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The Cumann Camoguidheacta Corcaighe team pictured at their All-Ireland victory dinner at the Metropole Hotel last night.

OVERDUE REWARD FOR ANNA

By AGNES HOURIGAN

CONGRATULATIONS to Cork on winning the All-Ireland title so convincingly, after a lapse of 29 years. And congratulations are in order, too, to a Dublin team, who at the start were the only people who had full confidence in themselves and who yet overcame a whole succession of talented opponents to eventually take the county's first junior title.

Cork were a very impressive side, both in their semi-final victory over Antrim and in the final itself, and I was particularly glad to see Anna Crotty come in just in time to win the All-Ireland medal that eluded her so often before.

It was a fitting tribute to the devotion of the great Glen Rovers player from Cobh who had carried the Cork banner so magnificently through the lean years, and who had been prevented by illness of taking her place on the team since the Munster final.

Cork, I think, will be a big force in camogie for years to come, especially when we remember the quality of their junior teams who have been very unlucky through the past three seasons.

Dublin's junior victory was a triumph for team-work and training, for on their way to victory they met and beat teams like Kilkenny, Louth and Roscommon and Armagh all of whom contained brighter individual stars than any Dublin possessed. But the Dublin girls swung that ball from player to player, substituted admirably blended team-work for individual

effort and emerged deserving winners at the end of all.

Their success was a triumph for the tactics and theory of Miss Nell McCarthy, the originator of the entire present system of camogie coaching. The theories she and Maeve Gilroy first propounded and put into practice at the Ulster Council course at Orangefield, in Belfast some years ago have now been adopted at National level, and the need to spread those ideas at all levels of camogie were, perhaps, emphasised by the All-Ireland finals themselves.

At the subsequent dinner to the teams, the President of the Association, Mrs. Rosina McManus was blunt in her criticism that there seemed a danger that the style was tending away from camogie, and towards the bodily contact of hurling.

That hurling coaches can do a great deal in imparting the basic skills of stick-work and ball-play was never better proved than at the National Coaching course in Gormanston when the advice and instruction of Des Ferguson and Christy Hayes proved really invaluable.

But, when it comes to training a team for an actual game, while hurling experts must obviously have a great part still to play in sharpening up the basic skills, it is just as obvious that the services of an experienced camogie coach are essential as well, because, as I have pointed out here so often before, camogie, at a competitive level, is not merely a "softened" variety of hurling, it is, and the fact cannot be stressed too often and too seriously, an entirely different game.

So coaching in accordance with the camogie rules is also essential. A year or two ago, this would have presented a big problem, but thanks to the work of such as Nell McCarthy, Maeve Gilroy, Moya Forde and their helpers, certified camogie coaches are now to be found in most counties and there will be more and more of them soon.

The attendance at the All-Ireland final is slowly climbing, but it is not yet the "day out" for all camogie fans that it should be. I believe it was hoped to make a start this year at organising parties from the various schools that play in the provincial competitions, but this was completely knocked on the head as far as three provinces were concerned because, owing to a change of educational schedules, the school reopening date was put back until after the final. However, there will always be another year.

With so many schools now interested, it would be a great start to the new season each year to bring the potential school side to Croke Park for the final, and let them see the stars of the game in action. Meanwhile the new Colleges' season is already beginning and again there is an increase both in the numbers and in the interest.

In this respect it is also pleasant to record a new advance this year with the formation in the South of a Vocational Schools championship in which half a dozen counties have already agreed to participate. Such a step has been long awaited and will be widely welcomed.

AHANE GIRLS DEFEND THEIR MUNSTER TITLE

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AFTER last week's interprovincial final at Carrickmacross, when Leinster chalked up their third success in a row by defeating Ulster, the camogie spotlight swings South this weekend when the opening games of the Munster inter-club championship will be decided.

At Limerick, the local champions, Ahane, take on the Clare representatives, Eire Og of Ennis, while at Cork the Lee-side leaders, South Presentation, face the recently crowned Tipperary champions, Thurles.

Ahane, who have won the Munster title for the past two seasons, had a very convincing victory in their own county final recently over old rivals, Croagh, and will be fancied to account for the Clare girls.

Thurles had a good win over Lorrha in the Tipperary final but are facing a big task when they take on South Presentation.

The Officers for the coming year are: Chairman, Chris O'Connell (Limerick); Vice-Chairman, Marie Hobbs (Cork); Secretary and Treasurer, Mary Moran (Cork).

The Ulster Colleges are also ready for the new season, and a very heartening sign up there this season is the return to competition of St. Louis Convent, Monaghan.

VERY WELCOME

In other years, the St. Louis Convents were the great strongholds of the game in the North, and their return is very welcome now. In Leinster the College's campaign got off to a flying start last weekend when the two opening games in the senior competition were played.

All-Ireland champions, Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, have lost several of last year's stars but they retain most of their power, as they proved in a convincing win over Our Lady of Victories, Walkinstown. But the Kilkenny girls can expect stiff opposition in their section from near neighbours, Callan, who showed plenty of promise when narrowly defeating Presentation, Terenure.

Bad weather cleared just in time to allow the Kildare semi-finals to be played at Naas

where the local sides met mixed fortunes. The local St. Mary's qualified to meet Johnstown in the junior final but the Naas seniors went down to Rath-coffee, who now advance to meet Broadford in the senior decider.

TWO MATCHES

The first of the Dublin senior competitions, the McCarthy Cup, opens this weekend with two matches. County champions, Austin Stacks, take on their predecessors Eoghan Rua, while League holders U.C.D. play Celtic.

Stacks will be without their captain of last season, Mary Sherlock, who has retired from the game, but on the form of their representatives in last week's inter-provincial — Mary Ryan and Orla Ni Shiochain — will not be easy to beat.

U.C.D. will also have two inter-provincials, Jo Golden, who captained the Leinster side, and Ann Carroll, but the students are usually slow in getting into their stride after the long vacation and it will be best to see them in action before assessing their chances.

Celtic, too, may be missing a few former stalwarts, so College, if they field at strength, could advance to the next round.

Kilkenny girls in semi-final

Pres., Kilkenny 9-7
Maryfield 0-0

PRESENTATION College, Kilkenny, the All-Ireland camogie champions, advanced to the semi-final of the Leinster championship against Mercy Convent, Carlow, when they defeated Maryfield College at Maryfield yesterday. Scorers: B. McEvoy (5-1), H. O'Neill (2-2), C. McEvoy (2-0), B. Martin (0-2), M. O'Brien (0-2).

Pres., Mountmellick 13-11
Sraid Eccles 0-1

Presentation College, Mountmellick overwhelmed Sraid Eccles. This victory was a personal triumph for Mary Scully who scored 6-5. Other scorers for the winners, who led 5-9 to 0-1 at half-time, were: K. Delahunty (3-1), M. Doherty (1-4), M. Delaney (2-1) and M. Doyle (1-2). Aine Ni Breaslain scored for Eccles St.

Pres., Kilkenny 8-3
Holy Faith, Clontarf 2-1

Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, last year's Leinster Junior camogie champions, made a successful debut in senior ranks when they scored a decisive victory over Holy Faith Convent, Clontarf, at Clontarf. Scorers—Kilkenny—B. Farrell (4-1), A. Miggin (3-0), M.avanagh (1-0), M. Mangan (0-2), Clontarf — G. Harte (1-1), S. Fallon (1-0).

TAKE BEATING

The latter, with several of the Cork All-Ireland side, led by the captain, Anne Comerford, will take a great deal of beating on home soil.

The winners of the Ahane v Eire Og game travel to meet the Kerry champions, Killarney, in one semi-final, while the Cork or Tipperary champions face the Waterford representatives in the other.

The recent Munster Colleges' Convention decided to have two distinct competitions, senior and junior this year. Both championships will be decided on a league basis.

South Pres. for Munster final



South Pres. PPU 2-4, Thurles 1-1

CORK camogie champions, South Presentation Convent PPU, won their way through to the final of the Munster Clubs Championship, first round, when they defeated Co. Tipperary champions Thurles at Ballinlough, Cork, yesterday.

The game, which started half an hour late, got off to a tame start, with Thurles getting more than their share of opportunities. Within ten minutes, they had gained the advantage when Bernie Dowd put them ahead with a well-taken point from 30 yards out. This was followed ten minutes later by a goal from Kit Boland, which seemed to install Thurles as the dominating side.

However, South Pres gathered themselves and, within a matter of about six minutes, Cork camogie team captain Anne Comerford had brought her side level with a goal from a free and a point from 30 yards out, to leave both teams level at half-time with 1-1 each.

On the turnover, South Pres took the offensive and some excellent fielding put them in a very strong position, and their attacks resulted in at least two 30-yard frees which Anne Comerford had no difficulty in converting to points.

Although then two points ahead, South Pres had to maintain the pressure in order to prevent the recurring advances of a determined Thurles side. So intense was the tussle for supremacy that neither side was able to pregnate their opponent's defence for another 15 minutes.

Then, with about five minutes

to go to the final whistle, Marion McCarthy netted a goal for South Pres, which was followed almost immediately by another point from Anne Comerford, to leave the final score 2-4 to 1-1 in favour of the Cork side.

South Pres — M. Cummins; H. Dineen, M. Crowley, M. Keohane, M. Whelton, B. Sugrue, B. Gibbons (capt.), A. O'Donovan, M. McCarthy, K. Dunne, S. Golden, A. Comerford.

Thurles — A. Morris; M. Grahame, B. Doyle, B. Dowd, A. Perry, K. Boland, M. Cleary, E. Crining, K. Bermingham (capt.), P. Slattery, M. Troy and M. Mackey.

Referee: Mary Moran (Old Aloysius).



South Presentation P.P.U. (Cork) who beat Thurles (below) 2-4 to 1-1 in the Munster Inter-Club Camogie Championship at Ballinlough. ("Echo")

In McCarthy
Semi-Finals

St. Alban's Are Challenging For St. Paul's Title

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE CAMOGIE inter-club All-Ireland championship has been making good progress at provincial level, and on Sunday next we will have the first of the Leinster semi-finals when the holders, St. Paul's, Kilkenny, take on the Wexford standard-bearers, St. Abban's from Adamstown at Kilkenny's St. John's Park.

St. Paul's have held this title for the past two years, but they will, this time, be short the services of two former stars, the interprovincial pair, Jo Golden and Anne Carroll, who are not eligible.

So St. Abban's, who were only narrowly beaten by the Kilkenny girls in the semi-final a year ago, and who will have the assistance of several of the Kehoe sisters, must have a great chance of victory now.

Still, St. Paul's powered by such All-Ireland stars as Nuala Duncan, the Cassin sisters, Carmel O'Shea and Helena O'Neill will not be easily parted from their crown.

PROGRESS

The winners advance to the provincial final in which they will meet either Austin Stacks (Dublin) or Kilkenny (Louth), who clash in the second semi-final at Dublin's O'Toole Park on Sunday week.

Good progress has already been made in this competition in the other provinces. South Presentation (Cork) and the provincial title-holders Ahane (Limerick) both scored hard-earned victories in the first round in Munster last Sunday, while the final has already been reached in Connacht.

This is a particularly busy week-end as far as College games are concerned. In the North where 14 teams are competing in the four-section senior competition, there are six games down for decision tomorrow.

In Division I, St. Dominic's

Belfast and Magherafelt, both first-round winners, meet at Magherafelt in what is obviously a key-game, while Ballycastle are at home to Coleraine.

FANCIED

Holders Newry, who defeated keen rivals Lurgan in the first round must be fancied to defeat Rathmore, and Lurgan should have the measure of Kilkeel.

In the Western section, Cavan will be expected to get the better of Clones while newly returned Monaghan, even away from home, should have the advantage over Cookehill.

In Leinster, All-Ireland champions, Presentation, Kilkenny, who showed devastating form last time out, should advance to the sectional final when they come to Dublin to oppose Maryfield College.

In the other section, Clontarf and last year's junior champions, Presentation, Kilcock, look well matched at Clontarf. Presentation, Mountmellick and Eccles Street should also provide an even and entertaining game at Mountmellick.

The senior season in Dublin opened on an entertaining note last Sunday with two exciting games in the McCarthy Cup.

Holders and County champions, Austin Stacks, barely came through against Eoghan Ruadh, while Celtic surprised a depleted U.C.D.

Since both U.C.D. and Eoghan Ruadh could be considered unlucky last Sunday, they will be all the more determined

when they meet in the opening game of the senior League at Phoenix Park on Sunday next.

Ruadh, assisted by the Lyons sisters, Anne Ashton and Maureen Brennan, are consistent as ever and will be hard to beat. U.C.D., caught on the wrong foot by the holiday week-end last time out, will have Jo Golden and Blathnaid Ni hAnnrachain back in action and will therefore be hoping to make a successful start in defence of their league title.

Also on Sunday next in the semi-finals of the McCarthy Cup, Clan na Gail will be making their debut in Dublin senior camogie. Mary Sinnott of Wexford fame will be the backbone of this new team. Despite this asset, Celtic should prove too experienced and clever for the newcomers.

Austin Stacks should get the better of Naomh Doyle in the other semi-final but with such stalwarts as Judy Doyle, Frances Whelan and Patricia Timmins against them, the champions will have to be wary.

The Cork camogie team are still being feted for their tremendous all-Ireland victory. Last night it was the turn of the Cork County Camogie Board to pay their tribute to this grand team. This they did at a very successful Victory Dinner at the Metropole Hotel which was attended not alone by the officers of the board but also by all those followers who wanted to pay their own special tribute to the girls.

Liz Garvan, who played such a brilliant part in Cork's win was recently elected as "Miss Camogie 1970", an award sponsored by Messrs. Elvery's and "Gaelic Star" magazine. Liz won the trophy for her performance in the all-Ireland final and followers throughout the county can only agree with her selection, as well as congratulating her and wishing her every success in the future.

GREAT WIN

Congratulations are also in order for South Presentation Past Pupils, our county champions, who did so well to defeat a very strong Thurles side at Ballinlough on Sunday last. This is the second year that South Presentation have taken part in the inter-club competition—last year they were rather easily defeated in the Munster Final by Ahane by 3-4 to 1-5. On Sunday last they showed that they have matured greatly in the last twelve months for despite being down by 1-1 after twenty minutes they went on to snatch a great 2-4 to 1-1 victory over a very fine Thurles side.

Now they have reached the Munster Final and as Cork have already taken the four Munster titles already decided the South Pres. girls can complete the "grand slam".

Winning Rally By St. Paul's

ST. PAULS 4-3
ST. ALBANS 2-3

St. Pauls (Kilkenny), All-Ireland Camogie Club champions for the past two seasons, got a first-half shock when St. Albans (Wexford) led 2-2 to 1-1 at the interval at St. John's Park, Kilkenny, yesterday in the Leinster semi-final.

However, St. Albans, who had the help of a strong wind in the opening half, were unable to hold the champions after the interval and St. Pauls finished worthy winners by two goals.

St. Pauls' best players were Nuala Dunnean, Carmel O'Shea, Liz Neary and the Cassin twins.

Brigid Doyle was the star of the visitors' side, on which Brigid Finn and the Kehoe sisters also did well.

Scorers: St. Pauls—M. Cassin (1-2), L. Neary (1-1), P. O'Shea (1-0), E. Power (1-0). St. Albans—B. Doyle (2-3).

Opening games in colleges championships

The Munster Colleges Championships get underway this weekend. Four of the five senior teams will be in action. The personnel and standard of Colleges sides can alter substantially from year to year. Therefore, these fixtures should give an indication of the current strength and ability of the sides involved.

On Saturday afternoon St. Aloysius School, the Munster champions for the past three seasons, travel to Killarney to face the local Loreto Convent. St. A's have lost a number of last season's players, including interprovincial, Liz Garvan, and are presently experimenting with various players and positions in an effort to find the right blend. Rosie Hennessy, who won an All-Ireland medal with Cork last September, captains the St. A's team which includes other capable performers in Marion O'Leary, Brid McAuliffe, Judy Walsh, Nuala Jennings and Collette Desmond.

Loreto Convent participated in the Colleges Championship for the first time last season. They gave a very good account of themselves and only lost one match to Drishane Convent by a narrow margin. Some of their players line-out for the Killarney Club who are the 1970 Kerry champions. Both sides will be most anxious to collect the points and thus avoid the added pressure of making up leeway later in the season.

Colaiste Mhuire of Ennis make a welcome return to the competition on Sunday afternoon when they will act as hosts to St. Mary's, Newport. In 1968 Colaiste Mhuire reached the Munster final and put up a very good show against St. A's. They did not enter a team last year. Newport emerged as section winners but failed to St. A's in the semi-final last February. The issue is wide open in this tie. The junior sides of these two colleges meet at the same venue in the opening junior championship fixture.

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● BRID KEENAN (above)
(Austin Stacks) and
PATRICIA TIMMONS
(below) Naomh Aoife.

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GOOD SPORTS ALL.—Guests at the Cork Kerryman's Association annual dinner at the Metropole Hotel, Cork, were: Paddy Barry, captain of the Cork All-Ireland S.H. team and Mrs Barry; Ann Comerford, captain of the Cork camogie team, and Mrs. and Mr. Tom Prendergast, of the Kerry All-Ireland S.F. team.

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The Lord Mayor of Cork, Ald. Peter Barry, T.D., presents the Elvery Trophy for "Miss Camogie 1970" to the winner, Liz Garvan. Also in the picture are, from left to right, Mary Moran, Chairman of Cork County Board; Mr. J. T. Russell, director, Messrs. J. W. Elvery & Co., Ltd.; and Anne McAulliffe, runner-up in the competition.

Stacks To Make First Final

By AGNES HOURIGAN

AGAIN we have a busy and varied weekend on the camogie fields with the club championship semi-finals in Munster and Leinster, the start of the Leinster junior colleges competition and the opening of the Dublin senior league.

On Sunday last, the All-Ireland club champions, St. Pauls, took the first step in their bid for a record-making three titles in a row when they defeated a strong challenge from the Wexford champions, St. Abban's from Adamstown.

Next Sunday the Kilkenny girls will know their provincial final opponents, for the Dublin champions, Austin Stacks, meet the Louth representatives, Kilkenny in the other semi-final of the Leinster series at Dublin's Parnell Park — not O'Toole Park as originally arranged.

EXPERIENCED

Austin Stacks, who showed good form on their only competitive outing since the summer, a hard-won victory over Eoghan Ruadh in the McCarthy Cup, will be firm favourites to reach the final for the first time.

Assisted by experienced stars in Mary Ryan, Orla ni Shio-

chain, Brid Keenan, Anne Sheehy, Vera Sullivan and Sheila Murray, the Dublin banner-bearers fields a formidable selection. But Kilkenny, on their only previous appearance in this competition, gave a good account of themselves and with the Murphy sisters to the fore will give Stacks quite a run for the honours on Sunday next.

Meanwhile, in the South, the series has already reached the semi-final stage. At Limerick, Ahane, who have reached the last two All-Ireland finals in the competition, will be rather confidently expected to account for the Kerry champions, Kilkenny, of whose form at this level nothing at all is known.

At Cork, South Presentation, with All-Ireland stars Mel Cummins, Anne Comerford and Hanna Dineen to the fore, should prove too good for their Waterford challengers.

LOCAL RIVALS

On the Leinster Colleges front, the way is now clear to the Divisional finals of the senior competition; the Stuart Cup, in which the holders, Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, meet local rivals Mercy Convent, Callan, and Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, face Presentation Convent, Mountmellick. Both games are on Saturday week, November 21.

On Saturday last, all three Presentation Schools had convincing victories over Dublin teams. The Kilkenny side came to Maryfield and, though short Anne Phelan, readily disposed of the home side.

Last year's junior champions, Kilkenny, made an auspicious debut in senior ranks when they proved too good for Clontarf at Clontarf, while Mountmellick on home ground, had an overwhelming victory over Eccles Street though I am told the score did not really reflect the run of play.

The Leinster Junior Competition for the Purcell Cup starts tomorrow with a preliminary game between Mercy Convent, Naas and Presentation, Kilkenny, at Naas.

USEFUL SIDE

Kilkenny have a wealth of talent at their disposal just now, but Naas are always a useful side, and, on home ground, may well be capable of advancing to the first round proper. In the other first-round game originally scheduled, Mercy Convent, Athboy, have received a walk-over from Holy Faith Convent, The Coombe.

The weather wiped out the proposed opening games in the Dublin Senior League on Sunday last, and also the McCarthy Cup semi-finals. So, to U.C.D. and Naomh Aoife goes the honour of opening the Senior League campaign next Sunday at Phoenix Park.

Naomh Aoife, after an uncertain start, did very well in the concluding stages of last year's League, and with Judy Doyle, Patricia Timmins and Frances Whelan will not be easy to beat now, but holders U.C.D., fielding Ann Carroll, Jo Golden, Veronica Fingleton, Pat Morrissey, A. M. O'Loughlin, Muireann Hayes and Marion Coogan must be taken to open their defence of the title with a victory.

South Pres Have High Hopes Of Reaching Munster Inter-Club Final

FOLLOWING their great win over Thurles in the first round of the Munster Inter-Club Championship, S.P.P.U. take on Portlaoigh in the semi-final at Ballinlough on Sunday next. In the other semi-final Ahane, the Limerick champions meet Kerry champions, Killarney.

County champions S.P.P.U. are making their second appearance in the Inter-Club competition. Last season again as Cork's representatives they were rather easily defeated by Ahane. However, a fortnight ago when they met Thurles they were in sparkling form, despite being led by 1-1 after twenty minutes of the game. This set back could have seen the end of a less experienced side's hopes. But South Pres. came back with flying colours and in less than ten minutes Cork captain, Anne Comerford had equalised with a great goal from a free and a point from a "30". This left the sides level at half-time.

FINE GOAL

On the resumption South Pres. really came into their own and despite a great challenge from Thurles the South Presentation defence held out and with Marion McCarthy netting a grand goal with only five minutes left to play the convent girls emerged as worthy winners. What of their opposition on Sunday? Waterford has been regarded as one of the weaker camogie counties for some years now and this season was no exception. Their senior inter-county team was easily defeated by Uppercross while Cork disposed of them in the final of the Secondary competition. Of course, a club side

can be a very different proposition. Take the case of Ahane, the Limerick champions who have held the Munster title for the last two seasons despite the inability of the inter-county team to make any great impression on the senior inter-county championship. This should be a warning to South Pres. who may be inclined to feel that as Portlaoigh are the Waterford champions they may not be that good.

BRILLIANT SIDE

Of course South Pres. have plenty of reason for feeling confident. They have the brilliant Eleanor Cummins in goal while they have grand defenders in Hannah Dineen, Mary Crowley, Mary Keohane and M. Whelton. The centre-field too is strong with Betty Sorgue, Blanche Gibbons, their captain, and A. O'Donovan, all prepared to work hard while in the attack is plenty of talent in the persons of Marion McCarthy, Kay Dunne, S. Golden and Anne Comerford.

Cork have taken the four Munster Championships already this season. Now it is up to South Pres. to complete the "grand slam" and they should take a decisive step towards this goal on Sunday.

As a curtain raiser to this game Youghal meet Sarsfields in the Junior League.

SOUTH PRES. P.P.U. BEST IN CAMOGIE

South Pres. P.P.U., 5-7; Portlaoigh, Waterford, 4-2.
South Pres. Past Pupils Union paved their way to the final of the Munster Inter-club Camogie Championship when they defeated Portlaoigh, Waterford at Ballinlough, Cork, yesterday.

Right from the start, South Pres. had the advantage over Waterford with Kay Dunne scoring a goal after the first 15 minutes of play. In the first half, South Pres. scored another 2 goals and 2 points and a point from Waterford brought the score at half-time to 2 goals and 3 points to Waterford's 1 point.

From then on South Pres. showed their true form with an excellent game from Marion McCarthy who scored 2 goals and 5 points throughout the game. Anne Comerford, who is well known as the captain of the victorious Cork team, played to her usual form scoring 1 goal and 1 point.

Other scorers for the South Pres. team were Annetta O'Donovan and Blanche Gibbons. Kay Nolan for Waterford managed to beat the South Pres. defence in the second half by scoring another point.

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Breaffy The First Provincial Title Holders

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE All-Ireland club camogie championship has made tremendous progress in recent weeks in all provinces. Already we know who will represent Connacht in the All-Ireland semi-finals in the Spring. Breaffy of County Mayo, have the honour of being the first provincial champions of 1970 in this competition, defeating Four Roads, Roscommon, in the Western final.

In the South the Munster title rests between Ahane from Limerick, holders for the past two seasons, and the Cork representatives, South Presentation, who boosted their prospects last Sunday with a convincing victory over the Waterford champions, Portlaw.

In Leinster the title rests between the holders and All-Ireland champions, St. Paul's, Kilkenny, and Dublin's Austin Stacks, who also were very impressive last Sunday when defeating Kilkenny—the Louth standard-bearers, at Parnell Park.

The Leinster final will be played at a Dublin venue on December 13.

