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SUE CASHMAN

Talking to Sean O'Donnell

O'D.—How long have you been playing camogie and what club do you play for?

S.C.—I have been playing the game for twelve years with Deirdre Camogie Club in Belfast.

O'D.—How did you feel about winning the Texaco Award?

S.C.—I was very thrilled and excited about receiving the Texaco Award and I feel that it was due to playing with an excellent club and county team.

O'D.—What is the general reaction within the county since Antrim won the All-Ireland?

S.C.—The general reaction is one of delight and admiration that we won the title for 1967. It also has aroused a very keen interest in the game and a great deal of enthusiasm generally. I hope it will encourage more young girls to play camogie.

O'D.—What advice would you give to young players?

S.C.—My advice to young players is to practice at every opportunity, be loyal to your club and try to remain fit all the year round.

O'D.—To what do you attribute your own success at camogie?

S.C.—To an early start and to playing regularly at school. I also feel that by keeping fit and healthy I have helped myself a lot.

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

S.C.—My sister played the game and having always had a great admiration for her, I

decided to follow in her footsteps.

O'D.—Do you feel the game is attractive enough to entice more girls to take it up?

S.C.—No. But I think that with a little more publicity from television, radio and the press generally it would become more attractive. I also think that if more camogie games were to be featured with important G.A.A. matches, some good would be bound to come from it.

O'D.—Are you satisfied with social conditions as they exist at present for camogie and do you feel the clubs are failing in their duty in this regard?

S.C.—I am definitely not satisfied with the social conditions as they exist at present and I feel that clubs are to blame here. Most that clubs are to blame here. Most members seem to be lackadaisical when it comes to arranging functions and the like—one leaves it to the other. But if club members tried to meet more often during the off-season, particularly during the winter, it would help to keep the club alive and the players together. I would suggest, furthermore, that the club should try to run a ceili every year, an annual event where we could meet former friends and re-live old memories. I am sure everyone would look forward to it.

O'D.—How about facilities for training. Are they satisfactory?

S.C.—They have improved a little in Belfast, where players

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senior players attend these courses.

O'D.—Is there a particular hurler or camogie star that you have admired throughout your career?

S.C.—Yes. I have admired Una O'Connor of Dublin for her consistency at camogie and Ollie Walsh of Kilkenny for hurling.

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

S.C.—Oh, indeed, yes, and it happened in 1966 when I

arranged my wedding day for the 13th September, thinking that the All-Ireland final would be played on the Sunday before. However, after all had been arranged I found that the All-Ireland final was to be played on the Sunday after the 13th, so I missed the final that year and Antrim were beaten by two points while I lay basking in the sun in Spain.

O'D.—Will the Antrim team for this year's championship differ very much from last year's side?

can train on one night per week in the Rupert Stanley College. However, in north Antrim there are no facilities apart from field-work, except, perhaps, a hall and I sincerely hope that something will be done fairly soon to remedy the situation in this area.

O'D.—How many of Antrim's camogie clubs have a direct connection with G.A.A. clubs in the county?

S.C.—There are about five clubs which have a direct connection with G.A.A. clubs and all of these are outside Belfast.

O'D.—Do you know of any camogie club which owns its own grounds?

S.C.—None of the clubs owns its own grounds—at least, not to my knowledge.

O'D.—Are club games well attended within the county?

S.C.—At senior level, yes, but at other levels, no.

O'D.—How many clubs participate annually in the county championship?

S.C.—There are nine senior clubs participating in the Antrim senior League and championship every year and I am happy to say that competition is very keen.

O'D.—Are the schools and colleges in Antrim doing anything to encourage camogie?

S.C.—Quite a lot is being done in the schools and colleges, particularly where there happens to be an ex-camogie player on the teaching staff. However, many players are lost to the game as soon as they leave school because clubs don't bother to enrol them and there are no "past pupil" teams.

O'D.—Have you any suggestions to make to those in charge in the schools regarding camogie?

S.C.—Excellent coaching courses are being run by the Belfast Education Committee and I would suggest that teachers and

S.C.—Yes, the Antrim team will differ quite a lot. About five players have announced their retirement. But we have a lot of talent coming up so we don't think that the standard will change very much.

O'D.—A final question—what ambition have you for the future?

S.C.—My ambitions for the future is to have a family of my own and, perhaps have a few Cashmans on the camogie and G.A.A. teams in Antrim.

MARCH 1968

Camogie Congress on Saturday

By Aine Meagher

THIS will certainly be one of the busiest week-ends ever for camogie followers. On Saturday we have the annual Congress and the two Leinster Colleges finals at Croke Park, while, on Sunday, Ballinasloe will house the replay of the All-Ireland club championship final.

There will be many matters of absorbing interest for discussion at Congress, but one preliminary factor to which I hope the delegates will adopt a realistic approach is the matter of finances. In previous years the receipts from the All-Ireland finals were able to more or less meet the expenses of Central Council and its competitions through the year. Now that is no longer possible, and this despite the fact that we had two All-Ireland gates last season. The difficulty, as the balance sheet shows, is that the inter-provincial series and the All-Ireland club competitions do not pay their way.

To abolish either competition at this stage would be a very retrograde step, but it is obvious that serious and very serious consideration must be given to figuring out ways to ensure that these competitions become self-supporting or at least that they cease to be a drain on the already meagre Central Council funds.

FOOTBALL BAN

It seems very likely that, in view of the number of motions asking for a change, the rule introduced last year banning all members of the Camogie Association from taking part in football competitions of any kind will be deleted. But the most interesting motion I see is one from Kilkenny asking that a Special Committee be set up to decide how best Camogie can be geared to take its proper place in the life of the nation.

In view of the terrific impetus the game received from the last All-Ireland final, this seems

Convent Clontarf will be striving to retain the senior championship and Stuart Cup against the challenge from Gilson School Oldcastle, while Mercy Convent Naas will be endeavouring to rest the junior title and Corn an Phuirscaigh from the grasp of Presentation Convent Kilkenny. Clontarf, who took the lead over their closest rivals in Leinster titles won when they defeated Callan in last year's final will be firm favourites to win again against Oldcastle, who are playing in their first senior final. But the girls from the North Meath school on the Cavan border have a great tradition in these Leinster competitions and will put up a very determined fight for the honours. In the junior final, holders Kilkenny will also start favourites. They have been improving with every appearance but they too will get nothing soft from a determined Naas side that has rightly qualified for the school's very first Leinster final.

CLUB FINAL

At Ballinasloe on Sunday spectators are assured of a great game in the replay of the All-Ireland club championship final. Any controversy that surrounded the aftermath of the drawn game are now happily forgotten and a classic can be expected between two really exceptional Club teams. In the drawn game Oranmore astounded me, and through much of the second half it seemed that they must emerge victorious. However, Margaret O'Leary rallied Eoghan Ruadh to a last supreme effort and she herself landed the equalising point shortly before the end.

On current Dublin form it does seem to me that Eoghan Ruadh are playing better now than they were last November, and even on Galway ground I expect them to make a great bid for victory. On the other hand Oranmore looked a more

Margaret O'Leary

By AGNES HOURIGAN



SOME few weeks ago, at the Ashbourne Cup series down in Galway a group of camogie enthusiasts were discussing the question of who was the most effective and improved camogie player in Ireland. They came from north, south, east and west, but their decision was unanimous. They all named the same player, Margaret O'Leary of the Wexford county side and the Dublin Eoghan Ruadh club.

It is only a little more than twelve months since Margaret, who works with the E.S.B. in Dublin, decided that it was impracticable to continue going back down to Wexford at week-ends to play for the club with which she had started—St. Ibar's—and with whom she had won Wexford and Leinster club championships.

And right from her arrival into Eoghan Ruadh tunic, the Dublin girl seemed to find a new lease of life. They began a great run winning the new Dublin

competition, the McCarthy Cup, at the end of 1966.

Then they went on to sweep through the Dublin league and championship, and followed that up by winning the Leinster section of the All-Ireland inter-club competition. In the semi-final they defeated the Munster champions, Glen Rovers of Cork, at Cork, after being in arrears at half-time.

Then, in the final, Eoghan Ruadh seemed to have caught real tartars in Galway's Oranmore, the surprise side of the competition. The Dublin club's chance seemed gone when Oranmore led with a couple of minutes to go. Eoghan Ruadh staged a great rally, however, cut the arrears to a point, and it was Margaret O'Leary who very appropriately balanced with a point from a "thirty".

Probably the greatest centre-back in the game to-day, Margaret O'Leary, as well as her remarkable all-round camogie ability, has two further assets—she is an attacking

centre-back, and she never gives up.

There is no better player to rally a side, and none who can more quickly turn the whole trend of a game.

A native of Kilmuckridge in Wexford, Margaret came early to prominence and was playing well for Wexford while still only a schoolgirl. She has won a whole series of Leinster intermediate medals with her county, but has been foiled thus far of the first of her great ambitions, to help Wexford win a Leinster senior title. The second, of course, is to go on to win an All-Ireland.

A regular on Leinster inter-provincial sides for four seasons past, she won an interprovincial medal with her province in 1965 and on present form must be an automatic selection in future.

Not long out of her 'teens, Margaret is still improving and well deserves the honour recently accorded her of being one of the two outstanding players of 1967.

Dublin Girls Super In Camogie Replay

By AGNES HOURIGAN
EOGHAN RUADH (Dublin) 7-3
ORANMORE (Galway) 1-0

EOGHAN RUADH, the Dublin and Leinster champions, won this All-Ireland camogie club championship final replay at Duggan Park, Ballinasloe, yesterday when they ran up a total of 6-2 without reply against Co. Wick night and Galway champions, Oranmore, in the first half.

Backed by a strong wind, the winners, playing like champions, were the superior side from the start. Faster to the ball, they dictated the fast pace better, and an excellent combination was

more than Oranmore could match. In addition, their forwards controlled the ball magnificently despite the strong breeze.

A Team Victory

Twenty points down at half-time, Oranmore never measure up to their stiff second-half task, although they battled courageously to the final whistle.

Eoghan Ruadh's was a team victory, but a special word of praise must go to Margaret O'Leary, who swept the ball up-field again and again. Maureen Murphy, Maureen Kearns, Anne Ashton, Kathleen Lyons, Phyllis Breslin and Jean Foley were also very prominent.

Best for the losers, who were without three of their original selection, were Rosemary Divilley in defence, Sheila and Kay Quinn at midfield, with Kathleen Flaherty the pick of the attack.

Scorers: E. Ruadh — K. Lyons (2-1), J. Foley (2-1), P. Breslin (1-0), C. Lyons (1-0), A. Toner (0-1). Oranmore—K. Flaherty.
Eoghan Ruadh — A. Carey, M. Kearns, P. Rafferty, M. O'Leary, A. Ashton, M. Murphy, A. Toner (capt.), K. Lyons, P. Breslin, C. Lyons, J. Foley, D. Darber.
Oranmore—J. Cosgrove, R. Linnane, B. Flanagan, A. Dilleen, R. Divilley, K. Quinn, G. Divilley, S. Quinn, M. Forde, M. Mahon, K. McGrath, K. Flaherty.
Ref.—Mrs. N. Murray (Antrim).

OUR LITTLE JOKE MISFIRES!

THE prize of one guinea for our March question in the "You Said It" series goes to Miss Mary O'Connor, of 15 Birgrove Gardens, Bishopstown, Cork.

And it is dispatched literally with a smile; for, you see, Miss O'Connor wins by default!

She misread — and so did several other readers — the question posed in our last issue, which was: "IS CAMOGIE A BECOMING GAME FOR GIRLS?" Perhaps we should not have used an old-fashioned word like "becoming" and phrased the question thus: "Is Camogie a suitable game for girls?"

In fact, we can disclose now that we put the question as a veiled joke — to raise the hackles of the ladies, to incite them into leaping to the barricades in defence of their sport. But, alas, our joke misfired. Several readers either read the question hurriedly or else thought that we had omitted a word.

Miss O'Connor made that understandable mistake. She thought we asked (and she repeats it in her letter): "Is Camogie becoming a suitable game for girls?"

Anyway, mistake or no, she wrote an excellent letter on the confused subject and we are very pleased to award her the prize. Here is what she says:

"The question, 'Is camogie becoming a suitable game for girls' implies that the game is undergoing a series of changes and is being transformed. Those of us who are close to the game know this to be untrue. The rules of camogie were drawn up over fifty years ago. While trimmings have been added and a little pairing done here and there, the basic rules of the game have not been altered. So, fundamentally, camogie is still the great game it was at the beginning of the century. The fact that the rules have stood the test of time proves their worth.

"The winning of National Sports Awards by camogie players, the publicity given to last year's All-Ireland final and the inauguration of a coaching course have brought the game very much into the public eye recently. Perhaps some were previously unaware of its ex-

istence. But we have had some great finals in the past and many great players have had to retire without receiving the recognition they deserved.

"The game itself has no equal. Apart from enjoying all the natural advantages of a field game and of a team game, it stands alone as the only Irish game for girls, being both National in outlook and independent in organisation.

"Regarding its practical suitability, camogie provides a healthy, energetic exercise, teaches a girl how to win and, more important, how to lose, develops character, infuses spirit and discipline, presents an opportunity of becoming a good mixer and making many friends. Indeed, many associations on the field, in the club house or even in the committee room have been cemented into lifelong friendships.

"Yes, camogie has all the attributes of a fine sport and is worthy of recommendation to any young girl. In my opinion, camogie is, always has been and, I am sure, will always continue to be a most suitable game for girls."

NEW PRESIDENT OF CAMOGIE ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Rosina McManus (Antrim) succeeds Miss Lily O'Grady (Cork) as President of the Camogie Association when she defeated Mrs. Ina Leonard (Dublin) at the annual Congress in Barry's Hotel, Dublin, on Saturday.

Officers re-elected unanimously were: Secretary, Miss S. MacAnulty (Down); Treas., Miss L. Spence (Antrim); Organiser, Mr. Sean O'Duffy (Dublin). Trustees: Miss I. Leonard and Mr. S. O'Duffy.

Arising out of last year's minutes, it was decided to inaugurate an All-Ireland colleges competition in the coming year and to approach the vocational committee with a similar idea. This competition would incorporate the Ulster intermediate schools.

A Kilkenny motion that Congress set up a committee to further the various aspects of the Association was passed. It was decided that a committee of ten be set up, two from each province and two from Central Council.

The motion that regional coaching and leadership courses be initiated, from Roscommon, was passed on as a recommendation to the various provincial councils.

APRIL 1968

Great Year for Ulster Camogie

ON Sunday last, the Ulster Camogie Council went gay. This was a noteworthy occasion, for the Council had never gone gay before. Of course, in years past, it had never much about which to be gay, but the year 1967 changed all that!

The Ulster Council was founded in 1934, but All-Ireland titles eluded Ulster teams until Antrim laid the bogey in 1945 when they won the All-Ireland championship for the first time. '46 and '47 were also years in which Antrim won the All-Ireland and in '56 the Saffron County had five titles.

Then came the Gael-Linn competition for Provincial teams. Again Ulster "looked in" whilst other Provinces triumphed.

And so it went on. Ulster and Antrim on the verge of success, but not achieving it and other counties and provinces taking the trophies. It was a hard task but the Ulster spirit prevailed and the teams went on trying until their efforts were crowned with success. As so often happens, when one citadel fell, others soon followed. The Antrim team in an outstanding and dazzling victory, after a replay, won the All-Ireland for the fifth time. The following week they annexed the Gael-Linn trophy.

But the honour and the glory did not end there. For weeks afterwards the Antrim girls were the toasts of Northern Gaeldom and were guests of honour at

dinners and entertainments in all parts of the province.

And that was not all. Far from it! Sue Cashman, the versatile Antrim captain and Ulster centre received no fewer than three awards — the Texaco award, an All-Stars award and a local award. Earlier in the year, Maeve Gilroy had received an award. Maeve now has two "Personality" awards and Mairead McAtamney also has two. And so, after 34 years, camogie in Ulster has come into its own.

WITHIN THE PROVINCE

Within the province, too, things are going well. Ulster has approaching 200 teams and the council is in charge of six flourishing competitions.

So, Sunday saw a unique event. The first Ulster Council celebration dinner and re-union. The Ulster team were the guests of honour. A tribute being paid to former Ulster Council members and former Ulster players.

The Ulster team and reserves: T. Cassidy (Antrim), M. Forde (Antrim), M. Calwell (Down), M. Gilroy (Antrim), (capt.), K. Kelly (Antrim), P. Crangle (Down), S. Cashman (Antrim), M. McAtamney (Antrim), M. McFetridge (Antrim), M. Quinn, E. Collins, L. Scullion (all Antrim). Reserves: P. McGreevy, M. McCann (Monaghan), R. O'Kane (Derry).



FRANCES WHELAN



● Connie Lyons, Marino, (secretary), Ellis Toner, The Ward, (captain), Anne Ashton, N.C.R., (chairman) and Jean Foley, Ranelagh, (treasurer), with the All-Ireland Club Championship camogie trophy at a reception in the Clor na nGael Club last night for the Eoghan Ruadh team which won the title.

Could you please name all those who have held office as President of Central Council, Camogie Association, from its inception until the present day?

