M. Sweeney (Killeagh), A. Ryan (Old Aloysians), N. Gully (Cloyne), N. O'Driscoll (Eir Og).

Subs: N. Jennings (U.C.C.), M. Canavan (Sarsfields), B. Costine (Cloyne), A. Keane (Buttevant).

Kilkenny: T. O'Neill, M. Kennedy, H. O'Neill, A. Carroll, B. Martin, P. Carey, L. Neary, M. Fennelly, A. Downey, C. Doyle, U. Grace, M. Conway.

FIXTURES

Sunday at Croke Park. All Ireland Finals: Senior, Cork v Kilkenny, 3.30 p.m. (ref. Jim Murphy, Galway). Junior: Dublin v Clare, 2 p.m. (Ref. Mar Lynch (Monaghan)).



KILKENNY'S CAPTAIN Teresa O'Neill



On Cork panel: Ann Ryan, Mary Canavan and Nuala Jennings.

CAMOGIE SPECIAL

Dublin Seek Third Success

Dublin, who hold the unique record of having won the All-Ireland junior camogie championship in successive years with two entirely different teams in 1970 and 1971, will be seeking their third success in this competition when they line out against Clare in next Sunday's Croke Park final.

Oddly enough, two of the players who helped Dublin to those two earlier successes, are now opposing them in the Clare ranks, but this is a well-drilled and reasonably experienced Dublin side, whose strength, as was the case with so many great Dublin senior camogie sides of the past, lies in team-work and combination rather than in individual brilliance.

They have plenty of power right up the middle of the middle of the field, with very sound units in Phyllis Breslin in goal, full-back Phil Barry, Libby Howard at midfield, Lucy McEvoy, the captain at centre-forward, and dashing full-forward Helen Roche.

They have shaped well in training, and are more than hopeful of halting Clare's victory march.

Incidentally, Libby Howard is a daughter of a famed All-Ireland hurler who won

supreme honours with both Dublin and Limerick, Garrett Howard. The team and reserves are: Phyllis Breslin; Phil Barry, Brigid Kennedy, Anne Whelan, Mary Murphy; Marian Kenny, Libby Howard, Anne Redmond; Maura Sutton, Lucy McEvoy (captain), Margaret McMahon; Helen Roche. Reserves: Felicity Sutton, Anne Murphy, Corina Phillips, Anna Tallon.



● Lucy McEvoy . . . leads Dublin.

Clare Will Make History

On Sunday next, Clare will make camogie history when a Clare team plays for the first time in an All-Ireland junior final, and this too will be the first occasion that a Clare camogie team has played at Croke Park.

But two of the Clare side have played at Croke Park before now, and have in fact won All-Ireland medals there in this same junior grade. What is more, both these girls Anne Marie O'Loughlin and Claire Harrington, won those All-Irelands with the very county that will be opposing them in Sunday's final.

When a determined effort was being made to revive the game in Clare a couple of years ago, Congress gave special permission for these two players to field again in junior ranks, and their arrival sparked off a wonderful resurgence which brought the county its first Munster junior title, capped by a fine victory over Galway in the semi-final, and culminating in this first All-Ireland appearance at Croke Park.

Also well known in Dublin is the Clare captain Margaret O'Toole from the Eire Og club in Ennis who was also captain of the Carysfort College team in the C.C.I.A. League last year.

The Clare team is: Maureen Kelly (Eire Og); Anne Marie O'Loughlin (Eire Og); Rose



● Margaret O'Toole . . . captains Clare.

Kelleher (Shannon), Margaret O'Toole (Eire Og), captain; Claire Harrington (Celtic, Dublin); Teresa McDonagh (Eire Og), Catherine McNicholas (Eire Og), Maureen Davoren (Celtic, Dublin); Mary Dolan (Shannon); Mary Mahon (Muskerry, Cork), Pauline Ryan (Eire Og); Eilece Fitzgibbon (Shannon). Reserves — Maureen Saunders (Eire Og), Mary Griffin (Eire Og), Teresa Daly (Shannon), Anne Marie Russell (Eire Og).



MARTINA O'GRADY

BRIDIE MCGIRL

Cork hoping to make it five in a row

THERE is an air of quiet confidence at the Cork camogie girls' training session on Tuesday last before their fifth successive appearance at Croke Park on Sunday next. On their previous four visits they have brought back the senior All-Ireland title and on Sunday they are hoping to make it five in a row when they meet Kilkenny.

But although most of the players at the UCC Grounds training session felt that they must have a very good chance of winning they were not without a very healthy respect for their opponents.

Mary Moran, team coach for the last three seasons, felt that Cork could be facing a very different Kilkenny team from that which they defeated in 1972, but she felt that if Cork could get off to a good start then they could take their fifth.

Newcomer Nancy O'Driscoll, who captained the Cork juniors to victory last season, also felt that a good start was vital and team captain Marion Sweeney was of the same opinion. Marion left the Kilkenny's daughter

players were Ann Carroll and Liz Neary, while Nuala Gully felt that their centre-field trio of Peggy Carey, Liz Neary and Mary Fennelly were the greatest threat to Cork.

Nuala, who with Marie Costine and Anne Ryan, travelled to see Kilkenny in their semi-final clash with Wexford, said that when Cork met them in 1972 the Kilkenny team was built around Ann Carroll with everybody playing to her. Now the team have more experience, and are playing with marvellous combination, with all 12 very much an important part of the side. The result was a very efficient team.

CONSCIENTIOUS

Hannah Cotter was not at the training session as she lives in Carlow. However, Hannah is a very conscientious member of the side and trains on her own in Carlow. Proof of her dedication was obvious in Antrim when she played a marvellous game so there are no worries about her fitness.

Mary Whelton, however, is causing selectors some worry as she suffered a recurrence of her back trouble over the weekend. Mary, who is attending a doctor, did not train on Tuesday but she is hopeful that the trouble will clear up before Sunday.

Mary, who is a vital member of Cork's powerful defence, again stressed the strength of the Kilkenny midfield, and also felt that as Kilkenny were hoping for their first title they had great incentives to win. However, at the same time she felt that Cork had the ability to get there but again felt that they must have a good start.

Certainly the Cork girls looked good in this tough training session. They are very happy training together but behind this is a grim determination and will to win.

Greatest fear of their followers is that after their marvellous wins against Galway and Antrim that they might be over

confident on Sunday. But having spoken to them, I don't think this will happen. They have been too long at the top to treat any game lightly and if they can get that early good start that they all want then they must have a great chance of bringing that fifth title to the Lee.

Incidentally, it was good to see the minors hard at training also. They meet Down in the minor final on September 29 and the training they have been doing with the seniors must help them in their bid to bring the first minor title south.

But back to Sunday, and a word about the junior final. Munster will also be represented in this game when Clare take on the might of Dublin. Clare will be chasing their first title in this competition and a win would do a great deal for the county which has always been regarded as a "weaker" county. It will be tough against Dublin but they have been training very hard and will be full of hope for that first victory.

Fixtures: Croke Park — All-Ireland Finals, Junior — Dublin v. Clare, 2 p.m.; Senior — Kilkenny v. Cork, 3.30 p.m.



THERESA McDONAGH



PAULINE RYAN

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PEN PICTURES OF THE PLAYERS



PEG CAREY (Young Irelands), centrefield. Peg has won two Leinster medals and played in the 1972 All-Ireland final. She has won two Leinster medals.



CARMEL DOYLE (St. Paul's), full forward. A very hard player, Carmel scored a great goal against Wexford. She has won senior colleges' medals and senior county medals with her club.



ANGELA DOWNEY (St. Paul's), left half forward. The youngest player on the side, Angela is a very accurate striker. She has played for Leinster and has won senior county medals with her club.



MARY FENNEL (Carrickshock), left centrefield. Has played for Leinster and won a Leinster medal. She also played in an All-Ireland final.



TERESA O'NEILL (St. Paul's), goalie and captain, is a very competent net minder. She has been playing senior for three years and has played for Leinster. She has colleges' senior medals and senior county medals with St. Paul's.



ANGELA DOWNEY



MARIE CONWAY



MARY CONWAY (St. Paul's), centre half forward. May has played at right half back for Kilkenny and was on the side in the 1970 All-Ireland final. She has won senior county medals with her club.



HELENA O'NEILL (St. Paul's), right centre field. A very fast and stylish player, Helena is regarded as a second Eddie Keher. She won senior colleges' medals with P.C.K. and senior county medals with her club. She has also played for Leinster.



TERESA BRENNAN



MARY KENNEDY (Young Irelands), full back. Mary has won two Leinster titles and played in the All-Ireland final in 1972.



BRIDGET MARTIN (Lisdowney), left half back. Bridget has won a Leinster medal and played in an All-Ireland final.



URSULA GRACE (St. Paul's), right half forward. This is Ursula's first time to don the county jersey in an All-Ireland final. A very accomplished forward, she has won senior county medals with her club.



ANN CARROLL (St. Paul's), centre half back. Ann is the most experienced player on the Kilkenny team. She has won every honour in camogie except an All-Ireland medal.



LIZ NEARY (St. Paul's), right half back. A very strong and powerful player, Liz is the only girl in Ireland to hold four senior club All-Ireland medals. She won senior colleges' medals with P.C.K. and senior county medals with her club. She has played for Leinster.

CLARE GIRLS CAN CAPTURE FIRST EVER CAMOGIE TITLE

CROKE PARK will be the mecca for Clare camogie fans on Sunday next when the Clare junior side will take on the Dublin girls in the All-Ireland final at 2 p.m. Clare will be bidding to capture their first-ever All-Ireland title and while Dublin will be regarded by many as favourites, this Clare side will not be easy to beat.

This is a very strong Clare side on paper at any rate, and all members of the panel have trained exceptionally hard for this game. This will be the first appearance of a Clare camogie team in an All-Ireland final. The nearest Clare went to winning an All-Ireland was in 1944 when they were beaten in the semi-final.

On their way to the final the Clare team has played very well with their only weakness having being in the forward line. "The forwards have been very dedicated in training and have improved immensely", Sister Angela, chairman of the camogie Board told me when I spoke to her on Monday evening.

Maureen Kelly has proved to be a first class goal-keeper to date in the championship. Maureen who is a student is a native of Castleview, Spencilhill and is regarded as one of the leading goal-keepers in the game. In front of her she has a great full back in Anne Marie O'Loughlin who is the vice-captain of the team. Anne Marie, who is a teacher is a native of Ballyvaughan. She won an All-Ireland junior medal in 1970 when she was a member of the Dublin side which won the title. When I spoke to Anne Marie on Monday evening she said that Clare had a fifty-fifty chance. "If we can get the upper hand at midfield then I believe we will win", she said. "The team played exceptionally well in the Munster final and if they can re-produce that form then I feel we will win".

INSPIRING CAPTAIN

Margaret O'Toole at centre back has been a very inspiring



MARGARET O'TOOLE (who will captain the side)

captain to date in the championship. Margaret, who is a native of Ballynacally and who teaches in Dublin has been one of the shining lights in the side to date and she can be relied upon to give her side a captain's lead on Sunday. Rose Kelleher and Claire Harrington will complete a very strong Clare defence. Rose who will fill the right wing back position is a native of Ardrahan, Co. Galway. The left wing back position will be filled by Claire Harrington, who is a native of Feakle and who plays with the Celtic club in Dublin. Claire was also a member of the Dublin team which won the All-Ireland in 1970 and when I spoke to her on Monday evening she said that Clare were up against very stiff opposition. "Both teams play ground camogie and I feel that if our forwards play as they have been doing in the last three or four weeks we will win".

Clare have a strong midfield trio in Theresa McDonagh and Catherine McNicholas, both Eire

Mary Mahon, who is a native of Ballyvaughan and who plays with Muskerry in Cork will be at centre forward. She is a very experienced player having won an All-Ireland title with Cork last year. The wing forward positions will be filled by Mary Dolan, who is a native of Craughwell, Co. Galway and who plays with Shannon and Pauline Ryan of Ennis.

The full forward position on the side will be filled by Eleece Fitzgibbon who plays with Shannon and who is a native of Charleville, Co. Cork.

Clare have very strong and experienced reserves all of whom have played with the side at one stage or another.

TRAINED HARD

The side have undoubtedly put tremendous time and effort into training for this final. The trainer of the side is Michael Brennan and when I spoke to Michael on Monday he had this to say: "A team reaching any final has gained in confidence en route which can be misleading and can be hard to put in proper perspective. However I feel that the confidence gained by the present panel has been achieved by their hard grind of training and match experience since the team first got together on Easter Sunday. At the start of the year I thought that we could do well provided that the players gained in self confidence as the ability was undoubtedly there and after our first round win over Tipperary the team grew in confidence with every outing".

"We beat a good Limerick team in the Munster final and although we had only four points to spare over Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final it was never a game that we looked like losing", said the Clare sides trainer. "Many chances were missed on that day but I feel that our forwards have shown a marked improvement since then. We received a heavy beating from an almost full strength Cork senior side two weeks ago but the team learned quite a bit from the game".

I asked Michael what he thought of the Dublin side and he said that he was very impressed by the combination shown by the Dublin forward line. "The Dublin team are fast and fit and never lift the ball off the ground. If we can get a grip at midfield it will take a great deal of pressure off our back line which has excelled in all games to date but they will have to be at their very best on Sunday to contain the lively Dublin quartet. Given an even start and a break at midfield I think that we could do well", he concluded.

Unfortunately I haven't seen the Clare girls play this year but I have seen them in training and I can say that they have trained exceptionally hard. Even though they are appearing in their first All-Ireland final they are nevertheless a very experienced side with a number of the players having played in other counties. If Clare can get a grip at midfield and if their forwards strike top form then I feel that they will bring the All-Ireland title to Clare.

The Clare team for Sunday's game shows one change in personnel from the side which started against Galway in the semi-final. Pauline Ryan (Eire Og), replaces her club-mate, Maureen Saunders in the forward line. Otherwise the team is unchanged and is as follows:

- 1
Maureen Kelly
(Eire Og)
- 2
Anne Marie O'Loughlin
(Dal gCais)
- 3
Rose Kelleher
(Shannon)
- 4
Margaret O'Toole
(Eire Og, Capt.)
- 5
Claire Harrington
(Celtic, Dublin)
- 6
Theresa McDonagh
(Eire Og)
- 7
Catherine McNicholas
(Eire Og)
- 8
Maureen Davoren
(Celtic, Dublin)
- 9
Mary Dolan
(Shannon)
- 10
Mary Mahon
(Muskerry, Cork)
- 11
Pauline Ryan
(Eire Og)
- 12
Eleece Fitzgibbon
(Shannon)

Reserves: 13, Maureen Saunders (Eire Og); 14, Mary Griffin (Eire Og); 15, Theresa Daly (Shannon); 16, Anne Marie Russell (Eire Og); 17, Bridie McGirl (Shannon); 18, Catherine Glynn (Eire Og); 19, Geraldine Crowe (Eire Og); 20, Martina O'Grady (Eire Og).

Og and Maureen Davoren who plays with Celtic in Dublin. This trio have been playing very well to date and a lot will depend on how they do on Sunday. They will need to get at least an even share of the breaks. Again Clare are experienced in this area with Catherine McNicholas having played with Harp Luton in England and Maureen Davoren who is a native of Corofin plays with Celtic in Dublin with whom she has won a Dublin championship.



CATHERINE GLYNN

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Kilkenny's bid for camogie title

KILKENNY will be endeavouring to make their biggest ever break-through in camogie on Sunday when they line out against Cork in the all-Ireland final at Croke Park. It is their third time in an all-Ireland final and on the two previous occasions their conquerors were their opponents of Sunday.

Can the girls succeed where the men have triumphed so often? This is the question being posed by G.A.A. followers throughout the county this week and hopes are reasonably high, despite the fact that the opposition is as formidable as ever, that this could be Kilkenny's year.

The girls have trained hard under the supervision of Father Malone, C.C., St. John's; Shem Downey, former all-Ireland hurler, who has a daughter, Angela, on the team, and her twin

sister, Ann, in the subs, and Mr. John Fennelly, Co.C., Ennisnag, Stoneyford.

Camogie has prospered here in recent years largely due to the untiring efforts of a few enthusiastic supporters who never lost confidence in the ability of the Kilkenny girls to uphold the proud tradition established by the men.

The late Mr. Bill Carroll was one who gave unstinted support to the game and he had the satisfaction of seeing his daughter, Ann, win every honour the game had to offer, except the one she most keenly desired - an all-Ireland medal.

Carrickshock, Lisdowney, Gowran are other areas where the game is in a strong position. The Co. Board secretary, Mrs. Beatrice Treacy from Gowran,

has also devoted much time and energy to the promotion of the game.

Cork are fancied to win this game. They have a very strong team and are no strangers to Croke Park. It is also to their advantage that they have won all-Ireland all-Ireland titles and there is bound to be an extra urgency in them when their opponents are Kilkenny.

Kilkenny have won three all-Ireland hurling titles this year and it is the fervent wish of every G.A.A. supporter that this time the girls will reap their richly deserved reward.

The team is young and yet they all have experience in big time camogie.

Both Mrs. Treacy and John Fennelly say there was never the same degree of enthusiasm, the

same sense of urgency and the same urgency about upholding the honour of Kilkenny.

Most of the players are drawn from the St. Paul's club in the city who have won a big number of county championship titles in recent years, but Gowran, Lisdowney and Carrickshock are also represented.

The Kilkenny girls have undergone a strenuous course of training and they will line out fit. Given the luck that has been denied them in the past, they could well succeed this time but it will take almost a superhuman effort to overcome this powerful Leeside combination.

Mr. Mick O'Neill, chairman of the Kilkenny County Board, has sent his good wishes to the team in their bid to add another all-Ireland title to Noreside honours

and says he sincerely hopes they will succeed this time.

Good wishes to the team also from the county secretary, Paddy Grace, whose daughter, Ursula, lines out at right corner forward.

This should be a good game, as all Cork-Kilkenny finals have been, and Cork will have to be on their toes to resist this Kilkenny challenge.

BUS TRAVELLING

A bus will travel to Dublin on Sunday, leaving Gowran at 10.30. It will call at Bennettsbridge and Kilkenny and Castlecomer. It will return on Sunday night after the reception in Na Fianna grounds.



Cork team trainer Mary Moran (right) has a few final words of advice for members of the county team that meets Kilkenny in tomorrow's All-Ireland final at Croke Park. — ("Echo")

Pen Pictures Of Camogie Team

Pen Pictures of the Cork senior camogie team which meets Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park on Sunday.

Deirdre Sutton (Glen Rovers) Goalkeeper. Has given outstanding service to St. Vincent's School, Glen Rovers, Cork and Munster, Easy No. 1 in her position in Cork. Her goal-keeping skills gave great confidence to the defenders in front of her. Fully deserved the Gaelic All-Star Award she received a few years ago. Her honours include 5 All-Ireland senior, 2 Gael-Linn, 4 Munster senior, 3 Munster junior, 1 Cork Co. Championship and 2 Munster Inter-Club medals.



Marie Costine (Cloyne) Full-back. Captained Cork's four-in-a-row winning side last September. Won widespread acclaim for her performance in last year's final. An automatic choice for Imokilly, Cork and Munster. Can gain possession and deliver her clearance at lightning speed. Holds 4 All-Ireland senior, 5 Munster senior, 5 Munster Secondary, 3 Cork Co. Championship, Cork Intermediate and junior medals.

Hannah Cotter (S.P.P.P.) Right-back. Showed her best form against Antrim in semi-final. Led Cork to victory in 1972. Was largely responsible for the revival of fortunes of U.C.C. during her student days. Lives in Carlow where she is at the disadvantage of training on her own. An interprovincial player, her collection of medals include 4 All-Ireland senior, 5 Munster senior, 1 Munster secondary, 3 Ashbourne, 3 Cork Co. Championship, and 1 Munster Inter-Club.

Sheila Dunne (Canovee) Centre-back. Playing very well all this season. Acted as a coach at the Colleges Coaching Course at Gormanston College last month. The mainstay of the Muskerry team which contested the last two Co. finals and of the Canovee side which won 1973 Intermediate championship. Starred for U.C.C. and Combined Universities. Holds 4 All-Ireland senior, 3 Munster senior, 2 Ashbourne, Cork junior and intermediate championship medals.

Mary Whelton (S.P.P.P.) Left-back. Learned her camogie at South Presentation Convent. Progressed to South Pres. P.P. senior team and has been a stalwart ever since. A determined player, Mary never gives her opponent much room to work in. Has worn Cork colours with distinction in all grades and has fielded for Munster. Possesses 3 All-Ireland senior, 2 Munster senior, 3 Munster junior, 1 Munster minor, 1 Munster Inter-Club and 3 Cork Co. Championship medals.

Marion McCarthy (S.P.P.P.) Right-centre. A very strong player, once Marion gets the ball it is practically impossible to dispossess her. Cork's usual free-taker, she is capable of finding the back of the net with close-in fees. Played minor, junior, secondary and senior for Cork as well as representing Munster. Her collection of medals include 4 all-Ireland, 5 Munster senior, 3 Munster junior, Munster secondary, inter-club and minor and 3 Cork Co. Championship medals.

Fai Moloney (U.C.C./Killeagh) Centre-field. Rated very highly by other counties. Fai gets through an amount of effective work during a match. Has always been in the limelight whether playing for Pres., Yougal, St. Brigids, Cork, Munster, Combined Universities, U.C.C. or Killeagh. Scored two goals against Antrim. Has won 4 all-Ireland, 3 Munster senior, 3 Ashbourne, Munster minor, junior and secondary and senior league medals.

Betty Segue (S.P.P.P.) Left-centre. Back to her best form against Antrim when she outplayed the great Maingal McAtamney. Led Cork to all-Ireland honours in 1971. This will be her sixth final. Betty

is a regular interprovincial player. She possesses 4 All-Ireland senior, 3 Munster senior, 3 Cork Co. Championship, Munster secondary and inter-club, Cork intermediate and junior championship medals.

Marion Sweeney (Killeagh) Right-forward. Marion leads Cork on Sunday in quest of the 5-in-a-row. Has brought newcomers, Killeagh to semi-final of junior championship. Was 'flying' in the second half against Antrim. Former colleges star with Loreto, Fermoy. She treasures 2 All-Ireland senior, 1 Munster senior, Munster junior, 1 Munster minor, 3 Cork Co. Championship, Cork School intermediate championship and league medals.

Anne Ryan (Old Aloysians) Centre-forward. Has revitalised the Cork attack since taking up the centre-forward position. Anne previously played for Cork at centre-back, centrefield and corner forward but seems to have discovered her best position where her all-action style is paying dividends. Anne and her husband, Tomas, hold a unique record. Both won senior All-Ireland medals with Cork in September, 1970. Anne has 3 All-Ireland senior, 5 Munster senior, 1 Munster secondary and 2 senior league medals.



Nuala Gully (Cloyne) Left-forward. The Cork forward-line is playing better this season and Nuala is no exception. Full of running, Nuala is constantly chasing and foraging, even the half-chance. Proved her worth at free-taking with Imokilly this year. Has played camogie from colleges level with Pres. Midleton, to interprovincial with Munster. Retains 4 All-Ireland senior, 2 Munster senior, 1 Munster junior, 1 Munster secondary, 3 Cork Co. Championship and 1 Cork Junior Championship medals.

Nancy O'Driscoll (Eire Og) Full-forward. First season on senior team. Nancy captained the successful Cork junior side last September. Has settled in well and is combining with other forwards. Was top scorer for Muskerry in championship bid. Is a prominent hockey player. Nancy holds 1 All-Ireland junior, 1 Munster junior, 2 Cork intermediate championship and 1 junior league medals.

Nuala Jennings (U.C.C.) Captained U.C.C. in Ashbourne Cup victory last February. Was a member of Cork's All-Ireland winning junior side last season. Fielded for Combined Universities. Was well-known in colleges camogie with St. Aloysias. Possesses 1 all-Ireland junior, 1 Munster junior, 1 Munster minor, 3 Ashbourne Cup, 3 Cork Schools Championship, 3 Munster Colleges and 2 senior league medals.

Mary Canavan (Sarsfields) Figured prominently in her club's success in 1973 Cork Junior Championship. Captained Imokilly in Cork Co. Championship last May. Also played for Cork's 1973 juniors. A very fast player, Mary also excels at hockey. Has 1 all-Ireland junior, 1 Munster junior, 2 Cork Co. Championship and 1 Cork junior championship medals.

Bernie Costine (Cloyne) Sister of full-back. Bernie is a fine striker. Played impressively for Imokilly in Co. Championship. Prominent member of Cork minor team. Has an extremely hard shift for such a young girl. Bernie has 1 All-Ireland junior, 1 Munster junior, 3 Cork Co. Championship, 1 Cork Junior Championship and several medals for athletics.

Anne Keane (Buttevant) Anne is a versatile performer who can fit in anywhere. Captain of Cork's minor team for past two years. Anne has picked up 2 All-Ireland senior, 1 Munster junior, 1 Munster minor and Cork under 18 league medals.

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MARY GRIFFIN



THERESA DALY



MAUREEN DAVOREN



MAUREEN SAUNDERS



ANNE MARIE RUSSELL



CLAIRE HARRINGTON



CATHERINE McNICHOLAS



MARY MAHON

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MUNSTER'S CAMOGIE DOUBLE BID

By TAOBH LINE

A MUNSTER double, with Cork retaining their senior title for the fifth successive year and Clare taking the junior title on their very first appearance at Croke Park is the form-book's forecast on next Sunday's all-Ireland camogie finals at Croke Park, but the Leinster opposition, provided by the Kilkenny seniors and the Dublin juniors are more than hopeful of upsetting that form-book and winning against the odds.

It is remarkable that Cork, out of the camogie limelight for almost three decades should have proved unbeatable since recapturing the title in 1970. Since then, the girls from the Lee have marched to victory in 1971, 1972 and 1973, and seem set fair for victory again now in 1974 as seven of the players on duty have already participated in the four-in-a-row run of successes.