CONVINCING

Meanwhile, this is another very interesting week-end, particularly on the Colleges fields with the area finals of the Leinster senior championship due for decision tomorrow. In the Southern section the holders, Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, are at home to local rivals, Mercy Convent Callan, while in the other group Presentation Mountmellick travel

to Kilkenny to take on the local Presentation School.

Having won the Leinster and All-Ireland titles in each of the past two seasons, one would imagine that Kilkenny should be facing a lean year, but their power seems in no whit diminished as they have proved by successive and convincing victories over Walkinstown and Maryfield.

They again have the advantage of being able to field an interprovincial and All-Ireland player in Helena O'Neill and, though they will get a close run from a lively Callan side, the champions seem unlikely to suffer defeat at this juncture.

Mountmellick, runners-up in Leinster in each of the past two seasons, have high hopes of that elusive title this time.

On home ground they ran up a mammoth score against Eccles Street last time out and on that performance must have a great chance of ultimate honours. But they would be foolish to take anything for granted against Kilkenny, last year's junior title holders.

The Kildare girls showed how well they have made the transition from senior to junior ranks by defeating Holy Faith, Clontarf, handsomely at Clontarf, never an easy feat to achieve, and on home ground

now, and powered by the Mangin sisters, will give Mountmellick a good run.

The Dublin senior league got off to a lively start last Sunday when holders U.C.D. collected both points from Naomh Aoife. The students were far from convincing, however, and were it not for the goal-scoring power of Ann Carroll their return would have been very meagre indeed.

They will need to show considerable improvement this Sunday when they face Eoghan Ruadh, who in their only outing to date were very unlucky to lose to Austin Stacks in the quarter-final of the McCarthy Cup.

EXTRA TIME

Dublin senior interest on Sunday is confined to the first of the McCarthy Cup semi-finals in which holders Austin Stacks must be strong favourites to overcome Naomh Aoife. The other semi-final between Celtic and newcomers Clanna Gael is on Sunday week.

Last week saw the culmination of a very successful competition among the Kildare vocational schools, Kildare and Prosperous reached the final, and it took extra time before Kildare emerged triumphant by a single goal.

In the Munster Colleges, champions St. Aloysius Cork, with their All-Ireland star, Rosie Hennessy, travel to Kilkenny to play the local Loreto school, while Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, making a welcome return to the series, play St. Mary's, Newport, in both the senior and junior grades.

Kilkenny Side Will Take Some Beating

DESPITE the atrocious weather last week the camogie fixture list had the luck of the two fine days at the weekend with the result that the programme is still up to date. The greatest achievement was the staging of the two Leinster senior Colleges semi-finals, and the way is now clear to the final which will be played at Croke Park on Tuesday, December 8.

For the third successive year the honours rest between the same two schools, Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, and their sister convent in Mountmellick.

In the previous two meetings Kilkenny have won and have, on each occasion, gone on to take the All-Ireland crown. This time Mountmellick will be all out to achieve a change of luck in their third bid for the title, and certainly on performances to date they must be in with a great chance.

FOUR GOALS

However, the girls from the Laois school got something of a shock in their semi-final last Saturday when they were held to level scoring at the interval by last year's junior champions, Presentation, Kilkenny. Indeed, had the Kildare side been favoured with normal luck they must have been in front at the interval.

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TOP FORM

This third meeting of the teams could well surpass even their two classic encounters in previous years.

The first annual meeting of the All-Ireland Colleges' Council will be held in Dublin tomorrow and will have a very satisfactory first year's work to review. The principal business will be the election of officers and the fixing of the dates for the All-Ireland semi-finals and final.

On Dublin fields last weekend, Austin Stacks were in top form when readily defeating Naomh Aoife and thus qualifying for the final of the McCarthy Cup, a trophy of which they are holders.

Stacks have had a great year. In addition to taking the McCarthy Cup early in the season they went on to win the senior championship, and are already through to the final of the Leinster club championship in which they play St. Paul's, Kilkenny, on Sunday, December 13.

GOOD WIN

The club will celebrate the 40th anniversary of its founding with a celebration dinner on Thursday, December 3, at the Clarence Hotel.

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PRESENTATION CONVENT, Kilkenny, all-Ireland Colleges' camogie champions for the past two seasons, reached the Leinster final again when they defeated Mercy Convent, Callan 4-3 to 0-0 at Kilkenny yesterday.

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Scorers — Kilkenny — C. Doyle (2-0); B. McEvoy (2-0); H. O'Neill (0-2); P. Coady (0-1).

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PRESENTATION CONVENT, Kilkenny, had much the better of the first half of this Leinster Colleges senior camogie semi-final at Naas yesterday, but were still held to level scoring (0-3) at the interval.

The more experienced Mountmellick side gradually took control in the second half and clinched victory with four goals in the last 10 minutes.

U.C.D. STILL LACK COHESION

Eoghan Ruadh ... 3-2 (11) U.C.D. ... 2-2

In the only Dublin Senior Camogie League tie played at Phoenix Park yesterday, Eoghan Ruadh just nipped University College.

Eoghan Ruadh put up their best efforts in the opening half and despite the fact that the students improved on recent outings they were still poor. The winners turned over with a lead of 3-1 to 1-2 at the interval. College did better in the second concluding half and were clearly on the offensive up to ten minutes from the whistle. Ruadh returned to the attack but could only secure a single point, while the College girls registered a goal in the closing minutes.

Eoghan Ruadh: E. Toner (2-0), C. Lyons (1-1), K. Lyons (0-1), University College: M. O'Sullivan (1-0), M. Coogan (1-0), A. Carroll (0-2).

Celtic ... 8-4 (28) Clan na Gael ... 0-0

Celtic had little difficulty in disposing of the newly formed team Clan na Gael and qualified for the final of the McCarthy Cup. It was one-way traffic for the winners who had a half time lead of 6-1 to nil. M. Synott in defence was the only player to come under notice for Clan, though A. McDonald, M. Gilligan, P. Hogan and M. Kelly tried hard to check the Celtic attack for who Una O'Connor, S. Creevey and A. Hussey played well.

Scorers for Celtic—S. Creevey (4-0), U. O'Connor (2-1), M. Murray (1-0), Sweeney (1-0), V. Feely (0-2), M. Finnelly (0-1).

CLOYNE TAKEN TO BEAT BALLINLOUGH

FOR Cloyne and Ballinlough camogie players, the Cork County Junior Championships reaches a stage of vital importance on Sunday next when they clash in a quarter final tie at Ballinlough.

For two newly formed sides to get this far is a great achievement for the winners it will bring the clamour of a semi-final place in the clubs initial season. To date the sides have met on three occasions with Cloyne leading with two wins to Ballinlough's one. Ballinlough's win was gained, however, over a weakened Cloyne side short a number of regulars including senior inter-county star M. Costine. This player can be a match winner on her own and Ballinlough's big problem will be to try and contain this spectacular player. Cloyne are not a one player team, however, as in D. Ring, B. Costine, G. Conside and E. Cahill, they have other fine players who will pose many difficulties for this Ballinlough side.

GOOD WINS

Ballinlough have already beaten St. Fanahans (Mitchelstown) and Our Lady's Hospital in the competition, while Cloyne were in the unfortunate position of having a bloodless first round win and a bye in the last round. Despite these set backs the side has put in great preparations for this game and come Sunday they should be in great form. All players are eagerly awaiting this clash and all are confident of victory. This they want very much as the hurlers of the Parish are already County Intermediate Champions. The girls are now determined to add a title as well.

CLOYNE FOR JUNIOR FINAL

Cloyne 1-2, Buttevant 0-1

Cloyne, the newest camogie club in the county, beat Buttevant in a thrilling semi-final of the Cork county junior camogie championship yesterday at Cloyne by 1-2 to 0-1, having led at halftime by 0-2 to 0-1.

Playing with a gale-force wind, the winners were in arrears after 10 minutes, but two quick points by the Cork and Munster star Marie Costine saw Cloyne go into the second half with the narrowest of margins.

Buttevant continued to attack throughout the second half, but a solid Cloyne rearguard kept them at bay. With one minute to go, Joan Godfrey, who came on as a sub in the second half, made it safe for the Cloyne girls with a goal.

Best for Cloyne were Marie Costine, Dolores Ring and Ursula O'Mahony, while M. Curtin, B. Regan and S. Dowling were best for Buttevant.

Referee: Cathy Horgan (Churchtown North)

South Pres. P.P. Face Ahane In Munster Inter-Club-Final

Munster title for South Pres.

Once again Ballinlough is the venue for South Presentation Past Pupils in the Munster Inter-club championship. On Sunday they meet holders Ahane in the final at this venue in a game which should attract a large attendance.

Ahane, the Limerick county champions, are holders of the Munster title for the last two seasons. They defeated South Pres. rather easily last season, but that was South Pres' first venture in the Munster campaign and they have matured a great deal since then. Proof of this is the fact that they retained the Cork Co. championship in fine style this season and they had good wins over Thurles and Portlaw in the earlier rounds of the Munster campaign. They were particularly impressive in the game against Thurles when despite being 1-1 behind after twenty minutes they stormed back to snatch a well deserved victory. South Pres. too played a major role in bringing the coveted O'Duffy Cup to Cork for the first time since 1941. Mel Cummins in goal was in brilliant form in the final for Cork and Hannah Dineen gave an inspiring display at wing-back. Then, of course South Pres. also have Cork captain Anne Comerford and her midfield partner Betty Sugrue both of whom played so well throughout the All-Ireland campaign.

These four girls have been the mainstay of the South Pres side for a number of seasons now and if they all strike top form on Sunday they should inspire their side to victory.

EXPERIENCED SIDE

However South Pres. are up against a very experienced side on Sunday. They have a number of Limerick inter-county players on their side, including Cary Clancy, Helen Roche, Bridget Ryan, Kitty Ryan, Joan Hayes and Peggy Duffy. Add to this Margaret Madden, Teresa Fennesy and Mary Tierney, a very useful trio and you have a formidable side indeed. Then Ahane have taken the

title for the last two seasons and this must give them the confidence that only success can bring.

However, on this occasion Ahane will have to travel to Cork and this must be in South Pres. favour. The convent girls have played so well in Ballinlough this season and with the support from their followers egging them on they must be in this game with a great chance.

Cork have already taken the four Munster titles decided to date and if South Pres. can add the interclub title then they must create a unique record. So that they will have not alone their own club followers but everyone interested in camogie in the county wishing them well on this big day in their club's history.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

There are two junior championship games listed for Sunday.

At Cloyne Buttevant meet Cloyne. To get to this stage Cloyne got a walk-over from Araglin but had a good win over Ballinlough on Sunday last and could have the edge in this tie. However, Buttevant too had good wins in the early rounds defeating Rochestown and Old Aloysians and they will not admit defeat easily.

In the second tie Kanturk meet Castlemagner. So far in the competition Kanturk disposed of Mavfield and Ballyhooly while Castlemagner defeated Bishopstown and Barryroe and with both sides improving with each outing, it is difficult to pick likely winners here.

FIXTURES

To-morrow (Sun.) Dec. 6th:—Munster Inter-Club final at Ballinlough at 3.30—Ahane v. South Presentation Past Pupils. Junior Championship at Cloyne at 3.30—Buttevant v. Cloyne. Ref. Churchtown. Junior Championship at Castle-magner at 3.30—Kanturk v. Castlemagner. Ref. Ballyhooly.

South Pres. P.P.U. (Cork) 3-4 Ahane (Limerick) 2-0 NEITHER the strength of the opposition nor the unsuitable conditions could discourage South Presentation Convent P.P.U. team, Cork, at Ballinlough yesterday, or deter them from the task they had dedicated themselves to. They made their small band of enthusiastic followers forget the wind and the rain as they mastered the fancied Limerick champions, Ahane, by a margin of seven points to deservedly win the Munster inter-club camogie championship for the first time.

Only a year ago South Pres won the county championship for the first time and in yesterday's provincial final they compensated for previous seasons of disappointment when they matched their enthusiasm with plenty of skill. Ahane, holders of the title for the past two years, only figured in this game for part of the first half and the beginning of the second half. They led with an eighth-minute goal from wing-forward Joan Hayes, but once South Pres were on terms with a goal soon afterwards from corner-forward Kay Dunne, the Cork champions were so strong in the centre and in the defence that they did not concede another score until six minutes after halftime.

In between they hurled with great skill, and with team captain Blanche Gibbons providing the inspiration around the centre of the field, South Pres maintained almost constant pressure on the Ahane defence. And with South Pres playing as well even against the breeze, the Ahane challenge began to fade and the visitors looked in trouble at halftime, after Anne Comerford had goaled to put South Pres in the lead. The score at the break was 2-2 to 1-0.

Ahane made a determined bid to get back into the game and their stride in the early minutes of the second half with a series of attacks. Ahane were rewarded when midfield player Cary Clancy goaled after six minutes, but the score jolted South Pres and it was not too long before they won back their grip on the game.

It was still very close until Betty Sugrue goaled all the way from 40 yards, and this score, with 10 minutes remaining, gave South Pres the inspiration they needed to maintain their lead. Ahane survived late pressure and only some determined covering by the backs prevented the winners from increasing their lead.

South Pres won because of their stronger play around centre-field and because of their better teamwork. Each of the girls, from inter-county goalkeeper Eleanor Cummins to corner-forward May Whelton, played their part. Sharing in the victory were four of the victorious Cork senior team, Eleanor Cummins, Betty Sugrue, Hannah Dineen and Anne Comerford.

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U.C.C.

ALL members of the camogie club are busy at present, whether arranging club functions or playing in the junior or senior grade.

Our senior team had two engagements over the weekend and the spirit and determination of the team was evidenced by the lively pace throughout both games.

On Saturday we travelled to Galway for a challenge match against U.C.G. Despite inclement weather conditions the pace was hectic. Galway got off to a great start with an early goal but this seemed to give U.C.C. the necessary impetus and by the second quarter of the first half U.C.C. had begun to come into their own.

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On Sunday Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, travel to Killarney to play the local Loreto side in what should prove an entertaining game. Both these teams are already two points down, but Sunday's winners could well battle their way back into the reckoning.

After the excitement of the senior final the Leinster Colleges pre-Christmas programme has now been successfully completed and activities will resume with the first round proper of the junior competition in late January.

Because of the inter-club game at Croke Park, only one Dublin Senior League game is scheduled for Sunday. In this holders U.C.D. meet Celtic who have already achieved a surprise win over the students in the McCarthy Cup.

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ST. ALS WERE FAR SUPERIOR

St. Aloysius School 7-2;
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St. Aloysius gained a valuable pair of points at the expense of old rivals, Drisheen Convent when the sides met in the Munster Colleges championship at Curraheen Road on Saturday. The first half was evenly contested but the scoring ability of their captain, Rosie Hennessy, left St. Als ahead at half-time by 2-1 to nil.

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DETHRONED

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measure and could still win this inter-club title.

In addition, St. Aloysius, long the queens of Colleges' competition in Munster, are again doing well this season. Last weekend they had a surprisingly easy win over the most determined local rivals, Drisheen Convent, Millstreet, and are currently leading the table in the Senior League.

The only other unbeaten side in this Munster Senior Colleges competition is St. Mary's, Newport, who tomorrow entertain Drishane in the last series of matches before Christmas. Newport, on home ground, must be fancied, but Drishane smarting from last week's defeat will not go down easily.

On Sunday Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, travel to Kilarney to play the local Loreto side in what should prove an entertaining game. Both these teams are already two points down, but Sunday's winners could well battle their way back into the reckoning.

After the excitement of the senior final the Leinster Colleges pre-Christmas programme has now been successfully completed and activities will resume with the first round proper of the junior competition in late January.

Because of the inter-club game at Croke Park, only one Dublin Senior League game is scheduled for Sunday. In this holders U.C.D. meet Celtic who have already achieved a surprise win over the students in the McCarthy Cup.

However, the students, although they lost recently to Eoghan Ruadh, seem to be running into form, and could reverse that McCarthy Cup result now.

ST. ALS WERE FAR SUPERIOR

St. Aloysius School 7-2; Drishane Convent 1-0

St. Aloysius gained a valuable pair of points at the expense of old rivals, Drishane Convent when the sides met in the Munster Colleges championship at Curraheen Road on Saturday. The first half was evenly contested but the scoring ability of their captain, Rosie Hennessy, left St. Als ahead at half-time by 2-1 to nil.

From the restart, Drishane went into attack and were rewarded by a goal from A. Herlihy. Good defensive work by Marian O'Leary, Nuala Jennings and Val O'Dwyer prevented Drishane from increasing their score. As the game progressed, St. Als took complete command and ran out easy winners.

Margaret O'Shea, Elizabeth Cronin, Nuala Healy and Marie O'Keefe tried hard for Drishane. Rosie Hennessy, Brid McAuliffe and Judy Walsh were in good form for the winners.

Scorers — St. Als: R. Hennessy (4-2), D. McCarthy (2-0), J. Walsh (1-0). Drishane: A. Herlihy (1-0).

DETHRONED

St. Paul's will be very hard to beat, but, on what is for them a familiar pitch, Austin Stacks will be slight favourites to reach the semi-final of the All-Ireland series in the Spring.

Meanwhile down South, Limerick champions Ahane, who have reached the All-Ireland final of this competition through the past two seasons were knocked off their Munster throne last Sunday by the Cork champions South Presentation,

Mountmellick Bid For First Title

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE FINAL of the Leinster Colleges senior championship has become the highlight or early December on camogie fields in recent years and this year's decider between Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, and Presentation Convent, Mountmellick, should attract a good crowd to Croke Park on Tuesday next.

In recent years this final has usually been played on the first weekend in December, but since December 8 is a school holiday the Tuesday date is more acceptable to all concerned.

Both sides come to this game with fine records, but the Kilkenny school's record is most remarkable as they have been unbeaten in senior competition since 1967 and have won both the Leinster championship and the All-Ireland title in the past two years.

This year although they have lost some of their stars, they still have a fine side, as is proved by their convincing victories over Walkinstown, Maryfield and Callan on their way to the final.

They have an outstanding player in the All-Ireland and Gael-Linn Cup forward Helena O'Neill, well supported by Patricia Cody and Carmel Doyle.

But Mountmellick, after losing to Kilkenny in the last two Leinster finals, will be in no mood to accept defeat this time.

They routed Eccles in their quarter final, but had a harder semi-final task against last year's junior champions, Kilcock, before crashing home four late goals.

They have trained hard, got in a fair share of match practice and with particularly outstanding players in Marion Conroy, Mary Doherty and Mary Scully, a real scoring machine will make a very brave bid, indeed, for their first title.

TRADITION

On form to date this season, the odds would seem to be slightly in favour of the Mountmellick girls, but Kilkenny have such a great tradition of victory that they will be very, very hard to beat.

The Leinster championship may well be played under a revised system next season. It has always hitherto, in both senior and junior, been played on a direct knock-out system, but Leinster delegates discovered at the All-Ireland Colleges Convention last weekend that all other provinces are playing their championships on a league system, thus providing more matches for all the competing schools.

So Leinster is likely to switch to a league system next season with the schools grouped in order to cut down travelling and the winners of each group playing for the title on the knock-out system.

In Dublin senior competition the way is now clear to the final of the McCarthy Cup in which the holders will play Celtic. This final will be played early in the New Year.

DEBUT

Meanwhile Ansin Stacks make their debut in the current senior League on Sunday next when they meet Eoghan Ruadh in what should prove a most exciting game.

These teams who contested the senior final, which Stacks won, have only met once since in the McCarthy Cup, and Stacks won again by a single point.

Meanwhile Stacks have qualified for the final of both the McCarthy Cup and the final of the Leinster Inter-club Championship and their form seems as good as ever.

But Eoghan Ruadh got a great morale-booster with their narrow victory over holders C.D. in the League on Sunday last and will, I think go very close indeed to avenging those two previous defeats now.

presentation of trophies in the Crofton Airport Hotel last Sunday proved such a tremendous success that it is now almost certain to be revived again as an annual event.

ATTRACTIVE

In Munster tomorrow, the final of the provincial inter-club championship should attract a good crowd to Ballinlough where South Presentation, the Cork title-holders, will be hoping to end the recent domination of Limerick's Abane in this competition.

Abane have several inter-county players, but South Pres. with All-Ireland stars Mel Cummins Hanna Dineen, Anne Comerford and Betty Sugrue, will be expected to come through.

Key game in the Munster Senior Colleges competition tomorrow bring holders St. Aloysius and Drishane Convent, Millstreet, into opposition with the odds favouring St. Al's.



Liz Garvan (Cork), left, and Margaret O'Leary (Wexford), both of whom figure in Agnes Hourigan's top ten camogie stars of 1970.

NO matter from what angle you look at it, 1970 has been a great year for Camogie, and if 1971 proves as good, we shall have gone a long way towards putting the game of the girl Gaels in the forefront of Irish sport.

It is hard to know where to start looking back over so varied and so interesting a season on the playing fields. The Universities got the season off to a fine start with the Ashbourne Cup series at Belfield, a game memorable for two things, the wonderful display by Anne Carroll, the U.C.D. captain, in the semi-final against Cork, before she collapsed with an old knee injury a couple of minutes from time, and the scoring feats of the U.C.D. full-forward Margery Doohan when she shattered Galway's hopes with a whole succession of goals in the Croke Park final.

Then the Colleges took over and we saw some really memorable games. I particularly remember the quality of the camogie in the All-Ireland semi-final at Cork, when the champions, Presentation, Kilkenny, just succeeded in coming from behind to shake off the challenge of Cork's St. Aloysius.

In the Croke Park final, the

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Camogie Long Ago

I think that at Christmas time one hears more talk about the good old days than at any other period of the year. And this is as it would be for when friends get together and reminisce then the really worthwhile conversation emerges and the knowledge of the younger folk is increased. I say this with all respect to R.T.E. but the "Box" can be overpowering at times and we all welcome a real ease from it and the chance to use our conversational faculties. One night the talk happened to turn to camogie and the teams of old as a result of which I would like to see a really full account of the gallant girls, who followed their brothers into the national code and who built up a wonderful tradition for camogie here in the early days of the century.

As a result of some of the things I was delighted to

learn, I wonder does any reader recall the days of the team, Clann Eanna, which swept all before it from 1911 to 1914? The star was "Little Daisy Murphy" and girls, now grandmothers, of course, those of them who survive, such as Aggie Connor, Mary Madden, Angela Lombardi and others. Norah Murphy was a famous goalie and her namesake was renowned as a full back. These girls wearing long, almost hobble skirts, won the Crawford Cup and their trainer was Liam Russell, now the doyen of Irish booksellers, friend of Tomas Mac Curtain and Terence Mac Swiney, and the "Mr. Gaelic League" of Cork at that time.

He was helped by Jim Barry, John Ryan and Eddie Ryan. Has any reader more information or old pictures of these teams?

GREAT YEAR FOR GIRL GAELS

talented Kilkenny girls took a long long time to master the magnificent opposition put up by the Ulster champions, Sacred Heart College, Newry, but the craft and experience of the title-holders told in the end.

On the junior fields, I only saw games in the Leinster series but the final between Kilcock and Eccles Street showed that the standard in this grade is amazingly high.

Kilcock, by their victory, proved that the game is certainly thriving in North Kildare and on the Meath borders.

But the most encouraging fact of the whole Colleges' year was the Leinster coaching course at Mountmellick last Easter. The attendance and enthusiasm surpassed all expectations and set a pattern that was magnificently followed at the National Coaching course which followed at Gormanston in July.

That Gormanston outing was another tremendous triumph for the Association with over one hundred enthusiasts participating, many of them from the weaker counties and a really heartwarming number from the religious orders.

By then, of course, a considerable deal of progress had already been made with the

championships on the playing fields. In Leinster, Kilkenny created the biggest surprise of the year when, in the senior provincial final, they defeated Dublin, who had previously promised a return to former greatness by defeating the All-Ireland champions, Wexford.

In junior ranks, however, Dublin had compensation when their dedicated side, surviving stern challenges from Kilkenny and Louth, in turn, took the Leinster title for the first time.

In the south, Cork, who have been steadily gathering strength in recent years, once again completed the double, having their closest call from the holders, Tipperary, in the semi-final of the senior grade.

In the north, Antrim maintained their long senior supremacy, but for the third successive year we had new junior champions, this time a very fine young side from Armagh.

The only place where we had no senior contest was in the west, where Galway were not opposed in the top grade. But there enthusiasm was rewarded, for Rosecommon came through to take their first-ever provincial junior title.

That brought us to the All-Ireland semi-finals, but here we had a big disappointment. Galway did not field, a decision which has since brought them under the displeasure of Central Council, and leaves their county on the side-lines until after Christmas.

Rosecommon did carry the Provinces' junior banner, however, and gave a very good account of themselves, indeed, before going down to Dublin.

But even a grey day of wind and rain at the Mardyke could not mar the enjoyment of the other semi-finals in Cork.

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St. Paul's Make It Three In A Row

ST. PAUL'S 4-0
AUSTIN STACKS 1-3

All-Ireland club camogie champions, St. Paul's from Kilkenny made history at Croke Park yesterday when they won the Leinster section of this competition for the third successive year, defeating the Dublin champions, Austin Stacks far more easily than the final six-point margin indicates.