● Although Camogie dates back to 1904 and the All-Ireland Camogie Association was founded in 1911, the present Central Council dates back only to the foundation of the All-Ireland championships in 1932. First president was Miss M. Gill (Dublin), who retained office until there was an unfortunate rift in the association in 1939. Miss Lil Kirby (Cork) was acknowledged as President by most counties for some years subsequently. Prof. Agnes O'Farrelly, one of the founders of the association, became President in the mid-1940's, though, at this stage there were again occasions when there were rival bodies in the sport. Unity was again achieved around 1949 and since then the list of presidents has been: Miss Sheila McNulty (Down), now General Secretary; Mrs. C. M. Byrne (Wicklow), Miss Lily Spence (Antrim), now Treasurer of Central Council; Mrs. Redmond (Dublin); Miss Chris O'Connell (Limerick); Miss Lil O'Grady (Cork) and Mrs. E. McManus (Antrim), elected at the recent annual congress.

IT'S A TWO-TEAM AFFAIR

By UNA

THE Dublin senior league is developing into a two-team race between the holders, Eoghan Ruadh, and Austin Stacks. Eoghan Ruadh have full points from all their matches played while Stacks have dropped two points to Ruadh.

Eoghan Ruadh have yet to play U.C.D. in the first round, while Stacks have completed all their first-round engagements. The vital game will obviously be the second-round meeting of these teams. When they met in the opening round, Eoghan Ruadh won without a great deal to spare, but recent form seems to suggest that Stacks will be a different problem next time round.

They scored a runaway win over Celtic, for instance, while Eoghan Ruadh had to battle all the way to get the better of the same Celtic side on Sunday last. However, Eoghan Ruadh may have been suffering from the reaction to their All-Ireland club championship triumph at Ballinasloe on the previous Sunday.

Moreover, Celtic showed much better form

on this occasion with Una O'Connor playing brilliantly at full-back and Kitty Murphy and Mary Fennelly back to their best outfield.

U.C.D. are, of course, again the side that may upset calculations. They have first-round matches pending against Ruadh and Celtic and on Ashbourne Cup form could prove very hard to beat.

Following on the very successful coaching course held in Kilkenny by Dublin chairman Miss Nell McCarthy, I hear that the Dublin Board are now considering holding a coaching course of their own.

I also hear that the Dublin county team has been invited to county Derry to meet Antrim in a challenge game in mid-May. Such an outing would probably be welcomed by the Dublin selectors who must be planning already how best to set about winning back the title they have so long looked upon as theirs.

Gaelic Banned

By AINE MEAGHER

NO matter from what aspect you looked at it, last week-end was one of the greatest camogie has ever known, with the Annual Congress and the Leinster Colleges finals on Saturday, and the replay of the All-Ireland club championship on Sunday.

CONGRESS:

● Elected a new President,

Mrs. Rosina McManus, President of Ulster Council, by 22 votes to 17 for Leinster Presidents, Mrs. Ina Leonard.

● Retained all the other officers: Secretary Miss Sheila McNulty, Treasurer, Miss Lily Spence, Trustees Sean O'Duffy and Mrs. Leonard, and Organiser Sean O'Duffy.

● Decided to start an All-Ireland Colleges camogie championship next season, and hopes to have a Vocational Schools championship also, in-

cluding the Ulster Intermediate schools.

● Retained the ban on football of any kind by 18 votes to 14. And that includes Gaelic football (Gaelic Weekly News please note).

● Set up a Committee to ascertain how best camogie can take its proper place in the life of the Nation, as the only national organisation catering for women in sport.

● Made a record for recent years in that 21 Counties sent delegates, plus representatives of Leinster and Ulster Colleges.

● Congress did not quite finish. A couple of motions remain to be discussed, while a general ruling has to be made on what constitutes junior status in the junior championship which will be inaugurated this year.

An Taoiseach To Attend Schools C'ship Final

THE Schools Championship is the highlight of the schools camogie season and on tomorrow (Saturday) at the Athletic Grounds this year's competition reaches its climax when Drishane (the holders) meet St. Aloysius "A" in the decider.

There are a number of ties listed for Sunday including two junior and two senior league ties.

Excitement is reaching fever pitch in the two schools involved in tomorrow's schools final. Never has there been such interest in a schools game, and the Athletic Grounds should accommodate hundreds of wildly-excited schoolgirls for the occasion.

An Taoiseach, Mr. Jack Lynch, has kindly accepted an invitation from the schools to throw in the ball at the commencement of the game and this has added greatly to the excitement of the occasion.

Last season Drishane Convent had a wonderful run in the championship which they climaxed with a narrow but deserved win over Youghal in the final. Now they face St. Aloysius "A" and what a victory this would be for them. St. Aloysius have a tremendous tradition behind them in this competition and are always particularly effective in a final. Also many of the St. A's team have junior experience with Old Ala and both Liz Garvan and Honor Flynn are regulars with the senior Old Ala team.

LOOKS STRONG

In fact, this St. A's team looks very strong in all sectors. Eileen Long is a sound goalkeeper while at full-back they have Honor Lynch, who is also their captain. A great deal of St. A's hopes will be centred on Honor. At half-back they have the stylish Marión O'Loire, while the defence is completed by the solid Sheila Ryan and Lena Lynch.

Liz Garvan, who was such a big success in the Intermediate inter-county competition last season, will lead the centrefield where she should get able assistance from Rose Louie and Anne O'Dwyer.

Finally there is plenty of scoring power in the attack where Berna O'Donoghue, Deirdre Garvan, Rosie Hennessey and Mary Long are all capable of snatching scores.

Against this formidable lineup what have Drishane to offer. Well, a feature of their game, since they entered schools competition a few short years ago, has been their remarkable fitness. Here is a dedicated side, made up of twelve girls who will not easily admit defeat. They have been playing consistently well this season and if they strike their best form again on Sunday then they must have a great chance of retaining their title.

VERY STRONG CENTREFIELD

Drishane too have a good goalkeeper in Michelle Cooper while their last line of defence is made up of a three very useful defenders in Marian O'Regan, Helen Hennessey and Anna Connolly. The defence is completed by the competent Mary Roche. At centrefield Drishane have a very strong trio in Eileen O'Brien, Deirdre Murphy and Frances Day while their forwards make up a very useful scoring unit. Their captain, Mary Buckley, is a very clever forward who could give the St. A's defence many a headache, while the remaining trio of Margaret O'Shea, Helena O'Brien and Joy O'Brien are all capable of turning the slightest opportunity to advantage.

On paper this game promises to

be a thriller with victory in the balance right up to the final whistle.

The most important of Sunday's ties would seem to be the junior league game between Blarney and Munster Institute. Both these teams are so far unbeaten in their section and this match looks like deciding the division. Blarney are favourites to add the league title to the championship which they have already won and they could clinch the title in this game.

SENIOR LEAGUE TIES

There are two Senior League games listed. Old Aloysians meet Churchtown in the first of these while Youghal meet Glen Rovers in the second. This competition is in the early stages yet but every game is vital as one defeat could mean the end of league hopes.

South Presentation Paat Pupils travelled to Kilkenny over St. Patrick's weekend and defeated St. Paul's by a narrow margin. Now on Sunday the Kilkenny girls will have an opportunity of turning the tables when they come to Cork for a return game. These friendly matches are always good for the game. They give followers an opportunity of seeing teams from different parts of the country while at the same time they give players a chance of meeting other players on a social as well as competitive level. St. Paul's should be an attractive side as they were finalists in the inter-club competition in 1966.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow at the Cork Athletic Grounds, Schools Championship final—Drishane Convent (holders) v. St. Aloysius "A" at 3 p.m.

Sunday
1967 Junior League at Munster Institute's Grounds, Blarney v. Munster Institute, 2.30 p.m.; Inniscarra referee.

1968 Junior League at Tramore Road, 2.30: Old Ala v. Churchtown; (Glen Rovers referee); 3.30: Youghal v. Glen Rovers; (Old Ala, referee).

1967 Junior League at Rochestown at 3.30: Rochestown v. Glanworth; (Douglas referee).

Senior Friendly: South Pres. v. St. Paul's (Kilkenny).

St. Aloysius Best In One-sided Final

St. Aloysius 8-4; Drishane 2-0.

THERE was no doubting St. Aloysius' supremacy in this schools championship final at the Cork Athletic Grounds on Saturday. Drishane put up a good show in the first half but following the change over, the city girls came into their own with some fine attacking movements.

Drishane, on the other hand, failed to make any impression on a solid St. Aloysius defence in the second half and most of their efforts were spent in warding off successive attacks from the winners.

St. Aloysius opened the scoring early in the first half with an extremely well taken goal from Mary Long. Drishane replied soon afterwards with a goal from Mary Buckley but the city side took the lead soon afterwards with another from Mary Long. At this stage play moved freely to both ends of the field and the interval saw St. Aloysius leading by three goals to two.

The resumption of play saw St. Aloysius go further ahead with first a point and then three quick goals. They continued their attacking tactics right through this half and kept the Drishane defenders very busy. Goalkeeper Mary Cooper had quite a busy time and indeed her many saves prevented the scoreline from being even higher.

BEST FOR WINNERS

The game was started by the Taoiseach, Mr. Lynch, who threw in the ball. His niece, Miss Honor Lynch, was playing full-back for St. Aloysius. The Lord Mayor of Cork, Ald. Pearse Wyse, T.D., and Mr. A. A. Healy, T.D., were also present.

St. Aloysius—E. Long, M. O'Leary, H. Lynch, S. Ryan, L. Lynch, A. O'Dwyer, E. Garvan, R. Long, E. O'Donoghue, R. Hennessey, D. Garvan, M. Long.

Drishane—M. Cooper, M. O'Regan, H. Hennessey, A. Connolly, D. Murphy, F. Day, E. O'Brien, M. Buckley (capt.), M. O'Shea, J. O'Brien, H. O'Brien, G. O'Leary.

St. Aloysius "A" Regain Schools Title

ST. Aloysius "A" regained the Schools Championship on Saturday last when in a grand game they defeated Drishane Convent by 8-4 to 2-0.

O'Leary. Between them the Garvan's scored 6-4 of their side's tally, Deirdre scoring 4-0 and Liz 2-4. The other St. A's scorer was Mary Long who snatched two fine goals.

Drishane, who had a fine victory in the decider last season when they beat Youghal, were not as far behind the winners as the score suggests. They had a number of very capable players including goalie, Mary Cooper, Mary Buckley, H. Hennessey and E. O'Brien and they never gave up until the end. Certainly they are a very enthusiastic and if they stay together it won't be long before they are back on the winning trail.

This game aroused a tremendous amount of interest and the occasion lived up to expectations for the week prior to the game the schools involved were buzzing with excitement and the announcement that the Taoiseach, Mr. Jack Lynch would throw in the ball added greatly to the occasion.

In addition to Mr. Lynch the game was attended by the Lord Mayor, Ald. P. Wyse, and Mr. A. A. Healy, T.D., and they were welcomed by Ide Bean Uí She, President of the Cork County Board, Miss Alice Quigley, Vice-President and Miss Mary Moran, Chairman; Miss Lil O'Grady, Chairman Munster Council, and Miss Carmel Desmond, Senior Advisor to the Schools Board.

Mr. Lynch was escorted onto the field by Bean Uí She, Mrs. Desmond and Mr. Healy. The cup was presented to Honor Lynch, captain of the winning side by the Lord Mayor, who congratulated the girls on their display and said he hoped they would continue to play the game after they left school.

TAOISEACH'S NIECE

Honor, who is Mr. Lynch's niece played a captain's part in this game, while other St. A's players to shine were the Garvan sisters, Liz and Deirdre and Marion

CAMOGIE STAR A GOOD GOLFER

THE LADIES' section of the Balmoral Golf Club in Belfast must be one of the busiest in any golf club. Apart from the normal weekly events, and participation on Open and Inter Club League Competitions, no fewer than ten trophies are competed for during the golfing year.

The name which appeared most often as a winner last season in these events was that of Miss Maeve Gilroy, who won the Kin-kend Cup, the Paddy Cup, and the matchplay Rose Bowl. One of the two lowest handicap players in the club off eleven, Miss Gilroy is a well-known camogie player who has the distinction of being the only player to have been twice honoured with the Gaelic all-Star Award. She and her golfing colleague, Mrs. McPetridge, are both members of the Antrim team which won the all-Ireland camogie title.

Not to be outdone, Mrs. McPetridge also won two major prizes last year and though only playing golf for a short time, is down to 21 handicap, and is considered to be one of the most promising players in Balmoral.

Camogie teams graded

The All-Ireland Camogie Congress, at its concluding session in Club na nGael, Dublin, put in a busy afternoon grading the counties for the forthcoming All-Ireland Junior championship.

The gradings are: Junior only—Armagh, Cavan, Down, Fermanagh, Tyrone, Clare, Kerry, Laois, Meath, Westmeath, Wicklow, Roscommon, and Sligo. Second best teams can play junior—Monaghan, Derry, Waterford, Limerick, Kildare, Kilkenny, Louth, Offaly, Wexford, Mayo, and Galway.

Junior teams confined to Intermediate and junior club players—Cork, Tipperary, and Dublin. In the case of Dublin Intermediate A teams who have no senior sides will not be eligible for junior inter-county status. Antrim players are already graded.

Congress next year will be held on March 29.

Camogie draw

Draws and fixtures for the Leinster Senior and Junior Championships were made at a meeting of the Leinster Camogie Council in Dublin yesterday.

Senior Championship—May 19—Offaly v. Dublin ("B"), 3.30; Miss Garvey, June 2—Kilkenny v. Kildare —("A"), 3.30; Mrs. O'Duffy, Bye—Wexford and Louth. **Semi-finals**—May 26—Wexford v. Louth, 3.0; Miss Breslin, June 23—"A" v. "B."

Junior Championships—May 29—Wexford v. Wicklow, 3.30; Miss Breslin, June 6—Westmeath v. Kilkenny, June 16—Kildare v. Meath, Mrs. O'Duffy, Dublin, 4 bye.

Home venues for first-mentioned county.



MAIREAD QUINN

APRIL 1968

Taoiseach Started Local Sporting Event



An Taoiseach, Mr. J. Lynch, puts in the ball to start the Schools' Camogie Championship final between St. Aloysius and Drishane at the Cork Athletic Grounds on Saturday. —('Examiner')

'Echo' Sports Personality



RECENTLY St. Aloysius regained the Cork Schools' camogie title after a lapse of a year, when they had a good 8-4 to 2-0 win over Drishane at the Athletic Grounds.

By winning the championship the St. Als girls brought off a fine double for they had already won the league title.

A girl who played no small part in her school's success is 16 years old Liz Garvan, who played at centre field for her side. Although she is quite young she has played regularly with Old Aloysians' seniors and has made quite a name for herself in camogie circles. Last season she was a member of the Cork intermediate side which won the Munster secondary competition and was one of the stars of this team.

Liz was also on the schools side when they last brought off the schools' double in 1966. Normally a centre field player, she also operates at wing centre and is a prolific scorer. Two of her sisters also play camogie and Deirdre was also on this year's successful team.

However, camogie is not the only sport at which Liz excels. Last season she won the Munster Under-15 Girls' Singles tennis title at Sundays Well when she defeated Mary Kelly (Scoil Muire) in an exciting decider on a rain soaked hard court. This season she hopes to again make her name in the tennis world.

MAY 1968

Glen Rovers Start Campaign For Seventh-in-a-row Title

CHAMPIONSHIP time is with us again and as the glamour competition gets underway followers will wonder if Glen Rovers can make it seven in a row or if this season will see the trophy change hands. Certainly the form of all the top senior teams in recent league games suggests that a very interesting campaign lies ahead and there should be a large attendance at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke and Carrigtwohill tomorrow to see the opening games of the 1968 senior championship.

Champions Glen Rovers face U.C.C. for their first outing in this season's competition. Glen have not been as good as usual in recent league games but the Blackpool girls are always a different prospect when it comes to the championship. They have lost a number of their players recently but they still have plenty of talent to call on. Anna Crotty, 1967 camogie star, is still leading the attack and the University girls will have to keep a constant watch on the Glen star if they are to stay in the game with a clean sheet. Peggy Dorgan is another

Glen girl who could give the U.C.C. girls a headache, while Nuala Humphries is another fine performer.

Glen always manage to replace their stars when they retire and this year they have a number of very promising players, including Margaret Nott and Sheila Collins. They have also got Maura Coleman, Cary Buckley, Teresa Murphy, Margaret Buckley, and Mary McDonald in their ranks and these girls are all first-class players who can make up a very powerful side indeed.

What answer have U.C.C. to the Glen Rovers strength? This year the College girls were rather disappointing in the Ashbourne and they will be anxious to make up to their followers for this. And what greater feat than to dethrone the champions after six years? But their task is a very difficult one. They have not got the experience or craft of the champions but if enthusiasm counts for anything this they certainly have. They have a very solid goalkeeper in Pat Devlin, while Rosemary O'Halloran is an inter-county player. Sheila Dunne is another who has represented Cork while others of note on the side are Barbara Buckley and Margaret McCarthy.

If Glen Rovers do not improve on recent performances then U.C.C. must be in the game with a very good chance of bringing about a major surprise. However, Glen must be expected to be at their best on Sunday and it is hard to see them going out of the competition at this early stage.