In addition, four of the others have won at least one senior all-Ireland, while full-forward Nancy O'Driscoll, although playing in her first senior final, was a star of the junior side that won the title in that grade a year ago.

The names of the Cork "veterans" are already well-known to every follower of the game, goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton, defenders Marie Costine, Hanna Cotter, Sheila Dunne and Mary Whelton, midfielders Pat

Moloney, Marion McCarthy and Betty Sugrue, forwards Marion Sweeney, Anne Ryan and Nuala Gully.

True, they will be without some great forward stars of other years, notably Liz Garvan, Rosie Hennessy and Anne Comerford, while promising Caly Riordan is on a working holiday in America and is not available, but this is a powerful Cork side, rightly confident of continuing their thus far invincible career.

But, though Kilkenny have never yet won an all-Ireland inter-country championship, and indeed failed to Cork in the finals of 1970 and 1972 it would be a great mistake to write off the chances of these girls from the Nore who are in this final strictly on merit.

After all seven of their players have won all-Ireland medals either in the club championship or in the colleges' grade, many of them have won inter-provincial medals with Leinster, and they possess plenty of experience and expertise.

Anne Carroll and Liz Neary for instance both have four all-Ireland club championship medals apiece, Helena and Teasie O'Neill have won club championships and colleges'

championships, as indeed has Liz Neary, while Carmel Doyle, Mary Fennelly and Angela Downey have also won varied honours before now.

In addition Kilkenny have improved on every appearance thus far this year. They began badly, losing to Wexford in the semi-final of the Leinster championship, but were a sounder side when defeating a strong Tipperary team in the first round of the all-Ireland series.

They had come on out of all knowledge, however, by the semi-final in which they scored a well merited victory over a very fancied Wexford line-out and if they improve still further with a stiff spell of training since then they could have a shock in store for Cork.

But Cork after a somewhat fortuitous first-round victory over Galway looked a team of champions when defeating Antrim in their semi-final and must remain warm favourites.

In the junior final, newly arisen Clare, afire with enthusiasm and ambition have played so well in all their earlier outings that they must be listed as slight favourites to account for Dublin in the junior decider. In their first championship outing they swept Tipperary from the field, followed that up with a runaway victory over Kerry, and then took the Munster title for the first time with a hard-won victory over holders Limerick, at Ennis.

In their semi-final they then accounted for Galway and if their experienced players, Anne Marie O'Loughlin and Claire Harrington, who have won all-Ireland medals before now, well supported by captain Margaret O'Toole and Maureen Davoren, play up to earlier form these Clare girls look well capable of victory.

But I have been very much impressed by Dublin's spirit and team-work in all their earlier victories, particularly those over Wexford and Antrim, and I have a feeling that Phyllis Breslin, Phil Barry, Libby Howard, Mary Murphy, Maura Sutton, and captain Lucy McEvoy will prove good enough to shatter Clare's victory dream and bring this title to Dublin for the third time.

Mary Whelton; Marion McCarthy, Pat Moloney, Betty Sugrue; Marion Sweeney (capt.), Anne Ryan, Nuala Gully; Nancy O'Driscoll. Subs. — Nuala Jennings, Mary Canavan, Bernie Costine, Anne Keane.

KILKENNY—Teasie O'Neill (capt.); Mary Kennedy; Helena O'Neill, Anne Carroll, Bridie Martin; Liz Neary, Peggy Carey, Mary Fennelly; Ursula Grace, Mary Conway, Angela Downey; Carmel Doyle. Subs. — Anne Downey, Teasie Brennan, Marie Kavanagh, Mary Farrell.

DUBLIN — Phyllis Breslin; Phil Barry; Bridie Kennedy, Anne Whelton, Mary Murphy; Marion Kenny, Libby Howard, Anne Redmond; Maura Sutton, Lucy McEvoy (Capt.), Margaret McMahon, Helen Roche, Suba — Felicity Sutton, Anne Murphy, Corina Phillips, Anna Tallon.

CLARE — Maureen Kelly; Anne Marie O'Loughlin; Rose Kelleher, Margaret O'Toole, Claire Harrington; Teresa McDonagh, Maureen Davoren; Mary Dolan, Mary Mahon; Pauline Ryan; Eilece Fitzgibbon. Subs. — Maureen Saunders, Mary Griffin, Teresa Daly, Ann Russell.

Cork Bid For Five-In-A-Row

CORK'S senior camogie team, seeking its fifth consecutive title in the All-Ireland final against Kilkenny at Croke Park on Sunday, shows no change from the side that so convincingly defeated Antrim in the recent semi-final.

There is, however, one change in the reserves. Rosie Hennessy (U.C.C.), who was on the winning teams through each of the past four years, but did not play against Antrim when she was among the substitutes, has withdrawn from the panel and is replaced by Anne Keane (Buttevant) who was also on the panel last year.

Seven of the present team have played in the four successive title-winning Cork sides. They are Marie Costine, Hannah Cotter, Sheila Dunne, Marion McCarthy, Pat Moloney, Betty Sugrue and Nuala Gully.

Goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton, Mary Whelton and Anne Ryan have each won three All-Ireland medals while right-forward Marion Sweeney has two, so full-forward Nancy O'Driscoll is odd-girl-out in

this company, as she is the only player who has not won a senior medal, but she captained the Cork side to junior All-Ireland victory a year ago.

As compared with the team that retained the title a year ago, holding on to beat Antrim by a point in a most exciting final, Nancy O'Driscoll replaces Rosie Hennessy at full-forward, while Anne Ryan returns at centre-forward instead of Anne Comerford who has since retired.

Caly Riordan, who won a junior title last year, and then came in as a substitute on the senior side, is on a working holiday in the United States and is not available.

The Cork team is—Deirdre Sutton (Glen Rovers); Marie Costine (Cloyne); Hannah Cotter (South Presentation), Sheila Dunne (Canovee), Mary



Marian Sweeney, the Cork captain.

Whelton (South Presentation); Marion McCarthy (South Presentation), Pat Moloney (U.C.C.), Betty Sugrue (South Presentation); Marion Sweeney (Killeagh captain), Anne Ryan (Old Aloysians), Nuala Gully (Cloyne); Nancy O'Driscoll (Eire Og). Reserves — Nuala Jennings (U.C.C.), Mary Canavan (Sarsfields), Bernie Costine (Cloyne), Anne Keane (Buttevant).



CORK SKIPPER . . . Marian Sweeney.

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CLUICHÍ CEANNAIS NA hÉIREANN SA CHAMOGAÍOCHT

NA SINSIR

3.30

CORCAIGH
v.
CILL CHAINNIGH

Réiteoir : SINÉAD NÍ MHURCHU
(Gaillimh)

CLÁR OIFIGIÚIL

NA SOISIR

2.00

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
v.
AN CLÁR

Réiteoir : MAIRE UÍ LOINGSIGH
(Muineacháin)

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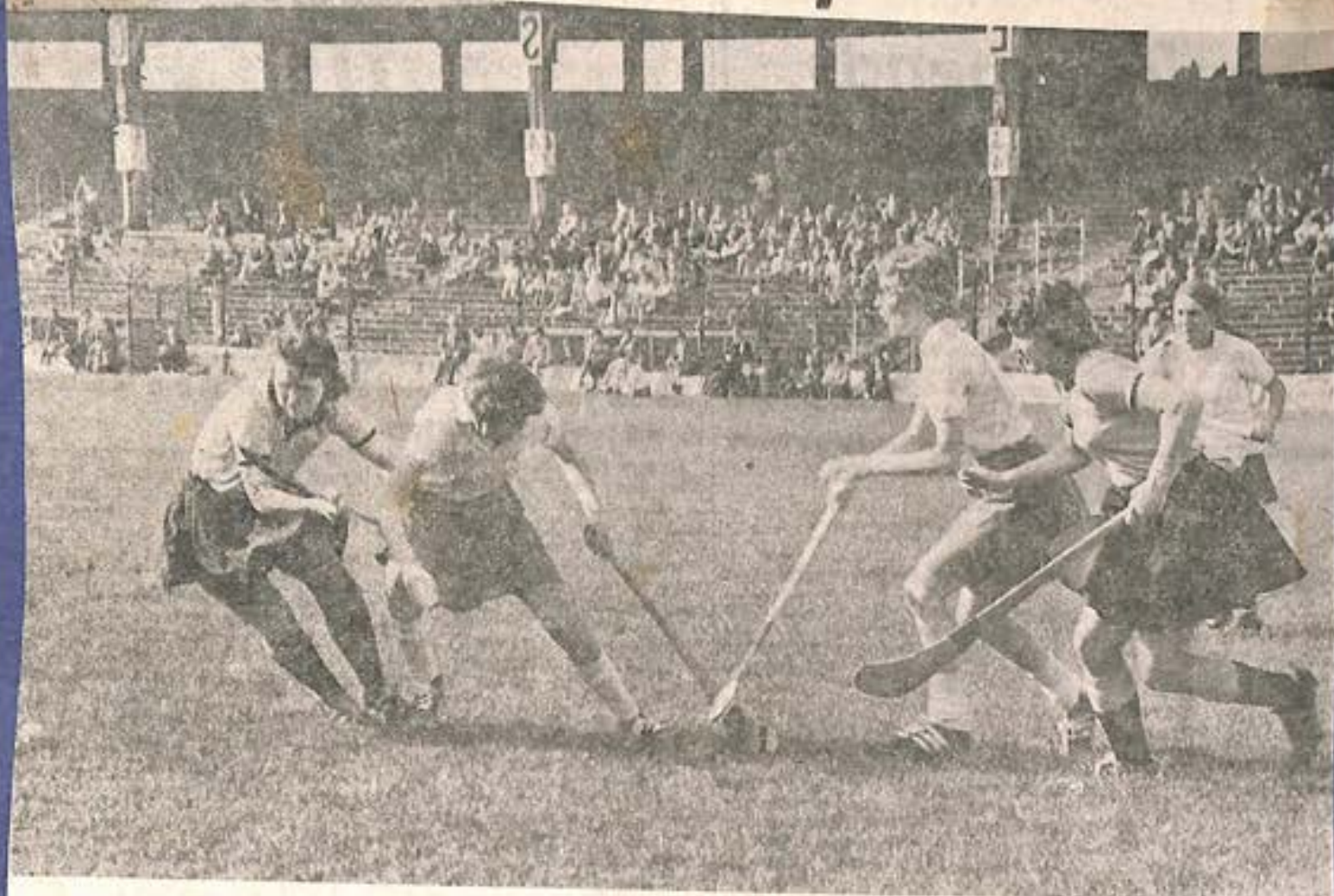
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RUNAÍ



● The captain of the victorious Clare team hoists the cup after her side had defeated Dublin in the junior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

Camogie champions held



Cork forwards move in for the attack as Anne Ryan passes the ball through Kilkenny's defence of Ann Carroll and goalie Teresa O'Neill, but the pass went wide, in the senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

KILKENNY POINT EARNS REPLAY IN TENSION-PACKED FINAL

CORK 4-5, KILKENNY 3-8

CORK AND KILKENNY will have to meet again to decide the destination of the senior All-Ireland camogie title. These sides met in the final at Croke Park yesterday and after a tension-packed game ended all square. But Munster did win one title yesterday, when Clare took their first ever All-Ireland against Dublin in the junior final.

Cork substitute Bernie Costine almost clinched the county's fifth successive title when she sent over a tremendous long-range point in the final minute of actual time, to give Cork the lead for the fourth time. But Kilkenny, who had given Cork their toughest final for many years, came straight back into the attack, and from a close-in free, Helena O'Neill was coolness itself as she pointed the

equalizer in the first half-minute of injury time.

Cork were up against a very good Kilkenny side, who are still to win their first-ever All-Ireland. Cork lost the midfield battle, where Kilkenny's Helena O'Neill and Mary Fennelly were well on top. In attack, too, Kilkenny looked more dangerous, with Carmel Doyle and Angela Downey always troubling the Cork defence.

SHARPER.

In fact, for long periods in this game, Kilkenny looked the better side. They seemed to have a sharper edge and more determination, and when they moved Ann Carroll to full-back in the second half, they looked very good, indeed.

But once again, Cork showed their ability to snap up vital scores, even though this was not one of their better performances. Only five of the Cork girls played up to form. Deirdre Sutton was once again a tower of strength in goal, while Marie Costine was the only player to do well in a shaky defence.

Marion McCarthy was the one

centre to play well and, in addition, her free-taking proved invaluable when Cork were up against it. The Cork attack, so brilliant in the past, was the most disappointing sector, where only Marion Sweeney, who put in a tremendous amount of work, and Nancy O'Driscoll struck form.

But in spite of all this, Cork did enough to stay in the running and almost enough to win.

Kilkenny opened the scoring with two quick points from Helena O'Neill and Mary Conway and when Cork got their first minor soon after from Marion McCarthy the pattern was set for a thrilling game which saw the lead change hands constantly and ended in a cliff hanging quarter which left supporters from both sides drained.

Following those early points Marion Sweeney had a 30 yards free stopped but smashed the rebound into the back of the net to give Cork the lead for the first time. Then Nancy O'Driscoll added to the champions' tally with another goal, but Carmel Doyle negated this almost immediately. Then it was Angela Downey's turn to put Kilkenny back in the lead with a quick goal and a point, but before the interval Marion McCarthy (0-1), and Marion Sweeney with 1-1 put Cork ahead again by 3-3 to 2-5, in spite of two further points from Helena O'Neill.

GREAT GOAL

This single point lead was short-lived as on the resumption Kilkenny netted a great goal from Carmel Doyle which was followed after ten minutes by a point from Helena O'Neill. Kilkenny held this one goal lead

Sweeney (2-1), M. McCarthy (1-2), N. O'Driscoll (1-0), P. Moloney (0-1) and B. Costine (0-1), while H. O'Neill (0-6), C. Doyle (2-0), M. Conway (0-1) and A. Downey (1-1) were on the mark for Kilkenny.

Cork: D. Sutton, M. Costine, H. Cotter, S. Dunne, M. Whelton, M. McCarthy P. Moloney B. Sugrue, M. Sweeney, A. Ryan N. Guilly, N. O'Driscoll. Subs.: B. Costine for N. Guilly, A. Keane for A. Ryan.

Kilkenny: T. O'Neill, M. Kennedy, L. Neary, A. Carroll, B. Martin, H. O'Neill P. Carey M. Fennelly, U. Grace M. Conway, A. Downey, C. Doyle.

Referee, J. Murphy (Galway).



● THE KILKENNY DEFENCE has this situation well in control during yesterday's All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park.



● POINT FOR CORK . . . Marian Sweeney scores a fine point for Cork. The match ended in a draw.

CAMOGIE ACTION

CORK 4-5
KILKENNY 3-8

Auburn-haired Helena O'Neill from the St. Paul's club must rightly be the toast of Kilkenny today for it was she, endowed seemingly with nerves of steel, who from 35 yards out and at an angle, shot the equalising point that earned her county a replay against Cork's famed champions in a tremendously exciting senior All-Ireland Camogie final before a fair-sized crowd at Croke Park yesterday.

It was a game in which Cork, seeking their fifth successive title, seemed to have snatched victory from defeat as, with the game already into the final minute, substitute Bernice Costine snapped up a line ball to put the champions ahead with a wonderful point from 40 yards for the lead.

Referee Jane Murphy from Galway was already looking at her watch as Anne Carroll's long puck-out from the Kilkenny goal dropped far in the Cork end. A Kilkenny player was fouled in possession, and Helena O'Neill, who had already brought her county level with a point from a free at a similar angle minutes before, came up to take the free, well aware, as was everybody in the ground, that this was her county's last chance.

However with a coolness and precision that would have done credit to her county's famed marksman Eddie Keber, she drove the ball dead in the centre between the posts and the dual cross-bars to earn the draw that forced two brilliant teams to fight another day.

So, in the end of all, justice was done, for it would have had been cruel luck on Kilkenny, rank outsiders going into this final, had they been

beaten by the younger Costine sister's late score.

Kilkenny, facing the bright sun and the slight breeze, showed they were suffering from no sense of inferiority by racing into the lead from the start with two well-taken points but there was a fatal hesitancy in their defence that let Cork through for two well-taken but preventable goals.

However, the challengers did not lose heart, and after tall full-forward Carmel Doyle had narrowed the gap with a well-taken goal, diminutive Angela Downey, daughter of a famed hurler, soloed through for a goal that restored Kilkenny's lead which she stretched soon afterwards with a point.

Move Upfield

It was nip and tuck through the rest of the first half until nearing the interval when Cork's captain, Marion Sweeney from Killeagh, silenced the Kilkenny supporters, when she availed of hesitancy in the opposing defence to whip home a goal and a point that left Cork ahead at the interval, 3-3 to 2-5, somewhat against the run of play.

On the resumption, Kilkenny had switched experienced Ann Carroll to full-back with Bridie Martin moving to centre-back and Mary Kennedy on the left. However, it was Cork who

exercised all the early second-half pressure, but shot narrowly wide four times in quick succession.

However, as Kilkenny settled in to their new placings they began to move upfield more and more menacingly. Carmel Doyle broke through for a goal, and the lead for Kilkenny again, a lead which Helena O'Neill implemented with a well-taken point, to leave a goal between them.

So well were Kilkenny playing hereabouts that Cork's crown seemed to be slipping, but drilling on all their craft and experience the champions came back for Pat Moloney to double a great point with only five minutes remaining. Then captain Sweeney, playing her heart out, took a pass from a short Moloney free to crack home a goal that put her side ahead with just three minutes to go.

However, Kilkenny refused to capitulate. Ursula Grace burst through for what could have been the winning goal but tumbled and saw her shot go the wrong side of the post. Carmel Doyle, shot what looked the balancing point, but in her excitement had picked the ball direct off the ground. Then the nerveless O'Neill pointed the sides level with 90 seconds remaining.

Then came Bernice Costine's

point, and Helena's late match-saver and the crowd went away delighted.

For if neither side could as yet claim Cup and medals, they have achieved a joint victory, a victory for the Camogie game. This was a game of brilliant striking, well-taken scores, great saves and some excellent team-work, all combining to provide a most entertaining encounter.

If Cork saw victory snatched away, they will be first to admit that in this unexpectedly effective Kilkenny side they met worthy opponents. Indeed, their great defenders Deirdre Sutton in goal, Marie Costine at full-back, Hanna Cotter, Sheila Dunne and Mary Whelton can rarely have had a busier afternoon, but their experience was an invaluable asset.

Pat Moloney was at her best in the closing minutes when the demand was most urgent, but the biggest Cork threat came from the right-wing pairing of Muriel McCarthy and Marion Sweeney who gave her team a real captain's lead.

Kilkenny captain Teresa O'Neill also acquitted herself with distinction in goal and the defence as a unit benefitted immensely from the half-time reshuffle, with Anne Carroll, Bridie Martin and Lix Neary being particularly sound. If Helena O'Neill was outstanding on the wing, Mary Fennelly and Peggy Carey came well into the game in the closing stages while all the forwards tried hard.

Scorers: Cork — M. Sweeney (2-1), M. McCarthy (1-2), N. O'Driscoll (1-0), P. Moloney, B. Costine (0-1 each). Kilkenny: H. O'Neill (0-6), C. Doyle (2-0), A. Downey (1-1), M. Conway (0-1).

CORK — D. Sutton M.; Costine; K. Cotter, S. Dunne, M. Whelton; M. McCarthy, P. Moloney, B. Sugrue; M. Sweeney (capt.), A. Ryan, N. Gully; N. O'Driscoll. Sub. — B. Costine for N. Gully.

KILKENNY — T. O'Neill (capt.), M. Kennedy; L. Neary, A. Carroll, B. Martin; H. O'Neill, P. Carey, M. Fennelly; U. Grace, M. Conway, A.



● ALL EYES ON THE ACTION . . . as Marian Sweeney of Cork pulls on the ball to score Cork's second . . .



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● DELIGHT IN THE KILKENNY RANKS! . . . Carmel Doyle jumps for joy after scoring a goal for Kilkenny with the Cork 'keeper well beaten.



● SHOULDER TO SHOULDER . . . a Cork player and a Kilkenny player tussle for the ball at Croke Park yesterday.



Nuala Gully of Cork guards the ball with her hurley as she is challenged by Kilkenny's Ann Carroll during yesterday's All-Ireland senior Camogie final at Croke Park. On left is Kilkenny's Mary Kennedy.



CONCENTRATION shows on rival faces as Marie Costine (Cork), in white shirt, and team-mate H. Cotter tussle for the ball with Kilkenny's Ursula Grace in the All-Ireland senior Camogie final at Croke Park.

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Clare Snatch Another Junior Title

CLARE 3-2; DUBLIN 3-0.

THANKS to a great rally in the last ten minutes, Clare, to the acclamation of their enthusiastic band of supporters, most of whom had come by special train from Ennis, won their first ever camogie All-Ireland when, on their very first Croke Park appearance, they snatched victory from Dublin in a most exciting junior final, writes AGNES HOURIGAN.

The Clare girls had opened with tremendous dash and, but for poor finishing, must have run by an early lead. Instead they had to be content with a well-taken goal from Shannon's Mary Dolan.

However, mid-way through the first half, Dublin's more direct methods and better positional play began to pay dividends, and Maura Sutton shot to the net to bring the sides level. However, Phyllis Breslin in the Dublin goal had to bring off several smart saves under Clare pressure, before, in a Dublin breakaway, Margaret McMahon put the Metropolitan ahead with an opportunist goal two minutes from the interval to leave the Dubliners leading, 2-0 to 1-0 at the break.

Running

Again it was Clare who made all the running on the restart, but again they could make little impression on the Dublin defence until Maureen Davoren, who ironically plays her club camogie in Dublin with Celtic, reduced the lead with a point from a free.

Clare laid siege to the Dublin goal thereafter, but, in a breakaway, Helen Roche put Dublin five points clear with another opportunist goal. Briefly that score seemed to take much of the sting out of Clare but again it was Maureen Davoren who set them alight with a great goal 13 minutes into the second half.

Five minutes later the same player pointed a free to reduce the lead to a single point, and then Mary Griffin, who had come in as a substitute shortly before, whipped home the winning goal a minute later.

Shortly afterwards the referee sounded the last whistle although by the watches in the press-box the second half had only lasted 20 minutes. However, referee Mrs. Lynch from Monaghan was adamant afterwards that she had played the regulation 25. Over the entire game, Clare were the pace-makers and in a very even and exciting game, looked to be well on top when that final whistle blew.

Heroine

It, on the day, Maureen Davoren was the heroine of this Clare side, the Banner County was also magnificently served by Maureen Kelly in goal, the full-back Anne Marie O'Loughlin and left back Claire Harrington who each won their second junior All-Ireland award yesterday, having previously starred on winning Dublin county teams, captain Margaret O'Toole, Rose Kelleher, Teresa McDonagh, Catherine McNicholas and Mary Mahon.

Dublin, who will see luckier days than this, were well served by goalkeeper Phyllis Breslin, Phil Barry and Mary Murphy in defence and Libby Howard and Anne Redmond out-field, but their forwards, upset by the close-marking Clare defence, shot too many wides when well-placed.

Scorers: Clare — M. Davoren (1-2), M. Griffin, M. Dolan (1-0 each). Dublin — M. McMahon, M. Sutton, H. Roche (1-0 each).

CLARE — M. Kelly; A. M. O'Loughlin; R. Kelleher, M. O'Toole (capt.), C. Harrington; T. McDonagh, C. McNicholas, M. Davoren; M. Dolan, M. Mahon, P. Ryan, E. Fitzgibbon. Subs.: M. Griffin for P. Ryan, M. Saunders for E. Fitzgibbon.

DUBLIN — P. Breslin; P. Barry; B. Kennedy, A. Whelan, M. Murphy; M. Kenny, L. Howard, A. Redmond; M. Sutton, L. McEvoy (capt.), M. McMahon; H. Roche, Sub.: A. Tallon for A. Whelan.

Referee — Mrs. Lynch (Monaghan).

Another Great Tussle?

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Camogie followers everywhere will be glad that the replay of the wonderful All-Ireland final between Cork and Kilkenny has been refixed for October 6, and that the Association was lucky enough to get Croke Park again on that relatively early date.

So exciting and excellent was the drawn game, that one hopes another big crowd will turn up for the replay, and there is a distinct possibility that there will again be a fitting curtain-raiser.

The All-Ireland minor final, the first ever, which will be contested by Cork and Down has already been fixed for a Down venue on Sunday week.

However, I understand that Down have been asked if they would be willing to agree to moving the final back to October 6.

So the decision rests with the Down Board as to whether they will forfeit home advantage for the privilege of playing at Croke Park.

Last weekend, the Leinster Colleges held their annual convention which once again was very successful. Two important decisions were taken. It was decided to set up a new senior B grade championship for the weaker schools within the Province.

SWEEPING CHANGE

It was also decided to forward a motion to the forthcoming All-Ireland Colleges convention that the age of the junior competitions be raised from 15 to 16.

There was a sweeping change in the Officer Board, Una Bean Uí Pairseal, who has been chairman for the past ten years, had already announced her intention of retiring, was strongly pressed to change her decision, but she felt the time had come for a change.

So, Sr. Consilio from Presentation College, Kilkenny is the new chairman with Miss Catherine Doherty (Naomh Mhuire) as vice-chairman. Long term secretary, Miss Annette Corrigan (Athboy), also insisted on retiring, and is succeeded by Miss Joan Burke, well-known as a referee. Mrs. Kathleen O'Duffy continues as treasurer, while Mrs. Corcoran (Naas) is the new registrar.

Another win for camogie players

CLARE 3-1
TIPPERARY 1-1

CLARE'S All-Ireland junior camogie stars proved in no uncertain terms that they are going to be a force to be reckoned with at senior level. In a thoroughly enjoyable Munster senior league semi-final they scored a richly deserved victory over a fancied Tipperary side at the Fairgreen, Ennis on Sunday last.