Stacks, encouraged by a tonic goal in the first minute, made all the early running, but made very little impression on a sound Kilkenny defence in which goalkeeper Teasie O'Neill and full-back Nuala Duncan were particularly prominent.

Then when Kilkenny moved over to the attack, Maura Cassin shot the equaliser. Orla Ni Shiochain, deadly accurate at this stage off placed balls, edged Stacks into the lead with three points, one from a free and two from 50s, but Maura Cassin tore through for a St. Paul's goal to balance just on half-time 2-0 to 1-3.

A great goal by Maura Cassin to complete her hat-trick gave St. Paul's the lead early in the second half, and with Helena O'Neill, Liz Neary, and Carmel Doyle, who had come on at the restart, now completely in control at mid-field, St. Paul's dominated most of the play but poor forward finish meant near misses instead of seemingly certain scores, and they had to be content with another goal by Mary Conway, and for all their pressure failed to raise a flag through the last fifteen minutes.

The stronger and longer-striking side, the Kilkenny girls well deserved this victory and on yesterday's form will make a brave bid to win three All-Ireland titles in a row.

In addition to those men-

tioned, Carmel O'Shea, the lively Patricia Coady, and the Cassin twins were often in the limelight for the winners.

For Stacks, who faded when they lost the lead, goalkeeper Sheila Murray, Brid Keenan, Vera Sullivan and Anne Sheehy battled hard all the way.

Orla Ni Shiochain, a 'flu victim through the week, fielded out at full-forward, but was closely marked by Nuala Duncan, and her prompting was sadly missed outfield.

Scorers—St. Paul's—M. Cassin (3-0), M. Conway (1-0), Austin Stacks—B. Halpin (1-0), O. Ni Shiochain (0-3).

ST. PAUL'S — T. O'Neill; N. Duncan; M. O'Neill, C. O'Shea, J. Kelly; H. O'Neill, L. Neary, M. Conway; P. Coady, M. Cassin, B. Cassin; P. Carey. Subs.—C. Doyle for P. Carey.

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

Referee—B. Garry (Kildare).



The Camovée team which defeated Watergrasshill 2-0 to 1 goal to win their first Cork County Intermediate Camogie Championship title at Riverstown.

Mountmellick Win Camogie

By AGNES HOURIGAN
MOUNTMELICK 2-2
KILKENNY 2-0

Presentation Convent Mountmellick, after three years of trying, at last succeeded in defeating Presentation Convent Kilkenny, the holders and All-Ireland champions, in the Leinster Colleges senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday, and so won the Stuart Cup for the first time.

The Mountmellick girls laid the solid foundations of their victory in the first half and were well deserving of their eight-point interval lead, 2-2 to nil.

The winners continued to have the better of the exchanges on the restart, but then missed several reasonable scoring chances. Then the holders brought their captain

Thriller

and All-Ireland star Helena O'Neill out to mid-field and she sparked off a thrilling Kilkenny revival.

She shot two fine goals and excitement ran high as the Kilkenny girls surged to the attack in search of what would have proved the winning goal. But Marian Conroy, the outstanding player of the Mountmellick team, steadied the winners' defence and they held out in a thrill-packed finish.

In addition to Marian Conroy, the captain Mary Doheny,

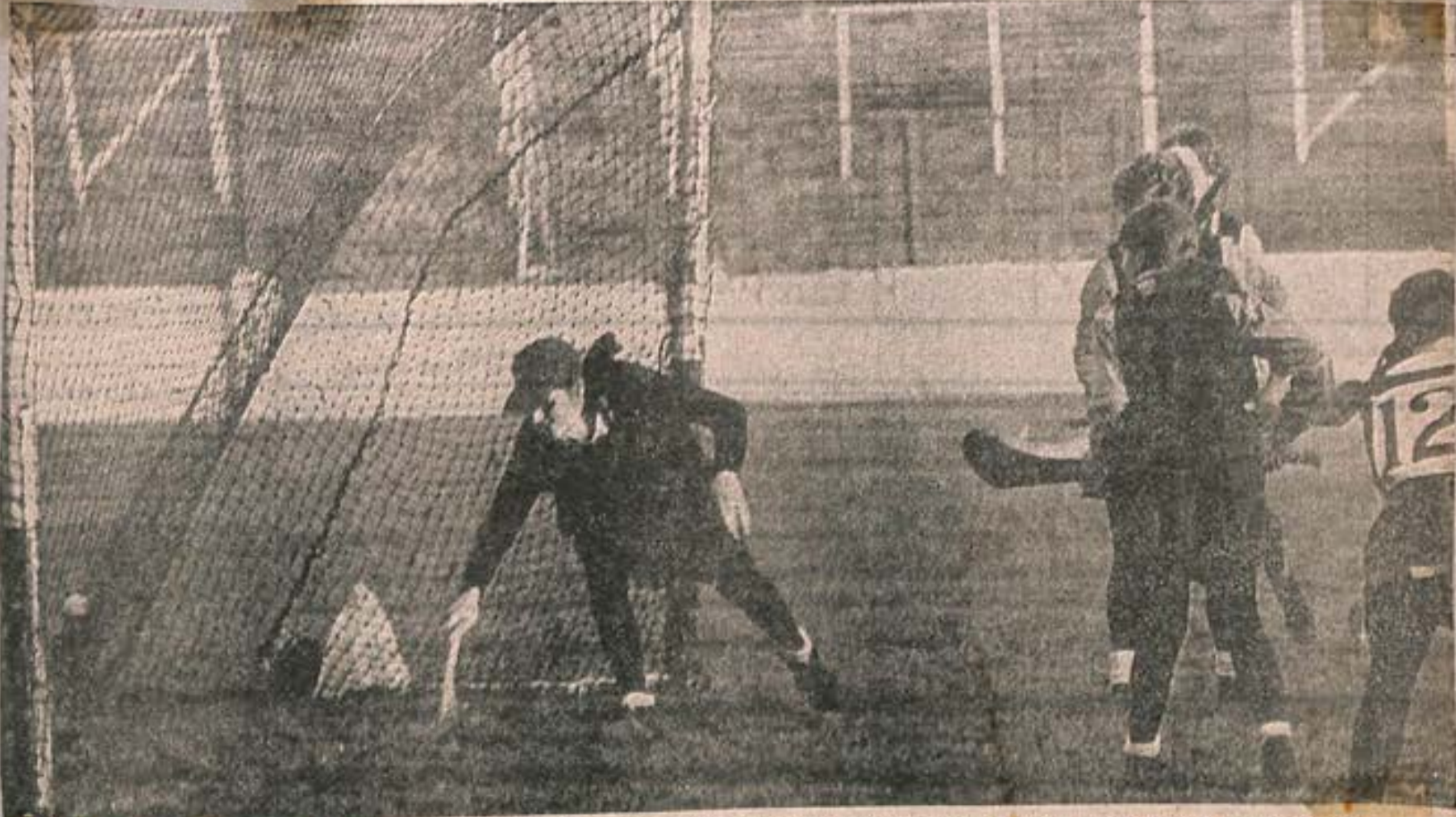
Marian Wall, Mary Scully and Julie Delahunty impressed for Mountmellick.

For Kilkenny, Helena O'Neill got most assistance from Patricia Cody, Carmel Doyle, Brid Martin and Ursula Grace.

Scorers Mountmellick — M. Delaney (1-0), J. Delahunty (1-0), M. Conroy (0-2). Kilkenny—H. O'Neill (2-0).

MOUNTMELICK — P. Condon; E. Murphy; C. Cattrell, M. Conroy, M. Wall; P. Sayers, K. Sweeny, M. Doheny (capt.); M. Delaney, M. Doyle, M. Scully; J. Delahunty.

KILKENNY—K. Brennan; M. Hennessy; A. Dunne, H. O'Neill (capt.), U. Grace; B. Martin, P. Coady, C. Doyle; S. Cassin, B. McEvoy, K. McEvoy; M. Byrne.



The Presentation Mountmellick goalkeeper Pauline Condon makes a vain effort to save Kilkenny's second goal in the exciting Leinster Colleges senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

Cork will remember with pride

For quite a number of years Munster have had to give way to both Leinster and Ulster and failed to get to the top in the camogie world. They should, however, be well satisfied with this year's show. Cork led the way, with Tipperary, Limerick, Waterford, Clare, and Kerry following. In fact, Cork created a record by winning all major honours in the province — Senior, Secondary, Junior, Colleges and Inter-club.

But the climax to the year's work came on the third Sunday in September when the Rebel County took the All-Ireland senior championship and O'Duffy Cup for the first time since 1941.

Their path to the All-Ireland final was not an easy one. But, got the better of Tipperary by 4-5 to 0-7 in the Munster final, and qualified for the All-Ireland semi-final against Antrim. This semi-final was an exciting game during which Cork appeared to have the upper hand. But, in the last ten minutes, they had to pull out all stops to ward off the Ulster champion's rally and may have been somewhat lucky to win by 3-5 to 3-2.

While their game against the Leinster champions, Kilkenny, in the final was not so exciting, Cork proved their worth and made no mistake to take the title by 5-7 to 3-2.

In the Munster Club championship six teams competed — Kilkenny, Ahane, Eire Og (Ennis), Thurles, Portlaw and South Presentation (Cork).

Ahane defeated Eire Og and Kilkenny to qualify for the final while South Presentation overcame both Thurles and Portlaw. In the final South Presentation mastered the fancied Limerick champions, Ahane, by a margin of seven points and deservedly won the Munster inter-club championship for the first time.

In the All-Ireland Junior championship, Cork lost to Armagh by 3-4 to 1-3.

St. Aloysius School (Cork) became Munster Colleges' senior champions for the third successive year, and are well fancied to win out again in the 1970/71 competition.

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By
Aine Meagher

Cork's feat in winning back the All-Ireland title after a lapse of twenty-nine years and will give a great boost to the game in an area where it has always managed to keep on thriving despite the long lack of success at top level.

Every keen follower of the game was delighted to see Anna Crotty collect, at last, the All-Ireland medal which her magnificent play down the years had earned so many times over, while I was also glad to see that most efficient and hard-working of officials Mary Moran qualify for a medal as substitute goalkeeper.

Mary Moran, in her own quiet way, has done a great deal for the game since returning from Dublin to her native Cork. Indeed, she has been the driving force behind the very successful organisation of the Munster Colleges championships and the new All-Ireland Colleges Council is very lucky to have Mary as Secretary.

But if Kilkenny were rather heavily beaten in the All-Ireland final, I was glad to see that defeat has not in any measure diminished their enthusiasm by the Noreside. Indeed, the fact that they got a civic welcome on their return from Croke Park showed that their efforts were app-

reciated, and I was greatly impressed by the fact that the Kilkenny girls on the Leinster side at Gorey a fortnight later all played well above the form they had shown in the All-Ireland final.

A case in point was Anne Carroll, who really enjoyed the extra freedom she found at midfield, and one wonders if the Kilkenny selectors present are not now regretting the fact that they played her at centre-forward in the All-Ireland final and subsequently moved her to full-forward instead of moving her outfield.

Leinster were captained at Gorey by Kilkenny goalkeeper Jo Golden, who really silenced her All-Ireland critics with a brilliant display. Jo, who is teaching in Dominican Convent Eccles Street will be helping to coach the College teams this year which will help add to the efficiency of their already strong sides.

The most encouraging feature of the annual Leinster Colleges Convention was the great increase in the number of schools anxious to compete in the senior grade, and, of course, eager for the opportunity to have a crack at the All-Ireland championship and Corn na Sceilge.

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Major honours elude Ulster

Though the Ulster Camogie council has been pleased with the progress during the year, they failed to capture any of the major honours. There was, however, an increase in the number of affiliations. Antrim headed the list with twenty-two clubs, while Down, Armagh, Tyrone, Derry, Fermanagh and Cavan were well represented.

The competition for the senior championship was run off in two sections. Antrim once again emerged victors. Armagh and Ballynahinch won the junior and club championships. In the all-Ireland semi-final Antrim made a bold bid to qualify for the final. This game, played in Cork, saw the home team fully tested, to win, in a last-minute rally, by 3.5 to 3.2.

SOME AMENDS

In the junior championship Armagh made amends when, at the same venue, they made no mistake in ousting Cork's second string and qualified for the final against Dublin. This success was short-lived as Dublin, the Leinster champions, took the trophy on the score of 4.2 to 3.3.

Ulster's last chance of taking honours was again checked when they reached the inter-provincial final at Carrickmacross against Leinster. The latter had already put out Munster and, with such a record in the series, the Ulster selection had no chance of surviving and had to give way to a much fitter side.

However, the year was notable in Ulster for the success of the coaching course at Orangefield and for the attendance of so many Ulster county representatives at the National coaching course held in Gormanstown.

CORK SENIORS' SUCCESS RICHLY DESERVED

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The Camogie Association can look back on 1970 with a considerable sense of achievement. The remarkable advance in the Colleges competitions, the success of the official coaching courses both at senior and at College levels, the improved standard of play in general, the increased interest in the game in areas that had long been somnolent, were all heartening features of a far better than average year.

In the championship, the Cork seniors dominated the proceedings and brought home the title and the O'Duffy Cup for the first time since 1941. It was a success that the endeavours of players and officials alike, through the past few seasons, had richly earned.

The winners had their closest calls in the semi-finals of both the Munster and All-Ireland championships. Tipperary led them for quite some way in that Munster game, and on the other hand it was an inspired first ten minutes against Antrim that saw Cork girls through.

Cork, however, were clearly superior to Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final, but the latter, who had taken the Leinster championship for the first time, are still a force to be reckoned with. Indeed Kilkenny champions, St. Paul's, are once again into the semi-finals of the

All-Ireland club championship, a competition which they have already won in two successive years.

Disappointingly, Galway withdraws from the senior semi-finals.

In the junior championship the standard was again high, and a very well-trained Dublin side, after a whole series of narrow victories just came through. Unlucky team here seemed to be Armagh, who, after a poor first 40 minutes, rallied magnificently in the closing stages of the final, but just failed to overhaul Dublin's long lead.

In this grade, too, it is well to remember the good showing of Roscommon who won their first Connacht title, and performed very creditably against Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The Interprovincial series went on without Connacht who

failed to field, but we saw a great game between Leinster and Munster at Gorey before Leinster advanced to show far too polished team-work for Ulster in the final, and easily took the honours for the third successive year.

The Colleges' All-Ireland, played early in the year, came well up to expectations, and Presentation, Kilkenny, made history by retaining the title, but only after a tremendous struggle in the final, with the gallant Ulster champions from Sacred Heart Convent, Newry. An innovation on Colleges final day was a play-off for third place in which St. Aloysius of Cork narrowly defeated Presentation, Oranmore.

Some of the best camogie of the year was again seen in the annual inter-varsity competition for the Ashbourne Cup with U.C.D. retaining the honours, defeating U.C.G. in the final at Croke Park. But the vital game was the magnificent semi-final

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between U.C.D. and U.C.C. at Belfield.

The game received a new impetus from the setting up of the highly successful National Coaching Course at Gormanstown in July and a Colleges' headline had already been set at Mountmellick at Easter when the Leinster Colleges had held a very satisfactory coaching course of their own.

From an administration viewpoint the setting up of an All-Ireland Colleges Council had a very stimulating effect on the game at Schools level in all four provinces. In this respect the progress made in Connacht is particularly deserving of the highest praise.

Winners of the principal competitions in 1970 were:

ALL-IRELAND — Senior: Cork. Runners-up: Kilkenny. **Junior:** Dublin. Runners-up: Armagh.

MUNSTER — Senior, Junior and Secondary: Cork. **LEINSTER — Senior:** Kilkenny. **Junior:** Dublin. **ULSTER — Senior:** Antrim. **Junior:** Armagh. **CONNACHT:** Senior: Galway. **Junior:** Roscommon.

ASHBOURNE CUP — U.C.D. **COLLEGES ALL-IRELAND:** Presentation, Kilkenny. **INTERPROVINCIAL — Leinster, Runners-up:** Ulster.

1970 Will Go Down In History As One Of Cork's Greatest

BEFORE dealing with the first camogie fixture of the New Year let's look back at the tremendous year which we have just concluded.

Last year will, of course, be remembered by camogie followers as the year in which Cork ended a 29-year wait when they brought the All-Ireland title to Cork for the first time since 1941. This was a tremendous feat by the Cork players and let us take this opportunity of saluting them yet again for their marvellous team spirit, their dedication to training and their great confidence in their ability to take the title.

Eleanor Cummins was a great goalie throughout the campaign and her early saves in the final did so much to steady down the defence. Marie Costin, at full-back, and the wings, Sheila Dineen and Hannah Dineen, worked so hard throughout the campaign, while who can forget Máry Jo Ryan's "marking" of Kilkenny star Ann Carroll in the final.

Anne Comerford was a grand captain, while in the centrefield she had great assistance from Ann McAuliffe and Betty Sugrue.

Then, the forwards! Liz Garvan must be remembered for her fantastic scoring feat in the decider. She played the greatest game of her career on this occasion and was named as "Miss Camogie" sometime later. Liz deserves every credit for her unforgettable performance, but let's also give due credit to the remaining three. Peggy Dorgan was in brilliant form also that day, while Rosie Hennessy worked very hard to make the openings. Then let's not forget Pat Moloney, who was another untiring worker and who played a major role in Cork's semi-final tilt with Antrim, when she was the county's chief scorer.

WORTHY OF MENTION

The substitutes, too, are worthy of mention on this occasion, particularly Anna Crotty, who came on in the closing minutes of the game. Anna has been a stalwart of Cork camogie for so long now that every follower must be glad that she was involved when the long wait finally ended. Mary Moran, the reserve goalie, is a tremendous worker for camogie in Cork and, as well as being chairman of the senior board, works in every way she can to further the game in the county. The other subs, Mary McCarthy and Nuala Gullely, are two promising young players who must be very much involved in future Cork teams.

These then are the 16 players who trained through the long summer to bring back the O'Duffy Cup to Cork and may their great victory be the first of many in the future.

Before leaving the senior team, a word of congratulations to Mr. Jack Dempsey, the team trainer, who did so much to instil the fitness, combination and confidence in their own ability which made this Cork team so good.

A CLEAN SWEEP

As well as the senior, Cork made a clean sweep in Munster this season. It all began with

St. Aloysius School taking the Munster Colleges title, and though they went on to lose to Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, in the All-Ireland semi-final it was not before they put up a fine performance.

The junior Cork girls also took their Munster title, but were surprisingly defeated by Armagh in the All-Ireland semi-final. The intermediate girls also won their title, and as this is strictly a Munster competition they could not go any further.

The fifth and final Munster title was the Munster Inter-club Championship, and here the honour went to South Presentation Past Pupils, who became the first Cork club to take this title. Four members of the Cork seniors were playing for South Pres, Mel Cummins, Anne Comerford, Betty Sugrue and Hannah Dineen, so it has really been a fantastic year for these girls.

The only sour note for Cork followers was the failure of the Munster team to bring the Gael Linn Cup south. Munster fell to Leinster in the semi-final and the latter went on to easily defeat Ulster in the final.

On the club front, South Presentation Past Pupils won the senior county championship for the second successive year at the expense of Old Aloysians. Canovee won the intermediate championship, while the junior championship is due to be decided on Sunday next when Cloyne meet Aghabullogue at Coachford.

Speaking of this game, it is difficult to forecast likely winners. However, Cloyne have a number of very useful players and of course, they have senior inter-county star Marie Costin in their lineout, which must be a great boost to a side in this grade. They also have B. Costin, Dolores Ring, Ursula O'Mahony and G. Considine.

Aghabullogue are very new to competitive camogie, but they must be good to reach the final and they will not be easily defeated.

On Friday last the Cork G.A.A. Board paid their tribute to the Cork senior camogie team when they invited the team and officials to their victory dinner. The Cork girls were really honoured to be asked to the function and only too delighted to attend.

One more word about the past 12 months before finishing. At the present time Cork Camogie Board is without a pitch of its own and the members are always very grateful to all those clubs who put their pitches at the board's disposal. This is particularly so in the case of the Ballinlough pitch, where so many important games were played during the year, and the board are very grateful to the City Division Board, who have put it at their disposal so often.

On Sunday week interest will be focussed on the administrative side of the game when the Cork convention will be held in the Imperial Hotel.

Camogie prestige soars for Cork

By TAOBH LINE

THE PRESTIGE, which camogie has been gathering in recent years, received a further boost last week when the Cork team, which had brought home the all-Ireland camogie trophy for the first time in 29 years, was entertained in the Leaside city on an equal basis with the Cork football and hurling sides that had won all-Ireland honours in 1970.

Camogie enthusiasm in Cork remains at a high level and should lend added interest to the last game of Cork's 1970 competitive season, the junior county final, which will be played at Coachford on Sunday next, between Aghabullogue and Cloyne.

In other days, Aghabullogue was a far more famed hurling centre than Cloyne, but Christy Ring altered all that years ago, and Cork, with all-Ireland full-back Marie Costin as sheet-anchor, will be favourites to take their first title.

The Munster Colleges camogie championships progressed well in the pre-Christmas term and have now reached the half-way stage. At the moment, two teams head the table both with unbeaten records. They are the holders, St. Aloysius, of Cork, and St. Mary's Newport, Co. Tipperary, whom they beat in last year's final.

All indications are that the meeting between these two sides will be the decisive game of the competition, and the odds would seem to favour St. Aloysius, who defeated West Cork rivals, Drishane, rather comfortably whereas St. Mary's only had a single point to spare over the same opposition.

Also there with an outside chance are Colaiste Mhuire from Ennis, but Drishane and Loreto Convent, Killarney, neither of whom have had a victory to date, would seem to be out of contention.

There will be a general meet-

ing of the Leinster Colleges Council on January 16 to finalise Junior Cup dates.

Central Council meets in Dublin on Saturday next. The Dublin Board will be hoping for better conditions at Phoenix Park on Sunday next when there is a fairly representative list of games in all grades scheduled.

There is, however, only one senior game listed, a league clash between Celtic and Naomh Aoife. Celtic, who meet Austin Stacks in the McCarthy Cup final on Sunday week, will be using this game as a final try-out.

Naomh Aoife have yet to win a game in the current League and on face of it this looks like a victory for Celtic.

Limerick Name Camogie Star

A young widow has been nominated Sports Star, 1970, by the Limerick County Camogie Board. She is Mrs. Peggy Duffy, Castleconnell, Secretary of the Board.

She has been given the award in recognition of her great efforts to promote camogie in the county over the years. She is a member of the Ahane camogie team.

Mrs. Duffy was presented with the award by Mr. David Clifford, chairman, at a function in Kilfinny. Mrs. Duffy is sister of Mrs. Josephine McCabe, Assistant Limerick County Librarian.

Leinster Colleges' Camogie Draw

Dates and venues were fixed for the Leinster Junior Colleges' Camogie Championship (Purcell Cup) at a meeting of Leinster Colleges' Council in Dublin (first named college has the venue), are:
January 30—(F) Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, v Maryfield College.
February 6—(D) Mercy Convent, Alby, v Mercy Convent, EumacCarthy.
February 13—(C) Dominican Convent, Sion Hill, v Faithful Companions Convent, Bunclody; (E) Presentation Convent, Durrus, v Mercy Convent, Athboy; (J) Gilson School, Obacastle, v Presentation Convent, Mountmellick.
February 20—(I) Presentation Convent, Kilcock, v Mercy Convent, Callan; (K) Presentation Convent, Tereure, v Presentation Convent, Clane; (H) Sisters of Charity Convent, Kings Inn, a bye.
QUARTER-FINALS
February 20—E v C—L.
February 27—F v D—M; J v H—N.
March 6—March 6—K v L—O
SEMI-FINALS
March 13—H v L; N v O.
March 20—Final.



Miss Marie Hobbs.

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Miss Liz Garvan - Miss Camogie 1970 receives the Elvery Trophy from Mr. Peter Barry Lord Mayor of Cork also in the picture Mr. J.T. Russell Manager, Elvery's, Cork.

ROPHY



FROM LEFT:-
ANNE CARROLL
(Kilkenny) HELENA
O'NEILL (Kilkenny)
& MELON CUMMINS
(CORK.)



KILKENNY — ALL-IRELAND FINALISTS

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LASTUAS: Corcaigh, buathóirí Craobh Camógaloichta Sínscear na hÉireann, 1970. (Ar cúl): N. Ní Gharbháin, S. Ní Dhuinn, A. Ní Crotaigh, B. Ní Shiochrú, M. Ní Mhóráin, P. Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh, A. Níe Dhuinnín. (Chun tosaigh): E. Ní Chumáin, R. Níe Aonghusa, P. Ní Dhargáin, M. Níe Córthaigh, A. Comartáin (Captaen), M. Ní Riain, N. Ní Seolaigh, M. Níe Oistin.