OLD RIVALS CLASH AGAIN

In the second tie Old rivals Old Aloysians and South Presentation Past Pupils clash. These sides have clashed a great many times in this competition and in recent years South Pres. have had the edge on Old Ais. On paper it would appear that South Pres. again have the stronger team this year.

This season South Pres. have added ex-U.C.C. star, Hannah Dineen to their ranks and the Cork full-back is proving a great asset to the side. To help her Hannah has a number of very solid defenders in Sheila O'Sullivan, Eleanor Cummins and Mary Crowley. South Pres. have a very efficient centre-field trio also. Betty Sugrue is a member of the Cork team, while Bridie O'Sullivan played very well for the secondary team last season. New-comer, Marion McCarthy, is still a schoolgirl but has already fitted in very well with the side in the league. Anne Comerford needs no introduction to followers being a regular with the Cork team for some years past. A great deal will be expected of Ann on Sunday, but she should get able assistance in the forward line from Jean Fitzpatrick, Blanche Gibbons and Eimer Hurley, all top forwards. This team certainly has the makings of a championship winning side and a win over Old Ais. could give them the confidence to go all the way.

However, although Old Ais. have not been faring very well in recent years in the championship, they have been doing very well in the present senior league. They have won their last five games and they now appear to have found a very useful blend. For this game they have been training very hard and are determined to win. Mary Moran, their

captain and goalkeeper, has been a great asset to the club since her return from Dublin two years ago. She is a grand goalkeeper who inspires confidence in her defence. Marie Garvan is a sound full-back while Honor Lynch, although still at school, is a stylish and very strong player. There are three McAuliffe sisters on the side. Nora is at wing-back, Annie is in the centre and Kay is at wing forward, and all three will be expected to play their part in this game. Liz Garvan, a sister of the full-back, is making great strides in the game and is fast becoming one of the top players in the county. In the recent schools championship final, Liz was in brilliant form and if she can reproduce this tomorrow then she could play a major role in Old Ais efforts to advance. Mary A. Murphy is another who could do a great deal for her side while ex-U.C.C. star Angela Hennerly, Catherine O'Regan and Ann Moynihan are all capable of proving matchwinners for Old Ais.

This game promises to be the closest of the day's ties and it would be very hard to pick the winners. Old Ais. on present form could get there but South Pres. would appear to be slight favourites.

CARRIGTWOHILL GAME

The third championship tie will be played at Carrigtwohill where Churchtown meet Naomh Gobnath. Churchtown won the Intermediate Championship last season and now they face the intermediate selection, Naomh Gobnath. Churchtown were very much on top in intermediate ranks last season and it will be very interesting to see how they fare against the selection. The champions have Noreen O'Reilly who played so well for the Cork team against Tipperary last season, while other very capable performers are Mary Salter, Josie Murphy, M. Barry and M. Wall. Churchtown will have the advantage of teamwork in this game as Naomh Gobnath will be playing together for the first time.

However, the selectors had plenty of talent to choose from, including the grand Blarney team who are doing so well in this grade. The Blarney girls who will be playing are Anne and Angela Gaffey, and Mary Heelan, while other players likely to be in the side are Peg O'Brien (Fermoy), Betty Burke (Douglas), N. Collins (Canovee), Josie Pine (Fermoy), M. Buckley (Douglas), Irene Sheehan and Kay Healy (Canovee). These girls have proved themselves with their respective clubs and they could strike a combination then they could defeat the Churchtown girls.

In any event this game should arouse a great deal of interest.

The remaining game date for tomorrow is a junior league tie between St. Ita's and Younghall, which will precede the game at Carrigtwohill.

FIXTURES

At Mardyke—Senior Championship: 3 o'clock, Old Ais. v. South Pres. (referee T. Murphy, Glen); 4 o'clock, Glen Rovers v. U.C.C. (Lil O'Grady, Old Ais).
At Carrigtwohill—1968 Junior League: 2.30, St. Ita's v. Younghall.
1968 Senior Championship: 3.30, Naomh Gobnath v. Churchtown.

Old Aloysians Surprise South Pres. P.P.U.

Old Aloysians 2-4
South Pres. Past Pupils 1-3

South Presentation Past Pupils', strongly favoured to emerge the victors in their tie against Old Aloysians in the first game of the 1968 Senior Camogie Championships were defeated at the Mardyke, Cork, yesterday.

The game provided spectators with a fine display of camogie, both teams being well matched and throughout the entire game, the pace was fast and lively. At the half time whistle both sides were equal with the score reading 1-1.

However, in the second period, particularly in the last quarter, Old Ais. got on top and despite the tremendous efforts by the South Pres. girls, who only succeeded in adding two points to their tally after the interval, Old Aloysians got another goal and three points.

Scorers for Old Aloysians K. McAuliffe 1-1, C. O'Regan 1-0, L. Garvin 2 pts., A. McAuliffe 1 pt. Scorers for South Pres. P.P.: A. Comerford 1-1, B. Sugrue 2 points.

Old Aloysians—M. Moran, M. Garvin, N. McAuliffe, S. Ryan, H. Lynch, A. McAuliffe, M. Murphy, L. Garvin, A. Hennerly, C. O'Regan, K. McAuliffe, A. Moynihan. Subs.: R. Manley for A. McAuliffe.

South Presentation Past Pupils'—M. Cummins, H. Dineen, M. Crowley, A. Cronin, S. O'Sullivan, B. Sugrue, M. McCarthy, B. Gibbons, E. Hurley, K. Dunne, A. Comerford, B. O'Sullivan.

GLEN THROUGH IN CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP

Glen Rovers 2-6
University College, Cork 2-1.

Two goals in the final ten minutes of the game assured victory for reigning champions Glen Rovers in their opening tie of the 1968 Senior Championship when they met U.C.C. at the Mardyke yesterday.

It was only in the final quarter that the pace slackened when two successive goals by the star Glen player Anna Crotty seemed to crush the spirit of the College girls who were battling hard up to this.

College were down one point to the Glen's six points at the interval but their tremendous efforts in the early stages after the resumption paid dividends in the form of two goals. But after the Glen's successive two goals, they failed to make any impact.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: A. Crotty (2-6), P. Dorgan (0-3), M. Murphy (0-1). Scorers for U.C.C.: J. O'Brien (1-0), M. Coakley (1-0), S. Dunne (0-1).

Glen Rovers: M. O'Shea, N. O'Mahony, M. Coleman, M. Buckley, J. Twomey, P. Dorgan, N. Humphries, S. O'Connell, M. Murphy, A. Crotty, M. McDonnell, M. Murphy, U.C.C.: R. O'Halloran, M. Murphy, B. Buckley, C. O'Riordan, P. Devlin, S. Dunne, M. McCarthy, M. McCarthy, J. O'Brien, J. Loneragan. Referee—Miss L. O'Grady, Old Ais. M. Morgan, M. Coakley.

Ann Carroll

By AGNES HOURIGAN

NO more dynamic figure has come onto the camogie scene in recent years than Ann Carroll, who, although yet scarcely out of her teens, has been a force to reckon with already in many phases of the game.

Born in London, where her father was then in business, she took up camogie when the family came home again, and first made her mark with Mercy Convent, Callan, when the latter school entered the Leinster senior Colleges competition on its institution.

In the five years of school competition, Ann won three Stuart Cup medals, and played in four finals, a remarkable record but she had meanwhile swept to fame on the inter-county fields.

She first played inter-county for Kilkenny when in her very early teens, but when she then went to live at Ballintogart, which is over the Tipperary border, she was next seen in the Premier County ranks.

While still a school-girl she won several Munster championship medals with Tipperary (in fact, in the same year she twice won Leinster championship medals in schools competition and Munster championship medals in senior grade), also won a couple of interprovincial titles with Munster, and captained the Tipperary side in an All-Ireland final, which they lost to Dublin after a great game.

She did, however, win two All-Ireland club championship medals with her Tipperary club, St. Patrick's. Meanwhile, she had come up to University College, Dublin, to study architecture and quickly made her mark by inspiring U.C.D. to win the Ashbourne Cup in her first year.

Something more than twelve months ago, her family moved again, this time back to the town of Kilkenny, and Ann was due to re-appear in the Kilkenny colours when she received a severe but accidental knee injury which threatened to put her out of the game for good.

As it was, she was debarred from active service for more than twelve months, but this did not hinder her work for camogie. As secretary of U.C.D. club she put tireless work into training and coaching the side, which made a brave but vain bid to recapture the Ashbourne Cup at Galway, with Ann herself playing brilliantly in goal.

Nobody is more determined that camogie will advance to its rightful place as the greatest sport for women in Ireland, and she is as willing to work off the field as to play on it, and is, in fact, now treasurer of Leinster Council.

But then, she gets every encouragement and example at home, for her mother is the chairman of Kilkenny County Camogie Board, while her father, best known nowadays as head of Carroll System



Buildings Ltd., is a tremendous devotee of the game.

And it is good news for all camogie followers that Ann hopes to be back in full action on the playing fields this summer. The game can ill afford to be without such a great player whose return will be anxiously awaited both by her U.C.D. club-mates and Kilkenny, for whom she hopes to play again this season.

Sweeping camogie changes by Dublin

By TAOSH LINE

THE DUBLIN camogie selectors have shown their willingness to experiment in the team they have named to meet Offaly in the opening game of the Leinster senior championship at Birr on Sunday. They have made no fewer than five changes from the team which defeated All-Ireland champions Antrim in an exhibition game at Magherafelt last Sunday.

One of the changes was enforced, as Kathleen Lyons has retired from the inter-county scene, but also missing from next Sunday's side are Una O'Connor, Mary Sherlock, Ethna Leech, and Patricia Timmons, all of whom have been regulars on the great Dublin side of the past few seasons.

They are replaced by Anne Carey (Eoghan Ruadh) in goal, Pat Rafferty (Eoghan Ruadh) at right back, Meta Kelly (U.C.D.) at left-back and Frances Whelan (Naomh Aoife) and Maureen Brennan (Eoghan Ruadh) join Orla Ni Shiochain at midfield.

In attack there is, however, only one real change. Kitty Murphy (Celtic), right full-back in last year's final, is now at left forward, a position for which she has shown previous aptitude. Judy Doyle moves in to full-forward, and Kit Kehoe (right forward) and Anne McAllister (full forward) retain last year's positions.

IN TWO FIELDS

In view of Eoghan Ruadh's great run both in Dublin and in the All-Ireland club championship they, representatives well deserve their chance on the county side. Frances Whelan has been on the verge of the top class through the past couple of seasons, and Meta Kelly was outstanding in the U.C.D. defence all season.

The team is: A. Carey (Eoghan Ruadh), M. Ryan (Austin Stacks), P. Rafferty (Eoghan Ruadh), A. Hussey (Celtic), M. Kelly (U.C.D.), F. Whelan (Naomh Aoife), M. Brennan (Eoghan Ruadh), O. Ni Shiochain (Austin Stacks), K. Kehoe (Celtic), A. McAllister (Austin Stacks), K. Murphy (Celtic), J. Doyle (Naomh Aoife), Subs.—E. Leech (Celtic), B. Keenan (Austin Stacks), P. Timmons (Naomh Aoife), M. Sherlock (Austin Stacks), S. Creevy (Austin Stacks).

DUBLIN STAGE A LATE RALLY

DUBLIN 6-1
ANTRIM 5-1

Dublin staged a great second-half rally and deserved their one-goal victory over All-Ireland champions Antrim in this thrilling exhibition camogie game at Magherafelt, Co. Derry, yesterday in conjunction with the local carnival.

Antrim adapted themselves better to the greasy conditions in the first half and were worth their 3-1 to 1-1 interval lead.

The writing seemed to be on the wall for Dublin when Antrim added their fourth goal on the restart. But the fitter Dublin side rallied to draw level and then went a goal ahead.

The champions equalised again, but Dublin came back to notch the winning score just before the full-time whistle.

Captain Kathleen Lyons, playing her last game for Dublin, was outstanding. Mary Ryan, Alice Hussey, Orla Ni Shiochain, Kitty Murphy, Anne McAllister, Judy Doyle and Una O'Connor also played a big part in this victory.

For Antrim, Eileen Collins was outstanding in the first half when Mairead McAtamney and

Sue Cashman were also seen to advantage.

Scorers: Dublin—J. Doyle (2-1), M. Sherlock (1-0), U. O'Connor (1-0), K. Kehoe (1-0), A. McAllister (1-0). Antrim—E. Collins (3-0), L. Scullion (2-0), S. Cashman (1-0).
Referee—Miss M. O'Neill (Derry).

WATERFORD CAMOGIE WIN

Waterford scored an easy win over Kerry in the opening round of the Munster Senior Camogie Championship at Killarney on Sunday. The score was: Waterford, 8-3; Kerry, 2-0.

Dublin Too Crafty For Offaly Side

DUBLIN 10-6
OFFALY 4-0

Holders Dublin scored a clear-cut win over Offaly in the opening game of the Leinster senior camogie championship in ideal conditions at Birr yesterday, and this despite an upset on the way down when their bus broke down.

The winners led 4-2 to nil at half-time and, although the issue was never in doubt, Offaly put up a very determined fight in the second half. The losers, however, lacked the craft and combination of the Dubliners.

The winners' outstanding players were the captain, Alice Hussey, Orla Ni Shiochain, Judy Doyle, Kit Kehoe, Anne McAllister and Mary Ryan. Best for Offaly were goalie Maura Kearns, Jenny Dooley, Marie Milne and Catherine Carroll.

Scorers: Dublin — J. Doyle (5-0), K. Kehoe (3-2), O. Ni Shiochain (0-4), A. McAllister (1-0), K. Murphy (1-0); Offaly — C. Carroll (2-0), M. Milne (1-0), J. O'Toole (1-0).
Referee—B. Jarry (Kildare).

ANOTHER CAMOGIE WIN FOR YOUGHAL

Pres. Youghal 7-1; Drishane 0-0

Another glorious chapter in the short history of Youghal camogie was written by Presentation Convent at Vocational Schools grounds, Cork, on Saturday, when the Presentation girls defeated Drishane Convent, Millstreet in a hard-fought encounter for the O'Callaghan Trophy. Youghal led comfortably at half-time by 5-0 to nil.

Scorers for Youghal were P. Maloney, 4-1, Y. Butler 2-0; A. Russell, 1-0.

Youghal—P. O'Riordan (captain); M. Cronin, C. Trishy, M. Walsh, C. Harnedy, C. McCarthy, C. Buckley, A. Russell, P. Maloney, E. Healy, Y. Butler, M. Hennessey. Drishane — M. Buckley, captain; M. Cooper, H. Hennessey, M. O'Regan, J. O'Brien, B. O'Brien, H. O'Brien, M. O'Shea, P. Day, M. Roche, A. M. O'Keefe, P. Murphy.

Trial Game At Togher Tomorrow

MUNSTER Championship time is drawing near in the camogie season and 25 players for a trial game on Sunday evening will also be decided this week. In addition there are a number of very interesting 1968 week-end and one senior league tie listed.

The actual teams for Sunday evening's Cork trial have not been announced but every position on the field is adequately covered by at least two players.

There are two goalies named—Eleanor Cummins of S.P.P.P. and Mary Moran (Old Aloysians), and Mary should be a very interesting duel between these girls for the position as both are playing very well with their respective clubs. Dineen of S.P.P.P. and Hannah of Fermoy are full backs while other defenders on the O'Brien list are Nora O'Mahony (Glen Rovers), Sheila Dunne (U.C.C.), Ann O'Sullivan (S.P.P.P.), Ann O'Sullivan (Blarney), Mary Jo Ryan (Blarney), M. Buckley (Glen Rovers), Honor Lynch (Old Aloysians). It is good to see a member of a junior team getting a chance of inter-county honours and Ann O'Sullivan is worth this opportunity as she has been having a highly successful season with Blarney.

Liz Garvan of Old Aloysians promises to be one of the best players to come out of Cork for many years. Still only a schoolgirl she must be expected to win her place on the team this season. Her place in the centre could give partners a bit of difficulty as there are a number of grand players for the positions. There is Ann McAuliffe, a clubmate of Liz, and Nuala Humphries, Maura Coleman and Margaret Murphy of Glen Rovers, Angela Russell (Youghal), Eileen O'Connell (S.P.P.P.) and B. Burke (Douglas).

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ann Crotty, Glen Rovers Player of the Year must be an automatic in the attack and she might well be partnered by her clubmates Dorgan, Marie Costigan, and Stephanie O'Connell. However, the Glen girls will not have things their own way as there is a strong challenge from Ann Comerford (S.P.P.P.), Ann O'Sullivan (Fermoy), Eileen O'Connell (Youghal) and Ann Moynihan and Catherine O'Brien of Old Aloysians. In fact a game on Sunday could put some of these girls in the side. Certainly on paper the talent to be there and it is now up to the selectors to pick the best at their disposal.

Four New Players On Cork Team To Meet Tipp.

MUNSTER Champions, Cork, make their first appearance in this season's campaign on Sunday next. Their opponents will be old rivals Tipperary, and this game which will be played at the Mardyke, promises to be a thriller indeed.

The Cork schools team will also be in action this week-end when they meet Dublin schools in the O'Duffy Cup at Croke Park tomorrow afternoon.