As a result of their win the Clare girls meet Cork in the decider at a Cork venue on a date to be arranged.

The winners displaying greater determination, speed and skill dominated in most departments their midfield in particular was exceptionally strong with Maureen Davoren giving a fine exhibition. It was the combination at centre field that gave the confidence to Clare to win last Sunday. A well taken pass from Catherine McNicholas to Maureen Davoren saw the latter shoot home a goal from 40 yds. This section showed one change from the All-Ireland side with Teresa Daly (Newmarket) replacing Teresa McDonagh.

However had the forwards availed of most of the opportunities that came their way throughout the match the winning margin at the end would have been much greater. Eilece Fitzgibbons who showed a marked improvement took her goal well, while Pauline Ryan and Mary Mahon also caught the eye.

The ever reliable defence gave their usual display, with captain Margaret O'Toole again giving an exhibition of fine fielding of the ball and clearing it well down field. Claire Harrington also was very reliable at wing back while Ann Marie O'Loughlin Rose Kelleher and goalie Maureen Kelly filled their places with distinction.

Tipperary who scored a goal and a point taken by Sheila Harkins and Beatrice Laurance never settled down to the game, while their star and Munster player, Deidre Lane made little impression.

Scorers: Clare: M Davoren 2-0, E. Fitzgibbons 1-0, P. Ryan 0-1. Tipperary S Harkins 1-0, B Laurance 0-1.

CLARE: M Kelly; A.M. O'Loughlin; R. Kelleher, M. O'Toole, C. Harrington; M. Davoren, C. McNicholas, T. Daly; P. Ryan, E. Fitzgibbons, M. Dolan; M. Griffin. Subs.: M. Mahon, M. Saunders, T. McDonagh.

TIPPERARY: M Tynan; M Butler; B Luchnan, A Graham, A Roche; S Tynan, D Lane, K Tynan; B Laurance, A Minogue, M Troy; S Harkins. Referee: Mary O'Callaghan Cork

LARGE TURNOUT

There was a large turnout at Feakle on Friday night last to greet the Feakle team and the Clare All-Ireland team. The Feakle club had won the first ever junior camogie league and their awards were presented to them.

Before making the presentation, Catherine McNicholas congratulated the team and officials on winning the competition and for furthering the game in Feakle.

Clare's U/18's play Limerick in Shannon on Saturday next at 3.00 p.m. in a challenge. It is preparation for the Munster final on Oct. 15.

Eire Og play Dal gCais in the Colaiste on Thursday evening. This championship match was postponed from last week.

The draw for the intermediate championship has taken place with Feakle opposing Shannon and Eire Og v Kildysart dates and venues to be fixed at the next Co. Board meeting.

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Last-gasp point gave Kilkenny a draw

Camogie team's best ever effort

KILKENNY	3-8
CORK	4-5

AT THURLES on Sunday week, Kilkenny won their first under-21 All-Ireland title when they beat Waterford with a last gasp point. It was another last-gasp point that enabled the Kilkenny team to draw level with Cork (Kilkenny 3-8, Cork 4-5) in the All-Ireland camogie championship final at Croke Park on Sunday and earn themselves another crack at their first title in the replay at Croke Park on Sunday week.

How the last-gasp point came about will be remembered for many a long day, particularly by the fair number of Kilkenny supporters present. A puck-out by Ann Carroll, who had moved into full back for Kilkenny came into the Cork territory and Kilkenny were awarded a free.

Helena O'Neill, with the coolness and self assurance of Eddie Keher, nonchalantly lifted the ball and, shooting from a fairly difficult angle, sent it sailing straight between the posts and the two crossbars. It was a score that would do full justice to the best free-taker ever to grace the Croke Park sod.

Kilkenny were on a giant-killing mission, facing Cork who were looking for their fifth All-Ireland title in succession and though they might have been conscious of the task on hand they showed no signs of being overawed by the occasion and they are bound to be a little more confident when they line out for the replay at Croke Park on October 6.

This was one of the best All-Ireland camogie finals, played in the best Cork - Kilkenny hurling tradition, and it was fitting that it should provide that dramatic climax so well known in the hurling world when the same counties are in opposition.

This was not the first time that Kilkenny and Cork have clashed in a camogie final, but this is the first time Kilkenny went within an ace of winning the title. But they were just as close to losing it

when they surrendered the initiative to Cork after being three points ahead in the second half.

But all in all, it was a sterling performance by the Kilkenny girls. They showed true Kilkenny fighting spirit when a point behind as the last seconds ticked away they fought back to earn a draw.

It was close to the end when a Cork sub., Bernie Costine, sent over a point from 40 yards to give Cork the lead and at this stage Kilkenny's position looked fairly hopeless. The manner in which they rallied to draw won the admiration of all Kilkenny sport lovers.

Kilkenny played against the sun and a slight wind in the first half and showed plenty of confidence by getting into an early lead. They had two points up before Cork got through for a fairly easy goal. Undaunted, Kilkenny came back for Carmel Doyle to shoot to the net and shortly after Angela Downey, daughter of former Kilkenny star Shem Downey, soloed through for a fine goal. She added a point soon after.

Kilkenny gave as good as they got up to nearing the end of the first period but disaster struck

when Marian Sweeney, the Cork captain, took advantage in a Kilkenny defensive slip - up to break through for a goal. She added a point soon after to leave Cork ahead by 3-3 to 2-5.

It was slightly against the run of play that the Leesiders finished in front when the half time whistle came.

Kilkenny moved Ann Carroll from the half back line to full back in the second half; Bridie Martin switched to centre half back and Mary Kennedy moved to left half. Cork did most of the attacking early in the second half but shot four wides.

The Kilkenny positional changes soon began to have an effect and they settled down well. Carmel Doyle rounded off a fine Kilkenny movement with a goal to win back the lead for Kilkenny and when Helena O'Neill put on a point Kilkenny moved with greater smoothness. They were a goal ahead at this stage.

Just when it seemed the honours were destined for the Noreside, Cork recovered their composure and five minutes from the end Pat Moloney hit a fine point. Marion Sweeney nipped in to gather from a free by P. Moloney to send to the net. This gave Cork a point lead in the 22nd minute and Ursula Grace had very bad luck when she made a gallant attempt to find the net from a difficult angle.

Helena O'Neill levelled from a free and then Bernie Costine put ahead and it looked all over until Helena got her chance to send over the levelling point.

There was some exceptional play in this game and if it is anything to go by the standard of camogie in the country is at its highest peak. Both sides could say they should have won but both can be happy that they provided the crowd with top class entertainment.

Teresa O'Neill in the Kilkenny goal - Teresa is Helena's sister and captain of the side - gave a splendid performance and the defence in which Ann Carroll, Bridie Martin, Liz Neary and Mary Kennedy were very sound stood up well to periods of sustained Cork pressure and over the hour maintained their reputations.

Helena O'Neill gave a dazzling display and got valuable assistance from Peggy Carey and Mary Fennelly while Angela Downey who excelled in her solo runs would have done better than notching a goal and a point if she had had a little more luck. Ursula Grace, Mary Fennelly and Mary Conway teamed up splendidly with their colleagues. Carmel Doyle was another of the Kilkenny stars who played her heart out and shared top scoring honours with Helena O'Neill.

There were no weak links on this Kilkenny team and they certainly showed great spirit by holding a more experienced side to level terms.

Scorers for Kilkenny were: Helena O'Neill (0-6), Carmel Doyle (2-0), Angela Downey (1-1), Mary Conway (0-1).

Scorers for Cork, for whom Pat Moloney, Marion McCarthy and Mary Whelan were outstanding were: Marion Sweeney (2-1), Marion McCarthy (1-2), N. O'Driscoll (1-3), Pat Moloney and Bernie Costine (0-1 each).

Kilkenny: Teresa O'Neill, Mary Kennedy, Liz Neary, Ann Carroll, Bridie Martin, Helena O'Neill, Peggy Carey, Mary Fennelly, Ursula Grace, Mary Conway, Angela Downey, Carmel Doyle.

Cork: D. Sutton, M. Costine, H. Cotter, S. Dunne, M. Whelton, M. McCarthy, P. Moloney, B. Sugrue, M. A. Ryan, N. Gully, N. O'Driscoll. Sub: B. Costine for N. Gully.

Miss Jane Murphy (Galway) refereed.

Were Cork Overconfident Or Did They Underestimate Kilkenny?

CORK did not make it "five in a row" on Sunday last but are still in the All-Ireland final after a drama-packed decider with Kilkenny.

Now followers will be eagerly awaiting the replay on October 6 when, if the teams serve up as much excitement, the journey to Croke Park will be well worth the effort.

Kilkenny gave Cork their toughest game since their emergence as the top team in the country in 1970. Granted Cork had only narrow wins over Galway last season in the semi-final and Antrim last season in the final but Kilkenny are the first to hold them to a draw since 1969. Certainly, Kilkenny deserve this second chance of taking their first title. On the day the Leinster girls were in wonderful form with Helena O'Neill and Angela Downey constantly upsetting the usually unflappable Cork girls. In fact, for long periods they looked the better side and they must be looking forward with great confidence to the replay.

What of Cork? Was it overconfidence or were Kilkenny that good? These are questions which selectors and players alike will be asking for the next fortnight while they plan and train for the second crack at the title. Cork did not strike top form on Sunday. In fact, only five of the Cork girls lived up to their reputations. I wonder did they underestimate Kilkenny? I know they said they would not but subconsciously, following their tremendous win over Antrim, they must have felt that they were over the toughest part of this year's campaign. Now they know that the hardest game is yet to come and it will take all their ability both physi- game is yet to come and it will take all their ability both physi- Croke Park on the 6th with the proper approach.

There is no doubt about it that Cork have the talent. With ten minutes to go on Sunday they looked out of the game but, as in the game against Galway, they came right back with a point from Pat Moloney

and a goal from Marion Sweeney to put them back in front after 21 minutes. Again Kilkenny equalised but Cork almost snapped the game "out of the fire" with a last minute point from substitute Bernie Costine. But back came Helena O'Neill to point a free in the opening minute of injury time.

MUST PLAY BETTER

Cork must play better in the replay. There is no doubt about that. Kilkenny must now feel that having held them they must be capable of beating them. However, Cork also have the consolation of knowing that although less than half of the side played well, they still did enough to draw and almost enough to win.

Clare Get Two On

By AGNES HOURIGAN

New All-Ireland junior camogie champions, Clare, have two representatives on the Munster side chosen to meet Ulster at Shannon on October 13 in the semi-final of the Interprovincial championship for the Gael-Linn Cup.

Clare captain, Margaret O'Toole is named at centre-back with her All-Ireland teammate, Claire Harrington, in the left-back position. Two other Clare girls, Maureen Kelly and Anne-Marie O'Loughlin are among the reserves.

Last year, Munster relied entirely on All-Ireland champions, Cork to represent the province in this competition, but this year the selectors have had a change of heart, and there are four non-Cork players on the side.

In addition to the Clare pair, Deirdre Lane of Tipperary is on the right wing, with Brid Stokes of Limerick on the left.

The full team will be D. Sutton (Cork); M. Costine (Cork); S. Dunne (Cork); M. O'Toole (Clare); C. Harrington (Clare); D. Lane (Tipperary); P. Moloney (Cork); B. Stokes (Limerick); M. Sweeney (Cork), captain; A. Ryan (Cork); M. McCarthy (Cork); N. O'Driscoll (Cork).

Reserves—M. Kelly (Clare); A. M. O'Loughlin (Clare); B. Sugrue (Cork); B. Darcy (Limerick).

Meanwhile, as the Cork and Kilkenny teams train hard for the replay of the senior All-Ireland final on Sunday week, the opening round of the Leinster section of the All-Ireland club championship will begin on Sunday.

St. Finbarr's, the County Offaly club that, because of lack of competition at home, were permitted to play in the Laois championship, responded by winning the championship of their adopted county, and now, representing Laois, play Meath champions Kentstown at Tullamore.

Wicklow champions, the Bray Emmets, take on the long-term Louth title-holders, Kilkenny, at Annacurra, and though the Louth girls are by far the more experienced, the standard of the game in Wicklow has been rising rapidly, and a victory for the home champions

Cork bid for another unique camogie double

TWO Cork camogie teams travel to Croke Park on Sunday with high hopes of taking yet another unique double. Last season Cork became the first county to win the Junior and Senior All-Ireland titles in the same year and now they have a chance of becoming the first county to take the minor and senior titles in the same year.



Anne Ryan (Old Aloysians) who retains her place at half-forward.



Nuala Jennings (UCC) who comes into the Cork team at right half-back.

The seniors will, of course, be meeting Kilkenny in the replay of their thrilling All-Ireland final draw, while the minors will be meeting the virtually unknown Down side.

This week I paid a visit to the training headquarters at the UCC Grounds, where both Cork teams were going through their paces. Before the drawn game, on a similar visit, I felt that maybe the Cork girls were that little bit over-confident. They would not admit this, but it was there somehow in the way they kept trying to convince themselves that it was not.

But what a different attitude this time, Kilkenny gave them the fright of their lives in the drawn game and they are now full of determination to wipe out the memory of that performance, and that old fighting spirit is back in abundance and I have no doubt that Kilkenny will meet a very different side on Sunday.

CAPTAIN'S VIEW

The Cork captain, Marion Sweeney, is satisfied that this will be the case. As she said, Kilkenny were at their best in the first game, while Cork didn't strike form. So, if Cork can hit top form on Sunday, then they

But, have no doubt about it, all the Cork girls have a more than healthy respect for the Kilkenny challenge. They know that they will be facing perhaps the toughest game in their five years of glory. They know that Helena O'Neill and Angela Downey can create havoc again if they are given the chance, but they also know that they (Cork) have the ability to win, and with a return of that fighting spirit they will be entering Sunday's game in a very different frame of mind.

What of the minors? They face a very difficult task in Down, as they know absolutely nothing about their capabilities. This Margo Twomey, the minor captain, confirmed, but she told me that they would go out and do their best, and she was very hopeful that they would bring the minor trophy to the Lee for the first time.

Cork (Seniors): D Sutton (Glen Rovers); M Costine (UCC); S (Cloyne); N Jennings (UCC); H Cotter (Canovee); M McCarthy (do.); B (SPPP); M McCarthy (do.); P Moloney (UCC/Killeagh); M Ryan (Old Aloysians); B Costine (Cloyne); N O'Driscoll (Eire Og); Subs: M Whelton (SPPP); M Canavan (Sarsfields); N Gully (Buttevant); A Keane (Buttevant); Kilkenny: T O'Neill; A Carroll; L Neary; B Merlin; M Kavanagh; H O'Neill; P Carey; M Fennelly; A Downey; M Conway; U Graci; C Doyle; Subs: A Downey; Brennan; A Bowdren; M Purcell; Cork (Minors): K Costine (Cloyne); C Harris (Na Piaz); B Joyce (Killeagh); Twomey (Canovee) capt.; O'Brien (Churchtown); Landers (Killeagh); P Riord; (Ballinlough); G. Desmond (P); lyphebane); E. Kavanagh (P)



Jane O'Brien (left) Churchtown North; and Tricia Mackey Blarney; who will be playing at corner back and midfield respectively in the Cork team who are playing Down in the first ever All-Ireland minor (under 16) camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday next. (O'Reilly)

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Two Cork Teams In Camogie Finals On Sunday

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THE eagerly awaited replay of the All-Ireland senior camogie final between Cork and Kilkenny is fixed for Croke Park on Sunday next. And as an added bonus Cork also have their minors in the minor final prior to the senior game, as Down very sportingly agreed to give up their home venue and travel to Croke Park for the decider.

The Cork selectors have made two changes in personnel and two positional from the side which drew with Kilkenny.

Nuala Jennings, a member of the Cork junior All-Ireland winning team of last season, and captain of the U.C.C. team which won the Ashbourne Cup in February, comes into the side at right back.

This gives Nuala the unenviable task of marking Angela Downey, who did so much damage in the drawn game. But Nuala is a great "sticker" and with plenty of experience with U.C.C. and the junior team last year she should do very well in the position. Mary Whelton, who has been suffering a great deal from back trouble steps down in favour of Nuala, while Hannah Cotter, who found Angela Downey rather a handful moves to the other wing where her powerful clearances will be a bigger asset.

Deirdre Sutton, who had such a marvellous game in the drawn match is again between the posts, while Marie Costine who was the only other defender to do well is at full back. Sheila Dunne retains her position at half-back and a good performance from Sheila, who is such a great trier, is all important.

Betty Sugrue and Pat Moloney switch places for the replay. Betty has had to cope with the opposition's danger girls in all recent championship matches — Nono McHugh (Galway), Mairead McAamney (Antrim) and Kilkenny's Helena O'Neill. Now the selectors feel that Betty, deserves a chance to play her own game and the unenviable task of marking Helena O'Neill is now Pat Moloney's.

Incidentally, Betty was married on Saturday last but she will interrupt her honeymoon on Sunday next to play for her county. Pat Moloney was rather bogged down by examinations when she played in the first tie and we did not see the Pat we are used to. However, she has had three weeks to recover and get back to peak fitness and we are sure to see a brighter and livelier Pat on Sunday.

It will not be easy to curb the threat of Teresa O'Neill, who was surely 'Player of the Match' in the first game, but Pat has the ability and temperament to succeed in this clash which is likely to be one of the highlights of the game.

Marion McCarthy, who was one of the successes of the first game, completes the centrefield trio.

Bernie Costine, who came on

won so easily, which gave them a false impression of their own ability. Kilkenny only scraped past their opponents in the semi-final and they were geared mentally towards a fighting performance from beginning to end. And how they fought for that first title. They were strong in all sectors and really upset Cork's composure right from the beginning.

Then when they moved Ann Carroll to full back in the second half they clicked into a top class side. Ann, of course, is one of Kilkenny's top players, and her experience has been one of the counties biggest assets for another fine defender and the Cork attack will have their work cut out against the defence.

In the centrefield they have the wonderful Teresa O'Neill who surely emerged in the drawn game as one of the best centrefield players in the country. Her two partners, Peggy Carey and Mary Fennelly are highly efficient also and it was here that Kilkenny dominated. But Cork have made changes to counteract this trio and now that they know what they are facing I expect Cork to be very much better in this sector.

Who can forget the devastation which Angela Downey caused in the Cork defence? While Mary Conway, Ursula Grace and Carmel Doyle were other tormentors, Cork have rarely faced such a speedy and clever attack. The Cork defence has always been a tower of strength. But the Kilkenny forwards threw them out of their stride. However, I cannot see that happening again on Sunday, as with Nuala Jennings now taking on the job of "marking" Angela Downey and the rest of the defenders knowing exactly what they are facing we should see a return to the old powerful Cork defence.

Certainly it will not be easy for Cork. They are really up against it this time. But Cork are always best when the odds are stacked against them and now that they know Kilkenny must feel that having drawn with them, they can now go on to beat them — they will enter this game with a very different mental attitude. Of course, Kilkenny will be just as determined but one wonders if they struck their peak in the first game and lost their one big chance.

At the same time it could be that draw gave them the confidence they needed and that they will reach even greater heights in the replay. It is very difficult to know but Cork followers do know that this Cork team is full of individual talent and with the successes of five seasons behind them they should not be overawed by this Kilkenny side.

In fact I feel that now their pride has been hurt they will come out on Sunday a very different team and the O'Duffy Cup will be back in Cork again on Monday evening for the fifth successive season.

Now a word about the minors. The young girls are unchanged from the Galway semi-final. While little is known of the Down side their record is impressive. A minor championship (under-16)

will be to the young girls from Down and Cork who are bound to serve up a grand game of camogie.

Pen Pictures Of Cork Camogie Team

Pen pictures of the Cork minor camogie team which meets Down in Sunday's All-Ireland final at Croke Park are:

Kathleen Costine (Cloyne), goalkeeper. Sister of seniors Marie and Bernie. Also on Cork Under-18 team. Has some fine saves to her credit in this campaign. Won Cork junior championship medal as well as tournament medals and trophies for running.

Claire Harris (Na Piarasigh), full-back. Only player on Cork team who has had the experience of playing in Croke Park. Played in All-Ireland Colleges final with North Pres. Has gained in confidence with each game and has turned into a fine defender. Holds a Munster Colleges junior medal and a Cork Schools League medal. Another Cork Under-18 player.

Betty Joyce (Killeagh), right-back. Though only a newcomer to competitive camogie, her ability belies her lack of experience. Has played her part in bringing Killeagh to the final of Cork Junior Championship. A recent tournament medal has started her collection of trophies.

Margo Twomey (Canovee), centre-back. Margo leads Cork on Sunday. She is the most experienced player on the Cork side. Plays regularly for the Canovee intermediate side, Muskerry in the senior championship and Cork Under-18 minors. A stalwart for Mercy, Macroom in colleges competitions. She has a Munster minor and two Cork intermediate championship medals.

Jane O'Brien (Churchtown), left-back. Inherited her skill with a hurley from her father, who was a former Cork minor. Has helped Churchtown to reach the final of the intermediate championship. A very sound defender, Jane also plays basketball. Possesses two intermediate league and tournament medals.

Catherine Landers (Killeagh), right-centre. Completely unknown to Cork camogie followers a few months ago but went on to represent Cork in three grades, under 16, under 18 and junior, during the summer. Improving with every match Catherine gets through a great amount of work in a game. Although she has collected only one medal to date she stands the chance of picking up an All-Ireland, a Munster under 18 and a Cork junior championship within the next three weeks.

Patricia Riordan (Ballylough), centre-field. Learned her camogie at South Presentation Convent with whom she won a Schools junior championship medal. Played in the Community Games with Ballylough. Lines out in the forwards with Cork under 18 team and scored a very important goal for them against Limerick. Patricia, who also plays basketball, holds five medals and a trophy.

Gay Desmond (Ballyphehane), left-centre. Plays colleges camogie with Immaculate Heart and has picked up two intermediate championship, junior championship and under 15 medals with them. Her mother,

formerly Josie Coughlan, won two All-Ireland senior medals with Cork. A great trier and a good free-taker, Gay will be trying to keep up the family tradition on Sunday.

Margo Sugrue (Ballyphehane), centre-forward. Previously played for SPPP with whom she had senior championship experience. Represented Ballyphehane in the Community Games and lines out for Immaculate Heart in colleges competitions. Related to senior midfielder, Betty Sugrue, Margo, who is good to distribute the ball, holds two schools medals, including an intermediate championship.

Eileen Kavanagh (Eire Og), right-forward. Plays colleges camogie with South Presentation Convent and won a medal in their colours. Helped Eire Og to reach the final of the Cork junior championship. A good player to finish off a scoring opportunity as she showed against Kerry when she completed the match with six goals to her credit.

Patricia Mackey (Blarney), left-forward. A sister of Marie who won an All-Ireland medal with Cork last season. Patricia figures prominently on the St. Aloysius school team in colleges competitions. Equally at home in a centrefield position. She has played for Muskerry in the senior championship. Holds intermediate league and tournament medals.

Ellen McCarthy (Sarsfields), full-forward. Possesses a very hard shot for such a young player. Was one of the stars of Sarsfields' dramatic win in the 1973 Cork junior championship. Is a member of the Cork under 18 panel. Plays intermediate grade of camogie at club level.

Ann O'Connor (Old Aloysians), forward. Ann is a utility player who can fit in anywhere on the field. Came up through the various colleges grades with St. Aloysius before finding a place of her own with their 'A' team. Has won two medals in all college competitions.

Ber Foley (Sarsfields), back. A regular for the St. Aloysius 'A' side for the past few seasons. Was on the Imokilly panel for the senior championship. Ber is a dependable defender. Holds Cork Schools under 15 and senior league medals.

Eileen Walsh (Castleview), centre-field. A relative newcomer to camogie. Eileen joined Castleview in 1972. One of the young players who has made great progress in that club. Helped Castleview to win their section of under 18 league.



No prices are offered for identifying the car in this picture as the number 131 is the 131st anniversary of the 1843 Act which gave power to the new government.

LES GIRLS

SO FAR it's unquestionably been Kilkenny's year in hurling. And with the men having done so well — two All-Ireland titles and runners-up in the minor final — it's now up to the girls.

Today they can round off a super year by winning the camogie championship in the replayed final against Cork at Croke Park.

What a shock Kilkenny provided last month; few expected them to hold hot favourites Cork to a draw, but Helena O'Neill's equalising point gave them a deserved second chance. Having done so well, against the odds, their confidence is bound to be strong.

Kilkenny haven't won this title before, but there's always a first time — as in the case of the under-21 hurling last month.

Cork are the very experienced ones and Dairdre Sutton, Marie Costine, Hannah Cotter and Marion Sweeney will lead the determined bid to make sure Teresa O'Neill doesn't take the cup to Kilkenny.



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NOW KILKENNY HAVE KNOW-HOW!

THE CORK TEAM



By AGNES HOURIGAN

Cork and Kilkenny who served up such a fine exhibition in the drawn Camogie final, have set themselves an exacting task in seeking to improve on that standard when they return to Croke Park for the replay on Sunday next.

Cork show some surprising changes from the first game, with Mary Whelton replaced by Nuala Jennings in the defence, and Bernie Costine, who came on as a substitute in the

drawn encounter, now preferred to Nuala Guilley in the attack. They also make positional switches at mid-field and in the back-line.

Ironically the defensive switch, Hanna Cotter was

moved from right back to left back, may well have been designed to allow Nuala Jennings mark young Angela Downey. But the Kilkenny selectors when naming their side at around the same time,

had decided to switch their Callan Colleges star from left forward to right forward. So, if the teams field as selected, the two players will be in opposition as they were in the first clash, and the selectors will have laboured in vain.

Kilkenny surprised most of us in the drawn game, for after seeming to lose their early impetus and conceding a couple of "soft" scores, they looked the more effective side through most of the second half. They were, perhaps, lucky to snatch a draw at the very end, a result for which they can thank the accuracy of

Helena O'Neill, but they had had the chances to make sure of victory before then.