LAISTIOS: Ath Cliath, buathóirí, Craobh Camógaloicht Sínscear na hÉireann, 1970. (Ar cúl): P. Ní Mhuircasa, U. Ní Chearúil, A. Ní Chiara, C. Ní hArrachtáin, V. Ní Shiúleabháin, P. Ní Bhraonáin, V. Ní Fingleton, U. Níe Cormacáin. (Chun tosaigh): A. M. Níe Lochlainn, N. Níe Dhonnáil, S. Ní hAilpín, S. de Faoite, V. Ní Fhicheallaigh (Captaen), M. Ní Chugáin, M. Níe Raghallaigh, M. Níe hAodha.



Anne Reavey, Oliver Plunkett	Jacinta Rafter Cuchullain	Annette Whyte Naomh Mhuire	Sheila Wallace, Naomh Mhuire	Mary Brack St. Mary's	Ursula Campbell Oliver Plunkett's
Pauline Marley St. Mary's	Mary Maher St. Mary's	Anne Murtagh, St. Mary's	Sheila McEvoy Austin Stacks	Patricia O'Driscoll Cuchullainn	Mairead Campbell Oliver Plunkett
Una Carroll, Cuchullainn	Cecilia Fagan, Naomh Mhuire	Niamh Doyle Naomh Lorchain	Olivia Tallant, St. Mary's	Anne Sheehy Austin Stacks	Georgina Heffernan St. Mary's

GOOD OMENS FOR CAMOGIE

By AGNES HOURIGAN

DEC. 1970

IF ever there was a year bright with promise for camogie it is surely this New Year of 1971. From any point of view, 1970 was a good year for the game, but the omens look even better for the twelve months ahead.

The enthusiasm aroused by the coaching courses last summer, by the All-Ireland finals, by the intensified activities on the Colleges fields are now bearing fruit, and we can all look ahead with tremendous confidence.

Indeed, I, for one, was particularly heartened by the annual Colleges All-Ireland Convention shortly before Christmas. Here was proof positive of the remarkable strides the game is making in the most important sector of all, among the schools.

A couple of years ago these Colleges competitions were, on a provincial basis, confined to Ulster and Leinster. Now Munster and Connacht are both up to, and in some ways ahead of, the two longer-organised provinces.

Indeed, I was not alone impressed, but I was also overjoyed by the Colleges report from the West. Connacht has for too long been something of a weak sister in the Camogie Association, due to circumstances that are no fault of those devoted enthusiasts who have so gallantly kept the game going West of the Shannon despite considerable difficulties.

Now there are more games played in the Connacht Colleges competition than in any of the other provinces, they have magnificent enthusiasm, keen competition and very active units in all counties. It is obvious that, in no time at all the school-girls of to-day will be just as active and

enthusiastic in senior ranks and Connacht will become a leading camogie power.

Not that the other provinces are laggard. Up North the return of St. Louis Convent, Monaghan, once the great nursery of the game in Ulster, is bound to have a stimulating effect on all the rest and it is particularly heartening to see a special section for the schools in Cavan and Monaghan.

In Leinster the numbers of affiliated schools is expected to rise to twenty-five in the Spring extending over eight of the twelve counties, while with the return of Ennis, every county in Munster now has teams in these provincial Colleges tests.

Another encouraging fact for the season ahead was the keen competition in the junior series last season. Dublin won the All-Ireland title, but they had to go into extra time to beat Kilkenny, only got past Louth after a drawn game and replay, had little to spare over Roscommon, and were almost caught by Armagh in the closing minutes of a most exciting final.

So the standard would seem to be levelling up all round. Cork,

of course, are the senior All-Ireland champions after a 29 year lapse, but they need not take it for granted that they will again win the title in the year ahead.

True, on last year's form, they must start firm favourites to again take the title and the O'Duffy Cup, but they are not going to find the going easy, even in Munster where Tipperary were hard to beat last season and could be even better this season.

In Leinster, Kilkenny are holders, and the experience gained even in losing that All-Ireland final to Cork could prove a big asset to the Noreside girls, but with Wexford and Dublin there, the struggle in Leinster will once again be razor-keen.

In the North, Antrim, I felt, did not make the best use of their potential last year and they will need to watch out for the rising challenge from other counties. Galway, one hopes, will soon be back in circulation, and they should again qualify to represent the West though over there Roscommon could well prove the rising force.

Anyway, this year of 1971 I await with keen anticipation.

CAMOGIE

The dream comes true...

by
ÚNA BEAN UÍ PHUIRSÉAL

HAVING been reared on camogie and having been personally involved, either as a player or official, all my life since then, I think I have my facts straight when I say that the setting up of the Colleges competitions on a wide scale was the best thing that has ever happened to the game.

Of course, the writing had been on the wall from the very start if we had only bothered to read it properly, because the counties that dominated the championship for decades until the last few years were the three counties that had Colleges competitions going strong before ever the All-Ireland inter-county series was started in 1932.

These were Dublin, Cork and Antrim, who, be it remembered, not alone built an early supremacy on the championship scene but have maintained that supremacy ever since. Indeed, the only county ever to break their domination was Wexford in 1968 and 1969.

For many years, those Colleges competitions were confined, for all practical purposes, to the three cities of Dublin, Cork, and Belfast, though there was at one time a kind of unofficial localised championship between the St. Louis Convents, and there was for decades a very keen confined competition between the Brigidine Convents in South Leinster, for the Murphy Cup.

Then, more than twenty years ago, Miss Lily Spence started the Ulster Colleges championship, which did such good work that we began to grow jealous down South and, profiting by Lily Spence's headline, started the Leinster Colleges championship just over ten years ago.

Dr. Joe Stuart, then President of the G.A.A. and always a staunch camogie sup-

porter, presented us with a magnificent trophy and we started off on a very modest scale, indeed.

Now, I personally feared one thing at the start, that the Dublin camogie schools with a couple of generations of competitive experience behind them at local level, would prove so superior to the couple of country schools that entered that we would quickly be left with a provincial championship confined to the capital.

But the school that saved the day in that very first championship was Mercy Convent, Callan. They reached the semi-final and, though they were beaten through lack of experience, their enthusiastic approach was infectious even then.

Our first Leinster Colleges' final was played between the Holy Faith Convents of Clontarf and Glasnevin, who had also met in the Dublin final. Clontarf won the game, which was played before a handful of spectators in the Phoenix Park and, though Mrs. Stuart, herself a former Dublin All-Ireland medalist, spoke brave words of praise and encouragement when presenting the trophy at a pleasant little gathering afterwards, I must say I did not think the future looked all that bright.

But the day that marked the big change was the semi-final of the following year which brought the holders, Clontarf, up against Callan, at Callan.

That was the day that really marked, to my mind, the start of a new era for camogie not alone in the Colleges but all over Ireland.

The whole approach was new. The two teams formed up at the Mercy Convent and marched through the town to the playing pitch at the Fair Green behind the neatly

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COLLEGES (1969-70)

Leinster—Presentation, Kilkenny.
Munster—St. Aloysius, Cork.
Connacht—Presentation, Oranmore.
Ulster—Sacred Heart, Newry.
All-Ireland—Presentation, Kilkenny.

UNIVERSITIES

Ashbourne Cup—University College, Dublin.
Ashbourne Shield—University College, Cork.
Advanced Colleges—St. Raphael's, Sion Hill.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS

Leinster—Senior: Kilkenny; Junior: Dublin.
Munster—Senior: Cork; Junior: Cork.
Connacht—Senior: Galway; Junior: Roscommon.
Ulster—Senior: Antrim; Junior: Armagh.

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS

Senior—Cork (Kilkenny); Junior—Dublin (Armagh).

INTER-PROVINCIAL

Gael-Linn Cup; Leinster.

ALL-IRELAND CLUB

CHAMPIONSHIP

Final—Not until Spring.
Munster—South Presentation, Cork.
Connacht—Breaffy, Mayo.
Leinster—St. Paul's Kilkenny.
Ulster—Bellaghy Wolfe Tones.

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OFF ON THE RIGHT NOTE

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The Ulster Camogie Council are certainly starting the new year on the right note — they have organised a residential seminar on the game to be held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Monaghan on January 16 and 17.

At this get together every aspect of the game will be discussed, among them organisation, communications, refereeing, coaching, fitness, schools, publicity and social activities.

Speakers will include the president of the Camogie Association Roisin Bean McManus, Mrs. Nancy Murray, Laureen Smyth, Lily Spence, Bernadette Byrne, Roisin MacCanna, Angela Rogers, Mrs. Traynor, Rev. John McAteer, former G.A.A. President Alf Murray, Michael Feeney, President Ulster Council G.A.A., J. Toner and Miss Shiela MacAnulty, General Secretary of the Camogie Association.

The seminar will be opened on Saturday at 3.30 by Mr. Sorcan Ronaghan, Chairman, Monaghan Urban District Council.

County Boards can nominate members for attendance, and it is hoped that each county will nominate at least two members, the administrators of the future.

All applications should be made to Miss Maureen Smyth, 7 Cavendish Street, Belfast, Secretary of the Ulster Camogie Council. The All-in fee is £2/10/-.

For half a dozen years past the highlight of the camogie season in America has been the annual battle for the championship of Nth. America between the New York Young Irelands and Toronto. In all previous years, Toronto had taken the honours, but last August New York triumphed for the first time.

This victory was celebrated on Dec. 5 when the championship medals were presented at a function in Brooklyn by Lefty Devine and John E. Byrne, the Sports Editors of the two Irish-American papers.

Kathleen McDonagh writes from New York to say that Young Irelands would be very interested in having an Irish camogie team go out to play them, and also says that if any camogie-playing Irish students are in New York next summer they need only contact her at 423-15th Street, Brooklyn 11215.

The Connacht Senior Colleges Championship made very commendable progress through the pre-Christmas term. With nineteen teams in the senior section the schools were divided into four groups, playing off on a League basis. The leaders in the various grounds are as follows:

Group A — Presentation Oranmore, Presentation Athenry.

Group B—Mercy Loughrea, Mercy Tuam.

Group C—Mercy Glanamaddy, Mercy Roscommon, Ursuline Sligo.

Group D — Gortnor Abbey, Mercy Tourmakeady, Mercy Claremorris.

CAMOGIE

By Taobh-Line

Ever since the Camogie Association has managed to ensure a fixed Croke Park date for its All-Ireland Final — the third Sunday in September — Final Day is slowly but surely becoming what it should be, the showpiece of the Camogie Year.

Certainly Final Day 1970 came well up to even the most sanguine expectations with Cork winning back the All-Ireland title after a 29-year lapse and Dublin securing their first junior crown despite a most exciting late rally by the gallant young Ulster challengers from Armagh.

The senior decider, in which the opposition to Cork was provided by Kilkenny playing in their first final, was dominated by a brilliant display from the winners' young centre-forward Liz Garvan of Old Aloysians.

Already famed in Colleges ranks, Liz Garvan was the player who popped up here there and everywhere in the Cork attack, the architect of every vital score and her great all-round display deservedly won for her the Elvery award as Miss Camogie 1970.

Liz Garvan, who is also one of Irelands leading young tennis players is now an undergraduate at University College Cork and her camogie talents will be a tremendous asset to U.C.C. when the annual inter-varsity series for the Ashbourne Cup is staged in Cork next February. But the Cork champions had other heroines, goalkeeper Mel Cummins, Marie Costin and Hanna Dineen in defence, Captain Anne Comerford, Peggy Dorgan and young Rosie Hennessy further afield. Indeed on this year's display it is obvious that having at last won back the O'Duffy Cup, the Cork girls could well hold on to this All-Ireland trophy next season. On the other hand, losers Kilkenny have no cause to feel unduly disappointed. Several of their players seemed to find the occasion that little bit too much for them and failed to discover their best form. But they must have profited from the experience and with such talented players as Jo Golden, Ann Carroll, Liz Neary, Helena O'Neill and Maura Cassin, all of whom subsequently starred on the Leinster side that won the interprovincial series, beating a Cork-powered Munster team in the process, will obviously be well in the reckoning for honours again in 1971.

The junior final proved, in the closing stages, to be even more exciting than the senior game. Through the first forty minutes, even though it was all the time obvious that Armagh possessed a few really brilliant individual players the magnificent team-work and combination of the well-drilled Dublin side was dominant. Then in the last ten minutes, this Armagh side at last really found its feet. With those two fine young players Angela Toal and Marion Delaney leading the way they swept through for score after score. But that wonderful rally came just too late, and Dublin were still that vital fraction in front at the full-time whistle. Yet on this display, Armagh's future must be bright, while Dublin obviously have the replacements readymade from this junior side to fill up any gaps in their senior ranks. ●



RIVAL CAPTAINS—Marie Costine (Cloyne) left and Mary Noonan (Aghabullogue) shake hands prior to the start of the Cork County Junior Camogie Championship final at Coachford. Centre is Referee Mary Moran, Co. Board Chairman. (Sheehan)

Camogie On The Upgrade In The Division

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CAMOGIE has been making great strides in Mid-Cork in recent years and there are a number of strong clubs in the Division. They include Inniscarra, Blarney and Canovee who took the County Intermediate title for 1970. Newcomers Aghabullogue are to be congratulated in bringing the County Junior title to Mid-Cork. They beat Cloyne in the final at Coachford on Sunday last.

This was a great achievement by Aghabullogue when one considers that they were competing in the championship for the first time. Camogie has been played in the parish before now and the older readers will remember the Lee Valley team who unsuccessfully contested a County final back in the mid-nineteen forties. The game had lapsed for a number of years until the club was reformed in 1970. An active committee was formed under Chairman Pat Buckley and included, among others, E. D. Murphy, Rev. Fr. McDermott, C.C., C. Fitzgerald and T. McSweeney. Encouragement and help was also forthcoming from M. O'Callaghan (Dripsey), an officer of the Co. Camogie Board.

A number of the girls had played with the Coachford Vocational School and a young and enthusiastic team, whose average age ranged from fifteen to 16 years, got down to training. Their efforts were crowned with success when Capt. Mary Noonan received the County cup at the end of Sunday's game.

SLIGHT ADVANTAGE

Conditions for Sunday's final were quite good and Aghabullogue had the slight advantage

as the first half got under way. Mary Noonan's goal was the early tonic they needed and even though Cloyne came back strongly for a point from a free by county player Marie Costine, Aghabullogue maintained their grip on the exchanges and Mary Noonan added a goal from a thirty and a point from play. Determined efforts by Cloyne to get through were foiled by good defensive play by Sheila Roche and five minutes from the interval Mary O'Leary had another goal for Aghabullogue. She had a second point before half time, when she finished off a great effort by Patsy Desmond. This left Aghabullogue leading 4-1 to one point at the interval.

As the second half got under way points were exchanged by M. Costine and M. Noonan but soon it became apparent that the outcome would be decided between the Aghabullogue backs and the Cloyne forwards who had the advantage for the second half. With county players Dolores Ring and Marie Costine on the hunt for scores, the last named had a goal and three points from frees and play to narrow the gap to two goals with ten minutes left. Spectators were on their toes as Aghabullogue backs stood firm and in the closing minutes took the play upfield. The final whistle by Referee and County Chairman May Moran found the final score:

Aghabullogue 4-2; Cloyne 1-5. Aghabullogue's success was really a team effort in which every player from goalie Sarah Shea out all played their part. A word of praise also for beaten finalists Cloyne. Their second half recovery helped to make this keen but sportingly contested final one of the best we have seen for some years.

ROSCOMMON OFFICERS

Roscommon county camogie board at its convention, re-elected the following officers:— chairman, Pauline Cahill; vice-chairmen, Stella Quinn and Una Connor; hon. secretary, Mary Travers, joint hon. treasurers, Mrs. Ann Naughton and Carmel Corbett, and registrar, Mrs. Maie Benedetti.

Aghabullogue capture junior title

Aghabullogue 4-2; Cloyne 1-5

Aghabullogue girls won the junior county camogie title at their first attempt when they beat Cloyne in an exciting final at Coachford yesterday.

The winners had first half advantage and got off to a good start when captain Mary Noonan goaled after four minutes. After Cloyne hit back for a point from a free by county player Marie Costine, Aghabullogue increased their lead with a further goal and point from M. Noonan. Two more goals in the closing stages from M. O'Leary left Aghabullogue leading 4-1 to 0-1 at half time.

Cloyne were through for a point from M. Costine's free on the restart but this was cancelled out by a similar score from M. Noonan. Cloyne were coming more into the picture now and with M. Costine operating in attack she scored a goal and three points from frees and play to cut the odds to two goals with ten minutes left. Excitement was high as Aghabullogue backs, S. Roche, E. Noonan, A. Sheehan and F. Connell foiled Cloyne's best efforts to get on terms in the closing stages.

At the conclusion, the Cup was presented to the winners' captain, Mary Noonan, by Mary Moran, Chairman, County Camogie Board. She also refereed the game.

Aghabullogue: S. Shea, F. Connell, N. Sheehan, E. Noonan, S. Roche, N. Healy, E. Buckley, M. Noonan, M. O'Shea, A. O'Connell, M. O'Leary, P. Desmond.

Cloyne: B. Costine, Buny Costine, M. O'Mahony, H. Ivers, G. Considine, D. Shinnick, M. Costine, D. Ring, P. O'Shea, J. Godfrey, B. Cahill, A. O'Shea.

Cork review great year

CORK will remember with pride the year 1970. It was a year of triumph highlighted by the invitation of the All-Ireland team and Board officials to the victory celebrations of the Cork G.A.A. Board. The Cork County Camogie Board and the G.A.A. have always co-operated, and the older association has always fostered the sister organisation.

This was stated by Ide Bean O'Shea, Hon. President of the Cork Co. Camogie Board, at the annual Convention held yesterday at the Imperial Hotel, Cork. "G.A.A. clubs" she said, "are alive to the problem of emigration in rural areas, and every effort should be made to have a camogie team attached to every hurling and football club."

Miss Mary Moran, who was re-elected Chairman, also congratulated the Cork teams on their wonderful achievements during 1970.

The outgoing secretary, Miss Catherine O'Regan, in her report outlined the strength the new clubs were gaining in their own competitions, and how the Inter-County teams were making their presence felt in higher competition.

"The 1970 Under 18 League is still in progress" she said, "as is the junior league. The junior championship was keenly contested throughout and in the

final, Aghabullogue defeated Cloyne, both two reasonably new clubs, and a great achievement for such new clubs to camogie to get so far in the competition.

HANDSOME DIVIDENDS

"At Inter-County level," she continued "this was Cork's year. After a lapse of 29 years, Cork again took the All-Ireland senior title by defeating Kilkenny in the final. It was obvious that the hard work of players, selectors and trainer paid handsome dividends. Cork took all the Munster titles. The intermediate team brought the first Munster title. The junior team reached the All-Ireland semi-final where they were defeated by Armagh. South Presentation Past Pupils took the Munster Inter-Club title and are now in contention for All-Ireland honours. At schools level, St. Aloysius again won the Munster Colleges title before losing to Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, in the All-Ireland semi-final. The Munster team, however, was not as successful as the Cork team, being defeated by Leinster in the Gael-Linn semi-final.

"In conclusion, we are deeply grateful to the CIV Division G.A.A. Board for the use of Ballinlough pitch during the year," she said.

As the secretary was not seek-

ing re-election, the President thanked and praised her for the methodical and excellent way in which she attended to her duties during her term of office.

The Treasurer, Miss Mary O'Callaghan, could not furnish a detailed statement of expenditure for 1970 to the meeting due to the bank strike. In view of this, it was decided to call an extraordinary general meeting as soon as auditors figures were made available.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected—Chairman, Miss Mary Moran (outgoing); Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Nora Newman (outgoing); Secretary, Miss Blanche Gibbons; Treasurer, Miss Mary O'Callaghan (outgoing); Registrar, Miss Mary Nott, and Press Officer, Mrs. Joan Morley (outgoing).

Selection Committee (senior): Mrs. Nora Newman, Miss Mary O'Callaghan, Miss Brid Power and Miss Anna Crotty. Junior: Miss Mary O'Callaghan, Miss Mary Moran, Miss Anna Crotty, Mrs. Mary Fahy and Miss Mary Heelan.

A motion that goalkeepers and referees be permitted to wear track suits in adverse weather conditions was expressed by St. Aloysius P.P.U. It was passed pending ratification by Congress at a later date.

The Ballinlough delegates moved a motion that only junior championship winners be obliged to enter the Intermediate grade in the next year was passed.

In the senior championships Mrs. Naoimh Golden were drawn against Old Aloysians; Youghal meet U.C.C. and South Pres. P.P.U. play Inniscarra.

Annual Convention At Imperial Hotel On Sunday

It's convention time again and on tomorrow (Sunday) the Cork county camogie board will hold their annual get-together at the Imperial Hotel, South Mall, beginning at 2 p.m.

Big interest, of course will be in the election of officers as these girls can play such a vital role in camogie affairs for the coming twelve months.

Not surprisingly Mary Moran has once again been returned unopposed as chairman. Mary has worked very hard for Cork camogie since her election to the chair, and her encouragement and efforts to secure training facilities etc. for the Cork team helped in no small way to bring the all-Ireland title back to Cork for the first time since 1941. Mary was also reserve goalie on the Cork selection.

Mrs. Nora Newman, another hard-working member of the board and also a senior selector is also returned unopposed as vice-chairman. This again is no surprise.

The outgoing secretary, Catherine O'Regan, of Old Aloysians is not going forward this year. Catherine is studying for examinations at the moment and is not able to devote the time necessary for the post. Secretary is a time-consuming office and is not easy to fill successfully. However in Blanche Gibbons, of South Presentation past pupils, who is the only nomination for the position the Co. Board should have a very worthy successor to Catherine.

One of the two elections this year will be for the vital office of treasurer. This will be between Miss Mary O'Callaghan of Inniscarra (outgoing) and Mrs. Gretta Byrne who held the office for a number of years, some years back.

The other election will be for registrar, where Mary O'Callaghan and Marie Costine of Cloyne are in contention. Of course if Miss O'Callaghan is re-elected as treasurer, then Miss Costine will be automatically elected as registrar as no one can hold two positions on the board. Mrs. Joan Morley, of Old Aloysians is once again unopposed as press officer.

The selection committees are a vital part of camogie and it is important that only the best are elected to them. The girls nominated for both selection committees this year are all very experienced in the game and so there should be two strong panels elected.

For the senior the names are as follows—Mrs. Nora Newman (Glen Rovers); Miss Marie Garvan (Old Aloysians); Miss Mary O'Callaghan (Inniscarra); Miss Mary Crowley (S.P.P.P.);

Mrs. Bridie Ahern (do.); Miss Brid Power (Youghal); Miss Anna Crotty (Glen Rovers); Mrs. Sheila Golden (S.P.P.P.).

And for the junior—Miss Mary O'Callaghan (Inniscarra); Mrs. Nellie Field (Old Aloysians); Miss Mary Moran (do.); Miss Anne Gaffey (Blarney); Miss Eleanor Cummins (S.P.P.P.); Miss Anna Crotty (Glen Rovers); Miss Mary Nott (do.); Mrs. Mary Fahy (Cloyne); Miss Mary Heelan (Blarney); Miss Maura Hayes (Ballinlough).

MOTIONS

There is a long list of motions down for decision and there promise to be many interesting discussions.

South Presentation want the playing time to be increased to thirty minutes for each half. The present time is twenty-five minutes and it will be interesting to see how the suggested extra ten minutes will be received.

Old Aloysians have a motion asking that referees be permitted to wear track suits. This seems a sensible suggestion as camogie is played in all weathers and the job of the referee is not a very enviable one on a cold day.

Blarney are also interested in the referee but they are suggesting that no person should be allowed referee a match unless she is familiar with the rules and has completed a referee's training course. This of course, is an ideal situation and it is hoped that the first half in particular is always upheld. However, it is not always easy to recruit new referees and if the second part of this motion were to be enforced then the number of referees could be further restricted.

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

There are a number of motions suggesting earlier beginnings to championships, a winter break, and new rules concerning championship winners. All these should provide good topics for the convention.

There is also a suggestion that a North Cork divisional board will be formed and that an Avondhu divisional team be entered in the senior league and championship for 1971.

All these motions could have a bearing on camogie during the coming year so there should be plenty of discussion before they are passed or defeated.

On Sunday last Aghabullogue defeated Cloyne in the final of the junior championship. They have a grand little team and thoroughly deserved their win over the fancied Cloyne team. However, Cloyne also did very well to reach the final and here we extend congratulations to both sides for a fine game of camogie.

This week I must apologise to Glen Rovers. In my review of the year I mentioned that South Presentation past pupils became the first Cork club to win the Munster Inter-Club championship. This, of course, was wrong as Glen Rovers were the first Cork side to win the title, which they did on two occasions during their record-breaking (7 in a row) Cork county championship run.

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CAMOGIE GIRLS ARE UPSET

By Taobh Line

MOST CAMOGIE followers are saddened by the fact that the game has been given no voice at all in the make-up of the new Council of Sport. It is bad enough that women, who play such an important part on the sporting scene today should have been considered so unimportant as to only merit two places out of twenty-one, but that the Camogie Association, the biggest of its kind in the country, should have been left without any voice whatever shows very muddled thinking at some level.

The matter is all the more remarkable because due to the impetus given by the number of physical training teachers that have come out of the two schools in Dublin and the success of the Camogie coaching courses the game was never more active than at the moment, and there was never greater activity and enthusiasm at all levels.