There are four newcomers to the Cork senior team for Sunday. In defence they will have U.C.C. Sheila Dunne. Sheila gained her place with the secondary team last season and thoroughly deserves her senior place. The U.C.C. defender was in tremendous form in their first round tie with Glen Rovers, and if she can strike this form again on Sunday she should be a great asset to the Cork defence.

Eleanor Cummins the Cork goalie, has plenty of experience with the county side and is a very sound keeper. Hannah Dineen, at full-back, is one of the strongest hitting players in the game and her long clearances have always been a great help to club and county. Sheila O'Sullivan, who partners Sheila Dunne on the wings, is a wholehearted player who has been one of the outstanding members of the S.P.P.P. side for many years past.

SECOND NEWCOMER

Completing the defence is the second of the newcomers, Mary Jo Ryan. Mary Jo won recognition with Youghal when in two years they went from junior to senior ranks by completing the junior and intermediate double. Mary Jo was their big star and she showed herself as inter-county material when she had some great games with the intermediate team last season.

One member of Sunday's team is still at school, and in fact, will also be figuring on the schools side tomorrow. She is Liz Garvan of Old Aloysians, who also won promotion from the secondary team.

Liz wins her place for the first time on the senior side, where she will play at wing centre. Liz's selection was a foregone conclusion following her tremendous displays in schools games and particularly in Old Ais. first round senior championship tie against South Presentation Past Pupils. Liz's partners in the centre will be clubmate Anne McAuliffe, another very stylish player and Nuala Humphries, the strong Glen Rovers player.

first round championship tie and it was not surprising that she gained her place. Combination is something which is often lacking in the county forward lines, but the Cork girls will have no excuse for this. Stephanie O'Connell, Peggy Dorgan and captain Anna Crotty, who, with Margaret, make up the forward line, are all big names and each one is quite capable of winning the match on her own. They are all grand opportunists and when they combine together they are a pleasure to watch.

This, then, is the Cork team, and it looks good enough to defeat Tipperary, and so advance to the final, as Sunday's winners have a bye in the semi-final.

Tipperary, of course, are the county who held the title since 1963 up to last year when Cork, although not given too much hope, beat them in a tremendous game in Tipperary. Now the ex-champions will be anxious to avenge this defeat and will travel to Cork full of confidence.

As Cork and Tipperary have been the top teams in Munster for many years past many will consider this as the Munster final. The winners will meet Limerick or Waterford, and though these counties have often caused upsets, Sunday's winners should be able to dispose of them. Should Cork win on Sunday they must have a good chance of reaching the All-Ireland final as in the semi-final the Munster champions are drawn against Connacht champions which is the easiest pairing they could hope for. So here's hoping that Cork rise to the occasion in front of their own followers on Sunday.

NOT AVAILABLE

The Tipperary team was not available at the time of writing, but no doubt, many of last season's team will be in action. The Griffin sisters, Kathleen and Terry have been so long with the side now that their absence would be greatly felt. Kathleen is particularly effective especially when the "chips are down". Tipperary have a grand goalie in Sally Long, while the Graham sisters, Mary and Anne, are the defenders. Margo Loughane figured on last season's Munster team and is a very clever forward. Deirdre Lane should also win her place in the side. She did not play in last season's championship but had a tremendous game against Cork in the secondary competition. She also played with Tipperary seniors in the Gold Leaf tournament. Tipperary can always field a strong side, and Cork will need to be on top of their form if they are to beat them.

It is good to see the revival of the O'Duffy Cup. This game at one time was an annual one between Cork and Dublin schools but it has not been played for some years now. This competition is a tremendous boost for the schoolgirls as what camogie player does not hope for an inter-county place. Then again the schoolgirls have an opportunity of playing in Croke Park. So it is hoped that this game will once again become an annual affair.

PROMISING SIDE

The Cork team for tomorrow looks very promising. Michelle Cooper of Drishane is a great little goalkeeper, while at full-back Cork have Sheila Ryan who is a member of the Old Aloysians' senior team. Another Old Ais. senior player, Honor Lynch, will be at half-back from where she captains the side. Honor will be partnered by Patricia Riordan of Youghal and yet another St. Ais. girl, Marion O'Leary, two very sound defenders.

In the centre they have senior inter-county player Liz Garvan and she will be partnered by Angela Russell, who has also played on the Cork senior team, and Rose Long who has figured on the Old Ais. senior team.

In the attack Cork will have Catherine O'Regan of School of Commerce and Pat Moloney, two others who have had senior experience. Catherine with Old Ais. and Pat with Youghal. The attack will be completed by Rosie Hennessy and Deirdre Garvan, two of St. Ais. highly efficient forwards.

The Dublin team was not available at the time of writing, but in the past they always managed to field a top class side and with Cork facing the long journey to Dublin, they could be starting at

at a disadvantage. However, Cork teams have always been known to be at their best when up against it and with so many of the players having senior experience, they should not be over-awed by the occasion.

There are a long list of fixtures for the coming week as we are now entering the busiest time of the camogie calendar.



Noreen O'Reilly (Churchtown)

Cork Senior Team: Eleanor Cummins (S.P.P.P.); Hannah Dineen (do.); Sheila Dunne (U.C.C.); Mary Jo Ryan (Youghal); Sheila O'Sullivan (S.P.P.P.); Liz Garvan (Old Aloysians); Anne McAuliffe (do.); Nuala Humphries (Glen Rovers); Margaret Murphy (do.); Stephanie O'Connell (do.); Peggy Dorgan (do.); Anna Crotty (do., capt.); Subs., M. Moran (Old Ais.); P. O'Brien (Fermoy); A. Russell (Youghal); E. O'Connell (do.); Ann Comerford (S.P.P.P.).

Cork Schools Team: Michelle Cooper (Drishane); Sheila Ryan (St. Ais.); Patricia Riordan (Youghal); Honor Lynch (St. Ais., capt.); Marion O'Leary (do.); Angela Russell (Youghal); Liz Garvan (St. Ais.); Rose Long (do.); Catherine O'Regan (School of Commerce); Pat Moloney (Youghal); Rosie Hennessy (St. Ais.); Deirdre Garvan (do.); Subs., E. Long (St. Ais.); M. Whelton (South Pres.); E. Bowles (St. Pats.); S. Collins (North Pres.); Eanna Dwane (School of Commerce) and Mary Buckley (Drishane).

LIMERICK BEAT CLARE EASILY

Limerick 5-5, Clare 1-0

This first round game of the Munster Camogie Championship played at Croom yesterday resulted in an easy victory for Limerick, who led at the interval by 5-5 to nil.

K. Clancy was Limerick's outstanding player and her personal tally of 1-5 was only slightly behind that of E. Neville who scored no less than four goals of her team's total. The other Limerick scorers were J. Hayes (2-0), T. Fennessy (1-0), T. Moloney and their goalkeeper P. Brody together with A. Curley and N. O'Brien tried their efforts out for Clare but their efforts were completely in vain against a much superior opposition.

Limerick—M. Kennedy; P. Ryan, E. B. Gintian, B. Guiry; A. Ryan, B. Keefe, P. Ryan; C. Murphy, E. O'Leary, K. Clancy, J. Hayes, E. Neville.

Clare—P. Brody, P. Scannan, M. Spellman, M. Grant, E. McMahon, F. Frost, A. Curley, N. O'Brien, B. Walsh, T. Moloney, M. Collins, C. Frost.

Ref., Teresa Reidy (Tralee)



Sheila Dunne (U.C.C.)

The fourth of the newcomers will be in the attack and perhaps she more than the others should find it easier to settle down. This will be Margaret Murphy's first inter-county outing but when it is considered that she will be part of an entirely Glen Rovers attack she should not find her initiation too difficult.

NO EXCUSES

Margaret had a fine game against U.C.C. in their successful

Liz Garvan stars

Cork Schools, 2-7; Dublin Schools, 2-4.

Liz Garvan proved a match-winner for Cork Schools who defeated Dublin Schools by 2-7 to 2-4 in a camogie challenge at Croke Park yesterday.

Somewhat against the run of play, the winners led by 1-2 to 0-3 at half-time, but although Dublin went a goal ahead the Cork girls were the more accurate strikers.

Liz Garvan, who scored one goal and five points, Michelle Cooper in goal and Honor Lynch at centre back were outstanding for Cork. Best for Dublin were Una Carroll at full-back, Maura Thornton and Feena Murray.

Scorers—Cork—L. Garvan (1-5); D. Garvan (1-0); and C. O'Regan (1-0). Dublin—C. Kelly (2-0) and M. Thornton (0-3).

Cork Win Way To Camogie Final

Cork 2-5, Tipperary 2-1

CORK won their way to the Munster Championship Final yesterday when they defeated Tipperary in the semi-final. The Tipperary girls led by a point at half time but Cork made better use of their chances in the second half and emerged as worthy winners.

In this game Cork's defence must take most of the credit. Eleanor Cummins in goal was the big star of the team, while Hannah Dineen, Sheila Dunne, Sheila O'Sullivan and Mary Jo Ryan all played their part. Particularly in the opening half when the Tipperary girls were at their best the Cork defence stood up to constant pressure, and in spite of a grand Tipperary goal from Phyllis Tiernan and a point from Bridie Conroy the Cork girls were still very much in the game at half time. In the first half Peggy Dorgan who scored 2-3 of her side's tally scored two points and Stephanie O'Connell also added a point to leave the half-time score at 1-1 to 0-3.

In the second half the Cork forwards, although they missed many good chances were more effective and Peggy Dorgan added 2-1 and Liz Garvan added a point. Tipperary replied with a single

goal from Monica Ryan but this was not sufficient and Cork emerged as victors by 2-5 to 2-1.

A feature of this very exciting game was the display of two schoolgirls. Liz Garvan, who was in the centre for Cork, had a fine game particularly in the second half, and scored a vital point. Liz, incidentally was the big star of the Cork Schools win in the O'Duffy Cup in Croke Park. The second schoolgirl was on the Tipperary team. She was Margaret Cleary who is a mere 14 and she too had a grand game. Others to play well for Tipperary were Sally Long, who had a wonderful game in goal, Monica Ryan and Kathleen Marks.

Cork now go forward to meet the winners of the Waterford-Limerick semi-final.

Scorers for Cork were: Peggy Dorgan (2-3), Liz Garvan (0-1) and S. O'Connell (0-1), while Monica Ryan (1-0), Phyllis Tiernan (1-0) and Bridie Conroy (0-1) were Tipperary's scorers.

Teams:—
Cork—E. Cummins (S.P.P.P.), H. Dineen (S.P.P.P.), S. O'Sullivan (do.), M. J. Ryan (Youghal), S. Dunne (U.C.C.), L. Garvan (Old Aloysians), A. McAuliffe (do.), N. Humphries (Glen Rovers), S. O'Connell (do.), P. Dorgan (do.), M. Murphy (do.), A. Crotty (do.) capt.
Tipperary—S. Long (capt.), M. Graham, A. Graham, G. Marshall, M. Burke, M. Cleary, M. Ryan, B. Moloney, M. Loughnane, B. Conroy, K. Marks, P. Tiernan.

CAMOGIE

Liz Garvan:

a star is born

CORK have a new, and great, camogie star in the making. At Croke Park on Saturday last, 15-year-old Liz Garvan, from St. Aloysius, stole the show in

By AINE MEAGHER

the revived annual game between teams representing the Cork Schools' League and the Dublin Colleges' League. Not alone did she give a wonderful all-round display, but she almost beat the Dublin

girls off her own stick, scoring 1-5 of her side's 2-7 total. And then for good measure another Garvan, her sister, Deirdre scored Cork's second goal.

Also impressive on this Cork side was centre-back and captain Honor Lynch, a niece of An Taoiseach, who held up the Dublin attack time and again. Dublin too had an outstanding player in full-back Una Carroll from Presentation, Terenure. Both goalkeepers—Michelle Cooper (Cork) and Anne Murray (Dublin) were also impressive.

And a word of praise to the referee Deirdre Higgins, who only a couple of days before had received from her club U.C.D. an award for being their most sporting player of the year. But then refereeing, it seems runs in Deirdre's family, for her brother Aubrey Higgins of Galway is a very well-known hurling referee.

CAMOGIE STARS—6

EILEEN NAUGHTON

Superb goalkeeper

MANY great camogie players have come out of the West since Peggy Morris led a gallant and unlucky Galway side in the Tailteann Games of 1932 and the first All-Ireland finals that followed, but it is doubtful if Galway has ever seen greater than Eileen Naughton, possibly the most outstanding goal-keeper the game has yet known.

A native of Galway City, Eileen first made her mark in Colleges camogie, and was so distinguished as a young player that, while still a school-girl, she was already a star of the Galway inter-county team.

Indeed, she was still a school-girl when she first appeared in an All-Ireland final at Croke Park, for Galway against Dublin in 1960. But Dublin had already heard of her for she had foiled Antrim in amazing fashion in the semi-final at Casement Park and it was her superb brilliance in goal that carried the Western champions to the final. She again played brilliantly in the All-Ireland final but could not save Galway from defeat this time.

Two years later, Eileen was again the star of a sensational Galway semi-final victory, this time when they beat Cork at Fermoy. Again they met Dublin in a Croke Park final, and again Eileen Naughton gave a wonderful display, but again not all her brilliance could save Galway, even though spectators agreed that she had given the

finest display of goal-keeping ever seen in an All-Ireland final.

Meanwhile Eileen Naughton had become a medical student at University College, Galway, and there, in 1964, was the star of

By
Agnes Hourigan

the U.C.G. side that scored a great victory over U.C.C. in the final of the Ashbourne Cup inter-varsity competition.

Unfortunately, pressure of studies in more recent years has meant that Eileen has not been able to

devote as much time as before to camogie, and her loss has been sorely felt in the West. However, she did make a triumphant return this spring, when she again played a major part in another Galway Ashbourne Cup victory.

Moreover, as she hopes to qualify this summer, she is likely to have more time for camogie thereafter, and it is the earnest hope of followers of the game far outside Galway that, through the year ahead, we shall have the pleasure of seeing many more fine displays of goal-keeping from the Ollie Walsh of camogie, who, when the opportunity presents, has, like Ollie, a love of playing an occasional game in the forward-line.

Meanwhile, the Munster Colleges' championship, although it started belatedly, has been making great progress. Mercy Convent, Ennis, who defeated the Limerick representatives in the first round, advanced to the final this week when they defeated Waterford champions, Stella Maris, Tramore, after a thrilling game at Cahir. The Clare students now await the winners of the Cork v. Kerry semi-final.



CAMOGIE.—Mary O'Driscoll (left) captain of U.C.C., referee Mary O'Shea (Douglas) and Mary Hooper, captain of Rochestown, pictured prior to the playing of the 1968 Junior championship game at the University Grounds, Cork. (O'Connell)

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County Semi-finals At Ballinlough Tomorrow

GLEN ROVERS, Old Aloysians, Youghal and Naomh Gobnait are the four teams remaining in the Senior County Camogie Championship and tomorrow at Ballinlough these sides will do battle in their respective semi-finals.

Holdings, Glen Rovers, are chasing their seventh successive championship and they must be expected to take a major step in this direction when they meet Naomh Gobnait tomorrow, in the semi-final. Naomh Gobnait are the intermediate selection and with a number of strong teams to pick from they are capable of fielding a really strong side. However, Glen Rovers are a tremendous championship team and their combination is something which is very hard to break.

Their attack was selected "en bloc" for the Cork team on Sunday last and although they missed a number of chances on that occasion they still did enough to win the game for the county. Peggy Dorgan did most of the scoring against Tipperary and if the Naomh Gobnait girls hope to be in the game with a chance they will have to "shadow" Peggy for the full 50 minutes. Anna Crotty, Stephanie O'Connell, and Margaret Murphy make up the rest of the forward line and even if Peggy is "blotted out" of the game these girls are all quite capable of taking the initiative in the scoring, so that the intermediate girls' defence will be really up against it on Sunday. The answer will be in the person of Peg O'Brien, the grand Fermoy full back who was a sub for the county side last week. Mary Heelan too is a good goalie while Betty Burke and Ann Gaffey are two solid defenders. If these girls can hold the Glen forwards then they will be in the game with a very good chance.

What have Naomh Gobnait to offer in the forward line? Here they will probably have Blarney girl Angela Gaffey, and Canovee's Irene Sheehan and Kay Healy. These girls have all been very impressive with their clubs this season and could do well on Sunday. Josie Pine of Fermoy and M. Buckley of Douglas are two others who could play big roles in the intermediate side. But in addition to the attack Glen have a number of top players completing the side. They include Nora O'Mahony, Margaret Buckley, Maura Coleman, Nuala Humphries, Margaret O'Shea and Mary McDonnell.

CLOSE MATCH EXPECTED

In the second semi-final Old Aloysians meet Youghal in what should be the closest of the semi-finals. Up to this season Old Aloysians had not won a championship game since 1962. This was a very poor record for a side which prior to 1962 had taken three titles in a row. Now after a grand victory over South Presentation Past Pupils in the first round Old Als are determined to stay on the winning trail. For the past five years they have been endeavouring to strike a winning combination and this season they are fielding a young side which looks very strong indeed. Like Glen, Old Als are probably strongest in the attack where they have Catherine O'Regan, Angela Hennerty, Kay McAuliffe and Anne Moynihan. These girls combine very well together and all are good opportunists around goal. Then in the centre they have Liz Garvan the brilliant schoolgirl intercounty player who is tremendous at picking off points from all angles. The other centres are Mary A. Murphy and Anne McAuliffe and if these girls give the forwards the support they are capable of then the Youghal girls will not find it easy to contain them.