I feel that Kilkenny took Cork somewhat by surprise on the last meeting, and that element of surprise will be lacking now, which leads some to believe that Kilkenny may have lost their chance.

But Kilkenny have obviously learned something from that first meeting as they now will restart with the defensive set-up that proved so effective in the second half of the drawn game, with Ann Carroll, full-back, Bridie Martin centre-back and Mary Kennedy left-back.

Ursula Grace is now in the left forward position, for the present at least, but the Kilkenny forwards will have to improve if they are to achieve their first All-Ireland victory.

However, Kilkenny have already achieved something re-

markable. They have forced Cork to change what has for nearly five seasons been a winning team. It remains to be seen if the defensive reshuffle will achieve its purpose, but certainly from what we saw of her after she came on in the drawn clash, Bernie Costine should help the attack.

The odds look to still be on

Cork, their experience is still an invaluable asset, but Kilkenny may well have retained from the drawn game enough new-found confidence in their own now-proven ability to spring a surprise and take their first-ever All-Ireland title.

In the minor final, the inaugural event in this grade,

Cork will be slight favourite to win from Down the Tailteann Cup and a special set of medals, a memento of the last Aonach Tailteann Camogie competition of 1932, presented by the last two surviving members of that Committee Seán O'Duffy and Martin O'Neill, former Secretary of the Leinster G.A.A. Council.

HOW THEY WILL LINE OUT

CORK

Dairdre Sutton
Marie Costine
Shiela Dunne
Betty Sugrue
Ann Ryan

Hanna Cotter
Pat Moloney
Bernie Costine

Liz Neary
Helena O'Neill
Angela Downey

KILKENNY

Teresa O'Neill (Captain)
Ann Carroll
Bridie Martin
Peggy Carey
Mary Conway
Carmel Doyle

Mary Kennedy
Mary Fennelly
Ursula Grace

Subs—Marie Cavanagh, Anne Downey, Teresa Brennan, Annie Bowden.
Referee—Miss Jane Murphy (Galway).

Nuala Jennings
Marion McCarthy
Marion Sweeney (Captain)

Nancy O'Driscoll

Subs—Mary Whelton, Ann Keane, Nuala Guilley, Mary

A glorious "first" for camogie

REPORT BY JOHN KNOX

— Outstanding team performance —

KILKENNY 3-3 (12)
CORK 1-5 (8)

IF at first you don't succeed, try, try and try again. Kilkenny camogie girls did. And on Sunday, at their third attempt in five years, they wrenched the All-Ireland and O'Duffy Cup from kingpins of camogie, Cork, with a dazzling display of all-action camogie, and completed a glorious All-Ireland treble for the Black and Ambers.

It was a victory worth the waiting and all the preparations that went into the turning out of this team was handsomely repaid as the Noreside girls took their first ever senior camogie title. But while the Kilkenny girls were collecting their first major honour they were depriving Cork of their eleventh and fifth title in a row.

Seeing Kilkenny on Sunday, one wonders why a re-play of this game was needed at all. The winners were, particularly in the opening 25 minutes, faster, nipper and more alert than the reigning champions. Indeed their brand of play was superior at all times to that of the Munster girls and but for their own inaccuracies they could well have finished with a bigger advantage in their favour at the final whistle.

But for a team that nearly didn't get there for this re-play, they certainly seemed determined to prove themselves worthy of the confidence placed in them. Without sponsorship, the Co. Camogie Board would have found it very difficult to carry on its all-Ireland campaign.

SAD FEELING

Several of this Kilkenny team had figured on both losing all-Ireland teams in 1970 and 1972. And like Cork on Sunday they went away empty handed as no medals are awarded to the runners-up in an all-Ireland camogie final. It is a sad feeling, but a bitter one several Kilkenny girls felt twice in recent years.

With only three senior camogie teams in the county — compared with other 20 in Cork — this victory must be hailed as one of the most outstanding ever achieved by any team in the county colours. A number of the girls lined up with junior sides and one star of the afternoon, young Angela Downey is still eligible for minor grade.

This was a great day for the girls and the game in the county as a whole. Some of them had won all-Ireland medals at colleges and inter-club level but until Sunday had failed to gain the ultimate honour.

And what a way they went about taking that elusive trophy that slipped away from them too often before. From the goalkeeper to the full forward their lineout was without fault. Their unselfish, uncompromising and cohesive play was all too much for a stunned Cork outfit.

Indeed to those who thought the Kilkenny girls had lost their chance in that first game, their form on Sunday proved that their earlier display was no flash in the pan and in fact turned out to be only an appetiser. Never in the entire 50 minutes did they remotely look like being led and but for a lull in play midway through the second half did the Leesiders really make any real impression.

Even when they did breach a teak tough Noreside rearguard

the reliable goalminding of Teresa O'Neill was always something to be reckoned with. Despite taking a heavy knock early in the game she continued and played a real captain's part in this memorable win.

CLUBMATE

Her anticipation and astute clearances were instrumental in turning defence into attack and continuing with a heavily bandaged head speaks for itself. Anne Carroll and her clubmate at number 3, Liz Neary were two of the hardest working defenders on the field.

The interpositional changing and understanding that existed between these two meant that the goalie was rarely left unprotected. While Liz Neary must rival the young Downey twin for woman of the game, Ann Carroll was always a steadying influence on the team. She kept the whole rearguard intact and used her experience with telling effect.

Blond Bridie Martin as pivot of defence is small in stature but not in skill. As Kilkenny came under pressure in the early stages of the second half her carrying of the sliothar from defence to the forwards broke the hearts of the Cork girls. She stopped many a promising Leeside attack.

Substitute Marie Kavanagh showed the strength the new champions had in reserve. Stepping in for the injured Mary Kennedy she never set a foot wrong and kept the left wing completely closed especially in the opening half.

The midfield trio of Helena O'Neill, Peggy Carey and the bespectacled Mary Fennelly were full of running to the last. As the black and amber girls switched from defence to attack they were always ready to throw in their lot to help.

Angela Downey in the number 9 shirt was by far the sharpest player afield. Her quick acceleration on the turn always caught her opponent Hannah Cotter and but for her own wild shooting Angela could have scored twice as much.

In the middle of the front three St. Paul's girl, Mary Conway was often found foraging in her own half of the field. Her distribution to the rest of the forwards was excellent.

Ursula Grace was definitely the most unfortunate player of the day. Several times she had scoreable opportunities and was either hooked or slipped at a vital stage. It was only just reward that she should get the goal that eventually put the issue beyond doubt with four minutes remaining.

WELL TAKEN

Working alone at full forward was Carmel Doyle. In the drawn game she nipped in to crack

home two goals and on Sunday she set the Noresiders away with a very well taken point in the first minute. High balls dropping on the edge of the square were always expected to be collected by Carmel and turned into account.

But while some shone brighter than others it was the self application of all the players that saw the cup come to the Marble City. Only the day before the final the team assembled to have a short training stint. They specialised in free taking and cuts in.

Unfortunately the elements did not lend themselves to this fact of the game, but still Helena O'Neill scored her 1-1 from dead ball situations. Indeed, the elements seemed to be completely against the Noresiders. By my estimation they played against the stiff breeze in both halves as the direction switched with the teams.

It was obvious too that a tremendous amount of back room work was done with the Kilkenny players. Their use of the hand pass and positional sense left them with that bit in hand all the time. It seemed to instil a certain amount of confidence into the team, a confidence that was apparent in their play on the field.

While the 30 frees in the fifty minutes might give the impression the game was a robust affair, such was not the case. Not a foul stroke was struck in the game except for the accidental knock Teresa O'Neill took.

Had the Kilkenny side lost their captain at that vital stage when they were leading by 2-1 to no score it could have changed the whole course of the game. For a short spell it seemed to put her sister, Helena off her game and when Cork got their only score of the opening half a minute after she received attention, it could all have turned sour on the Noreside girls.

CHARACTER

But that was not the case. They showed themselves to be a team with character and within a minute of Cork goaling Angela Downey won the initiative back for Kilkenny when she had a tremendous effort strike the upright and fall back into play.

They dominated the exchanges up to the interval but failed to reflect their superiority on the scoreline. The Noresiders were on top to such an extent in the opening half that Cork had to wait until four minutes before the break to hit their first wide.

The Leesiders were a different proposition on the restart. Two quick points through captain-cum-corner forward, Marion Sweeney and the same player via a free saw Kilkenny's interval lead cut by half (from 2-1 to 1-0



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to 2-1 to 1-2).

But once again it was the lion hearted Angela Downey who literally ran herself to the ground that pulled the new champions out of the doldrums. She exchanged points with Marion McCarthy but then the Noresiders extended their lead to a safe three points when Helena O'Neill converted a 30.

Cork's full forward, Nancy O'Driscoll, got her sole point shortly after to call the winners back again but the unstoppable Downey twin once again made her presence felt. Rounding her opponent she forced Marion Costine to half save her shot as the vigilant Ursula Grace steps to put the issue beyond doubt.

It was a well deserved victory



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KILKENNY ARE TOPS

Ursula Puts The Seal On Victory

By AGNES HOURIGAN

KILKENNY 3-3 CORK 1-5

KILKENNY crowned years of striving, and sent their faithful followers wild with excitement when, in another scintillating game at Croke Park yesterday, they deservedly defeated holders Cork in the replay of the all-Ireland senior camogie final and thus took the O'Duffy Cup and the all-Ireland senior title for the first time.

It may have seemed too much to expect that the standard of play could improve on that of the drawn game three weeks ago, but through the first half there were long periods of absolute brilliance. Kilkenny, playing with all the confidence they found in the drawn encounter, far and away the better side.

The second half was, by comparison, far less spectacular, with play too often broken by fouls, all accidental, and minor injuries, but even though Cork played like champions, and had the opposition defending desperately in the closing minutes, there could be no doubts whatever that Kilkenny were most worthy winners on the day.

Indeed, were it not for a heroic succession of wonderful one-on-one saves by Cork keeper Deirdre Sutton, and over-zealousness on the part of well-aimed Kilkenny forwards, the margin at the end must have been far nearer to four goals than the four points that the final scoreboard showed.

Although a cold and gusty breeze blew generally in the direction of the Railway end, the sharp showers stayed away and the Croke Park pitch played fast and true.

Kilkenny, with first use of the wind and with the bright sun at their backs, got the early fillip they needed, when Carmel Doyle sent them ahead with a great point in the first minute. The challengers continued on the offensive and diminutive Angela Downey took a pass from Ursula Grace to flash home a fifth-minute goal.

When a 50-yard free by Helena O'Neill, possibly touched on the bounce by Ursula Grace, deceived Deirdre Sutton and went on to the net to leave Kilkenny seven points clear, Cork's title looked distinctly shaky.

But they battled back bravely and, after Kilkenny's captain-in-goal, Teresa O'Neill, had been injured in making a fine save, Cork came back for Bernie Costine to shoot a great goal.

That concluded the first-half scoring, but Cork had a few bad sides before the interval, while, at the other end, Angela Downey soloed through three times, but finished weakly each time.

Determined

Kilkenny thus led by 2-1 to 0 at half-time, but they were shaken out of their smooth stride by a very determined Cork on the restart. Quick points by Marion Sweeney and Marion McCarthy left only two points between them.

Angela Downey shot a Kilkenny point which Marion McCarthy neutralised from a distance, but the Cork net had a taste of almost miraculous

Nancy O'Driscoll replied with a point for Cork, a brave bid this for a goal, but turned over the bar by Teresa O'Neill. But Kilkenny had missed several chances of stretching their lead before Angela Downey again soloed through and Ursula Grace scored the clinching goal from the resultant melee in front of the Cork posts.

There were only three minutes of actual playing time still remaining, but from there to the end, Cork, seeing the title they had held since 1970 slipping away, really stormed the Kilkenny posts through those minutes, and three or four more which had to be added on for injury stoppages.

Solid

But the Kilkenny defence refused to concede any more than a late Marion Sweeney point, and the Noreside girls were again on the attack before the end.

Star of that Kilkenny defence all through, but particularly in the closing stages, was centre-back Bridie Martin from Lisdowney, who must have looked like Pat Henderson to the Cork supporters.

Teresa O'Neill, who shipped a couple of hard knocks courageously, was always sound in goal. Ann Carroll defended doggedly at full-back. Marie Kavanagh, a dressing-room replacement for the injured Mary Kennedy, had a great first half at left-back, while the stylish Liz Neary was a superb defensive "sweeper" when Cork staged their all-out assault.

Though closely marked by Pat Moloney, Helena O'Neill got through a world of useful work on the right wing. Mary Fennelly had some good moments on the left. Peggy Carey battled hard in the centre, while, if Angela Downey was the most spectacular, Ursula Grace, Mary Conway and Carmel Doyle were all effective, but unlucky, Kilkenny forwards.

For Cork, as sporting in defeat as in victory, Deirdre Sutton and Hanna Cotter were outstanding in defence.

Impact

Marion McCarthy and Pat Moloney played their hearts out around midfield, but only Marion Sweeney made any real impact in the attack.

This was the third time Cork and Kilkenny met in an all-Ireland. Cork won in 1970 and 1972, so this was third time lucky for Kilkenny.

Ann Carroll, Kilkenny's long-serving player, was carried shoulder-high from the field on the shoulders of Cork players, the shoulders of Cork players, led by Hanna Cotter, as were several other Kilkenny players by their own delighted supporters.

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Referee—Miss Jane Murphy (Galway).



Down full-back Teresa Gilchrist and Cork full-forward Ellen McCarthy tussle for possession during the All-Ireland Minor camogie final at Croke Park.



Kilkenny's goalkeeper, TERESA O'NEILL, attempts to prevent a point for her opponents as Cork's BERNIE COSTINE rushes in to challenge.

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Cork's double defeat

KILKENNY 3-3; CORK 1-5
DOWN 3-0; CORK 0-1

HISTORY WAS made at Croke Park yesterday as two new names were added to camogie's roll of honour. Kilkenny won the senior All-Ireland title for the first time while Down became the first winners of the new minor (under 16) All-Ireland championship. But it was a sad day for Cork as they were on the receiving end in both finals.

Cork were chasing their fifth successive title in the senior game, but even their most ardent followers will have to admit that they were beaten by a better team on the day.

This was the replay of the drawn final three weeks ago and the game was a worthy show-piece for camogie. Both sides can be proud of this fast, exciting encounter in which they showed all the skills of the game. But it was Kilkenny's day for the honours.

The winners entered this game with a grim determination and were in top gear right from the throw-in. They were strong in all sectors and although Cork fought gamely right to the finish, they could not match the overall ability of his Kilkenny team.

Their captain and goalie

Teresa O'Neill surely typified the attitude of the Kilkenny players. Following two great saves, she received a nasty head injury after only eight minutes, but she gallantly played on to give one of the top performances of the day and surely her courage must have inspired her side to the great heights they reached in this game.

Anne Carroll, who was playing in her fourth All-Ireland final (three with Kilkenny and one with Tipperary) and winning her first medal, the stylish Liz Neary and Bridie Martin were others to star in Kilkenny's rock-steady defence.

LITTLE SCOPE

Against this last line the Cork attack was given very little scope and never got into their stride. Newcomer Bernie Costine did quite well, however, and scored the only Cork goal. Nancy O'Driscoll was another who tried hard, but Marion Sweeney, Ann Ryan and later Nuala Guilly never struck anything like the form we have come to expect from them.

Kilkenny were again in brilliant form at centrefield, where Helena O'Neill, Peggy Carey and Mary Fennelly dominated for long periods. But Pat Moloney did show a return to her best form in this sector for Cork and when Bernice Costine fell back to the centre in the second half Cork were much better here.

Deirdre Sutton had another fine game for Cork in goal, while Hannah Cotter and Sheila Dunne were also in grand form in the Cork defence. But they were up against the devastating solo runs of Angela Downey as well as the brilliant opportunism of Mary Conway, Ursula Grace and Carmel Doyle, and in the end they had to bow to the superiority of the Kilkenny attack.

Kilkenny scored a point in the opening minute of the game and before the game was five minutes old they added a goal from Angela Downey. Then came the goal of the match, a tremendous 40-yarder from Helena O'Neill which left Kilkenny ahead by 2-1 to nil after only seven minutes. But Cork came back with their only goal from Bernie Costine in the 15th minute and this score was the last before the interval, which left the winners ahead by 2-1 to 1-0.

On the resumption Marion

Sweeney opened the scoring for Cork with a point, and when Marion McCarthy added another, Cork only trailed by two points. Then Angela Downey and Marion McCarthy and later Nancy O'Driscoll and Helena O'Neill exchanged points before the vital score of the game came. This was a tremendous goal from Ursula Grace which put Kilkenny five points ahead in the 20th minute. Marion Sweeney did reduce the margin by a point in the 26th minute, but it was too late and Kilkenny were worthy winners.

Scorers for the winners were: A. Downey 1-1, H. O'Neill 1-1, U. Grace 1-0, C. Doyle 0-1; Cork: B. Costine 1-0, M. Sweeney 0-2, M. McCarthy 0-2, N. O'Driscoll 0-1.

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Easy for Down

Down 3-0, Cork 0-1

Down became the first winners of the new Minor All-Ireland Championship for the Corn Tailteann when they easily defeated Cork by 3-0 to 0-1. It took Cork until just ten minutes from the end to score their first point and this came from Gay Desmond who with Catherine Landers and Margo Twomey were Cork's top players on the day.

Cork had no answer to this Down side who seized on every opportunity and were the more efficient and capable side.

Down led by two goals at half-time and when they scored the third after six minutes in the second half it was all over for Cork.

Scorers for the winners were: Susan Lively (1-0), Rita Neeson (1-0), and Mary McGrath (1-0), while G. Desmond scored Cork's only point.

Down: C. Rooney, T. Gilchrist, S. Kelly, C. Courtney, S. McCartan, M. Finnegan, S. Lively, M. Montgomery, B. Malone, R. Neeson, M. McGrath, C. O'Hara.

Cork: K. Costine, C. Harris, B. Joyce, M. Twomey, J. O'Brien, C. Landers, P. Riordan, G. Desmond, E. Kavanagh, M. Sugrue, P. Mackey, E. McCarthy. Subs: A. O'Connor for E. Kavanagh, E. Walsh for P. Mackey.



IN FULL FLIGHT... is Kilkenny's goalkeeper Teresa O'Neill, as she comes out to clear in the All-Ireland Camogie final.

A 'First' For Down Girls

DOWN 3-0; CORK 0-1

DOWN very deservedly became the first all-Ireland minor camogie champions when they scored a hard-earned victory over Cork in the inaugural championship final of this grade, which preceded the senior replay at Croke Park yesterday.

More direct in their methods and more decisive in their striking, Down owed a great deal to their solid defence which foiled Cork repeatedly, especially in the first half, when the wind-assisted Cork girls had the greater portion of the play.

On the other hand, these Cork forwards must also share some of the blame for this defeat as they missed some easy chances in second-half breakaways.

In the early stages, indeed, Cork were in almost complete control, but failed to raise a flag despite a whole series of attacks.

However, once captain Susan Lively gave her Down colleagues the lead with a drive from 40 yards that deceived the Cork goal-keeper, the Ulster champion came far more into the game. They richly deserved their second goal, a well-taken effort by Rita Neeson.

There was no further scores to the interval, when Down led by 2-0 to nil, and when Mary McGrath shot the Northerners' third goal six minutes into the second half, Cork were obviously in trouble.

Captain Susan Lively, defenders Teresa Gilchrist, Stephenie Kelly and Sheila McCartan, Margaret Montgomery on the wing, Rita Neeson and Mary McGrath in the attack were outstanding on a very well-balanced Down side.

Kathleen Costine in goal, full-back and captain Clare Harris, Janey O'Brien, Margo Twomey and Gay Desmond impressed most for Cork.

So Down completed a remarkable double as they had already won the first junior title seven years ago.

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TEASIE BRENNAN, LIZ NEARY, PEG CAREY, ANNIE BOWDEN
MARY KENNEDY + MARY PURCELL
FRONT:- ANGELA DOWNEY, MARIE KAVANAGH, BRIDIE MARTIN, TERESA O'NEILL (CAPT)
MARY FENNELLY, HELENA O'NEILL, URSULA GRACE + ANN DOWNEY



The Kilkenny team (top) that defeated Cork (bottom) in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final at Croke Park on Sunday. It was Kilkenny's first senior title and Cork's first championship defeat since 1969.

CORK. BACK:- BETTY SWGRUE, PAT MCLONEY, ANN RYAN,
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MARIE COSTINE + NUALA GUILLY



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WELL SAVED . . . Cork's goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton brings off a good save as Kilkenny's Ursula Grace closes in to challenge at Croke park yesterday.



ANN CARROLL (Kilkenny) + NANCY D'DRISCOLL (GORK)



BRIDIE MARTIN (K) + MARION MCCARTHY (C)

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SHOOTING FOR GOAL... Carmel Doyle (Kilkenny) prepares to have a shot at goal as Cork goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton (right) comes off her line in the All-Ireland camogie final replay at Croke Park yesterday.

Cork's gracious gesture to Kilkenny camogie team

The Kilkenny camogie team, winners for the first time of the O'Duffy Cup, the trophy for the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship, arrived home last night to a fitting reception to mark their great victory over Cork at Croke Park on Sunday.

They were met at the railway station by St. Patrick's Band and Majorettes which led a huge procession to the Parade, the players and officials being conveyed on a gaily bedecked lorry with the "Welcome Champions" banner across the front.

A large crowd had also assembled at The Parade where the Mayor, Ald. T. Martin, and members of Kilkenny Corporation were present to give the team a civic welcome.

The Mayor said the team had brought credit not only to themselves and Kilkenny but to camogie in general by the wonderful display they had given. He paid tribute to what he described as the gracious and sportsmanlike action of the Cork players who made an arch of hurleys to allow the Kilkenny players to pass under on the way to the dressing rooms and actually bore one of the Kilkenny players shoulder high from the pitch.

RECEPTION

The defeated Cork camogie teams returned home to an official reception at the Victoria Hotel, last night. Mr. Jack Barrett, chairman, Cork Co. G.A.A. Board; Mr. Con Murphy, Hon. Sec.; Mr. Frank Murphy, secretary; Mr. Derry Maher, treasurer and Mr. Denis Conroy, registrar, were all there to welcome the girls home.

Mr. Barrett, speaking on behalf of the G.A.A. board, said that although it was a double victory last year and a double defeat this year, that the latter in no way diminished Cork's record of glory and service to the game of camogie. Cork had set a standard of sportsmanship over five years and when one analysed Cork's record they had only lost one game in six All-Ireland finals.

Miss Mary Moran, chairman of the Cork Co. Camogie Board, and trainer of the sides, said that the Cork teams were beaten by better sides on the day. She paid tribute to Kilkenny and Down, but said that Cork would be back again. This Cork side was far from finished. They had brought Cork out of the doldrums five years ago and she felt that the defeat would revitalise them, and they would be back again next year.

Mrs. Chris Aherne, Deputy Lord Mayor, and Ide Bean Uí She, president of the Cork Co. Board, also spoke and the latter also presented bouquets of welcome to Margo Twomey and Marion Sweeney, captains of the minor and senior teams.

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A double first in camogie

THE new All-Ireland senior camogie champions, Kilkenny and the first-ever minor champions, Down, were guests of honour at a dinner last night in the Clare Manor Hotel, organised by the central council of the Camogie Association and the Kilkenny County Association in Dublin. It was Kilkenny's first senior title.

Welcoming the guests, Mrs. Nancy Murray, (Antrim), president of the Camogie Association, paid special tribute to the sportsmanship of the Cork senior team, holders of the title for the past four years, who formed a guard of honour for their Kilkenny conquerors as they came down from the Croke Park victory rostrum after receiving the trophy.

Mrs. Murray also paid a special tribute to Kilkenny player Ann Carroll, who has given tremendous service to the game on and off the field and who received a standing ovation when she went up for her medal.

She and other speakers paid tribute to the Down team for winning the minor crown despite so many difficulties. The losing senior finalists, Cork, were also at the reception.

Other speakers included Ald. T. Martin, Mayor of Kilkenny; Mrs. C. Aherne, deputy Lord Mayor of Cork; Mrs. Belt O'Loughlin, chairman, Down Camogie Board; Mr. John Fennelly, M.C.C., chairman, Kilkenny Camogie Board; and Miss Mary Moran, chairman of Cork Camogie Board and trainer of their All-Ireland team.





MARY KENNEDY + NANCY O'DRISCOLL



Kilkenny goalkeeper, Teresa O'Neill, being tackled by Cork forward Nuala Gully, during the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park. (Echo)



Kilkenny's CARMEL DOYLE (right) shows her delight after Ursula Grace had scored her side's third point. Also pictured are Cork's PAT MOLONEY (left) and Kilkenny's MARY CONWAY. Our photographer at Croke Park was DICK ROWLEY.



ANGELA SOLOS . . . Angela Downey moves away on a solo run which finished in a point for Kilkenny.

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— Outstanding team pe

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But for a team that nearly didn't get there for this re-play, they certainly seemed determined to prove themselves worthy of the confidence placed in them. Without sponsorship, the Co. Camogie Board would have found it very difficult to carry on its all-Ireland campaign.

SAD FEELING

Several of this Kilkenny team had figured on both losing all-Ireland teams in 1970 and 1972. And like Cork on Sunday they went away empty handed as no medals are awarded to the losers-up in an all-Ireland camogie final. It is a sad feeling, a bitter one several Kilkenny girls felt twice in recent years. With only three senior camogie teams in the county — compared with other 20 in Cork — this victory must be hailed as one of the most outstanding ever achieved by any team in the county colours. A number of the players lined up with junior sides and the star of the afternoon, young Angela Downey is still eligible for a minor grade.