The matter will almost cer-

tainly be discussed at the next meeting of Central Council. But that is not due until after Congress in March, unless a special Congress is called before then to discuss the matter.

Meanwhile the Colleges championships are faced with a very uncertain position in the immediate future due to the threat of strike in the secondary schools. To help prepare for all eventualities, the Munster Colleges Council have brought forward their senior final which will now be played at Cork tomorrow.

Again the contestants are the holders, St. Aloysius of Cork, who have won every final since first this competition was set up four years ago and St. Mary's of Newport, County Tipperary,

who failed to the present opposition in last year's decider.

St. Aloysius have again been playing very well this year. They have won all their three previous matches in this league competition by clear-cut margins and led by All-Ireland and interprovincial star Rosie Hennessy, will be strongly favoured to win through again.

But Newport have benefited from the experience of last year's campaign. They too have won all their league matches though their winning margins were not as convincing as those chalked up by St. AIs, and they will make a brave bid for their first title.

But St. AIs must still start favourites to advance to meet the Ulster winners in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Leinster, who played off their senior series before Christmas, have no troubles as regards that competition, but their junior series only starts its second round tomorrow when Maryfield College travel to Kilkenny to take on the local Presentation Convent side.

As they had a bye in the first round, this is the first outing for the Maryfield girls, but Kilkenny travelled to Naas in November, and were then quite impressive when defeating the home side. Having lost the senior title, which they had held for so long, Kilkenny will be all the more eager now for junior success, and should take a further step tomorrow towards ultimate victory.

Least affected

As the majority of the competing Ulster schools are in the Six Counties the North is likely to be least affected by the strike threat, but the position in Connacht is that the senior series has only reached the quarter-final stage, while the

junior competition has not yet begun.

The pairings in the senior competition, the final of which is fixed for March 7 at Tuam are: Mercy Convent (Loughrea) v. Mercy Convent, Tuam; Gortnor Abbey v. Presentation (Oranmore); Mercy (Tourmakeady) or Marist (Tubbercurry) or Mercy (Claremorris) v. Presentation (Athenry); Mercy (Roscommon) or Ursuline (Sligo) v. Mercy (Glenamaddy).

The junior competition which is confined to those under 16, on September 1, 1970, has twenty-two teams and will be played off on a single round league basis in five groups.

Meanwhile, in Dublin two senior league games are listed. U.C.D. in training for the Ashbourne Cup series in a fortnight's time should prove too lively for Naomh Aoife, while Austin Stacks should repeat a recent McCarthy Cup final victory over Celtic.

Presentation and St. Patricks should have a great tussle in the Isle of Man Cup final.

St. Aloysius and Newport in schools final

Due to the uncertain position created by the threatened teachers' strike, the Munster Colleges camogie final has been brought forward to tomorrow. Last year's semi-finalists, St. Mary's, Newport, travel to the Curraheen Road where they will meet the holders of the Dripsey Cup for the past three years, St. Aloysius, in the decider.

Both sides have full points from the matches played to date. However, St. Aloysius' scorelines have been more impressive and this entitles them to the role of favourites. Newport, who entered competitive camogie for the first time last season, have made great strides. They possess good players in Mary Coleman, Anne Tierney, B. O'Sullivan and M. Ryan and should make a strong challenge to the holders.

Tradition, spirit and ability are qualities of the St. Aloysius team. Rosie Hennessy, Marion O'Leary, Nuala Jennings, Judy Walsh, Brid McAuliffe and company will be hard to stop and it will be a surprise if St. AIs do not qualify for the All-Ireland semi-final with the Ulster champions on March 20.

Fixture: Munster Colleges Senior Championship final at Curraheen Road at 3.50 on Saturday. St. Aloysius School v. St. Mary's, Newport. Ref. L. O'Grady.

February is the month that really matters

FEBRUARY is the month that really sets the pattern for the Camogie year. Usually it includes the Ashbourne Cup competition, some county and provincial Conventions, and customarily nowadays some of the best of the Colleges games.

The Ashbourne Cup has carried me through many Februaries before now and what further can one say about it at this stage? This year the series will be staged at Cork, where the home College is very rarely beaten. In addition University College, Cork will this year have the assistance of Liz Garvan, who was the star of last year's senior All-Ireland final.

But the competition will not be anything like a walk-over for the home team. Dublin have been holders for the last two years, and will not easily surrender the trophy, and, remember, they still

have Ann Carroll, the greatest Ashbourne asset of this decade.

The former Tipperary and current Kilkenny star, will be playing in her last Inter-varsity series, she is a final architectural student, and would dearly love to wind up her student career with a fourth Ashbourne medal.

Galway, due to the fact that the county has been under a cloud for some months past have not been able to get in their customary preparation, so this year the Ashbourne surprise side may well be Queen's University, Belfast. Queen's have never yet won this title, and in recent years have lost the power that carried them into the final in the middle 'sixties. But reports from across the Border suggest that the Northern girls might be a greater force at Cork than they have

been in the last three or four Ashbournes.

Considerable progress was made before Christmas in the Colleges competitions. In Leinster where the senior competition was, as usual, completed before December we saw a triumph for perseverance.

Mountmellick beaten by Kilkenny in the last two finals, achieved their great ambition by winning through this time. They have outstanding players in Marion Conroy, captain Mary Doherty and sharpshooting Mary Scully, and they are bound to give a good account of themselves in the All-Ireland series.

That Kilkenny lost was no fault of their All-Ireland senior player, Helena O'Neill, who almost turned defeat into victory when she came outfield in the closing stages.

In the South the issue again seems to rest between last year's finalists, St. Aloysius of Cork and St. Mary's from Newport in Co. Tipperary. St. Aloysius, who have won this Munster Colleges championship every year since it was instituted, will be favourites to do so yet again. And they have a great asset in Cork All-Ireland senior medalist Rosie Hennessy in the attack.

It is early days yet in Ulster where, however, Sacred Heart, Newry must make a brave bid to retain their senior title. In the West, where camogie among the schools has made really amazing progress, the two most likely teams to figure in the final reckoning are the holders, Presentation, Oranmore and Mercy Convent, Tuam.

All in all, the Colleges scene never looked more healthy and is a credit to schools, trainers, communities and officials alike in all four provinces.

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Ide Bean Ui She, president of the Cork Co. Camogie Board.

Mary Moran was re-elected chairman of the Cork Co. Camogie Board.



St. Aloysius, Cork (top) and St. Marys, Newport, who met in the Munster Colleges Camogie final at the U.C.C. Ground at Curraheen Road —(Examiner)



ONLY LADY NOMINATED—Miss Margaret Cleary, from Thurles, the only lady nominated in the 1970 Tipperary Sports Stars, who received the Cliona Award for Camogie at Hearn's Hotel —(Echo).

St. Aloysius' fourth Munster title

St. Aloysius 4-2
St. Mary's, Newport 1-0

St. Aloysius continued their monopoly of the Munster Colleges Championship when they took their fourth consecutive title at the expense of St. Mary's, Newport, in Saturday's final at Curraheen Road. The champions had many anxious moments as the Newport girls provided the strongest opposition met within their own province for quite some time. There was little between the sides in the first half mainly due to some great work by Newport's Mary Ryan.

St. Als led by one goal at the change-over. Their greater experience and the switching of captain Rosie Hennessy to centre-forward enabled them to assert their authority on the game and run out comfortable winners.

Considering that it is only Newport's second year in competitive camogie, they can feel very pleased with themselves. If they continue to improve they will rank as very live contenders for the 1972 title. Apart from Mary Ryan, they have capable performers in Pat Quigley, Hannah Tierney and Geraldine Jones.

St. Als, who travel to meet the Ulster champions in the All-Ireland semi-final next month, fully deserved their victory. Marion O'Leary, their full-back, was in top form. Other players to catch the eye were Nuala Jennings, Rosie Hennessy, Val O'Dwyer and newcomer Phil Walsh who scored three goals.

Scorers — St. Aloysius: P. Walsh 3-0, G. Butler 1-0, R. Hennessy 0-2, H. Tierney (1-0) capt for Newport.

LORD MAYOR'S RECEPTION FOR VICTORIOUS CORK TEAMS

A unique occasion was recorded at Cork's City Hall on Saturday when, for the first time, the Lord Mayor of Cork accorded a private reception for members of the victorious Cork All-Ireland teams of 1970.

This was a gesture of appreciation by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Peter Barry, T.D., and he did so in recognition of the fact that Cork for the first time since the inception of the Gaelic Athletic Association took five All-Ireland titles in the one year, plus the fact that 1970 marked the coming of age for the Leesiders in senior All-Ireland hurling titles.

The liaison which exists between the Cork G.A.A. officials and the public representatives of the city was adequately brought home by the attendance at the reception. All the hurling stars of the 1970 year mingled at the in a spirit of comradeship with the Lord Mayor, Deputy City, Mr. Matt Richmond, and Corporation Councillors, and present also were representatives of the Cork County Board and the Camogie Board as well as the trainers and selectors of the various successful champions.

In thanking the Lord Mayor for his tremendous gesture the Vice-Chairman of the Cork Co. Board said that they were deeply privileged to have been invited to this reception by Cork's first citizen. It was an unique occasion said Mr. O'Sullivan as it was the first time that anything of this nature has occurred and it was also unique in another aspect that this was the honouring of the first time that five All-Ireland titles came to Cork in the one year, three hurling titles, one football and one camogie.

G.A.A. games and players in Cork in 1970 had reached record proportions said Mr. O'Sullivan, and although these created problems in the way of providing pitches, the Cork County Board were facing up to their responsibility and jocosely he added I hope that when the Corporation get that extra bit of the county they won't forget the G.A.A.



● At the Dublin Institute of Adult Education Sociology of Sport seminar at Ely Place, Dublin, last night, were (from left): Ann Ashton, chairman, Dublin Camogie Board; Ann Carroll (U.C.D.) and Orla Ni Siochain (Austin Stacks).

NARROW WIN FOR AUSTIN STACKS

Austin Stack's 2-5 (11)
University College ... 2-4 (10)

Austin Stack's, present senior camogie leaders, had a close call from University College when they only managed to win by a single point at Phoenix Park. The students shaped well in the first half and A. Carroll dominated the play throughout. Stacks had not all the luck of the game and were in arrears at the interval by a margin of four points.

After the resumption, the College girls more than held their own and secured a goal. Stacks, however, replied with another goal and the rhythm of the game changed from this on to the end. From this to the end it was touch and go but in a sparkling finish the leaders notched a goal and a point to leave them winners.

Scores: Austin Stack's — R. Halpin (1-0), P. Brennan (1-0), O. Ni Siochain (0-5).
University College: M. O'Sullivan (2-0), A. Carroll (0-4).

Eoghan Ruadh 10-2
Naomh Aoife 1-3

Eoghan Ruadh had little difficulty in disposing of Naomh Aoife and won easily. Eoghan Ruadh laid the foundation of their victory by securing five goals and a point before the interval. They maintained their superiority to the end.

Scores: Eoghan Ruadh — E. Toner (5-0), K. Lyons (3-1), P. Breslin (2-1).
Naomh Aoife — J. Doyle (1-1), P. Timmins (0-2).

Other results — Maryfield 2-0, Austin Stacks 1-0; Na. Padraigh 1-0, Clann na Gael 0-0; Naomh Mhuire 2-0, Presentation 1-0; University College 3-1, Bohernabreena 4-1; St. Vincent's 7-2, Sixth Bloom 0-0.

BUTTEVANT CAMOGIE CLUB

Miss Margaret Thornhill presided at the well-attended annual general meeting of the Buttevant Camogie Club, held in the Rio Hall recently. In the course of a brief address she thanked all those, including the members of the local G.A.A. club, who had helped in the past year.

The outgoing secretary (Mrs. B. Sheedy) said that since its formation last June the club team played 12 games, losing only two. Such was a great achievement.

Mrs. B. Aherne revealed a good financial position in her report.

The election of officers resulted, as follows: Chairman, Miss Margaret Thornhill; hon. secretary, Miss E. Blake; treasurer, Miss G. O'Reilly; P.R.O., Miss M. Wallace; selection committee, Mrs. B. O'Keefe, Mrs. J. Duane, Misses A. Curtin and M. Wallace; captain, Mrs. J. Duane; vice-captain, Miss A. Curtin.

It was decided to field an under-18 team this year.

Leinster camogie convention

MRS. KATHLEEN TIMMINS, who has been vice-chairman of Dublin Senior Camogie Board for many years, was yesterday elected Chairman of the Leinster Council at the Annual Convention held in Bru na nGael, North Great George's St., Dublin.

Mrs. S. Corcoran, who was the retiring chairman, is now the vice-chairman. The full list of officers is as follows:

Chairman—Mrs. K. Timmins (Dublin); Vice-Chairman—Mrs. S. Corcoran (Kildare); Secretary—Miss P. Rafferty (Dublin); Treasurer—Miss E. O'Brien (Wexford); Registrar—Miss S. Brack (Dublin).

The draws for 1971 Championships were made as follows: Senior C'ship.—Kilkenny v Wexford, Dublin—a bye. Junior C'ship.—First Round—Wexford v Kildare, Dublin v Meath, Laois v Louth, Kilkenny v Wicklow.

U.C.C. confident of taking cup

UNIVERSITY College, Cork, will hope to bridge a four-year gap when they play hosts at the Mardyke, Cork, next weekend, to three other universities, U.C.D., U.C.G., and Queens University, Belfast, in the Ashbourne Cup camogie competition, writes Michael Ellard.

'The Ashbourne' is the equivalent of an All-Ireland title in the University camogie sphere, and the last time the Cork College emerged triumphant was in 1967, when it was last staged in the southern capital.

Hopes are high at the Cork alma mater that they will repeat this success on next Sunday evening. They will be odds-on favourites to dispose of the challenge of Queens in the semi-final on Saturday, and with the advantage of home territory and the expected vociferous local support, should have a 50-50 chance of defeating either the holders of the trophy U.C.D., or U.C.G., the other semi-final participants in the final.

Last year U.C.C. were defeated in the competition by U.C.D., in what was termed the best match of the competition, but they gained some measure of compensation by defeating 'Queens' to win Corn An Durhact, the cup competed for by the defeated participating universities in this camogie festival weekend.

TOUR-DE-FORCE

U.C.D. will again be a tour-de-force this year as their panel contains a large number of current Dublin inter-county players. U.C.G. will be no walk-over as their panel is almost identical to last season's. But the home university have a few aces up their sleeve as I discovered on a visit to their training camp at the Mardyke this week.

Their first and biggest ace is the acquisition of young Cork and Munster star, Liz Garvan. Last year as a schoolgirl Liz won

the 'Cork Examiner' Camogie Sports-Star of the Year award and played a major part in Cork's All-Ireland senior victory in September last. Liz, a camogie and tennis player par excellence, is in her first year as an arts student at the University, and her dashing, skilful play should be a tremendous asset to the Cork students' hopes.

However, this will not be a one-girl team. Goalkeeper Monica Lynch from Clondrohid, who learned her camogie at the Drishane Convent in Millstreet, and full-back Mary O'Brien from Ennis, played in these respective positions in last year's competition.

Captain of the side, Margaret Long from Kilmurry, a fourth year commerce student, will be playing in her fourth Ashbourne, as will Mary Rita O'Sullivan from Ballinbassig, and Mallow-born Mary Coakley.

DETERMINATION

The U.C.C. team is a blend of youth and experience and in the words of Miss Long: "No U.C.C. side I have played on have the determination or spirit as this team possesses."

Putting the side through their paces was current U.C.C. and Limerick senior hurler Mick Dowling, and his comments best sums up U.C.C.'s hopes: "We have a 50-50 chance of winning and we are quietly confident of doing so."

Panel—Monica Lynch (Clondrohid), Mary O'Brien (Ennis), Mary O'Driscoll (Ovent), Laura Mahery (Limerick), Mary O'Brien (Fermoy), Mary Coakley (Mallow), Mary Rita O'Sullivan (Ballinbassig), Margaret Long (Kilmurry), Deirdre Garvan (Cork), Liz Garvan (Cork), Honor Lynch (Cork), Betty Field (Mallow), Nora May Lynch (Aghabullogue), Mary O'Brien (Fermoy), Rose Long, Anne O'Dwyer and Louise O'Connor.

FIXTURES

Saturday—Ashbourne Cup semi-finals, U.C.D. v. U.C.G., 2 p.m.; U.C.C. v. Queens University, 3.30 p.m.
Sunday—Ashbourne Cup final, 3.50 p.m.

Ashbourne Cup Competition In Cork This Weekend

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This is Ashbourne Cup weekend and with the competition being held in Cork there are no other games arranged by the Co. Board for the city.

The Ashbourne was last played in Cork in 1967 when Cork swept all before them. They defeated a talented Dublin side by four goals in the decided when they put on a tremendous performance. However, since then U.C.C.'s record has been poor. Home ground makes a great difference in this competition as there is such marvellous support for the home university. Cork did win the competition in Belfast in 1965 but they have given their best performances on home ground. Therefore this year they could do well again.

Cork open their campaign on tomorrow (Saturday) when they meet Queens University, Belfast, and they should not have a great deal of difficulty here. Queens always seem to have difficulty in fielding a useful side and with so many troubles in that area at the moment it is hardly likely that they will be a force to be reckoned with. However, the Queens girls deserve great credit for the effort they put into getting a team together and for participation in the competition. These girls are always very popular in Cork but on this occasion the support will be for the Cork girls.

In the second semi-final Dublin should defeat Galway. The Galway Co. Board are under suspension at the moment, therefore U.C.G. could have had difficulty in preparing for the competition. However the Galway girls have a number of very good players in their captain, Jane Murphy, centre Claire Connery, full-back Kitty Carmody and forwards Pat Feeney and Mary Kinsella and they will not easily admit defeat.

LIKELY FINALISTS

However, on paper, at least it looks like a Cork-Dublin final. And here the big test will come for the Cork girls as U.C.D. as usual have a very strong team. Dublin can coast of Anne Carroll captain of Kilkenny and a Leinster inter-provincial player who will take a great deal of

holding. In addition they have Veronica Fingleton, Vera Sullivan, Claire Harrington, and Anne Marie O'Loughlan, all of whom won junior All-Ireland medals with Dublin last September. U.C.D. have a great many players to pick from and are always well prepared for this competition so Cork would appear to have their hands full — that is if they reach the final.

What of U.C.C. this season? They have a number of talented newcomers to their side this season including Inter-Provincial star Liz Garvan. Liz, it will be remembered played a tremendous game in Cork's All-Ireland victory in September and she must be a great asset to College. In addition to Liz, U.C.C. seem to have plenty of talent for all the positions.

They have a very sound goalie in Monica Lynch, while they have five grand backs to choose from in Mary O'Driscoll, Mary O'Brien, Lorna Meagher, Margaret Long, who captains the side, and Rose Long. In the centre of the field too they are not lacking in talent where they have Mary Coakley, Honor Lynch, Nora Mary Lynch, Deirdre Garvan and Mary Ita O'Sullivan to choose from. In the forwards they have Annie Roche, Betty Field, Anne O'Dwyer and Louise O'Connor in addition to Liz, to fill the four vacancies.

INTER-COUNTY PLAYERS

Of these girls Liz and Honor are senior inter-county players. Mary Ita O'Sullivan has played on the Cork junior team while Annie Roche has played secondary for Tipperary.

Certainly, they are not lacking in talent and with the games being played at the Mardyke where they are assured of grand support this could be their chance of retaining the title.

The Ashbourne is always a good competition and well worth seeing and it is expected that Cork followers will turn out in force to cheer the U.C.C. girls along.

In addition to the Ashbourne there is a Losers Shield. This is for the competition between Saturday's defeated semi-finalists and will be played prior to the big game on Sunday.

Tremendous duel as U.C.D. win

By MICHAEL ELLARD
U.C.D. 4-2, U.C.C. 3-3

ALTHOUGH it looked like toppling on many occasions, the Ashbourne Cup, All-Ireland camogie universities championship crown was planted on the wet heads of the girls of University College, Dublin, for the third year in a row at the Mardyke yesterday when they notched two points in the last five minutes to crush the buoyant hopes of the home university.

Despite the appalling weather conditions, this was an Ashbourne Cup final which will be long remembered for its tremendous hurling, its grandstand finish and above all the magnificent displays of two camogie starlets, Liz Garvan, U.C.C.'s Cork and Munster player, and Ann Carroll, U.C.D.'s Kilkenny and Leinster inter-provincial.

For Miss Carroll it was an hour of glory as she first landed three goals, each coming when U.C.C. looked like gaining a victory initiative, and she put the seal on a sterling fifty minutes performance by pushing over the two all-important points. In contrast it was a heart-breaking hour for young Miss Garvan who was undoubtedly the player of the match by notching all of her side's tally and she more than anybody else on view looked like wrestling the title from the Dublin college and bringing it to Cork for the first time in four years.

All through, with fortunes fluctuating with rapidity, it was like a personal contest between these two top-notchers. First it was Miss Garvan in the 9th minute shoving U.C.C. into the lead with a goal, Miss Carroll replied with an equaliser in the 15th minute but a minute later the blonde U.C.C. centre forward sent a 25 yard shot all the way to the net.

However, it was a case of "what you can do, I can do also" as Carroll sent a 30 yard free home to equalise once more. And then in the 22nd minute the holders took the lead for the first time when corner forward Nora Stewart pounced on a loose ball and shot home from the edge of the square. But camogie wizard Miss Garvan in unstoppable form sent Cork into the break on level terms at three goals apiece.

In a hectic second half Cork looked like gaining the upper hand and eventually go onto their twentieth title. Nora Mary Lynch, her namesake Honor, and Deirdre Garvan, a sister of Liz, began to get a firm grip on the midfield and they constantly sent their forwards buzzing into attack. But alas their full forward trio failed to make any impression and when they did manage to evade the clutches of

the Dublin rearguard of Brenda Devlin, Ann Mary O'Loughlin and Mary O'Hehir, which was infrequent, they ran up against a sparkling U.C.D. goalkeeper Sheila Murray.

But still U.C.C. looked to have the ace trump in the pack in Miss Garvan; coolly she landed two points from 30's in the first ten minutes of the second half but if Dublin failed to contain Garvan so too did Cork fail to keep Miss Carroll out of the danger zone and in the 16th minute the Kilkenny girl sent Dublin into the lead when she lofted a free into the net. But a minute later Miss Garvan pointed another 30 to level the scores 3-3 to 4-0.

This proved to be Cork's last score. Miss Carroll shot over two points from long range and though the Cork University persisted in attack right up to the end they could never pierce the Dublin goaline held spectacularly by the resolute Miss Murray. Bonquets to both sides for such an outstanding exhibition of camogie in conditions more conducive to an evening's television viewing.

Scorers: U.C.D., Ann Carroll 3-2; Nora Stewart 1-0; U.C.C., Liz Garvan 3-3.

U.C.D., S. Murray; B. Devlin, Ann Mary O'Loughlin, M. O'Hehir; V. O'Sullivan; V. Fingleton, A. Carroll, M. Cloosik; C. Harrington; E. Long, N. O'Sullivan, N. Stewart.

U.C.C.—M. Lynch; M. Long; M. O'Brien, M. O'Driscoll; R. Long; Nora Mary Lynch, H. Lynch, D. Garvin; L. Garvan; L. O'Connor, B. Field, A. O'Dwyer. Referee: Mrs. Murray (Antrim).

SEMI FINALS

In the semi-finals on Saturday U.C.D. were taken to extra time by a strong U.C.G. team and it was a goal by C. Harrington which finally pushed the holders through, on the score 4-4 to 3-4. U.C.G. fought hard and opened with a goal after five minutes. And they went into the break still in front, 2-1 to 2-0.

Scorers—U.C.D., M. Ni Suilleabhain 2-1; C. Harrington 1-0; N. Stewart 1-0; A. Carroll 0-2; U.C.G., P. Feeney 2-1; J. Murphy 1-0.

In direct contrast U.C.C. suffered no difficulty in securing their final ticket by readily defeating Queen's University 6-0 to 0-0. It was all one way traffic as forecasted and with Liz Garvan once again in scoring form, she ended with a personal tally of 1-5, the Cork side cruised home. They led by three goals and two points at the break and with their hot forward line snatching all the chances that came their way they ran out very easy winners. Scorers: U.C.C., B. Field 5-0; A. O'Dwyer 2-0; L. Garvan 1-5; D. Garvin 0-1.

U.C.G. 4-1; Queen's University 2-1

U.C.G. took the Corn an Durhach, the trophy for the losing semi-finalists home with them from this camogie festival weekend but they must be considered fortunate to have done so. They clinched their victory with two goals in the necessitated extra time period by the Queens girls who have never won this trophy but have been kicking themselves to have allowed the game slip from their grasp. Queens led at the interval 1-1 to 0-1.

Scorers: U.C.G., J. Murphy, J. Murphy 2-0; K. Carmody 1-0; M. Scarswell 0-1, and P. Feeney 0-1; Queens: A. Macdon 1-0; J. McGraner 1-0; K. McAteer 0-1.