In defence Old Als have Mary Moran, their captain, in goal. Mary has done a great deal for the club since her return from Dublin and her coolness between the posts has a steadying effect on the remaining defenders. Marie

Garvan, Honor Lynch, Sheila Ryan and Nora McAuliffe are all grand defenders who will give Mary every cover.

Against this what have Youghal to offer? Their team was not available at the time of writing but no doubt it will include most of their usual side.

Mary Jo Ryan had a fine game with Cork on Sunday last and no doubt Youghal will be depending a great deal on her. Youghal are a grand side who play with a determination which often helps them to overcome great odds. They will not be worried about the Old Als girls on Sunday and with so many grand players in their side they have every right to be confident of success. Mary Barron is a grand goalie while Esther O'Connell and Angela Russell were included in the Cork selection on Sunday last. Angela



Ann McAuliffe (Old Aloysians)

was also a member of the successful Cork schools team on Saturday last while Pat Moloney and Pat O'Riordan were others who figured on this team. In addition to these girls they have very useful players in Marie Costigan, Brid Power, their captain Mary Mulcahy and Callie Leamy.

Youghal are good enough to dispose of Old Aloysians but now that the latter have a chance of reaching another final they will not let the opportunity slip easily. So that this game promises to be a tremendous one.

There is a long list of fixtures for the coming week and they are as follows:

Tomorrow, at Ballinlough, semi-finals of Senior Championship, 2.45: Old Als v. Youghal, referee, Pat Devlin; 4.00: Glen Rovers v. Naomh Gobnait, referee, Lil O'Grady.

Glen Rovers And Old Als For Final

Glen Rovers 7-7,
Naomh Gobnait 0-5.

Old Als 4-0,
Youghal 2-3.

Holdings Glen Rovers are through to the final of the Cork County Camogie championship having defeated Naomh Gobnait 7-7 to five points yesterday. In the final they will meet Old Als who also emerged victorious from their semi-final tie with Youghal, both games having been played at Ballinlough yesterday afternoon.

The Glen girls had an easy win. They got off to a flying start with a goal just a few minutes after the game began and this was followed by a quick succession of points and by the time the half-time whistle went they were leading 4-4 to their opponents two points. On the resumption, they continued in scoring form and went on to add a further three goals and three points while St. Gobnait only succeeded in getting home three more points. The experience of the Glen girls who for the last six successive years have held the senior title, proved too great an obstacle for St. Gobnait.

On the other hand the tie between St. Als and Youghal was a hard fought one. Youghal opened the scoring early in the game with a goal but within a short time St. Als replied and then Youghal went on to add a point to their tally before the half-time whistle went. On the resumption, play continued at a fast pace and within minutes Youghal increased their lead by a goal which was followed by two points in quick succession. St. Als then really put on the pressure and for the remainder of the game they were more or less encamped in the Youghal goalmouth and as a result they succeeded in adding three goals to their tally.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: A. Crotty (2-3), M. Murphy (2-0), M. McDonnell (2-0), P. Dorgan (1-3), S. O'Connell (0-1). Scorers for St. Gobnait: K. Healy (0-4), A. Gaffey (0-1).

Scorers for St. Als: L. Garvan (2-0), A. Moynihan (1-0), E. Manley (1-0). Scorers for Youghal: M. Coston (1-2), E. O'Connell (1-1).

Glen Rovers: N. Nott, T. Murphy, N. Mahony, M. Buckley, M. Coleman, N. Humphries, S. O'Connell, J. Twomey, P. Dorgan, M. Murphy, M. McDonnell.

St. Gobnait: Angela Gaffey, Anna Gaffey, C. Humphries, P. O'Brien, J. Pine, A. O'Sullivan, M. Heelan, M. Buckley, R. Burke, K. Healy, C. Lyons, C. Healy.

Old Als—M. Moran, N. McAuliffe, M. Garvan, A. McAuliffe, L. Garvan, M. Murphy, H. Lynch, A. Hennerty, C. O'Regan, A. Moynihan, K. McAuliffe, Sub. E. Manley for A. Hennerty.

Youghal: M. Barron, P. Riordan, C. Stack, K. O'Brien, M. J. Ryan, E. Buxton, K. Leamy, M. Mulcahy, M. Coston, E. O'Connell, A. Riordan, B. Power.

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GLEN ROVERS - BACK - N. HUMPHRIES
S. COLLINS, M. COLLINS, MARY HOTT STONEY
MARGARET BUCKLEY, MAURA COLEMAN
STEPHANIE O'CONNELL
FRONT - M. O'CALLAGHAN, MARY HOTT
NEERA O'MAHONY, JERRY DEEAN (CAPT)
ANNA CROTTY, M.E.T. MURPHY, M. McDONALD



NAOMH GOBNAITH - BACK: ANGELA GAFFEY
KAY HEALY, ANNA GAFFEY, PEO O'BRIEN, BETTY
BURKE, CARMEL HEALY, C. LYONS
FRONT: - CORA HUMPHRIES, MARY HEELAN
S. PINE, MARY BUCKLEY, A. O'SULLIVAN
N. COLLINS

CAMOGIE.— Top: Glen Rovers who had a big win over Naomh Gobnaithe (below) in the Cork County semi-final played at Ballinlough. ("Echo")

Kildare No Match For Kilkenny

KILKENNY 12-6
 KILDARE 6-1
 Kilkenny were not extended even in scoring so convincing a victory over Kildare in the first round of the Leinster Senior Camogie Championship at Nowlan Park, yesterday.
 The winners who now meet Dublin in the semi-final led 4-5 to no score at half time. Kildare could never match the stylish song-striking Kilkenny girls, who were on top in every sector.
 Kilkenny had outstanding players in Breda Kinsella, Carmel O'Shea, Ann Carroll and Rosaline Vennard. Best for Kildare were: Brigid Cushion, Marie Miggins, Peggy Magee and Mary Maguire.
 ...Scorers — Kilkenny — B. Kinsella (6-1), R. Vennard (5-3), N. Duncan (1-0) and C. O'Shea (0-2). Kildare — M. Maguire (0-2).

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By AGNES HOURIGAN

EITHNE NEVILLE

EITHNE NEVILLE, one of the great names in camogie in Munster, has been for several years Secretary of the Munster Council, comes of a very famed Gaelic family. Her father, Mick Neville from Kilkenny, was a member of the great Dublin Faughs team from 1916 to 1922, and as well as winning a couple of All-Ireland medals with Dublin, also played in an All-Ireland final with his native Limerick.
 All her brothers were well known on the hurling field, and one of them, Fr. Earnan Neville, was until recently President of the G.A.A.'s Handball Council.
 Eithne Neville herself first came to prominence as a player while a student at University College, Dublin, with whom she won league and championship honours. She also won a place on the

Dublin All-Ireland panel and gained an All-Ireland medal as a reserve on the Dublin team.
 On graduation, she returned to teach in her native county and quickly won fame not alone as a player but as an organiser and administrator. She soon became Secretary of the Limerick Board, and played full-forward both for her county and for Munster.
 Later she became Secretary of Munster Council, a position she still holds, and helped to start the secondary competition in the province, as well as organising schools competitions in Limerick.
 Since then she has on the playing fields won several Limerick championships with Croagh-Kilfinny, a Gael-Linn Cup medal or two with Munster and a Munster secondary

competition award with Limerick.
 Indeed, she is still the valued full-forward on the Limerick county side, and one of the hardest strikers of a ball in the game.
 In addition, of course, Eithne Neville is one of the best referees in the country. She has been in charge of the whistle in several All-Ireland finals, and won universal praise for her efficiency in handling the two great games between Antrim and Dublin in last year's decider.
 A dedicated worker for the game, a fine player, a natural organiser, an efficient secretary and a popular referee, few members of the Association have adorned so many facets of the camogie game as Eithne Neville, now teaching in Rathkeale, within a few miles of her childhood home.

Dublin Camogie Panel

The Dublin selectors have chosen the following panel of players to go into training for the Leinster Junior Championship.
 P. Breslin, A. Butler (E. Road), U. O'Carroll (Presentation), S. Wallace (N. Mhuire), N. O'Driscoll, D. Lawlor, D. Golden, B. Murray (Cucullians), D. O'Boyle, K. Murray, P. Caffrey, B. Ryan, M. Berkery (Celtic), M. Hayes (U.C.D.), C. Moroney, M. McHugh, L. Cressy (Austin Stacks).
 Players to attend at Phoenix Park (7.30) Wednesday next.

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CAMOGIE.—Top: Old Aloysians who had a 4-1 to 2-2 win over Youghal (below) in the Cork County Championship semi-final at Ballinlough. Old Ais will now meet Glen Rovers for the final.

OLD AIS
BACK:- KAY MAHLIFFE, NORA MAHLIFFE,
ANGELA HENNERTY, ANNE MOYNIHAN,
ROSE LONG LIZ GARVAN, MARY MURPHY,
RENA O'LEARY, HONOR LYNCH
FRONT:-
MARIE GARVAN, ANNE MAHLIFFE,
MARY MORAN (CAPT) CATHERINE
O'REGAN, SHEILA RYAN

First meeting
 The Commission set up by Congress to consider how best to advance Camogie to its fitting position as the only national sporting association for women in Ireland, held its first meeting in Dublin last week-end, and elected Miss Neil McCarthy, Dublin, as chairman. Secretary is Miss Mary Travers, the Roscommon Co. Secretary; Central Council is represented by Miss Sheila McAnulty, Ard-Runai and the other members are Miss Chris O'Connell (Limerick), Miss Maureen Smith (Antrim), Mrs. P. J. Toner (Armagh) and four well-known players, Dr. Eileen Naughton (Galway), Anne Carroll (Kilkenny), Eithne Neville (Limerick) and Mary Moran (Cork).
 As a preliminary step the Commission will make a detailed analysis of the position in each of the provinces.

Armagh are favourites.

BY SLIOTHAR
 The Junior Camogie Championship, now with an All-Ireland status gets under way in Ulster today with a match between Antrim and Armagh in Moneyglass (3.30).
 Armagh are regarded as one of the favourites for the Ulster title as the whole county was recently graded junior for All-Ireland purposes. The other favourites are Down, who were also graded junior, but Down have not the same potential as Armagh.
 The Moneyglass match will be a very even one, for Antrim have a long list of useful juniors, but Armagh, with a blend of youth and experience, should go through.
 The Antrim team is: D. Boyle, (St. Malachy's); M. Herron, (Connolly's); M. McGlone, (St. Teresa's); D. Webb (Portlone), K. McCartan (Deirdre); D. Crawford (Do.), M. McCallion (Do.), M. Boyle (St. Malachy's) K. Forde (Ahooghil), M. A. Meenan, (Treasurer's), M. Shannon, (St. Teresa's); S. Finn, (St. Agnes). Reserves: K. O'Riada (Geels), F. Morgan (Patrickian's) E. Doran (Deirdre).

Kilkenny into Second Round

KILKENNY 6-1
WESTMEATH 2-1
 Kilkenny scored a good win over Westmeath in the first round of the Leinster junior camogie championship at Ballymore yesterday. The winners, who led 3-1 to 1-1 at half-time, were the more accomplished players and a better trained side.
 The outstanding players for Kilkenny were Mary Conway, Ann Phelan, Margaret Cody and the Cassin twins. For Westmeath, Olli Brown, Connie Fay, Kathleen O'Connor tried hard.
 Scorers: Kilkenny—T. Brennan (2-0); M. Cassin (1-1); M. Cody, B. Cassin and M. Kennedy (1-0 each). Westmeath—O. Small and C. Finnerty, (1-0); K. O'Connor (0-1).

Kildare Show Camogie Form

KILDARE 5-1
MEATH 0-0
 Kildare scored a good win over Meath in the Leinster Junior Camogie Championships, at Naas yesterday and thus qualified to meet Wexford in the semi-final on July 7.
 The winners, who led 1-1 to nil somewhat against the run of the play, at half-time, had their best period just after the interval, when they scored three goals in eight minutes.
 Best for the winners were Margaret Deering, Teresa Walsh, Margaret Behan and Josie Miggins. Hilary Bowens, Pauline Reilly and Phil McEntaggart tried hard for Meath.
 Scorers: Kildare — J. Miggins (2-0); M. Behan, P. Molloy, M. Brennan (1-0 each); N. Malone (0-1).

JUNE 1968

Glen Rovers And Old Als Meet In County Final

THE showpiece of the Cork camogie season—the Senior County Championship final—will be staged at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, on tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon, 3.30 p.m. This season the finalists are old rivals, Glen Rovers, the holders, and Old Aloysians, and the game has all the ingredients of a thriller.

Glen Rovers are chasing their seventh consecutive title while Old Aloysians are endeavouring to recapture the title which they last held in 1961. In fact, it was Old Als who were holders of the title for three successive years before Glen began their wonderful winning sequence in 1962.

Since 1961 Old Aloysians have been having rather a lean time. In fact, they had not won a championship game for the past five years up to this season. But during all that time the club has been doing all in their power to get back on the winning trail. Now they feel that they have at last found a successful combination. Their present team is young and even if they do not take the title this season they must look forward to a successful future.

Inexperience could be one of the disadvantages of Old Als, on Sunday as they will be fielding against a side who are never overawed by the big occasion. Glen are so long on top in Cork that they will hardly be upset by Sunday's final. Most of their players have already taken part in a final whereas only a few of the Old Als girls have done so.

FORMIDABLE OPPOSITION

Against this Old Als have always been regarded as formidable opposition in a decider. They have rarely been beaten in a final and always seem to be at their best in big games. Glen will not relish the task of facing the convent girls on Sunday as in the past Old Als have often proved to be the better side in the county final.

Of course, this present Glen side is a very formidable one. They have strength in all sectors and with a tremendous line in attack they are never easy to hold. Their captain, Anna Crotty, will need constant watching as she is a brilliant opportunist around goal and in addition covers a tremendous amount of ground during the course of a game. Then there are Peggy Dorgan and Stephanie O'Connell, two interprovincial forwards who are natural hurlers. When in top form these girls are a treat to watch and have given many a defence a harrowing afternoon. The defence is completed by Margaret Murphy, who gained her county place this season and is fitting in very well with her better-known colleagues.

What of the Old Als, defence, who could be the difference between success or defeat in this game? In goal they have Mary Moran who, as captain, has done much for the side. Mary played in Dublin for a number of years, in fact, captained the Celtic side to a Dublin county championship victory. Mary's experience in the capital has made her a top-class

player and she could inspire the defence to rise to the occasion. At full back Old Als are likely to have Mary Garvan, who is very sound while on the wings will be Sheila Ryan and Nora McAuliffe, two other solid defenders.

Old Aloysians could suffer a big blow to their hopes before Sunday's game as two of their key players may not field. Honor



Stephanie O'Connell (Glen Rvs.)

Lynch, their stylish half-back, and Liz Garvan, their brilliant centre-fielder, are due to begin their school examinations next week and may not be able to field on Sunday. The loss of these girls could put an end to Old Als' hopes as both Honor and Liz have played major roles in all Old Als' victories so far this season. However, Old Als' followers are hopeful that they will field.

The actual teams for Sunday were not available at the time of writing but no doubt they will be on the lines of the sides which won in the semi-finals.

There could be a tremendous battle in the centre of the field. Here Old Als have Liz Garvan



Mary Murphy (Old Aloysians)

(if she plays) and Ann McAuliffe, two very effective performers while Glen Rovers will probably have Maura Coleman and Nuala

Humphries, both of whom have played on the Cork team.

Old Aloysians will put a great deal of hopes in their attack, which must be regarded as their strongest for many years. In fact, Old Als have at least five top forwards and it will not be easy for the selectors to select four as all five are more than worthy of their position. Of course, the selectors could put one of the forwards in a different position on the team, Rena Manley, who is making a comeback this season, made a big difference to the side when she came in as a sub. In the semi-final against Youghal, Rena is likely to hold her position for Sunday. Old Als have grand forwards also in Catherine O'Regan, Angela Hennerty, Kay McAuliffe and Ann Moynihan, all of whom are capable of snatching scores.

Against this the Glen defence is strong. Their regular goalie, Margaret O'Shea, was not in action in the semi-final but is likely to return to the side for the decider while the remainder of the defence will probably include veteran Teresa Murphy, Nora O'Mahony and Margaret Buckley, all very strong and experienced backs.

EVEN ENOUGH

Looking at the teams on paper the sides seem even enough. However, there are a number of things to be remembered about their respective roads to the final. In their first round Glen made heavy work of defeating U.C.C. whom they were expected to defeat easily. But in the semi-final they had a convincing win over intermediate selection Naomh Gobhnaith. Old Als had two very difficult games to reach tomorrow's game. They had a tough time against the fancied South Presentation Past Pupils side in the first round but thoroughly deserved their victory. Then against Youghal they looked a defeated side at half time but came back to snatch a fine victory. This means that both sides had difficulty in one of their games but Glen were the more convincing winners in their ties. They must start this game as favourites as their experience may be the deciding factor. However, Old Als will not accept defeat easily and with their tremendous tradition in finals they could unsettle this highly successful Glen team. In any event the game promises to be one of the best finals for some years.