This was a great day for the girls and the game in the county as a whole. Some of them had won all-Ireland medals at colleges and inter-club level but until Sunday had failed to gain the ultimate honour.

And what a way they went about taking that elusive trophy that slipped away from them too often before. From the goalkeeper to the full forward their lineout was without fault. Their unselfish, uncompromising and cohesive play was all too much for a stunned Cork outfit.

Indeed to those who thought the Kilkenny girls had lost their chance in that first game, their form on Sunday proved that their earlier display was no flash in the pan and in fact turned out to be only an appetiser. Never in the entire 50 minutes did they remotely look like being led and but for a lull in play midway through the second half did the Leesiders really make any real impression.

Even when they did breach a weak tough Noreside rearguard

the reliable goalminding of Teresa O'Neill was always something to be reckoned with. Despite taking a heavy knock early in the game she continued and played a real captain's part in this memorable win.

CLUBMATE

Her anticipation and astute clearances were instrumental in turning defence into attack and continuing with a heavily bandaged head speaks for itself. Anne Carroll and her clubmate at number 3, Liz Neary were two of the hardest working defenders on the field.

The interpositional changing and understanding that existed between these two meant that the goalie was rarely left unprotected. While Liz Neary must rival the young Downey twin for woman of the game, Ann Carroll was always a steadying influence on the team. She kept the whole rearguard intact and used her experience with telling effect.

Blond Bridie Martin as pivot of defence is small in stature but not in skill. As Kilkenny came under pressure in the early stages of the second half her carrying of the sliothar from defence to the forwards broke the hearts of the Cork girls. She stopped many a promising Leaside attack.

Substitute Marie Kavanagh showed the strength the new champions had in reserve. Stepping in for the injured Mary Kennedy she never set a foot wrong and kept the left wing completely closed especially in the opening half.

The midfield trio of Helena O'Neill, Peggy Carey and the bespectacled Mary Fennelly were full of running to the last. As the black and amber girls switched from defence to attack they were always ready to throw in their lot to help.

Angela Downey in the number 9 shirt was by far the sharpest player afield. Her quick acceleration on the turn always caught her opponent Hannah Cotter and but for her own wild shooting Angela could have scored twice as much.

In the middle of the front three St. Paul's girl, Mary Conway was often found foraging in her own half of the field. Her distribution to the rest of the forwards was excellent.

Ursula Grace was definitely the most unfortunate player of the day. Several times she had scoreable opportunities and was either hooked or slipped at a vital stage. It was only just reward that she should get the goal that eventually put the issue beyond doubt with four minutes remaining.

WELL TAKEN

Working alone at full forward was Carmel Doyle. In the drawn game she nipped in to crack

home two goals and on Sunday she set the Noresiders away with a very well taken point in the first minute. High balls dropping on the edge of the square were always expected to be collected by Carmel and turned into account.

But while some shone brighter than others it was the self application of all the players that saw the cup come to the Marble City. Only the day before the final the team assembled to have a short training stint. They specialised in free taking and cuts in.

Unfortunately the elements did not lend themselves to this fact of the game, but still Helena O'Neill scored her 1-1 from dead ball situations. Indeed, the elements seemed to be completely against the Noresiders. By my estimation they played against the stiff breeze in both halves as the direction switched with the teams.

It was obvious too that a tremendous amount of back room work was done with the Kilkenny players. Their use of the hand pass and positional sense left them with that bit in hand all the time. It seemed to instil a certain amount of confidence into the team, a confidence that was apparent in their play on the field.

While the 30 frees in the fifty minutes might give the impression the game was a robust affair, such was not the case. Not a foul stroke was struck in the game except for the accidental knock Teresa O'Neill took.

Had the Kilkenny side lost their captain at that vital stage when they were leading by 2-1 to no score it could have changed the whole course of the game. For a short spell it seemed to put her sister, Helena off her game and when Cork got their only score of the opening half a minute after she received attention, it could all have turned sour on the Noreside girls.

CHARACTER

But that was not the case. They showed themselves to be a team with character and within a minute of Cork goaling Angela Downey won the initiative back for Kilkenny when she had a tremendous effort strike the upright and fall back into play.

They dominated the exchanges up to the interval but failed to reflect their superiority on the scoreline. The Noresiders were on top to such an extent in the opening half that Cork had to wait until four minutes before the break to hit their first wide.

The Leesiders were a different proposition on the restart. Two quick points through captain-cum-corner forward, Marion Sweeney and the same player via a free saw Kilkenny's interval lead cut by half (from 2-1 to 1-0



to 2-1 to 1-2).

But once again it hearted Angela Downey literally ran herself to the ground that pulled the new out of the doldrums changed points to McCarthy but Noresiders extended a safe three points O'Neill converted a

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sends the ball to

Minors confident of taking Munster title

CLARE minor camogie players will be all out to emulate the feat of the juniors when they oppose Cork in the Munster championship final at the Churchfield, Shannon on Sunday next at 1.45.

As a result of a walk-over from Kerry in the semi-final, Clare find themselves contesting this decider without having had a competitive match since they also received a bye in the first round.

Cork on the other hand had a four points winning margin over Limerick to qualify for the final and despite their defeat by Down in the All-Ireland minor championship at Croke Park last Sunday they will be more than anxious to make amends next Sunday. However, make no mistake, this Clare outfit will certainly be no push over more especially with Rose Kelleher, Teresa McDonagh, Maureen Kelly and Mary Dolan (captain) of the All Ireland junior team included in the team.

Clare's only outing was a challenge played against Limerick on Saturday last, in which they emerged victorious by a wide margin.

The team which is being trained by Fr. O'Brien (Shannon) will be drawn from a panel of 22 players included in which are experienced and talented players like Bridie McGill, Joan Tuohy, Kitty Hayes (Shannon); Nora Coote, Margaret Glynn, Anita O'Toole, Martina O'Grady, Ann-Marie Russell (Elre Og); Ann Fahy, Monica O'Brien, Theresa Brassil, Mary Cassidy Eleanor Shanahan (Dalgcáis); Pat Gleeson, B McNamara (Kilkishen); N Hanley (Clarecastle) and Bridget McGrath of Feakle.

players. Included in the Munster side are Claire Harrington and Margaret O'Toole filling the wing half and centre half back positions respectively with Ann Marie O'Loughlin and Maureen Kelly as subs. The Munster side look very strong and includes no fewer than

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eight of the Cork team beaten in the senior All-Ireland replay by Kilkenny last Sunday.

Goalie Deidre Sutton (Cork) is the only member holding a Gael Linn medal.



MARGARET O'TOOLE

The Ulster team is backboneed by Antrim who have seven players in the side while Tyrone have three and Monaghan and Armagh fill the other two positions.



CLAIRE HARRINGTON

A meeting called by the Co. Board at the Colaiste on Tuesday last for school principles in an endeavour to promote camogie in the schools turned out to be a real anti-climax since of the 56 schools circulated only three were represented; however, the Co. Board are holding a further meeting to establish what more steps can be taken.

Camogie details

Munster 10-4; Ulster 1-3

A sharp shooting and brilliantly hit Munster senior camogie team demolished Ulster by 10-4 to 1-3 in the Gael Linn Interprovincial semi final at Wolfe Tone Stadium, Shannon Airport yesterday.

Though excusing Ulster for the absence of some of its leading players it could not detract from the polished power packed performance of the Munster side.

Within two minutes from the start, Munster forwards opened their scoring spree and relentlessly shattered the weak Ulster defence all through the game. Indeed but for Carmel McDonnell, the only Co. Monaghan representative on the Ulster side, it could have been an all Munster scoring board.

Teams: Munster — D. Sutton, Cork; M. Considine, Cork; F. Dunne, Cork; M. O'Toole, Clare; C. Harrison, Clare; D. Lane, Tipperary; T. Moloney, Cork; P. Stokes, Limerick; M. Sweeney, Cork; A. Ryan, Cork; M. McCarthy, Cork; M. O'Driscoll, Cork.

Ulster — N. McAllister, Antrim; K. Kelly, Antrim; M. Ogly, Tyrone; M. Diamond, Antrim; L. McClement, Antrim; M. McTamineny, Antrim; C. McDonnell, Monaghan; U. Daly, Tyrone; M. Donaghey, Tyrone; P. Crangle, Armagh; M. McAllister, Antrim; E. Dixon, Antrim.

Referee: M. Ryan, Dublin.

Cork 3-3, Clare 3-2

Although under strong pressure in the dying stages of the game, Cork withstood some terrific charges by the Clare forwards to win by a point the camogie under-18 Munster championship at Shannon Airport yesterday.

At all times the Cork girls appeared the more confident and dominated the early play with Catherine Landers and Valerie Fitzpatrick in a particularly brilliant mood. However, although the Leesiders had a 2-2 to 1-1 lead at the interval, the Clare girls on resumption gave some sparkling performances to keep the issue in doubt up to the final whistle.

Perhaps but for the brilliant performance of Maureen Kelly in the Clare goal the winning margin would have given a truer picture of Cork's superiority.

Best for Cork were Valerie Fitzpatrick, Katherine Landers, Anne, O'Shea and Catherine O'Leary, while Clare were best

supported by M. Kelly, A. Russell, T. Brazil, A. Fahy and T. McDonagh. Teams:

Cork — K. Cosstine, C. Harris, D. Quinlivan, M. Twomey, F. Aherne, V. Fitzpatrick, A. Keane (capt.), C. Landers, M. Kenneally, B. Considine, A. Shea, P. Rearden.

Clare — M. Kelly, B. McGill, R. Kelleher, A. M. Russell, A. Fahy, M. Dolan (capt.), K. Hayes, J. Tuohy, T. McDonough, M. Glynn, M. O'Grady, P. Brazil. Referee: M. Tierney, Limerick.

Ballyagan 4-1, Ballinbreema 1-0. Ballyagan won the Limerick Co. Under-16 camogie final when they had a good win over Ballinbreema in the final at Kilmallock yesterday.

St Pauls March On

ST. PAUL'S 3-3
ADAMSTOWN 1-0

St. Paul's, the Kilkenny camogie champions, qualified for the final of the Leinster Club Championship when they defeated Adamstown, the Wexford champions, at Bree, Co. Wexford, yesterday.

Best for the winners were Mary Conway, Helena O'Neill, Angela Downey and Ann Carroll. For Adamstown Gretta Kehoe and Brigid Doyle were best.

Scorers — St. Paul's — H. O'Neill (1-2), A. Downey (1-1), T. Brennan (1-0). Adamstown — K. Codd (1-0).

St. Pauls into Camogie final

St. Pauls (Kilkenny) ... 3-3;
Adamstown (Wexford) ... 1-0

St. Pauls, the Kilkenny County champions, fielding twelve of the All-Ireland winning panel, scored a good victory over the Wexford champions Adamstown, in the Leinster Club Camogie Championship semi-final at Bree.

After leading 0-2 to nil at half-time St. Pauls added a goal shortly after resuming and Adamstown goaled their only score of the match minutes later.

Best for the winners were Helena O'Neill, Angela Downey, Mary Conway and Ann Carroll. For Adamstown, Gretta Kehoe and Brigid Doyle did best.

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U.C.C. CAMOGIE CLUB A.G.M.

At the annual general meeting, a successful year was recorded by Aileen O'Driscoll, hon. sec.

The Ashbourne Inter-Varsity competition was held in Cork, with U.C.C., U.C.G., Trinity and Maynooth participating. U.C.C. won the cup for the fourth year in succession.

Tributes were paid to the hon. secretary, who organised a most enjoyable weekend and who has acted as secretary for two years.

Officers elected: Hon. President, Ide Bean Uí She, M.A. Hon. vice-presidents: Globhan Bean Uí Mhuirthille, M.Sc.; An Iolamh Laoise Ní Dhugain; Bean Uí Neill, M.Sc.; Margaret McCoy, B.Comm., and Mary Conkley, Senior captain, Cally Riordan; vice-captain, Val O'Dwyer; hon. sec., Nuala Jennings; hon. treas., Marion Lucey; staff rep., Mrs. Anne Sraff; junior captain, Maureen Meehan.

Forthcoming fixture—Thurles, Oct. 20th, first round of Munster Club Championship; U.C.C. v. Thurles.

This Week . . .

40 YEARS AGO

CORK won their first ever All-Ireland senior camogie championship title when they defeated Louth 4-3 to 1-4 before a large attendance at Croke Park, and it was also the first time that the title was taken outside Dublin. Scorers for Cork, who were represented by the under-mentioned, were, Miss K. Delea (2-0), Miss K. McCarthy (1-2), Miss B. Riordan (1-1), Misses N. Clarke (goal), M. Cotter, E. Staunton, L. Dejaney, K. McCarthy, M. O'Hea, L. Kirby, M. McCarthy, K. Delea (capt.), M. Kenneally, B. Riordan, J. McGrath.

CLARE PIPPED IN THRILLING MINOR CAMOGIE FINAL

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CORK 3-3
CLARE 3-2

A GOAL scored in the dying minutes by dashing wing forward Kathleen Keannelly gave Cork victory by the narrowest of margins over a gallant Clare side in the under 18 Munster camogie championship played at the Churchfield Shannon, last Sunday.

Both teams are to be congratulated on serving play of an exceptionally high standard that was delightful to watch and the closeness of the exchanges provided an abundance of thrills for those whose privilege it was to witness such a rip roaring encounter.

Clare had their chances but failed mostly by over eagerness on the part of their forwards to snap up scores that were for the taking. However the losers came into the picture with a great goal from a free by Ann Marie Russell to leave the score at the interval Cork 2-2, Clare 1-1.

Aided by whatever breeze there was Clare fought back in splendid fashion on the resumption of play and it came as no surprise when not only did they wipe out the arrears but forged ahead thanks to a well taken goal by Theresa McDonagh and now seemed destined to take the title only to be denied by Cork's winning score in the closing stages.

Outstanding for the losers were M. Kelly who had a splendid game in goal, Bridie McGill, R. Kelleher, A. Marie Russell and A. Fahy, combined well in defence.

Mary Dolan played her heart out at centre field and was well supported by Kitty Hayes and Joan Tuohy.

Theresa McDonagh and T. Brassil were best in the forwards.

Cork scorers, B. Considine (2-2) P. Riordan (0-1), K. Kenneally (1-0), Clare, Ann Marie Russell, 1-1, T. Brassil 1-1, T. McDonagh 1-0.

Clare, M. Kelly, B. McGill, R. Kelleher, A. M. Russell, A. Fahy, M. Dolan (Capt.), K. Hayes, J. Tuohy, M. Glynn, T. McDonagh, T. Brassil, M. O'Grady.

Clare's representatives on the Munster team which beat Ulster in the semi-final of the Gael Linn Cup, Margaret O'Toole and Clare Harrington did all that was asked of them, while others to impress were Mary Mc-Carthy, N. O'Driscoll, B. Stokes and M. Sweeney.

CAMOGIE ROUND-UP Clare And Cork Clash

By AGNES HOURIGAN

AFTER falling into abeyance for a couple of seasons we will again have a Munster senior camogie final on Sunday. In recent years there were only two senior counties in the province, Cork and Tipperary, and for one reason or another the final between them did not take place.

Now Clare have entered senior ranks by winning the All-Ireland junior final on the third Sunday in September, and have challenged the Cork girls for senior supremacy within the province. So now the 1974 junior All-Ireland champions, and the 1973 senior champions who only lost on a replay to Kilkenny this year meet for the provincial title at the Douglas G.A.A. Grounds, Cork on Sunday at 3.0.

Clare have beaten Cork in a junior game this season, and ran them very close in the Under-18 championship. They have plenty of confidence now led by Margaret O'Toole, Claire Harrington and Anne Marie O'Loughlin.

However, Cork who went so close to winning their fifth All-Ireland should still have sufficient craft and experience to overcome the Clare challenge. Meanwhile U.C.C. representing Cork have already advanced to the semi-

final of the Munster club championship as their scheduled opponents. Tipperary champions Thurles conceded a walk-over. It is sad to see Thurles who reached the All-Ireland final of this competition only a few years ago, unable to take the field now. It is even more disconcerting that the county also gave a walk-over to Clare recently in the Under-18 championship.

Connacht, represented by an All Galway side had a surprisingly easy victory over Leinster 6-3 to 1-2 in the inter-provincial semi-final at Ballinasloe on Sunday last and thus qualified to meet Munster in the November 3 final.

The Leinster side never lived up to expectations and on the day at least did not reflect the standard of the game at present in the Eastern province.

Cork Seniors Seek Consolation After All-Ireland Defeat

EARLIER this month Cork camogie team lost their coveted All-Ireland title, which they held for four successive seasons, and on Sunday next they have the opportunity of gaining some measure of consolation when they meet Clare at Douglas in the final of the Munster Championship. There are also a number of important league games listed for Sunday, while tomorrow the Colleges will make further progress in their competitions.

Because of the Open Draw in the All-Ireland the Munster Championship is now a separate competition. Cork will be chasing their 25th Munster title in Sunday's game while Clare will be endeavouring to gain their second, their last win being in 1944.

For very many years Clare have been regarded as one of the "weaker" counties. But during the last few years they have been showing steady improvement and 1974 has been their most successful season for many a long day. They won the All-Ireland Junior by beating Dublin in September and what a transformation this has brought about.

Always lacking in confidence in the past, they now come out to win. Their victory in the All-Ireland was one of "never say die" spirit and determination. With ten minutes to go it looked all over in favour of Dublin but Clare staged a dramatic comeback to snatch a late victory. This fighting spirit was again evident when they beat Tipperary in the Munster semi-final — no mean feat at any time.

EXPERIENCED CLARE

Maureen Kelly has played some great games in goal for Clare. Ann Marie O'Loughlin, Clare Harrington and Margaret O'Toole are three experienced defenders, all of whom are members of the Munster panel. All three play club camogie in Dublin so have plenty of experience. Maureen Davoren, Mary Dolan, Mary Mahon and Pauline Ryan are other useful Clare players.

Caly Riordan, who came on as a sub in last year's All-Ireland final, returns to the full-forward position on Sunday. Caly was in America for the summer and so was unavailable for the All-Ireland. But her return on Sunday could be a big boost to Cork and after the other Cork forwards display for Munster two weeks ago it looks as if they have found their scoring touch again. The line-out in this sector for Sunday will have Marion McCarthy, Nancy O'Driscoll and Marion Sweeney in the half-line behind Caly. Nancy was in tremendous form for Eire Og on Sunday last and with the two Marions always capable of

snatching scores this line-up looks very strong.

The Cork defence remains the same as on All-Ireland day. Deirdre Sutton, who was the main reason Glen Rovers won their first Intermediate Championship on Sunday last, is again in goal with solid defenders Marie Costine, Nuala Jennings, Sheila Dunne and Hannah Cotter completing the attack.

Bernie Costine is at wing centre where she joins Pat Moloney at full and Ann Ryan on the other wing.

There is plenty of talent in this Cork side and now that the All-Ireland pressure is on U.C.C. should be at their best on Sunday. However, they will not have things their own way as Clare, having tasted success in Croke Park, are now determined to keep up the good work and take the senior Munster title.

CORK TEAM

Deirdre Sutton (Glen Rovers), Marie Costine (Cloyne), Nuala Jennings (U.C.C.), Sheila Dunne (Canovee), Hannah Cotter (South Pres.), Anne Ryan (Old Als.), Pat Moloney (U.C.C.), Bernie Costine (Cloyne), Marion Sweeney (Capt.) (Killeagh), Nancy O'Driscoll (Eire Og), Marion McCarthy (South Pres.), Caly Riordan (U.C.C.).

Subs.: Mary Whelton (South Pres.), Mary Canavan (Sarsfields), Nuala Gully (Cloyne).

There are two junior and two under-16 league ties also listed for Sunday. In the junior competition Inniscarra should prove too good for Ballinora at the latter's grounds while U.C.C. are an unknown quantity at the moment but if all their players are available they could prove too good for newcomers Douglas.

In the under-16 games Ballinlough, spearheaded by Cork minor, Patricia O'Riordan, should collect the points from Bishopstown while Ballyphehane and St. Finbarr's should serve up a thriller, the result of which will have a strong bearing on the outcome of the section.

In the colleges games St. Aloysius will meet North Presentation on tomorrow in the Intermediate "A" League and Presentation Bandon will meet Mercy, Mallow in the Intermediate "B".

FIXTURES

Sunday, October 27—Munster Senior Championship Final at Douglas at 3.00: Clare v Cork (Ref. Limerick); Under-16 League at Ballyphehane at 11.30: Ballyphehane v St. Finbarr's (South Pres. Ref.); Under-16 League at Bishopstown at 3.00: Ballinlough "A" v Bishopstown (Ref. St. Finbarr's); Junior League at Ballinora at 3.00: Inniscarra v Ballinora (Ref. Eire Og); Junior League at Mardyle at 11.30: Douglas v U.C.C. (Ref. Glen Rovers).



Deirdre Sutton, the Cork goalkeeper, comes across to cover this ball which went wide during the Munster Senior Camogie final with Clare at Douglas, Cork, yesterday. —(Examiner)

Experience was main factor in Cork's camogie win

CORK 3-4 CLARE 0-1

CLARE'S ambitions of adding the Munster Senior League camogie title to their All-Ireland junior crown were dashed by a more experienced Cork side who had twelve points to spare over the visitors at Cork last Sunday.

Make no mistake about it this game was much closer than the scoreline would suggest. Clare playing with a gale-force wind in the opening half contained the winners very well indeed with Cork having only one score from play, a goal by Maureen Sweeney and two points off frees to lead by five points at half-time.

It looked very much on the cards that with the wind advantage in the second half Clare could well pull the game out of the fire, but this was not to be.

Apart from having the lions share of the play the losers forwards shot nine wides as against Cork's three. On the other hand the winners forwards with fewer opportunities notched 2-2. It was in the closing stages that the losers opened this account with a point by Maureen Davoren.

The losers defence played very well especially Maureen Kelly in

goal, who could not be faulted for the goals that beat her. Ann Marie O'Loughlin, Clare Harrington and newcomer Teresa Daly were very effective.

Honours at midfield were evenly divided where Mary Dolan, Catherine McNicholas and Maureen Davoren acquitted themselves.

In a weak attack Mary Mahon and Pauline Ryan who came on as a sub, were best.

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Consolation for Cork girls

Cork 3-4, Clare 0-1

CORK gained consolation for their All-Ireland defeat when they took the Munster Senior Camogie Championship at Douglas yesterday, at the expense of junior All-Ireland champions, Clare.

Once again it was the ability of the Cork forwards to snap up opportunist scores which saw them through on this occasion. Playing against a strong wind in the first-half they still managed to lead by 1-2 to nil at half-time. And when Cally Riordan, returning to the team after her American trip, snapped up a grand goal in the opening minutes of the second half, Clare never recovered.

Deirdre Sutton in the Cork goal was once again in top form, while Sheila Dunne was their best defender. Pat Moloney was in sparkling form in the centre and forwards Marion Sweeney and Cally Riordan snatched those vital goals.

Clare were best served by their defence where Anne Marie O'Loughlin, Margaret O'Toole and Clare Harrington were outstanding, while Mary Dolan in the centre was another top performer.

Scorers for Cork were: C

Riordan (2-0), M. Sweeney (1-2), P. Moloney (0-1) and N. O'Driscoll (0-1), while M. Davoren got Clare's point.

After the game, Mrs. Lily O'Neill, Chairman of the Munster Council, presented the trophy to Cork captain, Marion Sweeney.

Cork — D. Sutton, M. Costine, M. Whelton, S. Dunne, N. Jennings, B. Costine, P. Moloney, A. Ryan, M. Sweeney, N. O'Driscoll, M. McCarthy, C. Riordan. Sub: N. Guilly for S. Dunne.

Clare — M. Kelly, A. M. O'Loughlin, M. O'Toole, T. Daly, C. Harrington, M. Dolan, C. McNicholas, M. Mahon, T. McDonagh, M. Davoren, M. Griffin, M. Russell. Subs: P. Ryan for A. Russell, M. Saunders for M. Griffin.

Referee: Cary Clancy, Limerick.



TROPHY FOR CORK — Mrs. Lil O'Neill, Chairman of the Munster Council presents the trophy to Marion Sweeney, captain of the Cork team which defeated Clare in the Munster Senior Camogie final at Douglas, Cork yesterday.



Maureen Kelly, the Clare goalkeeper, saves from Cork forward Cally Riordan, during the Munster Senior Camogie final at Douglas.



Cally Riordan (Cork) and Clare's goalkeeper run for this ball during the Munster senior camogie final at Cork yesterday.

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Intermediate And Junior Finals Look Wide Open

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ITS back to club camogie this week-end with three vital games down for decision. U.C.C., representing Cork, travel to Thurles where they meet the local side in the Inter-Club Championship while on the home scene the Intermediate and Junior Championship finals will be decided at Ballinlough, all on Sunday.

The Colleges will also get down to business tomorrow with no less than seven Cork schools setting out in the Munster Junior Championship.

The main attraction locally this week-end are the championship finals at Ballinlough. Both matches look wide open and should arouse much interest. In the first of these — the Intermediate — Churchtown meet Glen Rovers. The former qualified for the final some time back when they defeated Glanworth and Sarsfields. The long wait for the final may not have helped them, however.

Glen Rovers were involved more recently. They overcame Aghabullogue and then the fancied Cloyne side. Deirdre Sutton, the Cork and Munster goalkeeper, is, of course, Glen's trump card. Undoubtedly they would not be contesting the final had it not been for her tremendous goalkeeping in this campaign. The Glen attack has been strengthened by the return of Peggy Horgan and the transfer of Marie Mackey from the defence. Mary Nott, Cecile Fitzgibbon and Christine Murray are other useful players for Glen Rovers. Before going intermediate some years ago Glen Rovers had won seven senior championships in a row. It was a pity to see them go down but it was at their own request.

Since entering the intermediate ranks they have not been all that successful but this year they seem to be on their way back and having reached the final they will be determined to take their first ever intermediate title.