Miss McAnulty On Council

All camogie followers, and indeed all interested in women's sport, will be glad to hear that Miss Sheila McAnulty, general secretary of the Camogie Association, has been appointed to the Sports Council by Mr. Michael O'Kennedy, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education.

A native of Warrenpoint, Miss McAnulty was president of the Camogie Association before becoming secretary, which position she has held since the early 1950's.

Miss McAnulty, who is Area Manager (Ireland) of Associated Engineering (Sales) Ltd. was temporarily indisposed last month when the names of the Sports Council were originally announced, so her appointment was then deferred until her acceptance was received. She attended the inaugural meeting of the council yesterday thus bringing the number of women on the 22-strong body to three!

SOUTH PRES. P.P. ANNUAL MEETING

South Presentation P.P. Camogie Club held their annual meeting recently. The meeting reviewed the success of the club during the past year, when it retained the county championship, having won their first title only the previous year. Thus they went on to captain the All-Ireland senior team and bring the trophy to Cork after a long wait. The Munster club title was another victory gained by the club and they now meet St. Pauls, Kilkenny, in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Club Championship on March 14 in Kilkenny.

Officers elected at the meeting were: Chairman, Mrs. D. Harley; treasurer, Mrs. P. Caderan; secretary, Mrs. B. Gibbons; captain, Miss Betty Sozru; vice-captain, Mrs. T. Golden. The club's victory dinner and dance will be held on Friday next, February 26, at the Sunset Rider Motel. Everyone is welcome and tickets are available from club members.



NOT THE GOALIE'S DAY! — The trials and tribulations of a goalkeeper is seen in the above pictures taken during the Ashbourne Cup final between U.C.C. and U.C.D., at the Mardyke, Cork, as Sheila Murray (U.C.D.) tries to defend her fortress. In the top picture, the ball was in the net for Cork's second goal, and in the others Sheila is under pressure (!) from Ann O'Dwyer (U.C.C.). — ("Examiner")

CAMOGIE

In camogie, the county senior panel have been warned in no uncertain terms that no carelessness or laxity with regard to training will be tolerated in the coming year. The newly-elected county chairman, Mr. Paddy Doyle, Thurles, who is also team trainer, spoke out strongly on this matter, and said that only in very exceptional cases would any player, established or otherwise, be excused attendance at county training sessions. But for the lack of interest in training last year, Tipperary would have retained their Munster title, instead of surrendering it to Cork. The county senior team goes into training at the end of the month. Officers elected for the coming year are: Chairman, Paddy Doyle; Vice-Chairman, Paddy Corrigan, Knockshagowna; Secretary, Kitty Flaherty, Clonmel; Treasurer, Beatrice Lawrence, Clonmel; Munster Council delegates, K. Flaherty and B. Lawrence; delegate to Congress, Michael Hassett, Ballytarsna.

The camogie form-book took quite a beating during the two-day Ashbourne Cup series at Cork last weekend.

In the opening game unfancied U.C.G. took holders U.C.D. to extra time before the Dublin side struggled through to the final.

Then Galway themselves had to go to extra time to defeat Queens in the Shield decider and finally U.C.C. who started warmest of favourites to take the title from U.C.D. had to give best to the holders in as exciting an Ashbourne final as I have seen.

Considering the driving rain, high wind and greasy ball, the speed and standard of the play was remarkable. Right through the first half we saw a sharp-shooting battle between Ann Carroll and Liz Garvan, with Cork's All-Ireland star shooting three goals to the Kilkenny expert's two, but Nora Stuart finished off a polished U.C.D. forward movement for a third goal and so the teams stood level at the interval.

In the second half, the Carroll-Garvan scoring duel continued, they shared all the remaining scores between them.

MEMORABLE

But the player who really stole the show in the second half was the Dublin senior county player, Sheila Murray, who gave a display that will be talked about as long as camogie is played on the Mardyke pitch.

Cork, downhill now, and with the whip of the wind partly behind them, swarmed in the Dublin fourteen yard line, but the Dublin keeper defied the best efforts of the whole Cork attack, and must be accorded the major share in her team's somewhat unexpected victory.

For Ann Carroll playing in her last Ashbourne—she is in her final year as an architectural student—this was a fitting finish to her inter-varsity career as she gained her fourth Ashbourne medal.

Liz Garvan promises to be just as great an asset to U.C.C. in the future but on Sunday last I thought her colleagues were far too much inclined to let her do all the work. Brilliantly though she played she could not be expected to be a whole forward line in herself.

SPIRITED

Galway, well led by Jane Murphy, showed plenty of spirit and will be very hard to beat on home ground next season, while Queen's upset on the first day due to injury of one of their players in a traffic accident before ever they left Belfast, showed a great improvement on Sunday and looked the most promising side to come out of the Belfast University in a decade.

The uncertainty about the proposed teachers' strike has provided problems for the Colleges competitions. However, the games continue as scheduled for the time being.

Two further games in the Leinster junior competition were decided last weekend, with a promising side from the F.C.J. Bunclody accounting for Dominican Convent, Slon Hill, and the junior squad from Presentation, Mountmellick.

FORM TAKES A RAP

Just getting the better of Gilson School in a well-contested game at Oldcastle.

Presentation, Clane come to Dublin to face Presentation, Terenure, while last year's winners, Presentation, Kilcock, are at home to the promising side from Mercy Convent, Cabra.

Mercy Convent, Athboy, travel to Durrrow to tackle the local Presentation team, while last year's winners, Presentation, Kilcock, are at home to the promising side from Mercy Convent, Callan.

The Dublin senior league resumes on Sunday when Austin Stacks, victors over U.C.D. in their only previous outing, should win again when they meet Naomh Aoife, while Eoshan Ruadh look likely to collect both points from Celtic.

Munster Convention, which will be held at Cruise's Hotel, Limerick, on Sunday, has only a couple of motions of general import to discuss.

Limerick would like to see an under-18 or under-21 provincial championship while Kerry want the junior provincial championship confined to the weaker counties.

All outgoing officers will be returned unopposed. They are: Chairman, Lil O'Grady (Cork); vice-chairman, Crios O'Connell (Limerick); secretary, Eilíne Neville (Limerick); treasurer, Mary Moran (Cork); registrar, Kitty Flaherty (Tipperary).

CAMOGIE

Our camogie team were surprisingly defeated by a very good Bishopstown team on Sunday last, on the score of 5-1 to nil. It was evident that we hadn't match practice. Best for us were E. Bailey in goal, S.

Ryan, D. McCarthy, C. Corkery, A. Bevan and K. O'Mahony. The team was: E. Bailey, S. Ryan, R. O'Rourke, D. McCarthy, C. Corkery, N. O'Shea, A. Bevan, M. Cahill, M. Quinlan, K. O'Mahony, M. Collins, J. Tobin (capt).

We hope to enter an under-18 team for the coming year. The captain of this team is U. Smith with B. Meade as vice-captain. More about these young girls next week.

Bunclody Make Colleges Final

Two County Wexford schools, Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy, and F.C.J., Bunclody, will meet in the final of the Southern section of the Leinster Colleges junior camogie championship.

Enniscorthy defeated Presentation, Durrrow, 12-4 to nil at Enniscorthy on Saturday, while at nearby Bunclody the home team accounted for Presentation, Kilkenny, by 4-2 to 0-1.

The winners of the Southern section will meet the Northern winners in the final.

Munster Convention In Limerick On Sunday

THE spotlight is once again on the officers this weekend with Munster Convention due to take place at Cruises Hotel, Limerick, on Sunday. On the home front there are two junior and one intermediate league games down for decision.

Proof of the fine job the current Munster officers are doing is in the fact that all five will be returned unopposed at Munster Convention on Sunday. They are: Chairman, Miss Lil O'Grady (Cork); Vice-Chairman, Miss Crios O'Connell (Limerick); Secretary, Miss Eithne Neville (Limerick); Treasurer, Miss Mary Moran (Cork) and Registrar, Miss Kitty Flaherty, (Tipperary). All five girls are very efficient members of a team and it is no surprise, therefore, that they have no opposition this year.

With the election of officers being a formality the interest will therefore centre on motions and here I will discuss a couple of them.

Limerick seek the introduction of an under-18 or under-21 Munster Championship instead

of the present Secondary competition. Cork would not be in favour of this as it stands, as the Secondary competition has been a valuable training ground for the county. A Cork under-18 or under-21 team would contain a number of colleges players and these girls are already well catered for. Of course, it is difficult for the weaker counties and if they feel that an under-age competition would help them then Cork will not object.

Another of the weaker counties, Kerry, suggest that the strong counties in Munster participate in the senior and secondary championships with the weak counties taking part in the secondary and junior championships.

UNFAIR

Here again Cork have objections. If this motion was passed then Cork would be prohibited from entering the Junior All-Ireland championship. Cork have always done well in this competition, although they have yet to win it, and it would seem rather unfair to prevent a side from entering an All-Ireland competition just because the county is so good. Of course, it is difficult on such counties as

Kerry as there is such a wide gap in ability between them and say Cork. Definitely there is room for a competition to encourage the weaker counties and maybe the under-age competition could be an answer. In any event it will be interesting to see what decision the delegates will come to on Sunday.

Turning to the playing field there are three games listed for Sunday. At Ovens, the home team meet Munster Institute in the Intermediate League. Here the Model Farm girls could prove too strong for Ovens. However the home venue might provide the Ovens girls with the boost they need to win.

Cloyne and Sarsfields will be in opposition at Cloyne in the Junior League and here a win for the home side is likely. The last match of the day will be played at Araglin here. St. Fanahans meet the home team. Again the visitors look the strongest in this tie but Araglin may just snatch a point.

Red Faces In G.A.A.

Facts and figures produced at last Saturday's Central Council meeting by the hard-working poll committee proved conclusively that, commercially speaking, a G.A.A. paper is not a viable proposition.

Even so, there will be a few red faces when a new quarterly "Camogie", hits the newsstands today.

"Camogie" has been produced in their spare time, by eleven Dublin-based camogie players, all young, all still playing, and none of them with any previous experience whatever of producing a magazine.

If eleven girls can turn out a superbly illustrated magazine, that is remarkable value for 15 new pence, surely it is time all the male Gaels who have been clamouring for G.A.A. papers and magazines stopped talking, and got down to doing the requisite work themselves!

Move to cater for youth

THE most significant decision taken at last Sunday's Munster Convention at Limerick was to inaugurate a Munster Under 18 Championship. Limerick, who have been pressing for this competition for some years, feel that its introduction will make the game more attractive to the younger age group.

Kerry's motion, which seeks to confine the stronger counties to the Munster Senior Championship and limit the Munster Junior Championship to the weaker counties, will be passed on to Congress. Only Congress has the power to grade counties for All-Ireland Championships.

The delegates reviewed a successful year. Heartening progress was reported from Kerry and Clare, who are generally considered to be the weakest counties in the Province. In all 82 clubs are affiliated to the Council. The highlight of the year was, of course, Cork's success in the All-Ireland Senior Championship.

In her address, the Chairman, Miss Lil O'Grady stressed the importance of maintaining our national identity. She hoped that the change in the dancing rule introduced last year would help to popularise cheer.

On the subject of referees she urged more players and ex-players to offer their services for this job in return for the experience they had got from the game. She underlined the importance of spreading the game in the Colleges to ensure expansion and higher standards of play for the future.

Present at the meeting was Miss Shelia McNulty, General Sec. of the Camogie Association and a member of the new National Sports Council.

Officers for 1971: Chairman: Miss Lil O'Grady (Cork); Vice-Chairman: Miss Crios O'Connell (Limerick); Secretary: Miss Eithne Neville (Limerick); Treasurer: Miss Mary Moran (Cork); Registrar: Mrs. Kitty Flaherty (Tipperary).

Munster Championship Draws: Senior—Cork v Tipperary (Cork venue).

Junior—A: Cork v Waterford; B: Clare v Tipperary; C: Limerick v winners of A; D: Kerry v winners of B.

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

Inter-Club—A: Waterford v Clare; B: Kerry v Tipperary; C: Limerick v winners of A; D: Cork v winners of B.

Camogie star —Liz Garvan



LAST YEAR Cork's camogie team took the All-Ireland Championship for the first time since 1941 when they had a tremendous victory over Kilkenny, defeating them by two goals and five points. One of the stars of that side was Liz Garvan of Old Aloysians and she helped Cork to victory by scoring three goals and six points.

At 19 years of age, Liz must surely hold one of the most brilliant sports records of any of her female counterparts. At 15, and still attending school, she was a member of the 1967 Cork intermediate team and made such an impression that she won her place on the Cork senior side which took the 1969 Munster championship and got through to the All-Ireland final.

Liz's achievements in the sports field has, no doubt, been influenced by her family background. Her father, Mr. Peadar Garvan, was a prominent hurler and played in the senior grade with Sarsfields, while both her sisters have made their names with St. Als.

Her rise to fame in the camogie field could be described as phenomenal. When St. Als "A" team won the Cork Schools League and the Championship in 1966, Liz was on the side, and she was then only 14. Last year she captained the St. Als side which took the League, the Championship and the Munster Colleges Championship.

Her accomplishments have not been confined merely to the camogie field, and she has proved herself an exponent of tennis in no insignificant fashion. Liz's prowess on the tennis court has won for her the Sunday's Well Munster Junior Championship, the South of Ireland Championship and the Collins Cup, and she got through to the final of the Irish Close Championship where she was defeated by Niamh Glenn of Leinster.

It's Good To See Old Als Back In The Limelight

THIS week congratulations are in order for Old Aloysians and Miss Liz Garvan. On Sunday last Old Aloysians won last season's senior league while during the week Liz Garvan was selected as Munster Camogie Star of 1971.

In winning the League title, Old Als had the services of Liz Garvan for the last time as she is studying at the university this year and will, of course, line out for U.C.C. But it was good to see her win a senior title with her old club and it was good to see Old Als back on the winning trail.

It was no surprise to camogie followers when Liz Garvan was announced as Munster Camogie Star. Liz has had a tremendous season and who will ever forget her memorable performance in the All-Ireland final when Cork won the title after 29 years. Liz was also a member of the St. Aloysius School team which won the Munster Colleges title and played for the Munster team in the Gael Linn Cup. She was also a member of the U.C.C. team which was narrowly defeated by U.C.D. in the Ashbourne Cup two weeks ago.

ON U.C.C. SIDE.

Liz will be lining out with U.C.C. again on Sunday when they meet Youghal in the opening game of the new senior league. U.C.C. were disappointed at their failure to win the Ashbourne on their own ground and are determined to make up for this by doing well in the senior competitions. They have a good side this season with such prominent players as Honor Lynch, Margaret Long, Deirdre Gavan, Mary O'Brien, and Nora May Lynch. So that Youghal will need to be at their best. The seaside girls, however, have the advantage of a home venue and are always a formidable side in Youghal. These teams will also meet in the first round of the senior championship and it will be very interesting to see how they fare in this "pre-view". Of course, the points involved in this tie are all-important as a good beginning is so vital in the senior league, and with Youghal having such fine players as Pat Moloney, Siobhan Parker, Mary Joyce and Mary Barron, they will be determined to gain both. Youghal will be without their inter-county star, Mary Jo Ryan for this occasion but they can still do well.

The only other tie listed is an Intermediate League tie at Ovens, where the home side meet Blarney. The latter are so far unbeaten in the league, while Ovens, although two points down, had a good win over Munster Institute in their last outing. So this promises to be a very exciting game. Blarney with a home pitch and with such grand players as Anna Gaffey, Mary Heelan, B. White and Cora, Pauline and Mary Humphries, would appear likely winners, but Noreen Lucey, Marian Lucey, Kiera Callanan and R. O'Leary could lead Ovens to close that two point gap between the sides.

CAMOGIE MAGAZINE

At last we have our own magazine. Having depended on getting space in various sporting magazines in the past, it is good to see our very own publication in the limelight. Called simply "Camogie", the first edition is available from the Co. Board, price 15p. This edition will be of particular interest to Cork readers as the cover features Anne Comerford, captain of the Cork team, raising the cup after winning the All-Ireland title. Inside it also features an article

by Anne entitled "My Proudest Moment". In addition there is an article on All-Ireland day with plenty of action photographs. There are also very interesting articles on coaching, colleges and schools camogie as well as an article about actress Siobhan McKenna, who once played camogie herself. In all, this is a grand magazine with plenty of reading for any sports follower — not alone camogie — and is a credit to Miss Jo Golden, the editor, and the remainder of her grand team.

Jo is a native of Kilkenny, went to school in Ennis and

graduated from U.C.D. She holds Ashbourne, All-Ireland, club, Leinster and Gael Linn Cup medals and is the only goalkeeper ever to captain Leinster to interprovincial victory. She now teaches in that cradle of the game, Scoil Cathriona, Eccles Street, Dublin.

FIXTURES

Sunday, at Ovens, I.L., Blarney v Ovens, 12 noon (Innis-carra referee).
At Youghal, S.I., U.C.C. v Youghal (Cloyne referee).
The game between Glanworth and St. Ita's is off.

CAMOGIE
ULSTER COLLEGES—Senior—Final
—St. Clares, Newry (holders) 7-1,
Magherafelt 1-0. Junior Final: St.
Louis (Kilkeel) 5-1, St. Dominics
(Belfast) 1-0.

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Liz Garvan, the Cork All-Ireland star, is back in the camogie news. When the Munster All-Stars awards were announced last week, she was nominated as the Southern province's outstanding camogie player of the year. At the same time, her club, Old Aloysians, for whom she played before going to U.C.C., sprang a surprise last weekend when they defeated county champions South Presentation in the final of the Cork Senior League.

Old Als had not won this title for ten years, and took the honours in a most exciting finish. In the closing stages they were hanging on desperately to a two-point lead as South Pres. moved their All-Ireland defender, Hanna Dineen, up to attack in an endeavour to save the day. But Old Als, defied that late onset, and broke away just before the end for a clinching goal and a five-point victory.

This defeat must have shaken the confidence of South Presentation, who are in training for their All-Ireland club championship semi-final against the holders, St. Paul's, Kilkenny, at Kilkenny on Sunday week.

HEARTENING

The first of these semi-finals takes place at Breaffy, Co. Mayo, on Sunday between two sides that have never previously won their way to this stage, the Mayo champions, Breaffy, and the champions of Derry, Bellaghy.

The Mayo girls had a good win over Four Roads, the Roscommon title-holders in the Connacht final, but the Derry

side had an even more heartening victory when they defeated Antrim champions, Deirdre of Belfast, who have an outstanding record in this competition in Ulster. Home ground will be a big advantage to the Mayo champions, but Bellaghy, on the strength of their Ulster achievements, get the vote to advance to the final. The Galway champions did not take part in the western series as the county was out of action in the Autumn when the competition was played.

LIMELIGHT

Now that the school strike has been called off, the road is clear for the completion of the Colleges series. Last week-end saw both finals played in Ulster, where, at Casement park, holders Sacred Heart, Newry retained their Senior senior title with a clear cut victory over Derry challengers from Magherafelt.

In the junior final, the girls from St. Louis Convent, Kilkeel, came back into the limelight with a good win over St. Dominic's from Belfast.

In the senior grade, Newry, who were only narrowly defeated in the final last year by Presentation Kilkenny, now meet St. Aloysius of Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final on March 13. This game will be played at a Northern venue, which will probably be

Old Aloysians regain Cork league title

Old Aloysians 3-8;
South Pres. P.P. 3-3

After a lapse of a decade Old Aloysians won the Cork Senior League at the expense of the holders, South Pres. P.P. at St. Aloysius Grounds on Sunday morning. Played in ideal weather conditions, the game produced the excitement and atmosphere of a championship encounter.

There was little between the sides in the first half. South Pres. lead by 2-2 to 1-2 at the change-over due mainly to a pair of goals by Kay Dunne. Old Als made up the leeway on the resumption with a well-taken goal by Mairead O'Regan.

A string of points by Liz Garvan was nullified by a Mary Whelton goal. In the last ten minutes South Pres. mounted attack after attack but the Old Als defence held out in the face of tremendous pressure. A long range goal by Liz Garvan in the closing minutes put the issue beyond doubt and ended the most barren period in Old Als' history.

Marion O'Leary, Liz Garvan, Anne McAuliffe and Mairead O'Regan were in great form for the winners. South Pres. were best served by Betty Sugrue, Marian Keohane, Marion McCarthy and Annette O'Donoghue.

Scorers: Old Als—L. Garvan (1-7), M. O'Regan (2-0), K. O'Regan (0-1). South Pres.: K. Dunne (2-0), M. Whelton (1-0), A. Comerford (0-2), and M. McCarthy (0-1).

Old Als: M. Moran, M. Garvan, M. O'Leary, R. Long, N. Jennings, C. Desmond, A. McAuliffe, M. Murphy, K. O'Regan, L. Garvan, M. O'Regan and R. Hennessy.

South Pres.: M. Cummins, M. Crowley, S. Golden, B. Sugrue, M. Keohane, H. Dineen, A. O'Donoghue, B. Gibbons, K. Dunne, M. McCarthy, A. Comerford, M. Whelton.

Top Award For Liz Garvan

announced at the week-end.

Leinster champions, Presentation Mountmellick, are already through to the other semi-final in which they are scheduled to meet the Connacht champions on March 20. This game will be played at a Connacht venue.

EVENLY CONTESTED

The Dublin senior league, in which only a couple of points separate the top and bottom teams, has never been more evenly contested, and next Sunday's games could make the contests to come more intriguing still. Celtic, who made a bad start, redeemed themselves by scoring a very merited victory over Eoghan Ruadh last time out, and will therefore field very hopefully against Sunday's rivals, U.C.D.

When these teams met last, in the McCarthy Cup early in the season, Celtic gained a narrow victory, but the students are now a far better drilled outfit. They are the holders, are four points down and must win if they are to maintain any hope of retaining their title. They may narrowly avenge that pre-Christmas defeat.

In the other game, Eoghan Ruadh, also four points down, face county champions Austin Stacks, who dropped their only points to unfancied Naomh Aoife last time out. Eoghan Ruadh will be hard to beat, but Stacks are unlikely to lapse again.

St Als And South Pres P.P. Seek Places In All Ireland Finals

MARCH 1971

THIS weekend is a very important one for Cork camogie. On tomorrow (Saturday) St. Aloysius School travel to Carrickmacross to play St. Clares (Newry), in the All-Ireland Colleges semi-final while South Presentation Past Pupils travel to Kilkenny to meet St. Paul's in the All-Ireland Inter-Club semi-final on Monday.

St. Aloysius have been knocking at the door of the Colleges championship for the past few years. For the past four years they have taken the Munster Colleges Championship and two years ago they reached the decider. However, they have yet to take the title. Last season they were defeated by Presentation College, Kilkenny, in the semi-final and since then they have lost the services of Liz Garvan, Rose Long, Mairead O'Regan and Ann O'Dwyer, all vital cogs in their highly successful line-up last year. However they still have a number of experienced players and in their games so far this season they have shown that they are still a very strong force in schools camogie. They have a grand goalie in Lizzie Burns while at full back they have the very talented Marion O'Leary. The half back trio of Margaret O'Sullivan, Brid McAuliffe and Nuala Jennings are all experienced defenders.

Val O'Dwyer, Anne O'Sullivan and Judy Walsh make-up a very useful centrefield while in the forward line they have Geraldine Butler, Rosie Hennessy, Colette Desmond and Phil Walsh, who are all capable of snapping up opportunities. Rosie won an All-Ireland senior medal with the Cork team this season and she is the leading light in this St. Als. side.

St. Als however will be up against very strong opposition tomorrow. St. Clare's won the Northern title with considerable ease. They defeated Maherafelt 5-1 to 0-1 in the Ulster final this season. Last year they also won in Ulster and went on to defeat Presentation, Oranmore in the All-Ireland semi-final. However, they too lost to Presentation, Kilkenny in a low scoring final. St. Clares have always proved a difficult side to defeat. They seem to have the ability to throw a side out of its stride and always to play the game at their own pace. Then again St. Als have the long journey to the game which would seem to stack the odds against them. But St. Als away seem to play better when they are underdogs and if confidence has anything to do

with it then I expect to see the Cork girls in Croke Park for the final in a few weeks time.

EIGHT KILKENNY PLAYERS

South Presentation Past Pupils will make their first appearance in the semi-final stage of the Inter-Club Championship when they meet the holders, St. Pauls on Sunday. St. Pauls have made a special niche for themselves in this competition, and are always a difficult side to defeat. They have no less than eight of the Kilkenny side which was defeated by Cork in the All-Ireland final. They are Helena O'Neill, Nuala Duncan, Carmel O'Shea, Liz Neary, who must be one of the most promising players in the country at the moment, Maura Cassin, Joan Kelly, Mary Conway and Breda Cassin. However they have lost the services of Anne Carroll and Jo Golden of their All-Ireland winning team and this could give South Pres. the chance they need.

South Pres. have been dominating senior camogie in Cork for the past two seasons. They have a number of the winning Cork team on their side and have a tremendous team spirit.