There are three league games listed for the coming week at Fermoy, Tramore Road and the Munster Institute Grounds.

FIXTURES

Sunday — At U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke: Senior County Championship final, Glen Rovers (holders) v. Old Aloysians, 3.30 p.m. (Ref., Ann Comerford, S.P.P.P.).

Wednesday 12th — At M.I. Grounds, J.L. Munster Institute v. Inniscarra, 8 p.m.

Friday 14th — At Fermoy: I.L. Fermoy v. Cobh, 8 p.m. At Tramore Road, I.L. Douglas v. Blarney, 8 p.m.

Seventh Successive Title For Glen

Glen Rovers 7-11; Old Aloysians 2-3

Glen Rovers won their seventh successive Cork County Senior Camogie Championship final at Mardyke, yesterday, by a decisive five goals and eight points margin.

Their victory was due to a large extent to superb forward play from girls like Anna Crotty and Peggy Dorgan, both of whom were in fine scoring form. Old Aloysians, on the other hand, put up a fine performance in the first half but then lost heart and, from the re-start, never looked dangerous.

The Glen opened the scoring early with a point from Anna Crotty. She had a fine goal shortly afterwards and from then on they were undisputed masters. They led by 2-2 when Old Aloysians had their first successful sortie and this resulted in a well-taken goal by Liz Garvan. Glen Rovers had another point just before the interval to give them a 2-4 to 1-0 lead.

The second half saw them again in attack with Anna Crotty and Margaret McDonnell running up a quick two goals and a point between them.

Old Aloysians goalie, Mary Moran, was probably one of the busiest players on the field at this stage and she had some good saves, the most memorable of which was a hard shot which she stopped from Anna Crotty.

IN CONTROL

The last quarter saw Glen Rovers in complete control, picking off points and the occasional goal with complete ease. Old Aloysians were well served by the three Garvan sisters, particularly Liz, who scored a total of one goal and three points, and goalkeeper Mary Moran.

For the Glen all the forwards put in tremendous work. They were best served by Anna Crotty, Peggy Dorgan, Margaret McDonnell and T. Murphy.

Scorers for Glen Rovers were: A. Crotty (2-3), P. Dorgan (1-7), Mgt. McDonnell (2-0) and S. O'Connell (0-1). Old Aloysians: E. Garvan (1-3), R. O'Leary (1-0).

Glen Rovers: D. Sutton, N. Mahony, T. Murphy, M. Coleman, M. Buckley, N. Humphries, S. O'Connell, J. Twomey, M. Murphy, A. Crotty, M. McDonnell, P. Dorgan.

Old Aloysians: M. Moran, M. Garvan, S. Ryan, N. McAuliffe, E. Garvan, M. Murphy, H. Lynch, A. Hennerty, A. Moynihan, R. Manley, K. McAuliffe.

Referee: A. Comerford (South Pres. P.P.U.).

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Cork And Kilkenny Meet In Challenge Game

THERE will be an unusual camogie pairing in Cork tomorrow evening when Cork meet Kilkenny in a challenge game at St. Finbarr's Grounds. The game begins at 6 p.m. to facilitate all those attending the Eucharistic Procession and also to allow Kilkenny adequate time for their long journey home.

Because Dublin have dominated the camogie scene for so long in Leinster the Kilkenny girls have been somewhat in the shadows. But nevertheless they are reputed to have a very good team this year. They heavily defeated Kildare in the first round of the Leinster Championship and they now go on to meet Dublin in the semi-final on tomorrow week.

They have a number of very fine players and Cork followers will remember that grand Tipperary player Ann Carroll, who is now back in action after a knee operation, and who is a big asset to this Kilkenny side. They also have a grand goalkeeper in Jo Golden of U.C.D., while Mary Fennelly, Nuala Duncan, Carmel O'Shea and Rose Vennard have all played with the Leinster team.

Around these girls they have a very formidable combination and it will be a big test for the Cork girls.

However, Cork are "cock-of-the-walk" since their fine victory over Tipperary and dare looking forward to the Munster final when they hope to retain the title which they regained last season. For this game they retain the same side which means that this tie could be a very valuable outing for them before the Munster decider.

LOOKED VERY GOOD

Against Tipperary Cork looked very good but their forwards missed many valuable chances. However, since the same forwards were in brilliant form when they lined out for Glen Rovers in the county championship final against Old Aloysians. And if Peggy Dorgan, Stephanie O'Connell, Anna Crotty and Margaret Murphy can reproduce the same form on Sunday then the Cork girls must win.

Cork are strong too in the centre, where they have Old Aloysians players Liz Garvan and Anne McAuliffe making up a fine trio with Nuala Humphries of Glen Rovers.

There is plenty of talent in the defence also. In goal they have

Eleanor Cummins, who played such a tremendous game against Tipperary. At full back is Hannah Dineen, a very confident defender, while the half line is made up of Sheila Dunne, Mary Jo Ryan and Sheila O'Sullivan, all very capable defenders.

This game should be a very entertaining one and it will also give followers here an opportunity of seeing a second Leinster team. For many years past now the only Leinster team to visit Cork was Dublin.

Cork Team—E. Cummins (S.P.P.P.), H. Dineen (do.), S. Dunne (U.C.C.), M. J. Ryan (Youghal), S. O'Sullivan (S.P.P.P.), L. Garvan (Old Aloysians), A. McAuliffe (do.), N. Humphries (Glen Rovers), M. Murphy (do.), S. O'Connell (do.), P. Dorgan (do.), A. Crotty (do.) capt. Subs: M. Moran (Old Aloysians), P. O'Brien (Fernoy), A. Russell (Youghal), E. O'Connell (do.), A. Comerford (S.P.P.P.).

St. Aloysius Could Be Munster Champions!

ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL have dominated the schools camogie scene in Cork for many years past. Now they will have the opportunity of becoming champions of Munster when on tomorrow (Sunday) they meet Colaiste Mhuire of Ennis in the provincial final.

This Munster schools competition has long been the dream of mentors and now that it has finally been established followers will be eager to see it becoming the major event of the schools camogie year.

It certainly gives the school-girls in the Munster counties an added incentive. It also gives these young girls valuable experience in playing outside of their own county. In particular it gives these young girls a chance to meet and make friends with girls all over the province, something which is always to be desired.

This year also marked the revival of the O'Duffy Cup, which is decided between a Dublin Schools Selection and a Cork Schools twelve. This season, Cork were successful by a very narrow margin. One of the big stars on that day was Liz Garvan who is also a member of the senior county team. And on Sunday next St. Aloysius' will have Liz in their line-out and if the girls from Ennis cannot find an answer to her tremendous scoring ability then St. Ais. must have a great chance of bringing the title to Cork. Lis is not, however, the only star St. Ais. have. In fact they have a highly efficient line-out and a great deal of the credit for this must go to their grand centre-half and captain, Honor Lynch. Honor was also in the Cork side as were Sheila Ryan and Marion O'Leary, two more of St. Ais. very solid defence. In the centre, St. Ais. have yet another Cork player in Rose Long, who is a very hard-working player, while in the St. Ais. attack are two more of the Cork forwards, the very effective Deirdre Garvan and Rosie Hennessy.

LOOK STRONG

So the St. Ais. team looks a very strong one and if they strike their best form then they must win. However, they face the long journey to Ennis before the game and this could be in the local girls' favour. Also the Colaiste Mhuire girls will have the advantage of a home following, something which could mean a great deal to young girls.

The Ennis team was not available at the time of writing but in their journey to the final they had two very different wins. In their first round ties with the

Waterford champions they had a very narrow win, but in their semi-final tie against the Lime-rick champions they had the unbelievable score of 22 goals against one goal for the losers.

St. Ais. would do well to remember this scoring feat and their defence would want to be particularly careful especially in the early stages.

But the St. Ais. girls must start this game as favourite as they have such a tremendous record behind them and the good wishes of all Cork followers will go with them in this effort to bring the first Munster Championship of the season to Cork.

There is a long list of fixtures for the coming week with many very interesting ties.

FIXTURES:—

Sunday, June 23 at Ennis, Munster Schools final: St. Aloysius (Cork) v. Colaiste Mhuire (Ennis).

There was another historic occasion on Sunday last, for the first ever Colleges final in Munster was played at Ennis.

The teams were the Cork champions, St. Aloysius Convent and Mercy Convent, Ennis, and the Cork team were very firm favourites. They justified that favoritism, and went home first holders of the Drispey Cup, but only after a great game at the end of which the scores read 5-4 for the Cork girls, 3-3 for Ennis.

Cork Win With Second Half Rally

Cork, 8-7; Kilkenny, 4-2.

Cork, who were down 3 points to Kilkenny's 3 goals and 1 point at half-time, made a terrific come back on the resumption and went on to win by 8-7 to the visitors 4-2.

While the game was entertaining for most of the hour, at no time did it strike a brilliant note and Kilkenny's lead at half-time and Cork's final score could be attributed mainly to the sun. Kilkenny, who were playing with their backs to the sun for the first half opened the scoring and Cork were slow to retaliate. Kilkenny, who were a somewhat unknown quantity to camogie followers in Cork, provided quite a surprise by leading all through the first period.

However, on the resumption, Cork, who now had the advantage of the sun to their backs, came into their own and reversed the procedure of the first-half by completely dominating the game.

Their 8 goals and 4 points came in quick succession and Kilkenny were indeed lucky to be able to chalk up a further goal and a point during this period.

Scorers for Cork: A. Crotty (3-2), A. Comerford (3-1), P. Dorgan (2-3). Scorers for Kilkenny: R. Vennard (3-1), T. Brennan (1-0), B. Kissella (0-1).

Cork—E. Cummins, H. Dineen, S. Dunne, M. J. Ryan, S. O'Sullivan, A. McAuliffe, N. Humphries, A. Russell, S. O'Connell, P. Dorgan, A. Crotty, A. Comerford.

Kilkenny—J. Golden, A. Carroll, N. Nolan, G. O'Shea, B. Fennelly, R. Curran, T. Quinn, M. Fennelly, T. Brennan, N. Kissella, M. Curran, R. Vennard.

CAMOGIE—Munster Junior Championship: Kerry 6-6, Clare 2-1.

Champions

Galway are the 1968 Connacht senior camogie champions without striking a ball!

Mayo, the only county capable of opposing them in the premier grade, are unable to field a team, as six of their best players have been suspended for playing indoor football.

On the brighter side, however, all five Connacht counties will be represented in the inaugural provincial junior championship.



The Bishopstown junior team which had a good win over Mayfield in the League game at Bishopstown. (O'Donoghue)

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Kilkenny Challenge Dublin's Supremacy

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The most intriguing game so far in the Leinster Senior Camogie Championship will be at Parnell Park, Dublin, tomorrow (3.30) when Dublin play Kilkenny in the semi-final. The winners will meet Wexford in the final.

Dublin, unbeaten All-Ireland champions for the past ten years, went down to Antrim after a drawn game and replay in the final last Autumn, but Dublin have not been beaten in Leinster for over 30 years.

However, so well did Kilkenny play when defeating Kildare in their first-round outing, that keen judges feel this Kilkenny side present the sharpest challenge the Dublin girls have faced for a long time.

Not alone have Kilkenny some very talented players, Mary Houlihan, Carmel O'Shea and Mary Fennelly have all played for Leinster, and Anne Carroll for Munster, but they have trained hard for this game.

In recent weeks they have defeated Wexford in a challenge game, but last Sunday were routed in the second half by Cork after leading by seven points at half-time.

However, they are back to full strength in defence tomorrow and, with two very good forwards in Brid Kinsella and Rosaleen Vennard, will be hopeful of improving on that display.

Dublin make changes on the team that beat Offaly in the opening round, and three of last year's All-Ireland selection have been recalled to duty.

Eithen Leech is back in goal, Patricia Timmons, mid-field last year, is now at right-back, while Brid Keenan, who has been corner right-back in recent years, returns to the forward line. Kitty Murphy, who played corner-forward against Offaly, is now at mid-field, with Maureen Brennan moving to the right wing.

But Dublin show only one change in the key positions, where their main strength resides. Mary Ryan at full-back. Alice Hussey, the captain, at centre-back, Anne McAllister at centre-forward, but Judy Doyle returns to left corner.

Kit Kehoe completes the forward line, Orla ni Shiochain is in her customary left-wing post, and the U.C.D. player Meta Kelly is left back.

While this Dublin side has not, perhaps, the all-round power of some of the county's great champion sides of the recent past, it is still potentially a good side, and I think their far greater experience and craft will see them past the Kilkenny challenge this time.

Kilkenny, in my opinion, have the potential to take the Leinster title in a year or two, but their turn has not yet come.

Sunday's winners will play Wexford in the final at a Dublin venue, and this senior final will be played in conjunction with the junior semi-final between Wexford and Kildare.

KILKENNY GIRLS BID FOR GLORY

KILKENNY is a city of packed streets this week with the annual Beer Festival being held but, each evening in the quiet of the C.B.S. grounds, the members of the Kilkenny camogie team have been preparing for Sunday's first round championship game against Kildare, to be played at St. John's Park.

Camogie has made great strides in Kilkenny in recent years although the county has not won a Leinster championship game since 1961 when they beat Wicklow. Hopes are high that this losing sequence will be broken against Kildare and that Kilkenny will qualify to meet mighty Dublin in the next round. Three members of the 1961 side are still on the panel — Anne Carroll, Breda Kinsella and Mairead Doyle. Mairead Doyle is a daughter of the former Kilkenny All-Ireland hurler, the late Eddie Doyle who helped Kilkenny to victory in the All-Ireland of 1932 and 1933. Breda Kinsella is a sister of Denis and John Joe Kinsella both of whom helped Kilkenny to All-Ireland minor honours in the early 1960's, while Anne Carroll is, of course, the former Tipperary star who helped the Premier county to contest the All-Ireland final in 1965 in which they failed to Dublin.

The increasing interest in camogie in Kilkenny could

well be attributed to the same Anne. When she entered the Convent of Mercy in Callan she formed a team there which won the Leinster colleges' title on three occasions in 1961/62, 1962/63 and 1964/65 and these victories encouraged Presentation Convent Kilkenny to enter the same competition. They had not long to wait for success as they won the junior title in 1966 and reached the final last year only to go down to Convent of Mercy, Naas.

From those victorious Convent of Mercy Callan sides, Kilkenny will have Anne Carroll and goal scoring Rosie Vennard, while Elizabeth Neary has seen service with both Convent of Mercy, Callan and later with the Presentation Convent, Kilkenny. One of the main organisers in the Presentation Convent was Mary Connery, the former U.C.G. Ashbourne Cup star, who also won an All-Star Award.

From those Presentation sides, Kilkenny now have on their panel Mary Fennelly, who plays with Celtic in Dublin, her sister Breda, Mary Tallis, Nuala Grace, daughter of County Secretary Paddy, and Nancy Nolan. Other players on the panel are interprovincial stars Carmel O'Shea, Mary Holohan and Nuala Duncan who have played with Leinster in the Gael Linn Cup. The remaining girls on the panel are

goalkeeper Tesie Brennan, Jo Golden of U.C.D., Peggy Carey, Helen Drennan, Mel Quinn, Mary Coady and Breda Phelan, who is a sister of Margaret Phelan who played for Tipperary in the 1965 All-Ireland.

Such has been the upsurge of camogie in Kilkenny that St. Pauls, the Kilkenny champions reached the All-Ireland club final two years ago but went under to the Anne Carroll powered St. Patricks (Ballingarry-Gortnahoe) side. Last year Anne and her family moved to Kilkenny and so she became eligible for St. Pauls and Kilkenny. In her very first game for St. Pauls, against the Kildare champions, Anne received a serious knee injury which kept her out of camogie for almost twelve months. She resumed as goalkeeper with U.C.D. and for the past few games has played outfield. Her presence on the team next Sunday should boost the morale of the side.

Chairman of the Camogie Board is Anne's mother, a native of Donegal who also held the same position in Tipperary. Secretary is goalkeeper Tesie Brennan while the treasurer is Peggy Carey from Gowran. Last Sunday week 72 girls took part in three games at St. John's Park, so Kilkenny should be a force in the camogie world for many years to come. —OSSORYMAN

Kilkenny Girls End Dublin's Long Reign

By AGNES HOURIGAN

KILKENNY	2-3
DUBLIN	1-3

KILKENNY caused the greatest sensation in Leinster camogie for more than 30 years when, at Parnell Park, Dublin, yesterday, they deservedly defeated Dublin in the provincial semi-final. It was Dublin's first defeat in this competition since they lost to Louth in 1936.

Kilkenny earned this unexpected victory, and the right to meet Wexford in the final, because they were the more alert side all through, faster to the ball and always showed the greater dash. It was the first time Kilkenny had ever beaten Dublin.

Dublin played with the wind in the opening half, and though they had more of the play, it was Kilkenny who made the better use of fewer chances to lead by 2-0 to 0-1 at the interval, with

goals from Breda Kinsella and Teasie O'Neill to Maureen Brennan's Dublin point.

The winners increased their lead soon after the restart, when Anne Carroll pointed from a 30, but Dublin now rallied. Judy Doyle took a neat pass from Anne McAllister to score a good goal.