But it will not be easy as Churchtown with grand players in Josie Knowles, Noreen Bailey, Mary Salter, Jane O'Brien and Susan Burke will be just as determined to win.

JUNIOR FINAL

In the junior final Eire Og and Killeagh clash. This is Killeagh's first year in competitive camogie. It has happened before that clubs won the junior title at the first attempt but it is indeed a spectacular achievement. Both Killeagh and Eire Og will be without a prominent player who helped them to reach the final. Under the "Universities Rule" Pat Moloney and Aileen O'Driscoll, of Killeagh and Eire Og respectively, were able to help their home clubs during the summer only. Now they are back with the University and will be a huge loss to their clubs.

However, Killeagh still have the services of Cork senior captain Marion Sweeney and they will be hoping she will find her best form on Sunday. Countering this Eire Og have Cork full-forward Nancy O'Driscoll who scored four goals for Munster last Sunday. The blotting out of either of these players could be the recipe for success by the opposition in this final although there are other top players who merit attention on both sides. Catherine Landers who did so well for Cork minors and under-18 sides this season, Mary Walsh and Betty Joyce are all strong Killeagh players, while Eire Og can call on Marion McCarthy, Rose and Betty O'Leary and Noreen Lucey.

Eire Og have not got a good record in finals but all the same it is difficult to say how this game will go and those who go to Ballinlough should see two fine games.

TRAVEL TO THURLES

A Cork side has yet to win the All-Ireland Inter-Club competi-

U.C.C. showed great promise in the early part of the season and when they won the Ashbourne Cup they looked set to go far in the senior championship. However, they were knocked out in the semi-final stage, but as the remaining three semi-finalists were selected sides, U.C.C., as the only club team, qualified for the Inter-Club.

But it will not be easy against Thurles. The Tipperary side are always tough and as holders of the title, and on home ground, they will provide very stern opposition indeed. Their stars include Mary and Ann Graham, Bernie Dowd, Beatrice Lawrence, Kit Boland and Margo Loughane, and it will take U.C.C. at their best to defeat them.

COLLEGES GAMES

Eight first round matches will be played in the Munster Junior Colleges Championship tomorrow. In these Mount Mercy, Cork, are at home to St. Pauls, who won last year's Intermediate "A" Championship and the Cork girls will do well to get over this hurdle. St. Patricks travel to Carrick-on-Suir and should have a successful outing as to date the form of the Carrick girls has been poor.

A third Cork school, Immaculate Heart, should prove too strong for Salesians, Limericks, as the latter school lost all their games last year and are hardly likely to be greatly improved so early in the new season. North Presentation, the Munster champions at this grade, will be hoping to go one better this year and win the All-Ireland as well. However, they will get nothing soft from South Presentation tomorrow. In the final match of the day St. Aloysius should prove too experienced for Bandon Presentation who only took up camogie last year.

Given a fine day we should see some very good camogie from many very promising players. Camogie at this grade is always exciting and interesting and well worth watching.

at 3.00, U.C.C. v. Thurles (Kathleen Marks).

Under-18 League at Buttevant, at 3.30, Glanworth v. Buttevant (St. Fanahans).

Junior League at Berrings, at 12.30, Inniscarra v. Kilmichael (Blarney).

Glen Rovers and Eire Og are champions

Glen Rvs., 3-0; Churchtown, 1-3. Eire Og, 9-3; Killeagh, 1-2.

In their fourth season since they decided to drop from senior to the intermediate grade, Glen Rovers took their first title when they defeated Churchtown in the Intermediate Championship at Ballinlough yesterday.

Once again their super goalie, Deirdre Sutton, paved the way to victory with a tremendous display which saved them from many a Churchtown onslaught and inspired them to a grand victory. As well as Deirdre, Glen Rovers had top players in Marie Mackey, Peggy Horgan and Ber Owens, while Churchtown were best served by Mary Salter, Joan Murphy, Josie Knowles and Noreen Bailey.

Scorers: Glen Rovers, M. Mackey 1-0, P. Dorgan 1-0, T. Kelly 1-0; while for Churchtown, N. Bailey 1-2, and A. Houlihan 0-2.

Glen Rovers—D. Sutton, N. O'Mahony, B. O'Mahony, M. Nott, M. Walsh, C. Fitzgibbon, M. Bickerstaff, A. Connolly, C. Murray, M. Mackey, P. Dorgan, T. Kelly. Sub: M. Coleman for C. Murray.

Churchtown—M. Roche, P. O'Brien, E. Mulcahy, J. O'Brien, M. Salter, S. Burke, J. Murphy, M. Horgan, J. Knowles, G.

Horgan, N. Bailey, A. Houlihan. Sub: R. O'Brien for G. Horgan.

The long wait is over at last for Eire Og. In four of the last five seasons they have appeared in the final of the Cork Junior Championship—three times unsuccessfully. But all that was forgotten at Ballinlough yesterday when they had a marvellous 9-5 to 1-2 win over a youthful Killeagh side.

Dual inter-provincial star, Nancy O'Driscoll, was the inspiration of the Eire Og side with her dazzling solo runs, while sister Noreen, Marion McCarthy and Hilda Horgan were others in grand form. Killeagh, in their first year in camogie, were best served by Catherine Landers and Betty Joyce.

Scorers — Eire Og, Nancy O'Driscoll 4-3, Noelle O'Driscoll 4-0, Noreen Lucey 1-0; while C. Landers 1-1 and M. Sweeney 0-1 were on the mark for Killeagh.

Eire Og—R. O'Leary, P. Lucey, B. O'Leary, M. McCarthy, M. Lucey, F. Buckley, H. Horgan, A. Brennan, N. O'Driscoll, N. O'Driscoll, J. Lane, N. Lucey.

Killeagh—E. Walsh, M. Foley, B. Murphy, B. Landers, B. Joyce, C. Landers, M. Sweeney, M. Murphy, K. O'Driscoll, M. Walsh, M. Joyce, C. McCarthy. Sub: C. Griffin for C. O'Driscoll.



CHAMPIONSHIP FOR CORK—Deirdre Sutton, the Cork goalkeeper, breaks past three Clare forwards to clear during the Munster senior camogie final at Douglas yesterday.

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Connacht Defend Their Title

By AGNES HOURIGAN
Connacht, who last season won the Gael-Linn Cup and the interprovincial camogie championship by defeating the then holders, Leinster, in the final, start the defence of their title on Sunday next at Ballinasloe when they again face the Leinster girls, in the semi-final this time.

Again Connacht will rely on an all-Galway line-out, although this time they include a Roscommon player, B. Condon, in their panel. But though they are without two of last year's stars, Connacht again have a powerful side, all but one of whom played at one stage or another in last year's triumph.

They again have Margaret Killeen in goal and Mary Kilkenny at full back, with that great centre-back, Kathleen Quinn, pivoting the defence. Josie Kelly, Catherine Ward and Ann Donoghue form a very strong mid-field trio. Up in attack Connacht also look to be well served with Jane and Margaret Murphy aided by the talented youngsters, Margaret 'Midge' Poniard and Phil Foye.

Leinster show four changes from the team that lost a year ago. Carmel O'Shea (Kilkenny) and Margaret Lacey (Wexford) have retired, Orla ni Siochain (Dublin) is now among the substitutes, and Joan Murphy (Wexford) is gone from the panel.

Still they have eight of last year's line-out, goalkeeper Anno Carey, Rita White at full-back and centre-forward Marion Conroy all from Dublin. Lix Neary, Angela Downey and Helena O'Neill of Kilkenny, and Bridget Doyle and Elsie Walsh of Wexford.

The newcomers are two Kilkenny All-Ireland stars, Bridie Martin and Peggy Carey, together with two Wexford forwards, Bernie Murphy and Bridie Fox.

On home ground, Connacht must be slight favourites, but Leinster may well be the sharper at this stage of the season, and might surprise by advancing to the final against Munster who had a runaway victory over a weak Ulster in the other semi-final at Shannon last Sunday.

PROMOTION

Central Council, at its meeting last weekend set up a Committee which will plan the promotion of the game in Primary Schools. The Committee is composed of Miss Sheila McAuliffe, the General Secretary, as Chairman. Munster—Mrs. K. Flaherty, Mrs. C. Desmond. Connacht—Mrs. V. Mannion, Miss B. Keenan. Ulster—Miss A. Keenan, Mrs. M. Lynch. Leinster—Miss B. McClean, Miss B. King. Colleges—Sr. Mairead (Ulster), Miss J. Burke (Leinster), Miss M. O'Brien (Munster), Miss J. Murphy (Connacht).

The teams for next Sunday's games are:
Connacht: M. Killeen; M. Kilkenny; C. Collins, K. Quinn, M. Forde; J. Kelly, C. Ward, A. Donoghue; P. Foye, J. Murphy, M. Murphy; M. Poniard. Subs.—R. Jordan, A. Kilkenny, B. Condon (Roscommon).

Leinster—A. Carey (Dublin); R. White (Dublin); L. Neary (Kilkenny), B. Doyle (Wexford), B. Martin (Kilkenny); H. O'Neill (Kilkenny), P. Carey (Kilkenny), E. Walsh (Wexford); Angela Downey (Kilkenny), M. Conroy (Dublin); B. Murphy (Wexford); B. Fox



THEIR FIRST TITLE—Eire Og captured their first camogie title when they defeated Killcagh 9-3 to 1-2 in the Cork County junior camogie championship final at Ballinlough, Cork.



CAMOGIE FINAL—Top: Gle n Rovers team, which had a win over Churchtown (below) in the Intermediate final at Ballinlough Grounds. —("Echo")



Miss Mary Moran, et al.

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What must we do to attract the big crowds?

Camogie

By
Agnes
Hourigan

WIN FOR CONNACHT
 Connacht 6-3 (21); Leinster 1-2 (5)
 Connacht had a decisive and well-deserved win over Leinster in the semi-final of the interprovincial camogie championship at Ballinasloe yesterday. The score at the end 6-3 to 1-2 was a fair reflection of the relative merits of the teams.
 By way of contrast, Connacht relied on an all-Galway selection, while their opponents had representatives from Kilkenny, Dublin and Wexford. The combined efforts of the former were evident from the start. They played with confidence and combination which was lacking in the Leinster side.
 Scorers — Connacht: M. Murphy 3-0, C. Ward 2-0, J. Kelly 1-0, J. Murphy 0-1, M. Poinard 0-1, A. Donoghue 0-1. Leinster: A. Downey 1-0, H. O'Neill 0-1, C. Doyle 0-1.

THE only disappointing aspect of the Camogie year was exactly the same as I have been stressing for years, the relatively poor attendance. This was especially disappointing on the first "final day" because Clare had brought a special train from Ennis to support their junior team, on the occasion of the county's first Croke Park appearance.

Yet despite the presence of so many enthusiastic Clare supporters the attendance was still far below what we would all wish it to be. How this barrier is to be broken, and how we are going to get to Croke Park at Camogie finals the attendance that these games so richly deserve, is a problem which I have raised many times before. It seems no nearer to solution.

It seems that the ten-thousand-plus crowd which Camogie finals should be capable of attracting just do not come. Before the regular senior final, which was played in conjunction with the junior decider a particularly strong effort was made to attract the public.

The amount of pre-match publicity in the majority of the National Newspapers was greater than in other years. The event got for once "exposure" in advance on both radio and tele-

vision, there was that special train from Clare, Dublin were directly involved, and yet the crowd was not appreciably better than in other recent seasons.

Quite frankly, why this should be so, nobody seems to know. The interest in Camogie was never greater in many counties. There were never more players actually playing the game at every level, while the number of players in schools and colleges has increased at least ten-fold in the last five years.

Surely, if all the Camogie people supported the finals we could muster a wonderful attendance, without having to rely unduly on others. I know the school-girls may not be able to afford the trip themselves, but surely their schools could be persuaded to subsidise such a trip. What better excursion could they have in Camogie than to see the top stars of the game in competitive action?

I have suggested before that clubs could also benefit from organising excursions to Dublin for the finals. Some few have done so, but they were very few.

The killing part of it was of course that the September final day was one of the greatest Camogie has ever seen. First we had that wonderful junior game between Dublin and Clare, and

then that tense and exciting clash in the senior final between Kilkenny and Cork, with a draw a very fitting result. This senior final was one of the great Camogie games. The pity of it was that the great Irish public just were not there to see. However, it may well be that the attendance figures for the replay will have shown, when analysed, a satisfactory upward trend. Meanwhile, of course, the outstanding feature of the championship campaign was the resurgence of Kilkenny in senior ranks and the remarkable uprise of Clare.

Clare's junior victory means much more than the just reward for the endeavours of the hard-working enthusiasts who brought about the great upsurge in the Banner County.

What it means is that in addition there is a new Camogie force in Munster and that must be all for the good of the game.

Kilkenny's return to power will also be a welcome event, and also patently proves the effectiveness of the Open Draw system, as under the old dispensation, Kilkenny, beaten in the first round of the Leinster championship, as they were by Wexford, would have been out of the competition, and would not now be All-Ireland champions.



Ger Fennelly, captain of the under 21 hurling team; Teresa O'Neill, captain of the camogie team, and Nicky Orr, captain of the senior hurling team, with the three all-Ireland trophies at the GAA victory dinner in Springhill Hotel.

Munster Chase First Title Since 1966

FOR eight Cork seniors there is another chance to find further consolation for a their All-Ireland defeat. This is in the Gael Linn Cup, the final of which will be played at Ballinasloe on Sunday. Cork have eight players on the Munster team to play Connacht and only Deirdre Sutton of the eight already has a Gael Linn medal, it would be a great boost for them to win.

The provincial title has not been won by Munster since 1966 in spite of Cork's success in the All-Ireland in the last four years. At Shannon, three weeks ago they had a runaway win over Ulster. But it must be admitted that the side which represented the Northern province was far below interprovincial standard. In fact many of their players play junior inter-county camogie so that this was not a real test for Munster.

Connacht also had a very impressive win in the semi-final over Leinster by 6-3 to 1-2. But here the similarity changes as the Leinster team contained stars from Kilkenny, Wexford and Dublin and a win over them must be treated with great respect.

The four Connacht defence will certainly not give the Cork forwards the room they enjoyed against Ulster and with the entire Galway team representing Connacht the best way to judge their strength is probably in their performance against Cork. Galway have always been a "bogey" to Cork, and although they did beat them earlier this season it was only narrowly and this has been the case in all their meetings in recent seasons.

Connacht (represented by Galway) and Munster (represented by Cork) met in last year's Gael Linn Cup. In a tense struggle they drew the first game but Connacht got the better of things in the replay.

Now Munster will be anxious to reverse this result but it won't be easy. Connacht have some fine players in Josie Kelly, Margaret Murphy, Nono McHugh, Kathleen Quinn and Jane Murphy. They form the nucleus of a very accomplished side. On their form in the semi and with the advantage of a home venue they must start as favourites to take the title.

But Munster are always at their best as underdogs so this may be a good omen. Certainly Munster have the talent at their disposal. Deirdre Sutton needs no introduction as goalie while Cork defenders Marie Costine and Sheila Dunne are more than established players. Clare's top backs Margaret O'Toole and Claire Harrington complete the defence. Pat Moloney, so stylish last Sunday is at full centre where she is flanked by Tipperary's only representative, their brilliant Deirdre Lane, and Limerick's sole member Brid Stokes.

The forward line is made up of the Cork attack, namely Marion Sweeney, Anne Ryan, Marion McCarthy and Nancy O'Driscoll. If they hit their scoring form on Sunday then Munster must have a very good chance of winning but it will not be before a tough struggle against a side who will give little away.

Locally there are three League games listed for Sunday in the first of these Ballyphehane meet St. Finbarrs "A" in the Junior League at the latter's grounds. In the other junior game, Old Aloysians meet Na Pairsaig.

In the only Intermediate game listed Churchtown, defeated in the final of the Championship will be out to get back on the winning trail and should take both points at the expense of Sarsfields. Munster. — Deirdre Sutton (Cork), Marie Costine (Cork), Sheila Dunne (Cork), Margaret O'Toole (Clare), Claire Harrington (Clare), Deirdre Lane (Tipperary), Pat Moloney (Cork), Brid Stokes (Limerick), Marion Sweeney (Cork) (capt.), Anne Ryan (Cork), Marion McCarthy (Cork), Nancy O'Driscoll (Cork).

Subs. — Maureen Kelly (Clare), Ann-Marie O'Loughlin (Clare), Betty Sugrue (Cork), Brigid Darcy (Limerick).

Fixtures — Sunday, 3rd November.—Gael-Linn Cup Final at Ballinasloe, at 1.45. Connacht v Munster. Junior League at St. Finbarrs at 11.30. Ballyphehane v St. Finbarrs "A" (Ref. Ballinlough). Inter-League at Riverstown at 3.00. Sarsfields v Churchtown (Ref. Watergrasshill). Junior League at Na Pairsaig, at 11.30. Old Als v Na Pairsaig (Ref. U.C.C.)

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Connacht retain Gael Linn trophy

Connacht 3-7, Munster 3-0.

CONNACHT retained the Gael Linn trophy in this highly entertaining camogie game at Ballinasloe yesterday with a deserving seven points win over Munster. Even though Munster had the aid of a strong breeze in the opening half it was the winners who scored first with a Nono McHugh goal from 35 yards in the eight minute. Marion Sweeney had a Munster goal from 20 yards two minutes later and during the opening ten minutes both goalies were called on to bring off a number of good saves.

Fast and furious action saw both sides give their best in a hectic game. Nono McHugh increased the Connacht lead with a 45 yards point after 11 minutes and four minutes later the same player sent a long free which Margaret Murphy finished to the net.

Nancy O'Driscoll raced through for a great Munster goal in the 21st minute but it was Nono McHugh again who pointed a free to leave the winners in front by 2-2 to 2-0 at halftime.

The second half was only two minutes old when Margaret Murphy goaled for the winners but a minute later Marion McCarthy narrowed the gap with a great losers' goal. Tremendous pressure by Connacht from then on pulverised the Munster defence and laid on scores by Nono McHugh (3 points), Midge Poniard and Catherine Ward (0-1 each without reply).

Scorers, Connacht — N. McHugh 1-5, M. Murphy 2-0, M. Poniard, C. Ward (0-1 each); Munster: M. McCarthy, M. Sweeney and N. O'Driscoll (1-0 each).

Connacht M. Killeen, M. Kilkenny, C. Collins, R. Jordan, M. M. Forde, N. McHugh, A. Donoghue, C. Ward, M. Poniard, J. Kelly, J. Murphy, M. Murphy.

Munster — D. Sutton, M. Costine, S. Dunne, M. O'Toole, C. Harrington, D. Lane, P. Moloney, B. Stokes, M. Sweeney, A. Ryan, M. McCarthy, N. O'Driscoll.

Referee: N. Mangan (Dublin).

SUPERIORITY

Various films dealing with football and hurling have been made with the aid, financial and otherwise, of the G.A.A., but the Camogie Association has gone more than one better by setting up their own Committee to make a Camogie Coaching film, in conjunction with Unit Three, a film-making outfit led by Pdraig Thornton, son of that great GAA enthusiast and for many years chairman of the New Ireland Hurling Club, the late Frank Thornton.

The film received its first public showing last Saturday night. While coaching films must in the end be judged only by the effectiveness with which they help in teaching the basic skills of any particular game, and how effective any such aid can be time alone can tell, I found this Camogie film both instructive and entertaining and can foresee a tremendous demand for it from schools, clubs and cities.

It will, one imagines, be particularly valuable to those schools who have a qualified Camogie coach on their staffs and who will be able quickly to translate the lesson this film has to teach into practical efficiency on the playing fields.



Mr. Michael Barry, Managing Director, Family Building Society, presenting the Personality of the Month October Award to Helena O'Neill, Kilkenny camogie star, at a dinner held in the Royal Dublin Hotel last night. Also in picture is Miss Sheila McNulty, General Secretary, Camogie Association.



ANN CARROLL received award for contribution to Camogie.

Donaghy and Margaret a good account of...

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ON THE CAMOGIE FIELDS

Semi-Final At Naas

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE semi-final of the Leinster Club camogie championship between Prosperous from Kildare and Dublin's Austin Stacks will be played at Naas on Sunday afternoon.

Prosperous won the junior end of the competition to qualify for the series proper and on what is more or less home ground will put up a good fight against higher-grade opposition. They have experienced players in Teresa Lynch, Mary Malone, Gemma Kane, Eileen and Marie Reilly of the Kildare county side. Austin Stacks have not yet been able to find top form such as they showed when defeating holders Celtic in the Dublin final last June. But with such accomplished players as Orla Ni Shiochain, Anne Sheehy, Sheila and Fiona Murray, Lucy and Sheila McEvoy, Mary Ryan and Dymphna Caldwell, Stacks should still carry sufficient power to see them through to the final against holders St. Paul's, Kilkenny, on Sunday week.

CONTESTANTS

The semi-final of the Munster club series is due for decision next Sunday. The contestants in this game will be Ballyagran, who recently won the Limerick title for the first time by defeating long-term holders Ahane, and U.C.C. who will be at home on their own ground in the Mardyke.

Both Cork county finalists were Divisional teams, so U.C.C. qualifies as the club side that advanced farthest in the championship. The students will have Cally Riordan, Pat Maloney and Nuala Jennings all Cork senior county player, Aileen O'Driscoll, and Val and Anne O'Dwyer.

They have already had a walk-over from Thurles and will be fancied now to account for the Limerick representatives whose best known players are the O'Brien sisters.

There were three outstanding Camogie events over the weekend just past. On Saturday night in Dublin, the coaching film on Camogie received its first public showing to a select audience composed of officers of Central and Provincial Councils, and representatives of the G.A.A.

and the Community Games, and was then officially handed over to the President, Mrs. Nancy Murray, by Padraig Thornton of Unit Three, the film folk who had made such a good job of their task.

On Sunday, a strong lively and talented All-Galway Connacht side proved far too good for Munster in the Gaelic Linn Cup final at Ballinasloe, and thus very readily and deservedly retained the inter-provincial title they first won a year ago.

Then, on the Monday, Camogie was honoured for the first-time in the Gaelic Stag of the Month series sponsored by the F.B.S. Kilkenny star Helena O'Neill, whose coolness and accuracy had played such a major part in carrying All-Ireland victory, was a very worthy recipient of what amounted to the honour of being Camogie Player of 1974.

But there was also a special award for Ann Carroll, whose dedication to Camogie, both on and off the playing field reached a fitting climax when she attained, at last, her great ambition of playing on a victorious All-Ireland side.

U.C.C. Can Reach The Munster Inter-Club Final

U.C.C. play in their first inter-club semi-final while St. Aloysius set out in the Colleges championship in the pick of this weekend's camogie games.

U.C.C. are at home to Ballyagran of Limerick in the semi-final of the Munster inter-club competition. The Limerick side won their first Limerick Co. championship recently and so will be taking part in the "club" campaign for the first time. They ended the seven year run of Ahane convincingly and this alone must make them a formidable side. The backbone of their side is made up of the O'Brien sisters, all of whom have played several times for Limerick.

In their previous outing in the inter-club two years ago, U.C.C. went out to Ahane, the then Limerick champions. But that match was played earlier in the year when College were not fit nor organised. With College back in action for a couple of weeks now they should give a much improved account of themselves. Nuala Jennings, Pat Moloney and Cally Riordan won Munster senior medals with Cork last Sunday week, while Aileen O'Driscoll, Val O'Dwyer, Ger Butler and Mary Roche are other top players available to the College. The University girls have been a major force in Cork camogie in recent years and with the advantage of a home venue they should be good enough to reach the Munster final.

THE ROAD BACK

St Aloysius, who dominated the schools' camogie scene over the years set out on tomorrow (Saturday) to work themselves back to the top with a first round championship game against St. Paul's Kilfinane. Two years ago Mount Mercy ended St. Aloysius' winning streak when they took the Munster title from them. But last season must have been the worst season for many years for the St. Als senior team. Rosary Hill took the Munster title while Mount Mercy collected the Cork championship and league leaving the St. Als cupboard bare.

The fact that the school field was out of commission probably had a big bearing on that position. Now it is back again and we could see a big change in the St. Als girls. Led by Cork minor Ann O'Connor, the present St. Als line-out contains many fine players. Val Fitzpatrick proved her worth in the Munster under-18 final against Clare, while Patricia Mackey and Ber Foley were also on the Cork under-16 panel during the summer. Jacinta O'Brien, who unfortunately broke her leg on the basketball court last year, is back again and playing as well as ever. Claire Kenny is a regular with Old Als seniors while Ber O'Mahony, Ger Ring and Eleanor Hackett are up and coming players.

The Munster Colleges championship is run on a league system but the competition is so keen that even one defeat can be disastrous. And in spite of St. Paul's short spell in camogie

their record is very impressive. Last year they won the Munster Intermediate 'A' championship defeating Immaculate Heart, Ballyphehane, impressively in the final. The Kilfinane girls too have a number of inter-county players, and all members of the championship winning side of last year are still available. They are a big strong team of no mean ability and on their home ground they will be tough opposition. So St. Als will have to muster all their determination and spirit to get their first valuable points.

LEAGUE GAMES

The remaining fixtures are all league games — all on Sunday. Both Killeagh and Churchtown were disappointed in the junior and intermediate championship finals respectively. Now the minors from these clubs will be out to make amends and collect two valuable points when they clash in the under-16 league. A step higher — the under-18 — Cloyne, with Kathleen and Bernie Costine and Ann Shea, should account for Watergrasshill while in the other game in this league Castleview, with some very good young players, could take the points from Aghabullogue.

There are two junior league games listed. In the first of these Ballyphehane and Ballylough clash in what is likely to be a thriller while in the second St. Finbarrs must be fancied to take the points from Na Piarraig.