In goal they have Mel Cummins who played such a major role in Cork's great win this season. Then in a very strong defence they have another Cork player Hannah Dineen. They are very talented too in the centre-field where they have two inter-county players in Anne Comerford and Betty Sugrue. Perhaps their weakest sector is the forward line which will have to improve if they are to do well against a strong Kilkenny defence.

Their first defeat for some time came two weeks ago when Old Aloysians defeated them to take the senior league title. This defeat will not help their confidence on Sunday but on the other hand it may serve as a warning to them and spur them on to great things. Certainly followers will hope so as this title has yet to come to Cork. Another incentive must be that should South Pres. win the championship they will complete a grand double for Cork, — two senior All-Ireland titles.

On the home front there are a number of league games listed, all on Sunday. At Glanworth the home side takes on Churchtown in the intermediate league while at Castlemagner, Araglin will meet the home side, in the junior

league. There are two under 18 league games listed. At Rochestown, the local girls meet Ballinlough while Cloyne and St. Ita's clash at the former's venue.

Kilkenny side qualify again

St. Pauls 3-4
South Presentation PPU ... 3-2

St. Pauls (Kilkenny), holders of the All-Ireland Camogie Club Championship for the past two years, qualified for yet another final when they defeated South Presentation PPU (Cork) 3-4 to 3-2 in the semi-final at St. Johns Park, Kilkenny, yesterday.

The winners led all through. The Cork girls made a determined bid in the closing stages and, although they reduced the leeway, they were unable to get on terms against a sound defence.

The winners were best served by H. O'Neill, C. O'Shea, A. Phelan and the Cassin twins. For the losers, Betty Sugrue, Anne Comerford, Sheila Golden, M. Weldon and M. McCarthy were best.

Scorers: St. Pauls — H. O'Neill 2-1, M. Cassin 0-2, M. Conway 1-0, C. O'Shea 0-1; South Presentation PPU — B. Sugrue, M. Weldon, M. McCarthy 1-0 each, A. Comerford 0-2.

St. Pauls—T. O'Neill, N. Duncan, A. Phelan, K. Brennan, C. O'Shea, C. Doyle, H. O'Neill, M. Cassin, B. Cassin, P. O'Shea, M. Conway, M. O'Neill.

South Presentation PPU — E. Cummins, M. Crowley, S. Golden, H. Dineen, M. Keogh, A. O'Donovan, B. Gibbons, B. Sugrue, M. Weldon, M. McCarthy, A. Comerford, K. Dunne.

St. Als Beaten

St. Clare's Newry beat St. Aloysius Cork by two goals to one point in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Colleges camogie championship at Carrickmacross.

In a first class game of camogie, the Newry team dominated the exchanges having particularly strong hold at centre field where Ann McGuinness and Vickie Cummins had an outstanding game.

At half-time, despite St. Clares advantage there was no score and the winning side raised their first flag ten minutes into the second half when Bernie Rushe scored a good goal from play.

The second goal was scored by Cecilia McConville, five minutes later and the Cork colleges point was deflected over the bar by a St. Clare's defender in the closing stages of the game.

St. Aloysius had a particularly strong defensive lineout in which Margaret O'Sullivan, Marion O'Leary and Nuala Jennings captured much of the limelight. Anne O'Sullivan also played well for Cork at centre-field while Geraldine Butler was the pick of the forwards.

Rosie Hennessy also worked hard for St. Aloysius. Best for St. Clares were Marion Courtney, Anne McCone, Ann McGuinness, Vicki Cummins and Anne Rooney.

TEAMS
St. Aloysius: E. Byrne, M. O'Sullivan, M. O'Leary, N. Jennings, B. McAuliffe, J. Walsh, R. O'Sullivan, V. O'Dwyer, R. Hennessy, C. Desmond, G. Butler, P. Walsh.

St. Clares: H. Lambe, M. McParland, L. O'Rourke, M. Courtney, A. McCone, A. McGuinness, V. Cummins, A. Rooney, S. Burns, K. McNulty, B. Burke, C. McConville.
Referee: Mrs. Purcell, Dublin.

Breaffy Get Thrashing

BELLAGHY 6-2
BREAFFY 0-1

In the semi-final of the All-Ireland Camogie club championship at Breaffy, Castlebar, Bellaghy (Derry) thrashed Breaffy by 6-2 to 0-1.

At half time the winners led by 3-1 to nil and when the final whistle sounded the scoreboard read 6-2 to 0-1.

Bellaghy's victory was not unexpected. They were faster, and a more convincing team. Their line-out included seven inter-Country players, led by Theresa Cassidy, the former Antrim goalkeeper, who won an All-Ireland medal at the age of 14.

Others to shine in the Northern side were Kathleen Marron, Phil Molloy and Noleen McNally.

Scorers: Bellaghy — M. McNally (2-0), M. McPeake, Evelyn Mackel (1-1 each), T. Cassidy, P. Moloy (1-0 each), Breaffy—G. Gordon (0-1).

Referee — Nuala Mangan (Dublin).



● Bellaghy (Derry) who beat Breaffy (Castlebar) in the All-Ireland Club Camogie semi-final

Austin Stacks will take no chances

By UNA

All Dublin camogie games were washed out last Sunday, but this made no difference to the schedule at top level as there were no senior ties listed. However, tomorrow provides followers with intriguing fare on the senior scene, as both matches scheduled have a big bearing on the ultimate outcome.

County champions Austin Stacks have played two matches. They won their first against holders U.C.D. and then seemed well set for the double. But, last time out, they were sensationally defeated by the bottom club, Naomh Aoife, and now must face their third outing, against Eoghan Ruadh tomorrow, with some misgivings.

Eoghan Ruadh are four points down and indeed, after a good start have lost their last two games, to U.C.D. and Celtic. They must win now to stay in the competition with any kind of chance, and Eoghan Ruadh, when fully determined, are never easily beaten. It should be a very close battle, but I think Austin Stacks, forewarned by that loss to Naomh Aoife, will take no chances this time.

The issue in the second game seems even more open. Celtic last time out scored a merited victory over Eoghan Ruadh. Celtic look to be playing better now. But U.C.D. have since greatly strengthened their own morale by going to Cork and there retaining the Ashbourne Cup against all the odds. They are a far fitter and more combined side now than they were three months ago, and I think they are capable of reversing that McCarthy Cup verdict and keeping themselves in the League race by taking both points.

What a great year it has been for the former Celtic player Mary Moran. As county chairman she helped steer Cork to no fewer than four Munster titles and the All-

Ireland senior crown. In addition she herself collected an All-Ireland medal with the county senior side as reserve goal-keeper.

Now she has collected yet another honour as her club, Old Aloysians, last Sunday won the Cork senior league title with Mary herself in goal. It is some years since Old Als won this title, and Mary was again on the winning side on that occasion.

The inter-county season resumes tomorrow when, at Breaffy, in Co. Mayo, the home side, as provincial winners, take on Ulster standard bearers Belaghy, from Derry, in the first semi-final of the All-Ireland club championship.

However, Belaghy's win in Ulster seems to have been the greater achievement, as they defeated Delirdre from Antrim, who are something of Ulster club-competition specialists, in the provincial final. Breaffy took the Connacht title by defeating the Roscommon representatives, Four Roads, but in the absence of any Galway representatives it is hard to judge the true worth of the Mayo girls until we see how they fare tomorrow.

The second semi-final, which will be played tomorrow week, will bring the holders, St. Pauls, Kilkenny, up against the Cork champions, South Presentation. South Pres. will be all out to prove that their recent defeat in the Cork League final was merely a temporary lapse.

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St. Paul's Bid For Record Third Cup

BY AGNES HOURIGAN

WHETHER they win or lose against Ulster and Derry champions Bellaghy in the decider at Bellaghy on March 28, the St. Paul's camogie club from Kilkenny have already set a record in the All-Ireland club championship. They are the only team ever to reach this final in three successive years.

Moreover, as they have already won the last two titles they must be in with a great chance of setting a further record by taking the cup for the third successive year. Indeed, St. Paul's have a most remarkable record in this competition since they first entered.

Flattering

The first time they competed they reached the All-Ireland final, only to lose to the holders, St. Patrick's, the then Tipperary champions from Glengoose-Ballingarry. In the following year they reached the Leinster final, but lost narrowly to Dublin's Eoghan Ruadh, who went on to take the All-Ireland crown after a draw and replay with Galway's Oranmore.

Since then St. Paul's have reigned supreme in Ireland and Leinster.

They have won four Leinster titles in five years, are in the All-Ireland final for the fourth time in five seasons and during that period have only been defeated twice. True, they were at times hard-run last Sunday by Cork and Munster champions South Presentation, but the final two point margin was a little flattering to the Cork girls who only came back into contention with some late scores.

South Pres. were handicapped by the absence for most of the game of All-Ireland captain Anne Comerford. Despite a previous injury, she did come on late in the game and made a considerable difference but St. Paul's were without their Dublin-domiciled inter-provincial star, Liz Neary, who was unable to travel, and also missed the injured Patricia Cody.

Effective

St. Paul's have to travel to Ballaghy for the final, but, back to full strength, a third-in-a-row victory does not seem beyond their capabilities.

We had another All-Ireland semi-final last weekend—the colleges game in which Sacred

Heart Newry proved too good for Munster champions St. Aloysius of Cork.

Through the field, the Newry girls were the far more effective side, but it took their forwards until well into the second half to snatch the match-winning scores from an extremely competent Cork defence.

On the other hand, the Newry defence, well marshalled by Armagh All-Ireland player Ann McCone, readily contained the Cork attack in which even senior All-Ireland star Rosie Hennessy was unable to make any real headway.

Newry are thus in the All-Ireland final for the second successive year, and should know their opponents tomorrow afternoon when Leinster champions, Presentation Mountmellick, meet Connacht champions, Presentation Oranmore, at Oranmore. The Galway school also reached this stage a year ago, losing narrowly to Newry in the semi-final, but they faced stiffer competition in the West this year and are reputed to be a better side now.

Mountmellick, very impressive in their Leinster win, may suffer from the fact that they have not had a competitive game since winning the title last December. But, if Marion Conroy is back to her best, she could carry them through.

In the Leinster junior series, there was a tremendous contest between the two Wexford sides, Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy and F.C.J., Bunclody, before the Enniscorthy girls won their way to the Purcell Cup final with a late goal.

This was Bunclody's first year in competitive camogie and they have certainly shown tremendous promise. Enniscorthy, on the other hand, must now be favourites to take their first title, though they must wait a little longer to discover who their last rivals will be.

The other semi-final rests between Mercy Convent Callan and Mountmellick, who are seeking the Leinster double. Callan, however, who had a brilliant win over Presentation Clane last weekend, will play Mountmellick at Mountmellick on Sunday next.

As the camogie pitches in Phoenix Park are waterlogged, all Dublin camogie games fixed for tomorrow and Sunday have been called off.



A KEEN SUPPORTER—"Cork Examiner" Sports Star for camogie, Liz Garvan, pictured in full cry during the Cork-Tipperary National Hurling League match at Thurles on Sunday. ("Echo")

Presentation in first final

Presentation Coll., Mountmellick, 4-2; Pres. Convent, Oranmore, 3-1

PRESENTATION COLLEGE, Mountmellick, qualified for their first All-Ireland Colleges' Camogie final by narrowly defeating a gallant side from Presentation Convent, Oranmore, at Ballinacorney, yesterday.

Mountmellick were on top in the first half when they led 3-2 to 2-0, but they had to withstand a great Oranmore rally before clinching the issue with a goal in the dying minutes of the game.

Scorers: Mountmellick — M. Scully (2-0), M. Delaney (1-0), M. Delahunty (1-0), and M. Conroy (0-2). Oranmore—G. Kelly (2-0), P. Moran (1-0), M. O'Dea (0-1).

Enniscorthy best in camogie final

Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy, 3; F.C.J. Convent, Bunclody, 2

THE ALL-WEXFORD final of the Southern Division of the Leinster Colleges' Junior Camogie championship, between Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy, and F.C.J. Convent, Bunclody, at Enniscorthy, yesterday, proved a real thriller, with victory going to the home side by the odd goal in five.

Bunclody, with the advantage of the wind, led by two goals to nil at the interval, but a great second half rally saw Enniscorthy snatch the winner through Geraldine Dempsey seven minutes from the finish. Their other goals were gained by Ann Spratt and Bridget Higgins. Bunclody scorers were Katherine Power and Shiela Kelly.

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Nobly - P. O'Shea, J. Kelly, P. Condy, T. Brennan, A. McGinley, E. Doyle, A. Downey.

Bold move

By SHOTHAR

THE ULSTER Inter-County Camogie season opens today with four Maguire Cup matches. Two of the games are at Armagh who are taking the bold course of having two teams in the competition, one in "A" Section and one in "B" Section.

The fixture list is: "A" Section — Armagh v. Antrim, Derry v. Down. "B" Section — Armagh v. Monaghan, Tyrone v. Fermanagh. Both the Armagh games will be played at Monbrief, outside Lurgan, their "A" team appearing against Antrim at 3.0, and the "B" side, v. Monaghan, at 4.0. Derry and Down meet at Gulladuff and the Tyrone-Fermanagh game will be at Dunganon.

Sue Cashman returns to county camogie today, after a long lay-off. Sue makes a very welcome come-back to the Antrim side, but not-so-good news is that Moya Forde, Antrim's famous full-back, has decided to retire from inter-county camogie.

Pat Crangle, the Down and Ulster Inter-Provincial star, is now resident in Armagh, and is playing for the Clann Eireann team this year. She will also turn out for Armagh.

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Monaghan Camogie Team

Monaghan county camogie team to play Armagh in the Maguire Cup on Sunday next is:

T. McDonnell; A. Boylan, R. Carragher, F. Carragher, M. Callaghan, B. Sherry, C. McDonnell, T. Daly, P. McGreevy, K. Kavanagh, A. Hanratty, P. Ruxton, Subs., P. Burke, P. Flanagan, G. Connolly, K. Kerr, M. Evans, M. McKeown, C. Ruxton.

Camogie star



16-YEARS-OLD MARIE McCARTHY of Ballinhassig, Co. Cork, a pupil of South Presentation Convent, Cork, has captured an unique collection of camogie trophies during the past two years.

The tall graceful schoolgirl image cloaks a very versatile and competitive athlete. Marie, who won her first medal against the Glen at Ballinspittle Carnival in 1968, has now blossomed

into a top-class camogie player. In 1969 she won a senior county championship medal and Munster junior medal.

Last season she really hit the headlines with selectors in all grades duly recognising her talent.

Marie's collection of trophies for 1970 reads: County senior championship medal with South Pres.; three Munster medals (junior, secondary, and senior) and a senior All-Ireland medal.

One of a family of six, her father, Mr. Denis McCarthy, was also a competent wielder of the caman in his young days. Living directly opposite the G.A.A. grounds in Ballinhassig, Marie does not hesitate to "cross swords" with the minors during a training session.

In our picture Marie gets a few words of advice from Cork captain Paddy Barry at the annual dinner of the Ballinhassig Hurling Club at Sunset Ridge Motel, Blarney.

Great Show in Cork

a slippery sod, the students from Cork and Dublin served up camogie of magnificent standard in a fifty-minute thriller.

Despite all the odds, they had been held to a draw by Galway in their semi-final on the previous day and only just scraped through in extra time, the Dublin students snatched victory from the confident Cork girls in as exciting a finish as ever I have seen in long experience of this competition.

To those who did not see the game it may have seemed that the match was little more than a scoring duel between the two All-Ireland stars Liz Garvan for Cork, and Ann Carroll for Dublin. But such was far from being the case as all the players on both sides gave of their best.

For those who were not there, it is well to point out that among the sterling U.C.D. defenders were two girls whose family names are already very well known on the sportsfields. At left back for the winners was Mary O'Hehir, daughter of famed sports commentator, Radio-Television Eireann's Head of Sport, Michael O'Hehir. At right back was Brenda Devlin, whose father Brendan Devlin, the former Tyrone star, U.C.D. club football President and long-standing member of the Dublin G.A.A. Executive died shortly before Christmas.

U.C.D. could also claim that in this series a nun won an award in a major camogie competition for the first time. At full forward they had Máire Ní Shuilleabháin, a former Colleges star, now in religion and an arts student.

There were times in this final when Liz Garvan played even better than she did in the All-Ireland final, but eventually she

had to give best to the better team-work of U.C.D.

Galway had three really outstanding players in Jane Murphy, Claire Conroy and Pat Feehey, but the most promising side of all were the girls from Queen's University, who enjoyed very little luck, but displayed completely unexpected spirit and talent.

In fact I shall look forward with particular interest to the showing of the Queen's side in next year's series at Galway.

The Annual Congress will just be over when this edition of Gaelic Sport appears and it will be interesting to see what happens about the uniforms. There are various motions to have the present one changed, but I would suggest one of two things, that the special committee set up by Central Council to look into uniforms decide the matter or else that a competition be held with a suitable prize going to the originator of whatever style of costume is eventually adopted.

I was glad to see that Munster have substituted a minor (under-18) championship for the secondary competition, which, confined as it was to those who had not won a senior provincial medal, always seemed to me to be a trifle unreal.

Bellaghy, the Derry champions who so convincingly won their way to the All-Ireland club championship final, have one very experienced player indeed. She is Teresa Cassidy, the Antrim All-Ireland goalkeeper who plays her club camogie for the Derry side. Formerly Teresa Kearns, she does not play in goal for Bellaghy. Teresa figures in the attack, thus fulfilling the ambition of so many goalkeepers, to score goals as a change from saving them.

Miss McCarthy new camogie president

CAMOGIE goalkeepers and referees will in future be allowed to wear track suits when games are played in inclement weather. This was decided at the annual Congress of the Association held in Dublin over the weekend.

Motions calling for the abolition of the Ban on members playing football and hockey were carried by small majorities but fell far short of the two-thirds majority required, so these rules still stand.

Miss Nell McCarthy, a native of Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork, and chairman of the Dublin Board for many years, was elected President of the Association. She defeated Mrs. I. Leonard, another Dublin candidate, who is a long-serving Trustee of the Association, by 21 votes to 18.

Only half the motions had been dealt with when Congress adjourned until April 24, when it will reassemble at Bru na nGael, Dublin.

ALTHOUGH it is well past and done with now, the annual Ashbourne inter-varsity camogie series at Cork surely provided one more proof, if proof were needed, of the continued improvement in the all-round standard of the game of the Girl Gaels.

Despite almost impossible conditions at the Mardyke, driving rain, high wind, a greasy ball and

NEW PRESIDENT

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MISS NELL McCARTHY, the new President of the Camogie Association, has given long and faithful service to the game in Dublin at every level. A native of Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork, she came to Dublin to join the Civil Service as a young girl, and has been a driving force behind Metropolitan Camogie ever since.

She was for a long period chairman of the Junior Board and for many years chairman of the Senior Board, until the last Convention. Even then, she remained a Board member, and was elected on the Dublin representative on Leinster Council.

On the playing fields she will always be associated with the great Dublin sides which won a seemingly endless string of All-Ireland titles through the 'fifties and early 'sixties. Nell McCarthy was the trainer of these, the most completely invincible teams the game has ever seen.

As her fame as trainer spread around, she became very much in demand for her coaching services throughout Ireland. She had begun her coaching career by training her own club, Celtic.

She was also a well-known coach in the Colleges sphere, being particularly closely associated with Holy Faith Convent, Glasnevin.

She was one of those called upon for the first of the present-day coaching courses, organised by the Ulster Council in Belfast, and has been one of those in charge at these annual sessions ever since. Miss McCarthy, in the vote for the Presidency, defeated another well-known Dublin official, Mrs. Inez Leonard.

Dissappointing

The Congress was rather disappointing in some ways, particularly the slow progress made. At the end of a long day, barely half the motions had been touched. The motions asking that the ban on members of the Association playing hockey and football was retained, but by a minority vote.

The football position is complicated by two facts. In certain areas football games for girls have been organised by G.A.A. clubs, and on the other hand, large money prizes are being offered for football tournaments for girls, these games seemingly being played under a code all their own.

So though the majority feeling at the Congress seemed to be against the ban rule, there were so many side issues that there was never any suggestion of the vote for deletion reaching the two-thirds majority and as a result, Gaelic football is still banned under the camogie rules.

So, perhaps, at this stage the few G.A.A. clubs who still organise football tournaments for girls will wake up to the situation, and organise camogie tournaments instead.

Paul's again

On the playing fields, the big event last Sunday was the All-Ireland Club championship final in which St. Paul's, Kilkenny, further enhanced their already remarkable record in this competition by winning the title for the third successive year. Incidentally, in the seven years that an All-Ireland club championships have been played, Leinster teams have won five times.

St. Paul' March To Another Title

ST PAUL'S, Kilkenny, made camogie history on Sunday at Bellahy Co Derry when they defeated the local club and retained their all Ireland club championship.

This was their third all Ireland title in a row and won a unique record in this championship for their club and Kilkenny. They gave a polished display and won the applause of the large crowd present.

This club have brought Kilkenny right to the top as one of the strongest camogie counties and with these players as the backbone for the county team in this year's championship they should go far.

FRIENDLY TOWN

The team arrived in Bellahy by coach after an over night stay in Monaghan town, to find the small friendly town, deep in the north very well prepared for the big game.

Both teams met in the parish hall and to the music of two bands marched through the crowded streets to the park where over 2,500 supporters had come to cheer their local team.

As the teams entered the park they received a great ovation from the crowd with the captain of the Bellahy team carrying a large flag of amber and white, the now famous colours of the St Pauls club and the captain of St Pauls carried the colours of the Bellahy club, blue and white.

Another honour for St Pauls was that they were to be the first team to play in this new GAA Park which was especially prepared for this final. This new park cost the local Wolfe Tone club £17,000 and one would not think that they were in the north as the tri colour waved proudly in the breeze above the park.

The only thing evident of the present day troubled North was the presence of the RUC who lined the route to the park at intervals.

WITH THE WIND

Bellahy won the toss and played with the strong wind in the first half but it was Kilkenny who attacked from the throw in but shot narrowly wide. Bellahy came back and forced a 30 but they also sent wide.

Soon it was St Paul's again and the Bellahy goalie brought off a great save from a hard shot by H. O'Neill.

Some minutes later St Paul's were awarded a free from centre field and Carmel O'Shea pointed to open the scoring for Kilkenny. From the puck out it was St Pauls on the attack again.

H. O'Neill brought in the ball

ST PAULS	6-5
BELLAHY	2-0

on a solo run up the wing and passed to Mary Conway who finished to the net.

Bellahy came back and after a series of attacks on the Kilkenny goal had the ball in the net for their only score of this half. The Derry side looked good at this time and it looked as if St Pauls had a tough fight on their hands.

To make matters worse their captain Mary Conway went down with a nasty crack on the wrist, but after treatment she played on.

TURNING POINT

Then the game turned as St Pauls settled down and their centrefield took complete control and with all the forwards combining beautifully it was Maura Cassin who put Kilkenny further ahead with a great goal.

A couple of minutes later Helena O'Neill shook the Derry net with a rasper and just before half time Carmel Doyle brought the ball in from centrefield and passed to H. O'Neill who again goal-ed for St Pauls, who led 4-1 to 1-0 at half time.

KICKED A GOAL

Things looked bright for St Pauls now as they turned over with the wind behind them and soon it was evident that they were the masters and went on to score goals by H. O'Neill and Mary Conway and as the latter lost her hurley she used her boot to score her second goal of the game.

They added further points by M. Cassin (2), Carmel O'Shea and Mary O'Neill. Although St Pauls looked certain winners the gallant Bellahy team never gave up and some great bouts of play were served up.

Just before the final whistle the Derry girls got their second goal of the game. The local supporters, although disappointed, gave great praise and admiration to the Kilkenny girls' craft and skill.

St Pauls team work, speed and experience proved too much for Bellahy, who nevertheless put up a very gallant show.

The Kilkenny backs and goalie were very hard to beat and never gave the Derry forwards an inch.

It's very hard to single out any girl but Carmel O'Shea at centre-half back gave an outstanding display with her long clearances and head striking.

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Subs — P. O'Shea, J. Kelly, P. Coady, T. Brennan, A. McGinty, E. Doyle, A. Downey.

Three-In-A-Row For St. Pauls

ST. PAUL'S, KILKENNY 6-5
BELLAGHY, DERRY 2-0

St. Paul's, Kilkenny, set up a new record at Bellahy, Derry, yesterday when they became the first team to win the All Ireland Camogie Club championship three times in a row, defeating the local side before a big crowd.

The winners were more experienced and Bellahy could not match their team work or long striking. The visitors, who faced the wind in the first half, took some time to settle down, but, nevertheless, they deservedly led 4-1 to 1-0 at half time.

The second half was rather one-sided despite a gallant fight by Bellahy and St. Paul's ran out easy winners.

SCORERS: St. Paul's — H. O'Neill (3-0); M. Cassin (2-1); M. Conway (1-0); M. O'Neill, C. O'Shea (0-2 each); Bellahy — P. Molloy, K. Diamond (1-0 each).