But Kilkenny again took up and after falling on two 30s had a vital point by Breda Kinsella.

Dublin now switched Kitty Murphy to right wing and Maureen Brennan to mid-field and staged a last rally that brought points from Kitty Murphy and Kit Kehoe to reduce the margin to two points.

Kilkenny had the last word however, when Anne Carroll landed a long-range point to clinch victory.

Scorers: Kilkenny — B. Kinsella (1-1), T. Brennan (1-0), A. Carroll (0-2). Dublin — J. Doyle (1-0), M. Brennan (0-1), K. Murphy (0-1), E. Kehoe (0-1).

KILKENNY—J. Golden; M. Houlihan; N. Nolan, C. O'Shea, B. Fennelly; E. Neary, A. Carroll, M. Fennelly; T. Brennan, B. Kinsella, H. O'Neill; R. Vennard.

DUBLIN—E. Leech; M. Ryan; P. Timmons; A. Hussey; M. Kelly; M. Brennan; K. Murphy; O. Ni Shiochain; K. Kehoe; A. McAllister; J. Doyle; B. Keenan.

Referee—Miss H. Garry (Kildare)

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The Win That Had Kilkenny Talking

Victory on an inter-county field was comparatively unknown to those earnest Kilkenny camogie players and followers for seven wearying years. Their story was one long tale of defeat after defeat and they took it all with a smile, and a "maybe we will do better next year" approach. Then, on Sunday week, that long-awaited victory came and now camogie is the main talking point of the town.

What happened is now history. For the first time in 32 years Dublin were beaten in the Leinster championship. For the second time in seven years, Kilkenny recorded a championship victory and for the first time in 12 years Dublin will not be in this year's All-Ireland camogie final. All because Kilkenny beat them 2-3 to 1-3 at Parnell Park.

If this were a war story, reference could be made to a beautiful detached bungalow on the Dunmore Road as the Kilkenny G.H.Q. It is there the game is discussed every minute of the day. It is there the strategies are planned for future matches. They call it Bill Carroll's place.

Bill is a selector. His wife, Agnes, is chairman of the County Board and his daughter Ann is one of the stars of the team. Now you can understand why the game is the centre-piece of discussion. Bill told me: "It might not sound ture, but this victory was not a shock to us. We fully expected to give Dublin a great game. We felt we had the material and ability this year."

It was admitted, however, that Dublin had stepped down slightly in the quality of their game. "No team can stay at the top for as long as they were and keep winning," said fair-haired Ann, an architectural student at U.C.D. "We improved immensely, but without taking anything away from our victory, I don't think Dublin were as good as in previous years."

The far-reaching effects such a victory can achieve were revealed to me by Mrs. Carroll, a native of Letterkenny. "Since our victory over Dublin, plans are going ahead for the formation of four new clubs in the county. This will bring the total to 11 and bring the total of camogie players in the county to approximately 208."

Four years ago camogie had lapsed badly in the county, but helped by Jimmy Morrissey and Nuala Duncan and with Colleges champion sides from Mercy Convent, Callan, and Presentation, Kilkenny, on which to draw, the big revival began in 1963. It has been a long grind. Hopes and ambitions were helped this year by a camogie coaching course held in the city and directed by Miss Nell McCarthy, the Dublin Co. Board chairman.

Said Mrs. Carroll: "Undoubtedly this helped. We learned a lot of new ideas about

the game and it has been one of the factors in our march to the top."

Team captain Teresa ("call me Teasie") Brennan is also secretary of the County Board. Teasie first came on the Kilkenny side in 1939 and is one of the two members who remain from the side which last met Dublin and lost, in the final of 1961. "We felt that, if Dublin were to be beaten, we were going to be the first to achieve this success. We trained hard, two nights a week, put everything we learned in the coaching course into action and well, you can see for yourself the results."

Goalkeeper Jo Golden, who also plays for U.C.D., had a first class view of that historic win. "Our backs were in great form," said Jo, "and I think we deserved our win. One way or the other, it is a great filip for camogie in Kilkenny. It can do nothing but good."

The Camogie Board are generous in their praise of the G.A.A. County Board, "who gave us lots of help."

Now their plans are fixed. Said Mrs. Carroll: "We will make a tremendous bid to beat Wexford in this year's Leinster final at Croke Park on July 7 and then our plan will be to start a team in every parish. Only in that way can we succeed."

But from an Irish sporting viewpoint the most remarkable fact about Sunday, July 26, 1968, was that this was the last occasion, until Sunday last, that the Dublin senior camogie team was beaten in a Leinster championship game.

The occasion was the provincial semi-final, the venue, most of it long since built over, was that very pleasant little ground which holds happy memories for so many old Dublin Gaels, the New Ireland Assurance Co.'s sportsground at Booterstown, and the opposition to Dublin was provided by Louth who won by 5-4 to 4-1. Dublin, according to the newspaper accounts, led for most of the game, but Louth swept all before them in a storming finish.

But then, of course, a Louth victory was no great surprise as Louth had beaten Dublin, then All-Ireland champions, in the 1934 Leinster series, before losing to Cork in the All-Ireland final.

Camogie History

After defeating Dublin in that 1936 Leinster final, Louth beat Galway 3-6 to 2-3 in the All-Ireland semi-final but again lost to Cork in the final, 6-4 to 3-3.

Unfortunately I have not the names of the actual Louth team which beat Dublin, but here is the panel of 16 players from which the side was selected: S. McGuinness (goal), N. Hanratty, A. Clusky, B. McKeown, M. McDonald, M. McKeever, B. Sharkey, Rose Quigley (captain), B. Donnelly, Kathleen Hanratty, M. Cunningham, N. McDonnell, K. Johnson, M. Muriagh, G. Murtagh, B. Lawless.

And the last Dublin team to be beaten in Leinster on that day nearly 32 years ago was: Brid Kenny (goal); Mary Walsh; Peggy Griffin, Eileen Delaney, May Fletcher; Angela Egan, Emmy Delaney, Maire O'Kelly; Eva Moran, Nuala Sheehan, Ita McNeill; Jean Hannon.

All but one of that team had won or was yet to win at least one All-Ireland medal, and it was the only occasion that the two Delaney sisters ever played together on a Dublin team.

Now the Kilkenny camogie team has earned itself a special place in camogie history by ending that Dublin 32-year reign, not judging by what I can see from their display on Sunday.

But these cailin in black and amber are quite capable of making still further history before the season is out.

WATERFORD REACH

FINAL AGAIN

Waterford 6-1 (19)
Limerick 3-5 (14)

Waterford, for the second year running, have qualified for the final of the Munster Senior Camogie championship. And for the second year in succession they beat Limerick in the semi-final. As a result of their win in Tramore yesterday they now meet Cork in the final on July 28th.

Waterford, leading 4-0 to 3-1 at half time, were the better team throughout, although their forwards failed to score from several frees.

Best for the winners were Marian Frisby, N. Morrissey, Theresa Devoy and N. O'Donnell, while Limerick were best served by B. Giltinan, K. Laverty, and E. Neville.

Scorers: Waterford — J. Kennedy (2-0), A. Kennedy (3-0), J. Cammins (1-0) and M. Sheehan (0-1). Limerick — P. Duffly (0-1), C. Gillan (3-4).

Dublin's Defeat Ended An Era

By AGNES HOURIGAN

WHEN Kilkenny beat Dublin at Parnell Park last Sunday, we reached the end of a camogie era. Ever since 1936 the legend of Dublin's invincibility in Leinster has grown and grown, and the result has not been for the general good of the game.

Indeed, for several seasons past, it had been taken for granted the Dublin girls were in a class of their own. They were rated as the only senior team in the province, and when the rest had played out for the intermediate championship, the winners played Dublin in the final.

This was not good either for Dublin, or for the other counties. It meant that Dublin had only one competitive game before moving on to the All-Ireland series. It also meant that the other counties were inclined to look upon the intermediate championship as the limit of their ambitions.

Now, all this is changed, and changed for the better.

This year Dublin participated in the championship from the start, and have gone out at the semi-final stage. Kilkenny having already played two matches, will be having their third outing in company when they meet Wexford in the final at Croke Park on July 7.

Yet oddly enough, this will be Wexford's first championship outing. The Wexford girls had a first-round bye, and then got a walk-over from Louth.

So Wexford come to the senior final this year as Dublin did in so many seasons past without a competitive game to really test their side.

Although I said here some months ago that I felt, when Dublin were to be beaten in Leinster, that Kilkenny looked the team most likely to do so, I did not think the Kilkenny girls would fulfil that prophecy so soon.

I had based that forecast on the success in recent years of Kilkenny teams in the Leinster senior and junior Colleges competitions.

I thought, however, that it would have taken another year or two for the Nore side mentors to take proper measure of the wealth of talent at their disposal. But this year, Kilkenny certainly have shown a really dynamic approach to the game.

Beginning with a coaching course around Easter, the drive went on for the revival of defunct clubs, and was continued by naming a panel of county players early on and giving them as much match-play experience as possible against varied opposition.

That long-term preparation certainly payed off on Sunday when the whole Kilkenny side, from start to stop, played with the most important asset of all.

They went out in the firm belief that they could beat Dublin, and they did just that. They had of course one slight advantage that they had three players well accustomed to Dublin competition in Anne Carroll and Jo Golden of U.C.D. and Mary Fennelly (Celtic).

Junior Semi

So now they advance to the most intriguing Leinster final since 1936, and one that is wide open, for Wexford, with the great Margaret O'Leary to inspire them, are well capable of halting Kilkenny's march.

The senior final at Croke Park will be preceded on Sunday next by the junior semi-final in which Wexford play Kildare.



Tossing the coin before the Munster championship camogie semi-final at Tramore. Left to right: Carry C'ancy (capt.), Limerick; Miss M. Moran, Cork (referee), Helen Phelan (capt.), Waterford.

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Cork Oppose Limerick In Munster Junior Championship

THIS year for the first time there is to be an All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship and on Sunday next Cork make their first appearance in this competition when they meet Limerick at Adare in the Munster Championship.

For this game Cork can choose their side from their intermediate and junior clubs and with so many of these clubs affiliated to the board they should be able to field a very useful side.

Of course Cork will have the disadvantage of travelling for this outing but it has often been the case in the past that county teams play better when out of town.

The actual team was not announced at the time of writing but from the selection issued the selectors must be expected to field a strong side. No less than eight clubs are represented in the selection and this alone must give the intermediate and junior clubs a big lift. Too often in sport the lower grades are forgotten. Sometimes a junior or intermediate player may make the senior team but this is the exception rather than the rule. Now that they have

their own county team these girls will be more anxious than ever to do well with their respective clubs.

On the selection there are two players who have had outings with the Cork senior side. They are Peg O'Brien who is likely to fill the full back berth on Sunday, and Mrs. Kathleen Healy, who has been such a stalwart of the Canovee and Naomh Gobaith teams for some years past.

Mary Heelan, the grand Blarney goalie is expected to be between the posts on Sunday while Glanworth's Margaret Mee and Betty Burke of Douglas are likely to be in the defence also.

LIKELY TRIO

It is difficult to name the probable centrefield trio but Pat O'Sullivan (Inniscarra), Mary Buckley of Douglas and Anne Kirby of Glanworth could get their places. All three are very solid. The forward line is even more difficult as all the girls named are very capable. However, Mrs. Healy must go in at full forward while Kathleen Ryan of Watergrasshill and Annie O'Sullivan of Fermoy could well win their places.

The remaining positions could go to any of the forwards listed.

Cork have the talent for this game but whether they can strike a successful combination in this vital outing will be all important on Sunday.

As a senior team Limerick are regarded as one of the "weaker" counties and they will hardly be capable of fielding a really strong junior team. However, it could happen that they have a better chance of fielding a stronger side in this lower grade so the Cork girls would not want to treat their challenge lightly.

CONGRATULATIONS

St. Aloysius School brought the first Munster title back to Cork this season when they had a fine win in the Munster Schools decider on Sunday last. This was the first time that the schools competition was decided at provincial level and now it is the turn of the Juniors to take their first major step towards bringing this second new trophy to Cork. Certainly the good wishes of

followers throughout the county will go with them in this initial outing. The team will leave from the City Library at 1 p.m.

Cork junior selection: M. Heelan, A. Gaffey, Mary Humphries (Blarney), K. Healy, N. Collins (Canovee), P. O'Brien, A. O'Sullivan, J. Pyne (Fermoy), B. Burke, Mary Buckley (Douglas), N. Lucey (Ovens), P. O'Sullivan (Inniscarra), K. Ryan (St. Ita's), A. Kirby, M. Mee, B. O'Sullivan (Glanworth).

Kilkenny Events In Pictures

The Senior Camogie team in training for the Leinster Final.



A. Phelan, M. Cassin, T. Brennan, A. Cassin, P. Carey.



T. Brennan, M. Fennelly, B. Fennelly, C. O'Shea.



J. Golden, A. Carroll, B. Kinsella

CORK REACH FINAL

The Junior Camogie Competition is a new competition being played for the first time this year. In the semi-final of the Munster Championship played at Adare, Cork got the better of Limerick by 6-4 to 3-1.

The game was very exciting and very evenly contested, but Cork girls had that extra bit of ability. Limerick never gave in until the final whistle.

Scorers for Cork were: J. Pine (3-1), K. Ryan (0-2), K. Healy (2-1), A. O'Sullivan (1-0).

Scorers for Limerick: P. Duffy (2-0), P. McMahon (2-0), B. Dundon (0-1).

Cork are now in Munster Junior final against winners of Kerry and Waterford.

Dublin Reach The Final

DUBLIN 3-2
KILKENNY 0-0

Dublin, who had on the whole, better combination and were the more accurate in attack, laid the foundations of victory in the first half of the Leinster Junior Camogie semi-final when, making the most of their chances, they led Kilkenny 3-1 to 0-0 at half-time in Nolan Park, Kilkenny, yesterday. The winners now play Wexford in the final at a Dublin venue on July 28.

Switches in the Kilkenny line-out at half-time steadied up the side and they were unlucky not to score on a few occasions.

Outstanding for the winners were Dorothy O'Boyle, Nuala O'Driscoll, Sheila Wallace, Denise Lalor and Laurie Creevy. Kilkenny were best served by Clare Dowling, Anne Phelan, Teresa Brennan and Mary Kennedy.

Scorers — Dublin — L. Creevy, B. Ryan and C. Moloney (1-0 each); K. Murray and M. Hayes (0-1 each).

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First Title For Wexford Girls

By AGNES HOURIGAN

WEXFORD 8-3
KILKENNY 1-3

WEXFORD, who have been runners-up in the Leinster Senior Camogie Championship for many seasons, realised an ambition last evening when they won the title for the first time, defeating Kilkenny convincingly before a good attendance at Croke Park.

Kilkenny, who had created a sensation by defeating Dublin in the semi-final, were taken out of their stride from the start, for Wexford opened up at a tremendous pace and were three goals up at the end of the first ten minutes.

The leaders had a goal disallowed for a square infringement before Breda Kinsella had Kilkenny's only first-half score, a point. But there was no holding Wexford at this stage, and they had two further goals to lead 5-0 to 0-1 at half-time.

Stretched Lead

Kilkenny were unlucky on the restart when a hard shot struck the top crossbar and went over for a wide. Wexford struck back to increase their lead by a further 2-1 before Kilkenny had their only goal of the game.

Kilkenny improved for a brief period after Anne Carroll went from midfield to centre back in a switch with Carmel O'Shea.

Kilkenny then had two points, but Wexford, adding a further goal and two points, finished the stronger.

Great Full-back

The winners, who had the better of the exchanges in every sector, had a brilliant full-back in Mary Sinnott, whose long puck-outs and clearances were a feature of the game. She was ably assisted by Joan Murphy and Carmel Fortune.

Margaret O'Leary dominated the play at midfield, with Brigid Kehoe and Brigid O'Connor also outstanding on the wings.

Mary Walsh and Mary Doyle between them often seemed to mesmerise the Kilkenny defence.

Kilkenny, who tried valiantly to the final whistle, were best served by Carmel O'Shea, Mary Fennelly, Anne Carroll and Breda Kinsella.

SCORERS — Wexford — M. Doyle (4-0), B. Kehoe (1-1), B. O'Connor (1-1), M. Walsh (1-0), E. Allen (1-0), M. O'Leary (0-1). Kilkenny — T. Brennan (1-0), B. Kinsella (0-1), C. O'Shea (0-1), M. Fennelly (0-0).

Wexford—T. Shiel; M. Sinnott; C. Fortune, P. Keogh, J. Murphy; B. Doyle, M. O'Leary, B. O'Connor; E. Allen, M. Walsh, M. Doyle; M. Shannon.

Kilkenny—J. Golden; M. Houlihan; N. Walsh, C. O'Shea, B. Fennelly; E. Neary, A. Carroll, M. Fennelly; B. Cassin, B. Kinsella, M. Cassin; T. Brennan.

Referee—Dr. Higgins (Dublin).

WEXFORD 5-3
KILDARE 4-0

Wexford reached the final of the Leinster Junior Championship, but they had to fight all the way to defeat a good Kildare side, who might have gained victory, but the Wexford defence held out very well and, after leading 4-2 to 4-0 at half time, finished deserving winners.