A few years ago in an effort to keep the clubs in Northern Ireland alive when playing matches became difficult a Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa competition was set up. This caught on straight away and created great interest and many enjoyable nights. At Congress it was decided to extend the competition to the whole country. The competitions include ballad singing, solo singing, Irish dancing, recitations, instrumental, question time, comedy interlude, and historical appreciation. Cork hope to get their section of the competition off the ground in the near future and anyone interested or willing to help in running it is welcome to the Board on next Monday night when it is hoped to get an organising committee together. So come on girls, get your clubs into action and let us see all the talent which must be among your members.

FIXTURES

- Saturday, November 9 —
 - Munster Colleges senior championship at Kilfinane at 3 p.m.: St. Pauls v St. Aloysius.
- Sunday, November 10 —
 - Munster inter-club championship semi-final at Mardyke at 3 p.m.: Ballyagran (Limerick) v U.C.C.
 - Under-16 league at Midleton at 3 p.m.: Killeagh v Churchtown, (Ref. Carrigtwohill).
 - Under-18 league at Castleview at 3 p.m.: Castleview v Aghabullogue (Ref. Canovee).
 - Under-18 at Watergrasshill at 3 p.m.: Cloyne v Watergrasshill, (Ref. Sarsfields).
 - Junior league at Ballyphehane at 3 p.m.: Ballyphehane v Ballylough, (St. Finbarrs).
 - Junior league at Na Piarraig at 11.30 a.m.: Na Piarraig v St. Finbarrs (Ref. Glen Rovers).

UCC through to Munster final

U.C.C. 5-4; Ballyagran 0-1

U.C.C., Cork's representatives in the Inter-Club Championship are through to the Munster final of the competition. At the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, yesterday, they had a rather easy victory over Ballyagran, the Limerick County champions, by 5-4 to 0-1.

Played in appalling weather conditions the game had some excellent camogie in spite of the sticky pitch. But it was College's game all the way as the Limerick girls never managed to rise to the occasion.

Mary Roche in the U.C.C. defence put a quick stop to any Limerick attacks while Pat Moloney was once again in brilliant form in centrefield. And the College forwards Ann O'Dwyer, Collette Desmond and Ger Butler were always troubling the Limerick defence.

For Limerick, it was fitting that Geraldine O'Brien should get that single point as she was easily their top player while Helen Butler, and Bernadette O'Brien were others to play well for the losers.

U.C.C. now go on to meet the winners of the Eire Og (Clare) and Castleisland (Kerry) semi-final.

Scorers: U.C.C. — A. O'Dwyer 3-0, G. Butler 1-1, C. Desmond 1-1, P. Moloney 0-2, while G. O'Brien scored for Limerick.

U.C.C. — A. Hayes, S. Forde, M. Roche, M. Lucey, N. Jennings, E. O'Hanlon, P. Moloney, V. O'Dwyer, C. Riordan, A. O'Dwyer, C. Desmond, G. Butler, Ballyagran — E. O'Donnell, H. Butler, J. O'Brien, B. Barrett, G. O'Brien, C. Morrissey, M. Barry, B. O'Brien, S. Ryan, E. Noonan, E. Madigan, D. Gilbert.

ST. ALOYSIUS WIN

St. Aloysius 2-4; St. Paul's 1-2.

St. Aloysius School overcame the first obstacle in their quest to bring back the Dripsey Cup to the famous nursery of the game. At Kilfinane on Saturday local side St. Paul's and the Cork school provided a fast and entertaining match. St. Als were first to score and they lead at the interval by 2-1 to 0-2.

St. Als had their best players in Claire Cronin, Val Fitzpatrick, Jacinta O'Brien and Clare Kenny while St. Paul's were best served by Ann Sheehy, Anne O'Flynn, Joan O'Donnell and A. Upton.

Scorers for St. Als were J. O'Brien 1-1, P. Mackey 1-0, V. Fitzpatrick 0-2, and C. Kenny 0-1, while J. Burke 1-0, and A. Sheehy 0-2 were on the mark for St. Paul's.

Ballyagran's First Title

BALLYAGRAN 3-2
AHANE 2-0

Ballyagran won the Limerick Senior Camogie Championship title for the first time at Limerick Gaelic grounds yesterday when they defeated the holders for the past seven years, Ahane, in an exciting final.

Ahane, with the aid of a strong breeze which even knocked one set of goalposts in the first half, led two goals to nil at the interval. Ballyagran, powered by the O'Brien sisters, pilled on the pressure on resuming but still trailed by two

points with seven minutes remaining. They then introduced substitute Patricia McCarthy and she deserved win. Ballyagran's other scores came from G. O'Brien (1-1) while Carrie Clancy scored the two goals for Ahane.

Eire Og Look Best

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Two clubs who have never previously won the Munster Club Camogie Championship, University College, Cork and Clare's Eire Og of Ennis, contest the final at the Fair Green, Ennis, next Sunday afternoon. So whichever team wins, a new name will be added to the Southern title-roll.

U.C.C. are not Cork champions but represent the county because they were the club side that advanced the farthest in their home championship where both finalists were divisional selections.

The students, who got a first-round walkover from Tipperary champions Thurles, were very impressive when defeating new Limerick champions Ballyagran in their semi-final, but Eire Og also looked very good when readily accounting for the Kerry representatives, Castleisland.

Eire Og will have the assistance of Clare junior All-Ireland medalists Ann Marie O'Loughlin, Margaret O'Toole, Maureen Kelly, Pauline Ryan and Eleece Fitzgibbon. U.C.C. have All-Ireland stars in Pat Moloney, Nuala Jennings and Cally Riordan.

Formidable

But the absence of Liz Garvan, Rosie Hennessy and Aileen O'Driscoll may prove fatal to the students' chances, especially as Eire Og can be a very formidable force on their own ground.

The Leinster final of the same competition in which holders, St. Paul's of Kilkenny, were to have met Dublin champions, Austin Stacks, last Sunday was then postponed as a mark of respect to the late President Childers. This game has now been re-fixed for next Sunday week, again at Kilkenny.

A crucial game in the Munster Senior Colleges Championship will be played in Cork tomorrow, when holders Rosary Hill from Castleconnell in Limerick travel to play Mount Mersey who are the chief hopes of Cork. Rosary Hill have already defeated Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, and victory tomorrow would make them very firm favourites to retain their provincial title.

Leinster Council at its meeting last weekend were addressed by the Association Publicity Officer, Miss Jo Golden, and arrangements were made for improving publicity for the game in the province at all levels.

UCC are new Munster inter-club champions

UCC 1-0, Eire Og (Clare) 0-1

UCC are the new Munster inter-club champions. At Ennis on Sunday they had a dramatic win over Clare champions Eire Og by 1-0 to 0-1. There were only two scores in the game, a goal in the opening minute and a point 10 minutes later.

That match-winning goal came from U.C.C. star Ann O'Dwyer, who had the ball in the net straight from the throw-in, and it proved sufficient for U.C.C. as the Ennis girls could only manage a single point — from a free taken by Margaret O'Toole — which gave the UCC girls the club title for the first time.

The game was played in appalling conditions which did not give either team a chance of playing good camogie. However, UCC did win and they now go forward as Munster's representatives in the All-Ireland inter-club championship to be played in the spring.

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U.C.C. AGAIN HAD ALL THE ANSWERS

U.C.C. 6-1; S.P.P.P. 3-0

U.C.C. continued their run of success at the Mardyke yesterday when they opened their 1974 Senior League campaign with a convincing win over South Presentation Past Pupils by 6-1 to 3-0. South Presentation had no real answer to the power of U.C.C.'s Pat Moloney in the centre of sharshooters Cally Riordan, Collette Desmond and Ann O'Dwyer up front.

U.C.C. were ahead by 3-0 to 1-0 at half-time and although South Pres. did make a comeback bid late in the second half U.C.C. had increased their score by three more goals to which the Convent girls could only reply with two.

Mary Whelton, Annette O'Donovan and Eleanor Bohane tried hard for South Pres. but in this game they were always fighting a losing battle with U.C.C. deserving winners of these valuable two points.

Scorers — U.C.C.: A. O'Dwyer 2-1, C. Riordan 1-0, C. Desmond 1-0, K. Sheehan 1-0, G. Butler 1-0, while P. Kelly, M. Breen and E. Bohane 1-0 each, scored for the losers.

Champions U.C.C. In Action Again

U.C.C. are in the news again this week. Last Sunday they became the third Cork club to win the Munster Inter-Club camogie championship. Glen Rovers won the first title in 1964 and South Presentation Past Pupils were successful in 1970 — and this weekend they will be in action again when they meet South Presentation Past Pupils in the Senior League at the Mardyke.

U.C.C. now have a nice collection of trophies to their credit this season. They have already won the Ashbourne Cup and the C.C.I.A. League and now with the Inter-Club under their belts their sideboard is rather impressive. Last Sunday's victory over Clare champions, Eire Og, also gains them entry into the All-Ireland inter-club in March when they will be Munster's representatives. This competition could not be played at a better time for College as the Spring is Ashbourne Cup time — a time when the College girls are at their best, so we can expect them to do well in both competitions.

But back to the present when they meet South Presentation Past Pupils in the senior league. This game was postponed on the death of President Childers and has now been re-fixed for 3 p.m. on Sunday next. South Pres. are never an easy side to overcome but with last Sunday's win behind them, U.C.C. are on the victory trail at the moment and will take a great deal of holding.

The remaining games on Sunday are all those postponed as a mark of respect to the late President and as I have already mentioned these I will now go on to some novel events due to come up in the near future.

SEVEN-A-SIDE EVENT

U.C.C. intend to organise a club seven-a-side competition on Sunday, January 26. This will be open to all the clubs in Cork but players must be over 18 years of age. The first 15 clubs to enter will be accepted. Entry fee £1.50. Entries to be with College Secretary, Nuala Jennings or Secretary of the County Board by December 12. This venture is a novelty in camogie but if given a good day should prove highly entertaining. So come on clubs get your entry forms in quickly.

The schools are also organising a novel competition. Many schools feel that they do not get enough games during the schools' season. This is, of course, true, when a school is out of the running early in the season. So in order to give schools more games — and so help their standard — the Schools Board on the suggestion of Immaculate Heart School — has decided to organise a "ladder."

This means that based on a league table, any team can challenge the team above them to a game and should they win they will automatically go up one step in the "ladder." Of course, if they lose they will stay as they are. At the end the Board hope to have the

also brought out a set of rules which have to be obeyed. The competitions include Ceili or Figure Dancing, Recitation, Comedy Interlude, Solo Singing, Question Time, Instrumental Music and Ballad Groups.

The members of the committee are Mary Crowley (S.P.P.P.), Mary Nott (Glen Rovers), Nuala Gully (Cloyne), Kay Dunne (S.P.P.P.) and Ide Ni She (Nemo Rangers).

NEMO INVOLVEMENT

It is good to see Ide Ni She, representing Nemo Rangers, getting involved in this committee. Nemo are one of the newest clubs in the Board and they show their intention to become completely involved by having one of their members going forward for this committee.

This is the spirit needed in the game and no doubt all the clubs affiliated to the Board will get involved in the same way in this new venture. It is a new challenge to camogie girls but it is also likely to be highly successful and most entertaining for all those who enter or support it. Cork are hoping to have the county competitions run off in the month of January while the Munster and All-Ireland stages will be held later.

So now it is up to clubs to produce all that hidden talent and don't delay as entries must be received by committee member, Miss Mary Crowley, 63 Albert Road, Cork, on or before December 15, 1974.

On December 18, the County Board will hold a social at St. Finbarr's Hurling and Football Club to present the trophies to the Cork seniors, under 18 and under 16 sides, all of whom won Munster championships. Camogie in Cork has been at a high standard now for more than five years so come on followers give your support and show the girls who brought glory to the county on the field of play what you think of them. They have brought so much honour to the county, both in victory and defeat, that they more than deserve this turn out. And, of course, you are bound to have a good time. Tickets available from County Secretary at £1 each.

FIXTURES

Sunday—Under 16 League at Killeagh at 3 p.m., Killeagh v Sarsfields (Ref. Gortroe).

Junior League at Ballinora at 12 noon, Eire Og v Ballinora (Ref. Inniscarra).

Junior League at St. Finbarr's at 11.30 a.m., Ballyphehane v St. Finbarr's "A" (Ref. Ballinlough).

Senior League at Mardyke at 3 p.m., U.C.C. v South Pres. (Ref. Old Ais).

Inter League at Watergrasshill at 3 p.m., Watergrasshill v Cloyne (Ref. Glanworth).

Junior League at Youghal at 3 p.m., Youghal v Carrigtwohill (Ref. Churchtown).

This Week . . .

40 YEARS AGO

ST. ALOYSIUS defeated Barryroe 4-3 to 1-0 after an exciting game at Church Road, Blackrock, when they met in the Cork County Championship. The teams were:—St. Aloysius—Misses J. McGrath, K. Buckley, V. Conon, M. Fitzgerald, V. O'Regan, M. Murphy, L. Gilroy, D. Connolly, J. Magner, B. Fitzgerald, P. Hogg, M. Ni Croinín (capt.). Barryroe—Misses Sheila O'Brien (capt.), Molly Kearney, Bridie McCarthy, Julia Crowley, M. O'Brien, E. O'Brien, E. McCarthy, H. Whelton, N. O'Driscoll, M. Whelton, K. O'Driscoll, M. O'Driscoll, K. McCarthy.

could never really catch Sexton who was playing with such devastating display of power that he was getting ruder and ruder out that a man of more ordinary power could never hope to get it was not that Covey was lacking in power. He had plenty of that essential commodity for any ordinary occasion but it is rarely an ordinary occasion when one is playing against Sexton, one of the really strong men of recent years, a man whose natural speed compares quite favourably with those two very powerful men of a generation ago, both of them now dead, unfortunately, Paddy O'Sullivan and Dick Clarke and I am not the first to see resemblance between Sexton and these two old-time speed merchants.

Donaghy, the visitors will see a good amount

LADIES PLEASE

PRESENTED BY
ANN CARROLL

DECEMBER is usually the month for looking back and calling one's favourite memories of an all too rapidly fading year. Besides reminiscences it is so the time of year that G.A.A. social life reaches a peak with the many club annual dinners and for the extra lucky teams—victory celebrations and presentations.

There are no marks for guessing my favourite memory of 1974—yes it's the Kilkenny All-Ireland camogie win, and naturally enough the celebrations are still going on. One of the most enjoyable receptions to date was the presentation of medals to the winning All-Ireland hurling teams, organised by the Kilkenny G.A.A. Board. It was an historic night for Kilkenny hurling and camogie and while Paddy Grace, with his hand over his heart, pronounced that he would be a lot happier if most of the many cups on display were in counties such as Laois, Carlow and Westmeath, we of the camogie team were mighty pleased to have the O'Duffy Cup on view in Kilkenny that night.

The President of the G.A.A. Dr. Donal Keenan honoured Kilkenny with his presence and I was very impressed with his speech in reply to the toast to the Gaelic Athletic Association. I was particularly delight-

canogic, when he said: "I would appeal to every club to make the girls part and parcel of the Association, and in each parish to make them part of the parent club, even though the club would retain its own identity".

There was only one flaw about the whole night, it would have taken two nights to talk to everyone one would have liked to. It was a marvellous night though and a great G.A.A. social occasion.

THE BIG DAY

I had a very nice letter from one of my gentleman readers about the All-Ireland camogie final asking me to write concerning my feelings about the match. Well I suppose we had similar experiences to everyone who has competed in All-Ireland finals. We wondered was it worth the effort when we gasped for breath after yet another of the hundreds of sprints, we were nearly sure it wasn't worthwhile when icy winds and rain left us shivering most nights, as the training continued into October.

On match day itself everyone gathered nervously on the station platform and after the last good wishes of the non-travelling relatives and friends we boarded the train clutching the precious hurleys that had a lot of work to do before the day was out. The time passed quickly on the train and after Hannah Cotter's students, with their red and white flags, were suitably welcomed aboard at Carlow, we all settled down to play cards, talk, read and reread the many good luck postcards and letters.

For some of us the butterflies began as we neared Kingsbridge, so the cup of tea was more than welcome on arrival at our hotel. Now the big problem was to keep calm. We all busied ourselves in various ways. I went to bed for a quiet rest, while await-

ing us to headquarters. On the last leg of the journey the atmosphere was tense, some more nervous than others, rallying songs were sung to keep up our spirits but as Croke Park loomed ahead silence fell and everyone brooded over their own private agonies.

Our dressing room was a dangerous place to be on All-Ireland Day with balls flying in all directions. Everyone wanted to practice hand passing! Every roar from the crowd watching the curtain-raiser made the tummy turn over yet again, last minute tactics were discussed, the Mayor wished us luck on behalf of the people of Kilkenny and finally our trainer called for silence and the last words of wisdom were poured forth.

It was time to go and we all wished each other good luck as the clatter of our studs resounded through the tunnel. When we heard the roar from the "Hogan" as we stepped on to the pitch we were reassured that we were not alone and our resolve to win deepened. The ritual of pictures, parade and National Anthem were ever before we knew it and at last the match was on.

For us the story had a fairy tale ending and one of my most cherished memories of the weekend was the wonderful welcome home we got from the people of Kilkenny. The sincerity of their welcome on a bitterly cold night made us realise just how worthwhile every sprint and every wetting was. The sportsmanship of the Cork team was another aspect of the great occasion that we as a team will never forget.

By AGNES HOURIGAN

St. Paul's from Kilkenny and Dublin's Austin Stacks, who between them set up the remarkable record of winning the All-Ireland Club Championship for Leinster in five successive years, meet on Sunday next at Kilkenny in the provincial final for the right to represent the East in the All-Ireland semi-finals in the New Year.

St. Paul's won the All-Ireland title from 1969 to 1971 inclusive, and were succeeded by Austin Stacks who won through in 1972 and 1973. Last season St. Paul's came back, took the Leinster crown once again but were unexpectedly beaten in the final by a fine Galway side from Oranmore, who broke Leinster's long supremacy and took the honours to Connacht for the first time.

There is one very unusual sidelight to next Sunday's game. Liz Neary the St. Paul's defender holds the unusual honour of having won All-Ireland medals with both teams. She was an outstanding member of St. Paul's three-in-a-row winning side, and then while nursing in Dublin helped Stacks to their second success two years ago.

Talent

So Liz Neary already holds four All-Ireland medals in this grade, an honour she shares with only one other player, her team-mate on Sunday, Ann Carroll, who won two with St. Patrick's the Tipperary champions and then was on the winning St. Paul's team in their first two years of their supremacy.

The former U.C.D. captain has not played with St. Paul's since then until this season when she returned from a post-graduate course in Loughborough University in mid-summer and subsequently played an important role in helping Kilkenny win the senior All-Ireland title for the first time.

Indeed St. Paul's will have no fewer than nine of that victorious Kilkenny side on duty on Sunday next. Teresa and Helena O'Neill, Ann Carroll, Liz Neary, Ursula Grace, Marie Kennedy, Carmel Doyle, Angela Downey and Mary Conway, while Teaste Brennan and

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ST. PAUL'S TAKE

St. Paul's (Kilkenny) 3-8;
Austin Stacks (Dublin) 1-3

ST. PAUL'S, beaten by Oranmore (Galway) in the All-Ireland final last season won their sixth Leinster Club Camogie title when they scored a deserved victory over Austin Stacks at St. Kieran's College yesterday.

St. Paul's, featuring eleven of the Kilkenny All-Ireland champions panel and having the four forwards in their All-Ireland positions, were the stronger side, yet the game was entertaining with Austin Stacks putting up a good show.

The visitors, playing with the wind in the opening half, held the champions to level scores at half-time — 0-3 each.

St. Paul's got all the scores in

SIXTH TITLE

the second half until the closing minutes when Orla Ui Shiochain goalied for Stacks.

Best for the winners were Liz Neary, the Donney and O'Neill sisters, Ann Carroll and Carmel Doyle. For Stacks Shiela Murray in goal, Mary Ryan, M. Conroy, Orla Ui Shiochain and Ann Sheehy did well.

Scorers: St. Paul's — C. Doyle (2-3), A. Downey (1-2), H. O'Neill (0-2), M. Conway (0-1).

Austin Stacks — O. Ni Shiochain (1-2), M. Conroy (0-1).

St. Paul's — T. O'Neill, A. Carroll, L. Neary, Ann Downey, M. Kavanagh, H. O'Neill, N. Fogarty, M. Fennelly, U. Grace, M. Conway, Angela Downey, C. Doyle.

Austin Stacks — S. Murray, M. Ryan, B. Keenan, M. Conroy, N. Manzan, R. Halpin, P. Brennan, L. McEvoy, D. Caldwell, A. Sheehy, O. Ni Shiochain, S. McEvoy.

Referee — M. Hearne (Wexford).

Paul's Are Tipped

Anne Downey were among the county team reserves.

But even against this formidable array of talent, Stacks can call on Sheila Murray, Mary Ryan, Brid Keenan, Dymphna Caldwell, Lucy and Sheila McEvoy, Orla ni Shiochain, Anne Sheehy of the team that brought the last club title to Dublin.

Unusual

So this should be a great game and Stacks were in scoring form when disposing of Kildare champions Prosperous in last Sunday's semi-final. However, when one looks at the St. Paul's line-out, coupled with the home venue for the Kilkenny side, it looks as though they should be good enough to retain their provincial crown.

Incidentally there will be an unusual setting for this match, the playing fields of St. Kieran's College.

Meanwhile considerable progress is being made in the club competition in the other provinces. Up north, Antrim champions Portlengone regained the Ulster title, but only by a four-point margin after a mighty struggle with Tyrone champions Eglis.

In the South the Munster semi-finals were both played last Sunday. At Cork, an impressive looking U.C.C. side proved far too good for the Limerick champions Ballyagran, while Clare champions Eire Og had plenty to spare over the Kerry representatives Castleisland in a high-scoring game. The winning clubs will now meet in the provincial final on November 24.

THE CAMOGIE SCENE

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE continuing expansion of Camogie throughout the country and the extent to which counties, formerly rated as "Weak" have raised their standards to equal the best, has never been better illustrated than during the truly remarkable season just past.

We had Kilkenny adding a new and worthy name to the honoured roll of All-Ireland senior champions. We had Clare, on their very first appearance at Croke Park, bringing home the junior All-Ireland crown. We had the Down minors foregoing the home advantage to which they were entitled and coming South and emulating the feat of their juniors some few years ago by ensuring that their county's name was the first inscribed on a new trophy in a new All-Ireland grade.

Then we had Oranmore the Galway banner-bearers bringing the All-Ireland club title to the West for the first time and we had the girls from Presentation Convent, Athery performing the almost incredible feat of winning both senior and junior All-Ireland Colleges titles at Croke Park on the same day.

And though Connacht was the only county that failed to collect an All-Ireland inter-county title, the West got further satisfaction when their all-Galway side readily retained the inter-provincial trophy and the Gael-Linn cup with sweeping victories over Leinster and Munster in turn.

So now a grand total of five counties, Dublin, Cork, Antrim, Wexford and Kilkenny have won senior All-Ireland titles. Derry, Down, Dublin, Galway, Cork and

Clare have all attained to junior honours, while Down are, of course, the only minor champions to date. Club All-Irelands have gone to Kilkenny, Tipperary, Dublin and Galway, while the All-Ireland Colleges crowns have been shared between Kilkenny, Down, Laois and Galway, while all four provinces have inscribed their names on the Gael-Linn Cup.

This means that eleven of the 32 counties can now lay claim to All-Ireland honours in one grade or another, whereas, less than a decade ago, only three counties, Dublin, Cork and Antrim could boast such a distinction.

A decade ago the present so-much-wider distribution of honours would not have been considered possible, but it has been made possible by the successful spread of the game on an organised basis through many counties in all provinces through the Colleges competitions. It is particularly pleasing to welcome Kilkenny into the fellowship of All-Ireland senior champions. To me it had for long been a mystery that a county so steeped in hurling tradition, and a stylish hurling tradition at that, was making so little impact on the Camogie fields, even though our game had been played in the county almost right from the start of the Camogie Association.

But it was not until the start of the Leinster Colleges competition that Kilkenny's march to glory began. Mercy Convent, Callan, in whose earliest ranks was a pre-teen-age Ann Carroll, led the way, followed by first Presentation Convent, Kilkenny and then by Presentation Convent, Castle-comer.

All three schools won Leinster titles, and Presentation Kilkenny went on to win two successive senior All-Irelands.

Fittingly, these three schools between them provided ten of the players who brought the long awaited first senior All-Ireland to the county on the first Sunday in October.

Again it was in the secondary schools, and especially in Colaiste Mhuire in Ennis that the amazing Clare upsurge began. So the county's 1974 victories have provided a fitting reward for the enthusiasm, energy and dedication, of those faithful workers for the game in the Banner County. Their efforts have brought Clare right into the Camogie spotlight, they have brought a new dimension to the game in all Munster, and have set a headline for the other counties in the province who have yet to taste success.

Down's victory can also bring pride to such schools as Sacred Heart, Newry and St. Louis, Kilkenny, while the Cork team they beat was powered by such great Leaside schools as South Presentation, St. Aloysius, and Mount Mercy.

Finally as usual, my Top Ten players of the year. They are Helena O'Neill (Kilkenny), Ann Carroll (Kilkenny), Bridie Martin (Kilkenny), Marion Sweeney (Cork), Nono McHugh (Galway), Margaret O'Toole (Clare), Susan Lively (Down), Teresa O'Neill (Kilkenny), Josie Kelly (Galway) and the four Athery girls who played in, and won, those two All-Ireland Colleges in Croke Park on the same day, Bernadette Duffy, Noreen Treacy, Olive Coady and Eileen Hynes.

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Phil Cummins, Carrigtwohill, photographed at the first annual dinner dance of the Carrigtwohill Camogie Club at Garryvoe Hotel.



Marie Finn, Carrigtwohill, photographed at the first annual dinner dance of the Carrigtwohill Camogie Club at Garryvoe Hotel.