MOUNTMELICK IN LINE FOR TITLE

By AGNES HOURIGAN

ONE of the most entertaining events of the camogie year, the All-Ireland Colleges final, will provide plenty of excitement, and a very high standard of play, at Croke Park tomorrow afternoon, when Sacred Heart, Newry, and Presentation Convent, Mountmellick, meet in the decider, with An Corn Scelge at stake.

The Newry school is in the final for the second successive year. Just 12 months ago, they put up a very determined battle against the then all-conquering side from Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, and they will be confident taking on Kilkenny's conquerors, Mountmellick.

The outstanding achievement of the Newry side this year has been their clear-cut victory over Munster champions St. Aloysius, Cork, in the semi-final at Carrickmacross.

The display of their backs was then above reproach, and they did very well around mid-field, but the forwards will need to show improvement if title and trophy are to be taken out of Leinster for the first time.

STIFF TASK

Mountmellick, on the other hand, had runaway victories in Leinster until they met Kilkenny in the final, but they came through that stiff task with a little to spare.

However, although they were, in the end, good winners over Presentation Oranmore in the semi-final, they took a long time to shake off the Western challenge, and were not quite as convincing as they had been in the Leinster final.

Newry have very accomplished players in Armagh All-Ireland star Anne McCone, Ann McGuinness and Anne Rooney, who is a sister of Down footballer, Peter. But Mountmellick may well have the greater power down the centre of the field, with Marian Conroy, Patricia Sayers Kathleen Sweeney, Marian Delaney, Mary Scully and Mary Doheny particularly effective.

Newry have the brighter individual stars, but I think Mountmellick have the greater all-round power, and this may just carry them through to a narrow victory. Because Mount-

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mellick have also qualified for the Leinster junior final, this Purcell Cup decider, which was scheduled to be played this week, has been put back until the first week after the Easter holidays.

EXCITING FINISH

Mountmellick reached this final, in which their opponents will be Mercy Convent, Ennis-corthy, by defeating Mercy Convent, Callan, in an exciting finish at Mountmellick last weekend. The Callan girls were 10 points in front at half-time, but against the strengthening wind in the second half just failed to hold out.

The annual congress gave us a new president, Miss Nell McCarthy, who, for her many years as Dublin chairman, should find presiding over Central Council meetings presents few new problems. The only motion of general interest passed—only half the motions had been reached before the meeting adjourned until April 24 — was the Cork request that referees and goalkeepers be allowed to wear track-suits in bad weather.

The motions calling for the abolition of the rules which prohibit members of the association playing football and hockey remain in force as, though they were carried by one and two votes respectively, the votes for deletion fell far short of the necessary two-thirds majority.

RECORD CROWD

Congratulations are also very much in order for St. Paul's, Kilkenny, who made camogie history by becoming the first team ever to win the All-

Ireland club championship three times in succession.

In the process, after an uncertain start, they gave a magnificent display of camogie, defeating Ulster champions Bellaghy before what was, very fittingly, the biggest crowd ever mustered for one of these club championship finals.



Pretty Eileen O'Connell

Camogie girls in hot pants?

WHY CAN'T camogie players wear hot pants? That is what Limerick Beauty Eileen O'Connell wants to know.

She is one of the Bruff Rovers team which has won a junior title in County Limerick.

But why should the girls have to appear on the field in drab camogie gym frocks when hot pants are ideal wear for athletes.

"The gear for footballers changes every season, and more girls would play games if they

were allowed to cast aside this ridiculous traditional field wear," says 20 years old Eileen.

Incidentally hot pants for the Bruff girls would really introduce a new dimension into local camogie as the girls have a reputation for beauty.

Eileen alone has won beauty contests at the rate of one per month last year.

Her other hobbies are badminton and horse riding and swimming.

Draw Was Fitting Outcome

BY AGNES HOURIGAN

If ever a game fittingly ended in a draw it was last Saturday's All-Ireland Colleges camogie final between Presentation Mountmellick and Sacred Heart School, Newry at Croke Park. Newry had seemed destined to take the Cup north for the first time when they raced into a three-goal lead in the early stages.

Mountmellick looked even more likely winners when, the wind behind them they went in front for the first time late in the game.

OUTSTANDING

In the end, Anne McCone, their outstanding player landed the equalising point for Newry with an astoundingly accurate point from a free, though she had to shoot from an angle and across the wind.

The Colleges Council held a hasty mid-field meeting, but after discussion, it was decided

Of Final

that a replay was preferable to extra-time and so to the delight of all spectators, and not least the neutrals, both teams lived to fight another day.

The replay will again be at Croke Park, on May 1 and will be preceded by the Leinster Junior Championship final.

FIRST FINAL

This means that Mountmellick will be dually engaged at Croke Park that day as their junior side is also in this Purcell Cup final, where the opposition will be provided by Enniscorthy Mercy Convent. Both these teams will be playing in their first junior final.

Meanwhile Mountmellick will again be in the camogie news next week when Leinster Colleges Council hold their

first course for referees at the Convent there on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

As it is intended to run the Leinster competitions on a league system next season, an adequate supply of qualified referees will be an essential.

COACHING

Before that we have the annual Dublin coaching course which goes on through the Easter week-end at Gormans-ton College.

In charge as usual will be Miss Nell McCarthy, who was recently elected President of the Association.

Easter is usually a time when several club sides make trips, and the most ambitious one this year is by University College, Galway who travel to Luton to play the local side.

Because of the coaching course and the holiday week-end there will be no Dublin Board games this week-end.

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MARCH
1971



Pretty Eileen O'Connell

Camogie girls in hot pants?

Y CAN'T camogie players wear hot pants? That is what merick Beauty Eileen O'Connell wants to know.

She is one of the Bruff Rovers in which has won a junior in County Limerick.

But why should the girls have to appear on the field in drab camogie gym frocks when hot pants are ideal wear for athletes.

The gear for footballers changes every season, and more would play games if they

were allowed to cast aside this ridiculous traditional field wear," says 20 years old Eileen.

Incidentally hot pants for the Bruff girls would really introduce a new demension into local camogie as the girls have a reputation for beauty.

Eileen alone has won beauty contests at the rate of one per month last year.

Her other hobbies are badminton and horse riding and swimming.

Castleconnell oppose Mount Mercy today

In recent years colleges camogie has become a very important part of the Munster camogie scene. This is particularly true in Cork where St. Aloysius School has taken all four titles since the inauguration of the Munster Colleges Championship.

This year a junior competition was started for the weaker schools and this (Saturday) afternoon Mount Mercy, St. Aloysius "sister" school will be endeavouring to bring another title to Cork, when they meet Presentation, Castleconnell at Col. Spioraid Naomh Ground at 3 p.m.

Castleconnell were unbeaten in their section and in the defeated Cloghane (Kerry), by 4-1 to 1-2. Also Ahane Club is in Castleconnell, and no doubt many of the school's players have gained valuable experience with the club, particularly with their under-age teams. They have a number of good players including Geraldine and Joan O'Brien, Vera Mackey and Ena Hyde.

WON REPLAY

Mount Mercy had a good win over Youghal in their section. They then only drew at home to Presentation, Carrick-on-Suir, but in the replay they defeated them by two goals to qualify as section winners. They then received a bye to the final.

Mount Mercy have a good defence where Helen Grant, Marion Quaid and Mary Walsh are very promising. In the centre, too, they have their stars in Captain Eileen Ahern and Jacqueline Waugh, while in attack they have very useful forwards in Clare Bermingham, Aedin McCarthy and Mary Hennessy who is a sister of inter-county star Rosie. So they could be good enough to win. However, they are likely to have a tough game before them.

Mount Mercy win exciting colleges tie

Mount Mercy Col. 4-3;
Pres. Convent, Castleconnell 1-0

The final of the Munster Colleges Junior Camogie Championship produced one of the most exciting games of the season at Coliste Spioraid Naomh grounds recently.

The competing teams gave a display of skilled and enthusiastic teamwork as was ever seen from junior teams.

Wing-forward, Claire Bermingham, opened the scoring for the home side with a well-taken goal. A similar score by Geraldine O'Brien of Castleconnell had the effect of spurring the winners to greater efforts. Before half-time Jacqueline Waugh soloed right up to the Castleconnell goal and palmed the ball to the net.

Castleconnell, despite playing against the wind in the second-half, showed courage and perseverance. Unlike the winners, they did not make use of their wings and failed to make another score. The scoring in the second half was done by Mary Breen and Aedin McCarthy, while Mary Walsh had two points from thirties.

All in all it was a match to remember. This was the first time a Munster Colleges Junior Championship was held and it was won by a school with only two years experience. Castleconnell may feel justly satisfied with their performance and, in particular, with the displays of Misses O'Brien, Mackey, and Hyde.

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The U.C.C. team (top) which beat Youghal (below) 8-6 to 5-4 in the first round of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship at Cloyne on Sunday.

Stacks Hold Champions

The Dublin Senior Camogie Championship opened in the Phoenix Park yesterday when the first round matches were played.

AUSTIN STACKS 2-2
U.C.D. 1-5

University College, who had wind advantage in the opening half, did not make the best use of the opportunities presented and only succeeded in leading by one point at half-time when the score stood 0-2 to 0-1. However, they improved after the interval and exchanged scores for score with Stacks with the lead alternating to the end. A draw was the most satisfactory result.

SCORERS—Austin Stacks—O. Ni Stachain (1-2), A. Sheehy (1-0); U.C.D.—A. Carroll (0-5), M. O'Sullivan (1-0).

CELTIC 12-2
NAOMH AOIFE 3-1

Naomh Aoife, who had shaped so well in recent league games, were no match for the speedy Celtic girls in this one-sided tie.

SCORERS: Celtic—U. O'Connor (4-1), M. Higgins (4-0), E. Sweeney (2-1), E. Murphy (2-0), N. Aolife (1-1), M. Moran (1-1), J. Doyle (1-0), P. Tiernan (1-0).

EOGHAN RUADH ... 6-1
SLIEVE BLOOM 3-1

Eoghan Ruadh, though they had three goals to spare at the end, could not take it easy against this upgraded Slieve Bloom side who showed plenty of ability but lacked that experience of senior ranks.

SCORERS: E. Ruadh—E. Jones (1-2), C. Lyons (2-0), E. Jones (1-1), E. Brown (1-0), S. Bloom—M. James (1-1), M. Cahill (0-2), P. O'Sullivan (1-0), S. Fitzpatrick (0-2).

Counties Are Graded

The main business at the resumed Camogie Congress in Dublin on Saturday was the grading of the counties for the championship.

They are: Senior—Galway, Dublin, Kilkenny, Wexford, Cork, Tipperary, Antrim, Derry and Down.

These counties can, with some exclusions, play the second best teams in the junior championship.

The other junior counties are: Leitrim, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo, Kildare, Laois, Louth, Meath, Wicklow, Clare, Kerry, Limerick, Waterford, Armagh, Cavan, Fermanagh, Monaghan and Tyrone.

CAMOGIE DRAWS

The draws and venues for the Leinster Camogie Championships are:

SENIOR—July 4: Semi-final—Kilkenny v Wexford (3.0); Kilkenny venue, July 25: Dublin v winners, Craik Park.

JUNIOR—May 30: Louth v Louth, Louth venue; June 13: Wexford v Kildare, Wexford venue; Kilkenny v Wicklow, Kilkenny venue; June 20—Dublin v Meath, Dublin venue.

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NELL McCARTHY

The New President



Nell McCarthy

Newry girls Camogie champions

Sacred Heart, Newry 3-2
Presentation, Mountmellick 2-1
Newry, took the all-Ireland Colleges' camogie title out of Leinster for the first time when they deservedly defeated Presentation Mountmellick in this closely contested final replay at Croke Park yesterday, after leading 1-2 to 1-0 at the interval.

Sound in defence, strong at mid-field and lively in attack, Newry were in front all the way except for a brief spell in the first half.

They had outstanding players in Anne McCone, Anne Rooney, Claire McConville, Anne McGuinness and Kathleen McAnulty. Best for Mountmellick were: Marion Conroy, Mary Doherty and Marion Doyle.

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Enniscorthy 6-1; Mountmellick nil
MERCY CONVENT, Enniscorthy, were convincing winners of the Purcell Cup and Leinster junior camogie championship when they defeated Presentation Mountmellick in the opening game at Croke Park. Wexford inter-county player Elsie Walsh was in brilliant form for the winners.

Scorers—Enniscorthy—E. Walsh (3-1), A. Spratt (1-0), A. Darcy (1-0), G. Dempsey (10).

Old Als Face Tough Task Against Naomh Gobnait

Old Aloysians have reached the final of the senior county championship for the last three years but on each occasion were on the losing end. Now on Sunday they begin yet another championship campaign when they meet Naomh Gobnait in the first round of this season's competition. This game which will be at the Martyke will be followed by a second first round tie in which holders, South Presentation's Past Pupils meet Imokilly. The only other game listed for Sunday is a junior league tie in which Buttevant meet Castlemagner at the latter's ground.

Old Aloysians and Naomh Gobnait met in the semi-final of last year's championship and on that occasion Old Als won by 5-6 to 1-0. However both sides have changed considerably since then. Old Als have lost Liz Garvan, Rose Long and Anne O'Dwyer to College while on the other hand the upgrading of Glen Rovers and the upgrading of Aghabullogue must strengthen the intermediate selection. The experience of the Glen players will be a great asset to the side.

In goal they have Glen's efficient goalie Deirdra Sutton while at full-back they have Blarney's very sound Anna Gaffey. In the half line they have Cork defender Sheila Dunne who is flanked by Marie Mackey of Blarney. In the attack they have yet another Blarney player Mary Doherty who with Mary Mahon of Munster Institute, Nora O'Mahony of Glen Rovers and Nora Lyons of Canovee make up what should be a formidable line-out indeed.

Als, travelled to Kilkenny for Easter and the valuable match practice they gained in two matches against All-Ireland club champions, St. Paul's, could be of great value to them on Sunday. In the first of the games they were heavily defeated but on the second occasion, although they lost, they improved immensely. Still this improvement may not be enough to overcome what must be a very strong Intermediate side.

IMOKILLY'S TASK

Imokilly made a colourful debut in last year's Co. Championship. They knocked out College but were unable to oust the holders, South Presentation Past Pupils in the second round. Now the sides meet again this time in the first round. Imokilly will make a great fight of it but it is hard to see them getting the best of South Pres. Imokilly's inter-county forward, Kay Ryan, is reported to have retired and his loss would be a big blow to them. However they still have inter-county star Marie Costin, Nuala Guillea, the Higgins of Watergrasshill, Mary Salter and Cathy Horgan all of whom help to make up a very useful line-up.

However, South Presentation have been going so well for the past few seasons it is difficult to see them in bad trouble on Sunday. Remember when, without Cork captain, Ann Comerford, they ran the All-Ireland club champions, St. Paul's, to two points in the recent All-Ireland Championship semi-final. For this they must command respect. Add to this the fact that they must be determined to make it three-in-a-row and it is hard to go against them on Sunday.

afield, notably in Kilkenny, where again the result of her teachings was quickly seen, and more recently among the schools and Colleges of the West, and of course she is still in charge of the Easter Coaching course run annually by the Dublin Board at Gormanston College.

Meanwhile, just to prove she has not lost her personal touch she trained the Dublin junior side that won last year's junior title.

At other administrative levels, Nell McCarthy has never spared her time or energy, having been for long spells the Dublin representative on Leinster Council.

And yet she has managed to do all those things in her spare time for she is a busy State Servant during working hours, being in recent years a Department of Education representative first in the College of Art and more recently in the National Gallery.

But then, as I said at the start, devotion to the native games is part of Nell McCarthy's heritage. Her mother belonged to that famed hurling family, the Kennedy's of Carrigtwohill, and it was Nell McCarthy's uncle, Jimmy ("Major") Kennedy who captained Cork to victory over Dublin in the All-Ireland final of 1919, the first ever Cork win in the red jerseys. And the tradition has been kept up in a later generation, for Miss McCarthy's brother, Dan, played for Cork, and another brother, Mick, for Carrigtwohill.

not content to bid farewell to the playing fields.

She kept actively coaching the players who succeeded her, and played no small part in making Celtic one of the leading teams not alone in Dublin but in Ireland. She also did sterling work among the schools sides being particularly closely associated at one stage or another with Holy Faith, Glesnevin, and the Irish Sisters of Charity team from George's Hill.

It was but natural that she moved up to coaching the Dublin teams and the sides that Nell McCarthy turned out in the Dublin tunic in the 'Fifties and 'Sixties had only one fault as far as the rest of the country was concerned, they were too successful. The teams she trained won the All-Ireland title year, after year, after year.

Naturally, this unbroken run of Dublin success led to a certain loss of interest, but the sequel was that Miss McCarthy's coaching talents were eventually recognised by the other counties. She was invited to take charge of the first really open coaching course organised by Ulster Council in Orangefield in Belfast in the mid-'Sixties and it is perhaps very significant that it was when other counties began to adopt the McCarthy coaching and training methods that Dublin's long supremacy came to an end at least temporarily.

In recent years she has been giving coaching courses further

COLLEGES' FINAL IS HIGHLIGHT

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The replay of the All-Ireland Colleges final between Sacred Heart College, Newry, and Presentation Convent, Mountmellick, at Croke Park tomorrow (3.15) provides the camogie highlight of the week.

The Croke Park customers will also have a highly exciting curtain-raiser, the Leinster junior final, in which Mountmellick will also be in action, as they take on Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy, for the custody of the Purcell Cup.

In the drawn game some weeks ago, the Newry girls raced into an early lead, which they held until the closing stages, when Mountmellick first equalised, then went a point ahead. In the end, Newry's star player, Anne McCone, equalised in a most exciting finish.

SEEKING DOUBLE

Newry have other outstanding players in Anne Rooney, Anne McGuinness and Vickie Cummins. But Mountmellick feel they failed to get into their customary stride on the last occasion, and expect such as Marion Conroy, Mary Scully and Mary Doherty will have a far greater impact on the outcome this time.

In the junior game, Mountmellick will be seeking a Leinster double, as their seniors have already taken the provincial title. But, the Enniscorthy girls have been convincing in all games to date and, with a great star in Elsie Walsh, will start favourites to take the title and trophy for the first time.

The first round of the Dublin senior championship last Sunday saw ready victories for Celtic and Eoghan Ruadh, but champions Austin Stacks were held to a most exciting draw with UCD.

So these two teams must meet again on Sunday, when the two losing sides from last Sunday, Naomh Aoife and Sliabh Bloom, endeavour to get back into the competition through the losers' group.

The vital final rounds of the Maguire Cup in Ulster are scheduled for Sunday. Antrim, unbeaten in the A section qualify for the final if they beat Down, closest rivals Armagh will get nothing easily, while Monaghan are likely to come through from the second section.

CHURCHTOWN HAD IT EASY

Churchtown North 9-2,
Munster Institute 2-0
Churchtown North, Midleton, had a facile victory over Munster Institute in the first round of the Cork County intermediate championship at Midleton on Sunday, when they beat the City girls by 9-2 to 2-0, having led at half time by 5-0 to nil.

A feature of the game was the magnificent display of the winners full forward (Colette Walsh), who scored 7 goals. Noreen Bailey, Mary Salter, and Josie Knowles were best for the winners, while Mary Mahon, and Catherine O'Keefe were best for Munster Institute.

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St. Aloysius seniors beat Loretto

The Athletic Grounds, Cork was the venue for the three finals in the schools camogie between North Presentation v St. Aloysius C, Mount Mercy v St. Aloysius B, and the senior tie between Loretto Convent, Fermoy and St. Aloysius A on Saturday.

In both the junior and intermediate games, St. Als. suffered heavy defeats. North Presentation had a win over the juniors by five goals to three. Again Mount Mercy who were undoubtedly far superior, marked much tighter, and were quicker to the ball, had a 6-1 to 1-1 victory over St. Als B.

The highlight of the afternoon was of course the senior tie between Loretto, Fermoy and St. Aloysius A and indeed this brought plenty of excitement.

Within minutes of the opening stages, St. Als. rammed in two goals, leaving the Loretto side quite stunned, but nevertheless this gave way to a very hard fighting first half. Just before the half time whistle blew, Loretto had succeeded in narrowing this margin by one goal.

Loretto fought hard in the second half, and managed a further two goals and one point before the full time whistle. In view of the fact that they entered into the camogie field only last year this did not deter their determination and confidence, and they put up a great defence. They were well served by Marion Sweeney, E. Higgins and D. Quinlan.

St. Als. however, had the advantage of All Ireland player Rosie Hennessy, and with two goals and four points in the latter half, they eventually beat Loretto to a 4-4 to 3-1 victory. St. Als were also well served by D. McCarthy and N. Jennings.

Scorers — St. Als.: D. McCarthy 2-0, R. Hennessy 2-4. Loretto: M. Collins, M. Dooly and N. O'Farrell 1-0 each and M. Roche 1 point.

St. Als. — L. Byrne, M. O'Leary, M. O'Sullivan, B. McAuliffe, N. Jennings, V. O'Dwyer, A. O'Sullivan, C. Desmond, P. Walsh, J. Walsh, D. McCarthy, R. Hennessy.

Loretto — D. Quinlan, M. Lane, M. O'Riordan, P. Quirke, C. Beary, A. Higgins, F. McCarthy, M. Sweeney, N. Farrell, M. Dooley, M. Stritch, M. Collins. Sub., M. Roche for M. Stritch.

Referee: Kay Dunne.

South Pres made good comeback

South Pres. P.P.U. 14
Imokilly 3-2

Cork senior camogie champions South Presentation P.P.U. can count themselves lucky to have scraped a two point win over Imokilly in the first round of the championship at Riverstown, Co. Cork, last night.

The holders were trailing by a goal at the interval when Imokilly were leading by 2-2 to 3-2 and looked as if they intended to increase their lead in the second half. This in fact they did when five minutes after the turnover they added another goal to their tally and seemed intent upon dictating the pattern of this half also.

However, South Pres. rallied and with a concerted effort they began to cut down their disadvantage.

Scorers — South Pres. — Eleanor Bohane and Mary Whelton (1-1), Annette O'Donovan (1-0), Betty Sugrue (0-2). Imokilly — Nora Farrell, Kay Spillane and Marie Costello (1-0), Nuala Gully and Noreen Bailey (0-1).

South Pres. — E. Cummins, H. Dinneen, S. Goldis, M. Keohane, M. Crowley, B. Sugrue, B. Gibbons, A. O'Donovan, M. McCarthy, A. Comerford, M. Whelton, D. Dunne. Sub. E. Bohane for K. Dunne.

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The St. Aloysius team which defeated Loretto Convent, Fermoy in the Cork Schools Senior Camogie final at the Athletic Grounds, Cork on Saturday. — ("Examiner")



Miss Lil O'Grady, Chairman of the Munster Council, presents the trophy to Eileen Abern, captain of the Mount Mercy College team, which defeated St. Aloysius in the Cork Schools Intermediate Camogie Final at the Athletic Grounds.

Old Aloysians too good for Naomh Gobnait

Old Aloysians 6-3, N. Gobnait 3-2

Old Aloysians advanced to meet College in the semi-final of the Cork senior championship by reason of a comfortable victory over Naomh Gobnait last night. First to settle down, Old Als dominated the midfield exchanges, due mainly to a fine display by Mary Murphy. But for some good saves by Deirdre Sutton, Old Als' lead of 2-2 to 0-1 at the interval would have been greater.

The winners continued to increase their tally and were coasting to an easy win when Naomh Gobnait staged a strong and determined rally. They scored 3-1 in the closing minutes, but it came too late to affect the outcome.

Anne McAuliffe, Phil Walsh, Rosie Hennessy and Marion O'Leary shone for the winners. Naomh Gobnait had good players in Mary Humphries, Shiela Dunne, Maura Coleman and Cora Humphries.

Scorers: Old Als — R. Hennessy 4-2, K. O'Regan 2-1; N. Gobnait — M. Humphries 2-1, N. Lyons 1-0, M. Coleman 0-1.

VALUABLE POINTS FOR AUSTIN STACKS

Austin Stacks 5-1 (16)
Celtic 2-3 (9)

Austin Stacks gained two valuable points at the expense of Celtic in the Dublin senior camogie league tie played at Phoenix Park yesterday. In an entertaining game the winners had an interval lead of 2-1 to 1-1.

Scorers: Austin Stacks — A. Stacks (2-0), O. Ni Siochain (1-1), F. Nuala (1-0), A. Halpin (1-0). Celtic — Lisa O'Connor (1-0), M. Higgins (1-0), R. Murphy (0-3).

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WON INTERMEDIATE TITLE—The Mount Mercy College team, which defeated St. Aloysius in the final of the Cork Schools' Intermediate Camogie Championship at the Athletic Grounds, Cork, on Saturday.



The St. Aloysius team which lost to Mount Mercy College in the Cork Schools' Intermediate Camogie Final at the Athletic Grounds, Cork, on Saturday. —(Echo)



scene from the last All-Ireland camogie final in Croke Park : Cork v. Kilkenny. The winners were Cork.

NUALA DUNCAN, PEGGY DORGAN + JO GOLDEN



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