20 YEARS AGO

KILKENNY—ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE CHAMPION



● KILKENNY Camogie team that beat Cork 3-3 to 1-5, on the 6th October, 1974, in the All-Ireland camogie final replay. Back (l. to r.): Ann Carroll, Carmel Doyle, Mary Conway, Teresa Brennan, Liz Neary, Peggy Carey, Annie Bowden, Mary Kennedy, Mary Purcell. Front (l. to r.): Angela Downey, Marie Kavanagh, Bridie Martin, Teresa O'Neill (Captain), Mary Fennelly, Helena O'Neill, Ursula Grace, Anne Downey. Mascots are Bernadette Treacy and Maria Glendon.

Glen Rovers regained the Cork county senior camogie championship, when they defeated old rivals, Blackrock, 4-2 to 2-0, after a very hard fought game at the Cork Athletic Grounds. The teams were—Glen Rovers: S Cahill, Deane, B Cashman, B Lucey, N Murphy, A Crotty, Donovan, K O'Halloran, B Buckley, P Lucey, M Brown, E Dempsey. Blackrock: M Cotter, M Flaherty, L O'Keefe, M O'Connell, M O'Brien, M Hayes, L Flynn, S Herter, M Delea, A O'Shea, A O'Brien, N Duggan.

All Outgoing Officers Re-elected At County Convention

ALL the officers of the Cork County Camogie Board have been returned unopposed so there will be no election of officers at the Annual Convention on Sunday at the Imperial Hotel (2 p.m.). Sunday will be a blank day for fixtures because of Convention—but there are two Schools League games listed for tomorrow.

Delegates from Cork clubs have expressed their satisfaction with the outgoing Board by returning them en bloc. This means that Miss Mary Moran (Old Aloysians) Chairman; Mrs. Nora Newman (Glen Rovers) Vice Chairman; Miss Rose O'Leary (Eire Og) Hon. Sec.; Miss Mary Heelan (Blarney) Treasurer; Miss Mary Nott (Glen Rovers) Registrar and Mrs. Joan Morley (Old Aloysians) Press Officer; are all back in office.

But there will be plenty of rivalry for positions on the county selection committees. At the present time there are two committees—one for the senior team and one for the minor and junior teams. There are a number of motions about this latter committee with both South Presentation and Eire Og calling for separate committees, while South Pres. also have a recommendation to the effect that an elected selector should only serve on one committee.

VERY INTERESTING

But these motions will not effect Sunday's elections as motions have to be ratified by Central Council and can only come into effect after that. So for the coming season we will have the same selection committees but it will be very interesting to hear the views of Convention delegates on the proposed third committee.

There are eight nominations for the senior committee. The present formation of the committee is that Imokilly, as County Champions, can appoint one selector and four more will be elected to complete the selectors. The eight girls looking for the four positions are: Mary Moran (Old Aloysians), Anna Crotty (Glen Rovers), Rose O'Leary (Eire Og), Mrs. Anne Phelan (S.P.P.P.), Mrs. Kay Dunne (do.), Mary O'Callaghan (Aghabullogue), Brid Power (Youghal) and Mary Nott (Glen Rovers).

The junior/minor committee is also made up of five selectors.

But here there are two nominees as the intermediate and junior champions are entitled to nominate one selector each. This means there are only three vacancies and with seven contesting there will be plenty of rivalry.

The seven nominated are Marie Costine (Cloyne), Mary Moran (Old Aloysians), Mary Heelan (Blarney), Mary Whelton (S.P.P.P.), Mrs. M. Fahy (Glen Rovers), Mary O'Callaghan (Aghabullogue) and Sheila Dunne (Canovee).

There are 17 motions listed for Convention. Besides the ones already mentioned there are a number of others concerning the status of players. At the present time girls attending higher education colleges can play for their home county during the summer months. The months of June, July, August and September are clearly stated in the rule and no College player can field with her home side except during that period. Now Killeagh want a change—calling for permission for a player who began a competition during the four months named to be allowed to complete the competition.

THREE MOTIONS

Then there are three motions covering the status and grading of players in difficult situations, such as the motion from Eire Og which reads "That County Committees may, at the request of an affiliated club, regrade players who have taken part in a higher grade to a lower division, provided that a majority of the delegates are in favour of such regrading".

There is also a call from Old Aloysians that the County Board make an annual grant available to the Cork Schools Board, the amount of same to be decided annually depending on funds available.

Another interesting motion comes from Eire Og. This reads "That a team which wins the Intermediate Championship have the option to go senior, but if they win the championship twice consecutively, they must go senior."

In tomorrow's Schools League games North Presentation meet St. Patrick's at a North Presentation in a vital battle for intermediate points. If North Presentation win then they will have to play off with Fermoy to win the section and if St. Pat-

rick's win they will have to play there are two vital points at stake in a game which promises off with South Presentation. So plenty of excitement. In the only other fixture St. Aloysius "B" meet Blarney, at the latter's grounds in the Under 15 League.

Wednesday next, 18th, is the date of the social night of the year with the County Board having their Supper Dance at St. Finbarr's to honour the victorious Cork teams. It should be a good night.

ENORMOUS TASK

On Tuesday last I travelled with Cork chairman, Mary Moran to meet newly appointed National P.R.O. Jo Golden. Jo outlined her ideas for improving the image of camogie and among them was one to compile the history of camogie right from the beginning. This is an enormous task and she asked for every assistance. She wants each county P.R.O. to compile a dossier on camogie in the county. But this is a huge task and co-operation will have to be forthcoming from many sources.

So I would be more than grateful if anyone had scrap books or was involved in the game particularly in the early days, or anyone who might know of people who would be able to tell me about early games and noteworthy events connected with camogie down through the years. Please contact me, Joan Morley, "St. Anthonys", Cedar Ave., Bishopstown, Cork, or Cork chairman, Mary Moran, through the Board.

Finally at the Colleges Convention held in Dublin last weekend the following fixtures were made: All-Ireland Colleges semi-finals: senior, March 8; junior, March 15; finals, April 19.

Stress on youth participation in camogie's future

YOUTH and its part in the future of camogie was stressed by Miss Mary Moran, chairman of the Cork County Board when she addressed the annual convention of the Board at the Imperial Hotel yesterday at which Ide Bean Uí She, President, presided.

"Our greatest asset must be the large number of young girls who play our games", Miss Moran said in her opening address and continued "but how are we looking after our young players. Can we say that in our time we did anything worthwhile for youth. Let us look at the position under the headings County Board, Club and the individual".

Miss Moran then went on to stress that the most fundamental duty of the County Board is to provide competition. "Already under 18 and 16 grades have been established. Feile na nGael, which is due to be held in Cork next summer, will introduce competition to the under 14 age group. In addition the inaugural meeting of the Primary Schools' Council was held on Saturday last to investigate the possibilities of catering for that level. The County Board will set up whatever competitions the majority demand".

The chairman then went on to the clubs, and said that the Board can help by organising coaching for new and inexperienced players. "It always surprises me that there is little or no demand for coaching from Cork clubs. Are you interested in starting weekly coaching sessions to be held at night during

the winter months or in setting aside a weekend, say in late February, for a coaching course?"

During the course of her address the chairman also called for co-operation in the playing of matches. "The main responsibility for ensuring that the right type of camogie is played and good conduct and sportsmanship is observed lies with the officials in charge of the team. If these officials condone rough play or lack an appreciation of skilful camogie it is only natural that players under their care will adopt similar attitudes. There is a tendency to depend on the referee to impose proper standards of behaviour but she can only decide between right and wrong according to the Rule Book.

Miss Moran concluded by congratulating the Cork teams on their performance during the season. "In my mind there was no loss of status or loss of respect because the two All-Irelands slipped from us. Our teams maintained a satisfactory standard.

She also thanked her fellow officers, the County selectors, referees, club officials, all who helped our finances, the GAA for the use of their pitches, the UCC authorities for training facilities at the Mardyke and anyone who helped in any way.

There was no election of officers at Convention as the entire Board was returned unopposed. This means that Miss Mary Moran (Chairman), Mrs. Nora Newman (Vice-Chairman), Miss Rose O'Leary (Hon. Sec.), Miss Mary Heelan (Treasurer), Miss Mary Nott (Registrar), and Mrs. Joan Morley (PRO) will be in office again for the coming year.

KEEN RIVALRY

But there was keen rivalry for positions on the Selection Committees which resulted as follows: Senior—Miss Mary Moran (Old Aloysians), Miss Anna Crotty (Glen Rovers), Mrs. Ann Phelan (S.P.P.P.) and Miss Mary O'Callaghan (Aghabullogue). Imokilly as senior champions are entitled to nominate their own selector to make up the number. Minor-Junior: Miss Mary Moran (Old Aloysians), Miss Mary Heelan (Blarney) and Miss Sheila Dunne. The junior and intermediate champions are entitled to one selector each to make up the five.

Convention also elected Miss Mary Crowley as delegate to Munster Council and Misses Mary O'Callaghan, Rose O'Leary and Mary Nott as delegates to Congress.

Glen Rovers, who have been playing intermediate for the last four years make a welcome return to senior ranks. They won the Intermediate Championship this season and were included in the draw for the senior championship for 1975. The draw is: South Presentation Past Pupils v Imokilly; Old Aloysians v Muskerry; UCC v Avonduhu, Glen Rovers v Naomh Górnait.

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AT CAMOGIE CONVENTION — Officers who attended the Cork Camogie Convention at the Imperial Hotel, Cork, yesterday 1. to r.): Mary Knott, Registrar; Nora Newman, Vice-chairman; Rose O'Leary, Secretary; Mary Moran, Chairman; and Mary Heelan, Treasurer.

Selection Committees Main Topic At Convention

SELECTION Committees were the big topic when motions were discussed at the annual Convention of the Cork County Camogie Board, held at the Imperial Hotel last Sunday.

At the present time there are two county committees — one senior and one minor/junior. But as there are now four Cork teams the delegates felt that this called for four selection committees. Many delegates felt that it was impossible for the lower grade selectors to see the enormous number of players involved in these grades.

Motions from St. Fanahan's, Eire Og and South Presentation Past Pupils dealt with selection committees and eventually convention passed the Eire Og motion which read: "That nominations for selection committees for each grade be listed separately on nomination forms and voted on separately at Convention." Of course, this motion has now got to go to the Congress for ratification. If it is ratified then it will become law one month after Congress but this of course means that it will not come into operation until after the 1975 convention.

OLD ARRANGEMENT

So for next season the old arrangement stands. The two committees were elected at Convention and are as follows: Mary Moran (Old Aloysians), Anna Crotty (Glen Rovers), Mrs. Anne Phelan (S.P.P.P.), Mary O'Callaghan (Aghabullogue), Imokilly as senior county champions, nominate one selector to make up the five. The junior/minor five will be made up of Mary Moran (Old Aloysians), Mary Heelan (Blarney), Sheila Dunne (Canovee) and one selector each from Glen Rovers (intermediate champions) and Eire Og (junior champions). Referees also came in for discussion. The Chairman, Miss Mary Moran, stressed the need for efficient referees and proper treatment of these girls by club officials and players alike. Then Carrigtwohill's motion "That two or more girls be selected from each club, trained by the County Board for a Referees Course and then placed on a panel from which referees may be picked for future matches" was passed. Camogie could not survive without its referees. It is always a problem to enlarge the number of referees available and if every club could act on the Carrigtwohill motion then the end result should be an efficient work force of referees.

GRANT FOR SCHOOLS

Old Aloysians proposed that the County Board should make an annual grant available to the Cork Schools Board. This was passed unanimously as the Schools Board are doing tremendous work in the early — and so vital — years of players. Without them it is hard to see how Cork as a county could be such a major force in the game. So keep up the good work, Schools.

Regrading of players was also the subject of a number of motions. Some of these were rejected but one which was mainly to safeguard players in-

involved in championship games with selected sides was passed. This came from Eire Og and was "That senior championship matches only, to count against the status of a junior or intermediate player who is a member of a senior club team."

Good news from the Convention was the return of Glen Rovers to senior ranks. Prior to their sojourn in the intermediate grade Glen had one of the top senior teams in the county and in the early sixties they won the senior county championship in a record seven successive years. Four years ago Glen asked to be downgraded to intermediate ranks as they lost a big number of their top players and found it very difficult in senior competition as the main body of their players was very young.

Then this season they won the intermediate championship for the first time and decided to step up the ladder again. Their presence in the senior ranks must help competition at that level and when the first round of the 1975 championship will be

played their form against Naomh Gobnait will be watched with great interest. The remainder of the championship draw is as follows: S.P.P.P. v. Imokilly, Old Aloysians v. Muskerry, U.C.C. v. Avondhu.

For the next few weeks camogie girls will be aking their winter break from the camogie fields. But it is to be hoped that during this period clubs will get down to the business of the new Ceol, Caint agus Damsha competitions. At convention, Miss Mary Crowley of the Committee appealed for co-operation, so come on clubs, let's see your hidden talents. At Congress last year Mrs. Nancy Murray, the President of the Association, spoke in glowing terms about this competition in the North, where it began. She said that in Antrim, where she helped to keep clubs together during the long winter months when playing was not possible, it is now very popular and apart from the competitive side altogether all the girls who got involved had a marvellous time.

Five In A Row Didn't Materialise

THE year Cork lost two All-Ireland titles — this is probably what most Cork followers will remember about 1974. But let's not forget that in spite of losing these two major trophies Cork had quite a share of the camogie spoils throughout the year. In Munster, Cork won the senior, under-18 and under-16 titles, while U.C.C. won the Munster Inter-Club Championship as well as the Ashbourne Cup and Higher Education League.

Winners of the junior and senior All-Ireland in 1975, Cork were chasing their fifth successive senior title at Croke Park last September. But it was not to be as Kilkenny became champions for the first time after a replay. The first game ended dramatically with first Bernice Costine putting Cork ahead and then Kilkenny's Helena O'Neill calmly pointing the equaliser from a free, all in the dying seconds of the game.

But in the replay Kilkenny did not leave it so late and thoroughly deserved this title which they won by 3-5 to 1-5. But though Cork lost their coveted All-Ireland they endeared themselves to followers all over the country by their sporting acceptance of defeat. And this came after they had disposed of their old "bogey" team Galway in the first round and travelled to Antrim to gain a fantastic win in the semi-final.

The juniors did not manage to get out of Munster this year going out to Limerick in the semi-final by 8-5 to 3-4.

But the minors did join the seniors in Croke Park. This was the first season of the under 16 (minor) All-Ireland and to get to the final Cork defeated Clare, Kerry, Limerick and Galway. But in the decider they had to give way to a better Down side who had a convincing 3-0 to 0-1 win.

But though Cork failed to gain any national trophy in 1974 Clare kept the Munster flag flying with a tremendous junior win. In the final against Dublin it looked all over for the Munster girls with 10 minutes to go but a wonderful late comeback saw them snatch the title in the most dramatic fashion.

In the Gael Linn Cup Inter-provincial campaign Connacht were again victorious defeating Munster in the final at Ballinasloe.

On the club front U.C.C. won the Munster Inter-club competition as well as the Ashbourne Cup and the Higher Education League, so it was a great year for them. Selected side Imokilly took their third successive Co. Championship defeating Muskerry in the final. Glen Rovers won their first Intermediate Championship and Eire Og, after two previous unsuccessful appearances in the final, took

the junior title for the first time. Eire Og also hold the Junior League while Cloyne have the Intermediate and South Presentation are holders of the senior pennant.

On the Colleges front Rosary Hill of Limerick proved too strong for Cork schools Mount Mercy and St. Aloysius after a cliff-hanging three-way tie in the Munster Senior Colleges Championship. However, the Limerick girls went out to St. Louis, Kilkenny, in the All-Ireland semi-final and St. Louis in turn had to admit defeat to Presentation, Athenry, who had the distinction of winning both Colleges All-Irelands. In the junior they defeated Cork school North Presentation, who were making their first appearance in a final.

In the Cork schools, keen rivals Mount Mercy and St. Aloysius shared the spoils with the latter taking the League and Mount Mercy the Championship.

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Camogie aims at new goal

THE SETTING up of a sub-committee in each county to organise Camogie at Primary schools level was decided at the inaugural meeting of the new Primary Schools Camogie Council in Dublin on Saturday.

The chairman of the new Council is Miss Sheila McAnulty, General Secretary of the Camogie Association. Miss Mary O'Brien, Munster Colleges' representative, is the secretary, and the treasurer is Miss Joan Burke, secretary of the Leinster Colleges' Council.

Miss McAnulty, addressing the delegates, said that with the co-operation and goodwill of school authorities, parents, teachers and Camogie officials all difficulties could be ironed out. It was also emphasised that Camogie at primary schools level is already being played in Monaghan and Cavan, while individual teachers are promoting such games in Wicklow, Wexford, Galway and Dublin, and children of primary school age have been competing in under-age competitions and in the Community Games.

MOVE TO ENCOURAGE JUVENILES

By AGNES HOURIGAN

CAMOGIE NOTES

The Camogie Association is launching a country-wide move to foster and spread the game among juveniles, and the first decisive step in this direction was taken last weekend with the setting up of a Primary Schools Council.

The new body will ask all County Boards to set up Primary Schools' competitions in each county, some Boards have already done so, and the movement will be built up from there.

Chairman of the new Coun-

cil is Miss Sheila McAnulty, the long-serving Secretary of the Association, who has already signified her intention of retiring from that post at the March Congress. Secretary of the Council is Mary O'Brien, the Munster Colleges Representative, and Treasurer is Miss Joan Bourke, who is also Secretary of the Leinster Colleges Council.

A further step to improve Camogie among young people

will be taken during the Christmas Holidays when Coaching Course for players, sponsored by the Dublin Colleges Committee, will be held in Na Fianna Hall Moibhi Road.

The course will be indoor, and held on December 30, in the afternoon from 2.0 to 5.30. Youth and its part in the future of Camogie was also stressed at the annual Cork County Convention last week-end by

Miss Mary Moran, the outgoing Chairman, who, with all the other outgoing officers, was returned unopposed.

Miss Moran said their fundamental duty was to provide games for young players and said the Clubs and the Board itself should help by organising coaching for new and inexperienced players.

Other Cork Officers elected were: Mrs. Nora Newman (vice-chairman); Miss Rose O'Leary (Hon. Sec.); Miss Mary Heelan (Treasurer); Miss Joan Mary Nott (Registrar) and Mrs. Joan Morley (P.R.O.).

Donaghy, and Margaret... the visitors will give a good account of themselves.

What a wonderful year!

LINA BEAN UI DHUIRSEAL

THE 1974 Camogie season will always be remembered in two counties, Kilkenny and Clare, as the annus mirabilis, the wonderful year in which both broke through at last to All-Ireland glory.

It was, too, a memorable year for the entire Camogie Association, a year that saw the first junior Colleges' All-Ireland, the first minor All-Ireland championship, both of them instant successes, a year that at long last brought closer co-operation with the G.A.A., that saw the first Administration Course admirably conducted, a year that set a number of entirely new records.

As usual, the University Students provided the first real excitement of the year in the annual Ashbourne Cup competition. University College, Cork, retained the trophy after a lively series that contained only one disappointment, Queen's failed to manage the trip from Belfast and so Dublin University got a walk-over in the final of the Shield. Some weeks later U.C.C. completed the double when they added the Higher Institute League medals to their collection.

But the most unexpected and most unusual record of the entire season came in the Spring when the Colleges' finals were reached. When the junior series was instituted, it had been agreed to play it before the senior final in Croke Park. Nobody ever anticipated, of course, that any school would possess such an abundance of talent it could qualify for both finals. But Presentation Convent, Athenry, did exactly that, and what is more these girls from the County Galway school achieved the seemingly impossible by winning both titles. In the process, four of the players—Bernadette Duffy, Noreen Treacy,

Olive Coady and Eileen Hynes—achieved the hitherto unprecedented feat of playing in two All-Ireland finals in Croke Park on the same afternoon, and winning both.

To complete a wonderful start to the season for the West, Galway champions Oranmore captured the All-Ireland club title, defeating in the final St. Paul's from Kilkenny (usually the specialists in this competition).

Congress was quiet, but highly successful, and then it was championship time again. Leinster this time played off their own senior championship before the All-Ireland series began, and Wexford retained their title by defeating Kilkenny and Dublin in turn. Key game of the opening round of the premier competition was the clash between Cork (holders for the four previous years) and Galway who, the previous Autumn, had beaten the Cork champions in the Gael-Linn Cup semi-final, where the county teams had represented their respective provinces.

But, as had been the case in the previous season's championship, Cork scored a narrow victory—slightly against the run of play—and then surprised all the critics by the ease with which they repeated their 1973 final victory over Antrim in their semi-final victory on Antrim soil, despite the long journey North. But, in fairness, the Antrim side was, due to circumstances, neither as strong nor as well prepared as in other seasons.

In the other end of the draw, Kilkenny were not much more than adequate when disposing of Tipperary.

Wexford, on the other hand, were very impressive when scoring freely against Dublin in a 'replay' of their Leinster final. So it was a major surprise when, in the second

Connacht: (all Galway): M. Kileen, M. Kilkenny, C. Collins, M. Jordan, M. Forde, N. McHugh, A. Donohue, C. Ward, M. Poniard, J. Kelly, J. Murphy, M. Murphy.

Munster: D. Sutton, M. Costine, S. Dunne, M. O'Toole, C. Harrington, D. Lane, P. Moloney, B. Stokes, M. McCarthy, A. Ryan, M. Feeney, N. O'Driscoll.

CAMOGIE

ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-Finals: Kilkenny 1-7, Wexford 3-0; Cork 8-2, Antrim 3-1.
Final: Cork 4-5, Kilkenny 3-8.
Replay: Kilkenny 3-3, Cork 1-5.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-Finals: Dublin 4-1, Antrim 3-0; Clare 2-1, Galway 0-3; Clare 3-2, Dublin 3-0.

Minor: Down 3-0, Cork 0-1.

ASHBOURNE CUP

(Intervarsity Championship—

U.C.C. 5-6 U.C.D. 1-0

C.C.I.A. FINAL

(Higher Institutes League)

U.C.C. 8-3 St. Mary's Belfast 5-0

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-Finals: St. Paul's 1-6, Thurles 0-2; (Kilkenny) (Tipperary)

Oranmore 2-4 Creggan 2-1 (Galway) (Antrim)

Final: Oranmore 3-2, St. Paul's 2-3

CHALLENGE

Oranmore (Club Champions) 2-5
Combined Universities 1-6

INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAEIL HANDICAP FINAL

Connacht 3-7 Munster 3-0

COLLEGES

Senior All-Ireland Semi-Finals

Presentation Convent Athenry 4-2
Mercy Convent Enniscorthy 0-0
St. Louis Convent Kilkeel 2-3
Rosary Hill Convent, Castleconnell 0-0

Final

Presentation Convent Athenry 3-0
St. Louis Convent Kilkeel 1-0

Junior

Presentation Convent Athenry 4-1
Holy Faith Convent Clontarf 1-0

Semi-Finals

North Presentation Convent, Cork 2-3
St. Louis Convent, Kilkeel 1-1

Final

Presentation Convent Athenry 3-0
North Presentation Convent, Cork 0-0

B. Costine, N. O'Driscoll. Subs.—N. Guilley for A. Ryan, M. Canavan for B. Sugrue.

Junior

September 15—Clare 3-2, Dublin 3-0.

Scorers: **Clare:** M. Davoren 1-2, M. Griffin, M. Dolan 1-0 each. **Dublin:** M. McMahon, M. Sutton, H. Roche 1-0 each.

Clare: M. Kelly, A. M. O'Loughlin, B. Keleher, M. O'Toole (capt.), C. Harrington, T. McDonagh, C. McNicholas, M. Davoren, M. Dolan, M. Mahon, P. Ryan, E. Fitzgibbon. Subs.—M. Griffin for P. Ryan, M. Saunders for E. Fitzgibbon.

Dublin: P. Breslin, P. Barry, B. Kennedy, A. Whelan, M. Murphy, M. Kenny, L. Howard, A. Redmond, M. Sutton, L. McEvoy (capt.), M. McMahon, H. Roche. Subs.—A. Tallon for A. Whelan.

Minor

October 6—Down 3-0, Cork 0-1.

Scorers: **Down:** S. Lively, R. Neeson, M. McGrath 1-0 each.

Cork: G. Desmond 0-1.

Down: C. Rooney, T. Gilchrist, S. Kelly, C. Courtney, S. McCartan, M. Finnegan, S. Lively (capt.), M. Montgomery, B. Malone, R. Neeson, M. McGrath, C. O'Hare. Sub.—M. McGuire for M. Finnegan.

Cork: K. Costine, C. Harris (capt.), B. Joyce, M. Twomey, J. O'Brien, C. Landers, P. Riordan, G. Desmond, E. Kavanagh, M. Sugrue, P. Mackey, E. McCarthy. Subs.—A. O'Connor for E. Kavanagh, E. Walsh for P. Mackey.

Senior Championship

Antrim 9-8, Derry 1-1. Kilkenny 1-7, Tipperary 1-1. Wexford 3-17, Dublin 2-3, Cork 3-5, Galway 3-2.

All-Ireland Semi-finals

Cork 8-2, Antrim 3-1; Kilkenny 1-7, Wexford 3-0.

Gael-Linn Cup

Final November 3—(at Ballinasloe)—Connacht 3-7, Munster 3-0.

Scorers: **Connacht:** N. McHugh 1-5, M. Murphy 2-0, M. Poniard 0-1, A. Donoghue 0-1. **Munster:** M. Feeney 1-0, N. O'Driscoll 1-0, M. McCarthy 1-0.

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● The Down team which beat Cork by 3-0 to 0-1 in the All-Ireland Minor Camogie Final—the first minor title to go to Ulster.



Helena's Trophy being admired by her team mates — Mary Fennelly, Marie Kavanagh, Teresa O'Neill (Capt.) and Marie Conway.