SCORERS—Wexford — J. Kehoe (1-1), B. McClean (1-2), L. Ryan (1-0). Kildare — M. Deering (1-0), Marie Reilly (1-0).



● Mary Walsh (Wexford) gets the better of a duel with Anne Carroll (Kilkenny) during the Leinster Camogie final.

Our Sports Personality

Of The Week



★ For the first time since the Leinster senior camogie championship was instituted in 1933, Wexford, on Sunday last, took the title by defeating Kilkenny in the Croke Park final.

It was a triumph for perseverance and tenacity, as these Wexford girls had refused to be daunted by losing the seven previous finals to hitherto all-conquering Dublin. It was a triumph for the entire Wexford side but particularly so for that ambidextrous star, Margaret O'Leary from Kilmuckridge, who on this occasion seemed to inspire every one of her eleven team-mates with her own indomitable spirit.

Already famed as a defender, Margaret, an E.S.B. employee just out of her 'teens, played a major part in helping her Dublin club, Eoghan Ruadh, win the All-Ireland club championship earlier this year. On Sunday last she moved out to midfield to such effect that Wexford wrote a new name into the camogie record books, and Margaret O'Leary herself earned nomination as our Sports Personality of the Week.

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Wexford Senior and Junior Camogie Teams who won Leinster Final and Semi-final games, respectively, at Croke Park on Sunday

SENIOR TEAM



Back Row (left to right)—J. Murphy, M. Sinnott, M. Walsh (Captain), A. Kent, E. Allen, P. Kehoe, E. Lawlor.
Front Row (left to right)—M. O'Leary, B. Doyle, T. Shiel (goal), B. O'Connor, M. Shannon, M. Doyle, C. Fortune.

JUNIOR TEAM



Back Row (left to right)—B. Doyle, A. Quigley, L. Ronan, A. Kehoe, E. Shannon, G. Kehoe, J. Kehoe, B. Finn.
Front Row (left to right)—P. Doyle, K. Power, V. Shannon (goal), B. McCleane, K. O'Leary, B. Tobin, B. Murphy (Captain).

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Leinster Senior Camogie Title for Wexford

POOR relations to the seemingly invincible Dublin for the past decade or so, Wexford's camogie team left the "Cinderella" image behind them when annexing their first senior provincial title at Croke Park on Sunday. Former intermediate champions and provincial runners-up for years, the Wexford girls finally scaled the peak on Sunday when overwhelming Kilkenny, shock victors over Dublin in the semi-final, by 8-3 to 1-3.

On further consideration it would appear that Wexford would have gained the title if faced by Dublin, for the Kilkenny girls proved a poor match for the Slaneysiders. It was a sad reflection on a once supreme Metropolitan selection that they should be eliminated by such an inferior side.

Kilkenny had their solitary goal following pre-match anticipation of a keen contest was quickly dispelled as the Wexford girls, solid in defence, supreme at midfield and quicksilver in attack, unsettled their hesitant opponents with quick thrusts which realised three goals in ten minutes. Thereafter, it was merely one-way traffic, with the Model County girls dominating the exchanges.

With Margaret O'Leary a "Colossus" at midfield, Wexford's forwards responded to her astute promptings with alarming results for the Kilkenny defence. Led by wingers Bridget Kehoe and Bridget O'Connor, and with forwards Mary Walsh and Mary Doyle causing havoc with their every move, the winners took an insurmountable lead of 5-0 to 0-1.

The half-time scoreline is more than an adequate reflection on the one-sided trend of the game, and Wexford's advantage would have been greater but for the fact that a goal was disallowed in the third quarter for a square infringement.

Despite their disparate position, the Noresiders made a firm bid for the laurels in the second half and opened well. At that stage Wexford were beginning to ease up, confident of victory, and Kilkenny were only foiled of a score when a good shot struck the woodwork and went wide.

This narrow miss revitalised Wexford and they responded with a further brace of goals and a point to lead 7-1 to 0-1 before the second half was well started, lowering a period of intense pressure. Teresa Brennan shooting home from close range. Thereafter, the losers made a greater impression on the game, although their scoring potential was well contained by a tremendous Wexford defence.

Kilkenny had points from Mary Fennelly and Carmel O'Shea, the centre back who had inspired Kilkenny's resurgence when she switched to midfield, but these proved futile and were their final scores in the game.

Rampant Wexford swept back in the closing stages for a goal and two points to emerge worthy champions for the first time by a reasonable seven goals margin.

A GREAT TEAM VICTORY.

In the Wexford defence the ever reliable Mary Sinnott proved herself, as she has

in the past, one of the finest fullbacks in the game. Her lengthy pucks and timely interceptions marked her performance as brilliant. With another experienced player, Joan Murphy, she formed a solid wall which was never successfully negotiated by the Kilkenny forward line.

Carmel Fortune also turned in a first-class display in defence, while at midfield Margaret O'Leary, until Carmel O'Shea switched to the area, was unbeatable.

Margaret inspired her colleagues and, with the two Bridgets (Bridget Kehoe and Bridget O'Connor), menacing at all times and, with arch score-takers Mary Walsh and Mary Doyle always dangerous, they subjected the Kilkenny defence to a frustrating grueling.

Mary Doyle were the heroine of the day, accounting for no less than four of Wexford's goals, while the entire attack always moved with menace. With one exception, all members of the Wexford attack scored.

Carmel O'Shea, both at centre back and midfield, was Kilkenny's outstanding player, while others to impress were Mary Fennelly, Anne Carroll and Breda Kinsella.

Wexford's scorers were: M. Doyle 4-0, B. Kehoe and B. O'Connor 1-1 each, M. Walsh and E. Allen 1-0 each, and M. O'Leary 0-1. T. Brennan 1-0, B. Kinsella, C. O'Shea and M. Fennelly 0-1 each, replied for Kilkenny.

Wexford—T. Shiel, M. Sinnott, C. Fortune, P. Kehoe, J. Murphy, B. Doyle, M. O'Leary, B. O'Connor, E. Allen, M. Walsh, M. Doyle, M. Shannon.

Kilkenny—J. Golden, M. Houlihan, N. Walsh, C. O'Shea, B. Fennelly, E. Neary, A. Carroll, M. Fennelly, B. Cassin, B. Kinsella, M. Cassin, T. Brennan. Referee—D. Higgins (Dublin).

Galway Girls Regain Crown

GALWAY 2-1
MAYO 0-1

Galway regained the Connacht Senior Camogie title from Mayo at Ballinasloe yesterday in a keenly contested game. Despite the low scoring there was some very good hurling and at half time the winners led 1-1 to nil.

Outstanding for Galway were Margaret Kilkenny in goal and later in attack; Mary Kelly, Kathleen Quinn and Emer Walsh, while Mayo were best served by Josie Ruane, Teresa Mullen and Bridie Kilroy.

SCORERS: Galway — Kay Flaherty 1-0; Margaret Kilkenny 1-0; Kathleen Quinn 0-1. Josie Ruane had Mayo's only point from a free.



JOAN MURPHY (Wexford), in centre, checks a Kilkenny attack in the Leinster senior camogie final at Croke Park last evening.

Wexford Look Too Good To Be True

By AGNE HOURIGAN

So it is Wexford, who, undaunted by years of final defeat have succeeded Dublin as senior camogie champions of Leinster and now advance to meet the Ulster winners in the All-Ireland semi-final at an Ulster venue in mid-August.

The new champions' victory over fancied Kilkenny was entirely convincing and they now write a third county name on the Leinster camogie cup. The only other counties listed there are Dublin, who have won 32 times and Louth who took the trophy twice. There were a couple of occasions when there was no official Leinster championship.

What remains an enigma after Sunday's Leinster final is how Dublin would have fared against Wexford. Kilkenny had beaten Dublin by a goal, yet Wexford beat Kilkenny by seven goals, yet who would consider that Wexford are therefore eight goals better than Dublin.

MAY BE

It may be that Wexford's tear-away start—they were three goals up inside ten minutes—demoralised Kilkenny, but whatever the reason the Noresiders never showed the same dash and determination that characterised their display against Dublin.

On this showing Wexford need not feel any inferiority complex when they face Antrim in that All-Ireland semi-final. True, Antrim, despite the loss of Maeve Gilroy, Marion McPetrige and Mairead Carabine from last year's champion team, made light of the Derry challenge in the Ulster final at Randalstown, winning by 11-6 to 1-4.

But, even so, I feel that Antrim will need to be at their best to overcome the Wexford challenge.

But Antrim will be well aware of what they were up against. Maeve Gilroy was in Croke Park last Sunday evening and will know the strong points of the

Wexford side. Although if there were weaknesses, they were not apparent on that occasion.

GALWAY'S CAMOGIE DOUBLE

GALWAY girls made it a very successful day last Sunday by taking the Connacht senior and junior camogie titles at Duggan, Park, Ballinasloe.

Their seniors had a 2-1 to 0-1 win over Mayo in a low scoring game, while the juniors had a runaway 8-3 to nil victory over Roscommon.

Galway Seniors: Mary Kilkenny (1-0), Olive Hanniffy, Rita O'Flaherty, Stasia O'Brien, Rosemary Divilly, Mary Kelly, Deirdre Higgins, Kathleen Quinn (0-1), Kathleen O'Flaherty, Breda O'Brien, Noreen Fleming, Emer Walsh. Sub.: Eileen Naughton.

Galway Juniors: Mary Kilkenny, Christine O'Sullivan, Ann Dileen, Grace Divilly, Breda Donnellan, Mary Cooley, Evelyn Sweeney, Madge King, Nora Flaherty (2-0), Pat Feeney (3-2), Carol Casley (1-1), Mary Mahon (2-0).

Cork Contest Two Munster Finals At Tramore On Sunday

TRAMORE provides the setting for the first Munster "double-decker" final next Sunday. This season, for the first time ever, a Munster Junior Championship is being run. The final of this new competition will be played off in conjunction with the Munster Senior Championship final at the Waterford venue. Cork are engaged in both matches. The seniors play Waterford while the juniors take on Kerry.

The senior final is a repeat of last year's final, when, with the advantage of a home venue, Cork had an eleven point win. On their way to this year's decider, Waterford easily defeated Kerry in the first round and then went on to overcome Limerick in the semi-final. Cork knocked out their old rivals Tipperary to earn a place in the final.

It is not surprising that the defence which held Tipperary to three scores is retained en bloc. On that occasion, Eleanor Cummins in the Cork goal gave a brilliant display, which included some spectacular saves. Full-back Hannah Dinneen is capable of affording adequate protection to her goalkeeper and at the same time, sending lengthy relieving clearances to the other end of the pitch. Cork supporters must have been pleased with the fine showing of newcomers Sheila Dunne and Mary Jo Ryan in the first round tie while another competent performance can be expected from Sheila O'Sullivan at left-back.

YOUNG STAR

Liz Garvan took the introduction to Munster Senior Championship in her stride and should cause a lot of trouble to Waterford from her wing-centre position. She will be ably assisted by her midfield colleagues, stylish Anne McAuliffe and hard-working Nuala Humphries.

The selectors have announced one change in personnel. Experienced Anne Comerford is recalled at full-forward where she will certainly not allow Marion Frisby the scope she enjoyed against Limerick. Three inter-provincial players, Anna Crotty, the captain; Peggy Dorgan and Stephanie O'Connell complete the attack. All three are capable of flashing home scores, from the slightest opportunity. This is a strong Cork side and they should do well provided they approach their task with spirit and determination.

STRONG ATTACK

Waterford's main strength lies in their attack. Centre-forward Anne Kennedy, who had a particularly good game in the semi-final, Mary Sheehan, Sheila Cummins and Josie Kennedy have scored 14 goals between them in their two previous games. Backing up their forwards will be the midfield trio of Elizabeth Cullinane, Maura O'Donnell and Nora Morrissey. Inter-provincial full-back, Marion Frisby will be a big obstacle in Cork's path to goal and at the same time should provide adequate cover for goalkeeper Teresa Devoy. Helping her to keep the Cork forwards at bay will be B. O'Donnell, Mary Gough and their captain, Helen Phelan. Incidentally, Waterford will not have the services of Munster forward Anne Kent, who is wearing the Wexford colours this season.

With a good victory over Tipperary behind them, Cork must start as favourites to take the title. But they would be advised to remember that Waterford will have the advantage of a home venue and also the 1966 clash of these teams when Waterford sensationally beat

JUNIOR FINAL

It is difficult to forecast the outcome of the junior final as Kerry's strength is unknown. Over the past few years Kerry have failed to make any real impact in either the senior or Secondary Munster Championships. Kerry are allowed to field their full senior team in this competition whereas Cork are confined to pick their side from their intermediate and junior club players. To qualify for the final Kerry beat both Clare and Waterford comfortably while Cork had a close call from Limerick.

As a result of Limerick scoring 5-1, Julia Buckley is brought on at left-back and Betty Burke is

moved to centre-field in an effort to tighten up the Cork defence. Mary Heelan and Margaret Mee retain their places. Fermoy player Peg O'Brien has already played her part on two title-winning Cork teams and will be hoping for further success on Sunday. The midfield line of Anne Kirby, Pat O'Sullivan and Kay Ryan carries sufficient power to keep the forwards supplied with the ball. Up front Cork have four scoring forwards in Josie Pyne, Anne O'Sullivan, Kay Healy and B. O'Sullivan.

Whether these girls, who have only played one match together, can defeat the Kerry senior side is a question that will be answered on Sunday. However, should Kerry win no Cork follower would begrudge them their first Munster title. The possibility of bringing off the double is within reach and what a day it would be for Cork if they had two teams in the All-Ireland semi-finals on Sunday evening.

CORK SENIOR TEAM

E. Cummins (S.P.P.P.); H. Dinneen (do.); S. Dunne (U.C.C.); M. J. Ryan (Youghal); S. O'Sullivan (S.P.P.P.); L. Garvan (Old Abs.); A. McAuliffe (do.); N. Humphries (Glen Rovers); P. Dorgan (do.); S. O'Connell (do.); A. Crotty (do.); (capt.); A. Comerford (S.P.P.P.); Subs: M. Moran (Old Abs.); E. O'Connell (Youghal); M. Murphy (Glen Rovers); and N. O'Mahony (Glen Rovers).

CORK JUNIOR TEAM

M. Heelan (Blarney); M. Mee (Glanworth); P. O'Brien (Fermoy); J. Buckley (Kanturk); B. Burke (Douglas); A. Kirby (Glanworth); P. O'Sullivan (Inniscarra); K. Ryan (St. Ita's); A. O'Sullivan (Fermoy); J. Pyne (do.); B. O'Sullivan (Glanworth) and K. Healy (Canovee). Subs: M. Buckley (Douglas); N. Lucey (Ovens); N. Collins (Canovee); M. Humphries (Blarney).

FIXTURES:—

Sunday, July 28 at Tramore — Munster Junior Championship final. Cork v Kerry at 3.00 (Waterford officials). Munster Senior Championship final: Cork v Waterford at 4.30 (Referee: K. O'Flaherty).

Two Titles For Cork Camogie Sides

Seniors: Cork 2-4, Waterford 2-3. Juniors: Cork 3-7, Kerry 2-2.

With fortunes swinging like a pendulum in one of the most thrilling senior camogie finals for many years, Cork defeated Waterford by one point after extra time at sundrenched Tramore yesterday.

Cork had a double victory, as the county's junior side won the new junior title with a convincing eight points victory over Kerry.

In the senior game, Cork led 2-2 to 0-1, and appeared to be cruising to an effortless victory. Then the Waterford selectors made a master switch. They introduced veteran ex-interprovincial star Josie McNamara at full-forward. Miss McNamara first played with the county team in 1945. She retired four years ago, but consented to make a comeback as a sub for yesterday's big game. Her introduction was a revelation. The match up to then, something like an afternoon's stroll, burst into life. Waterford began a thrilling fight back, and with the craft of a veteran, Miss McNamara scored two goals, one in last minute of normal time, to level the game.

In the additional 20 minutes' extra time period, the fair-sized attendance, which included the Secretary of the G.A.A. (Mr. Sean O'Siochain), were kept in a welter of excitement, at first one side and then the other attacking for victory-telling scores.

Peggy Dorgan, Cork's most outstanding forward, had two fine points; to give Cork a slender lead in the first period of extra time, but Waterford surged back on the attack, and Miss McNamara had another point to leave just one point between the teams. It was not over yet, and in the second-last minute Waterford were awarded a 30 yards free puck. The crowd held their breath as Miss McNamara stepped up to take the shot. From an acute angle she sent just wide of the posts, and Cork had won another Munster title.

Cork—E. Cummins, H. Dinneen, S. Dunne, N. J. Ryan, S. O'Sullivan, L. Garvan, A. McAuliffe, N. Humphries, P. Dorgan, S. O'Connell, A. Crotty (capt.), A. Comerford.

Waterford—T. Devoy, N. Frisby, M. Phelan, M. Goff, H. Phelan (capt.), E. Cullinane, N. O'Donnell, N. Morrissey, A. Kennedy, M. Sheehan, J. Kennedy, J. Cummins. Sub.: J. McNamara for J. Cummins.

In the Munster junior final curtain-raiser, Cork, with all-round power and ability, emerged competent victors over Kerry. This game was anybody's up to the fifth minute of the second half, when Kerry led by a point, but a two-goal blitz in four minutes put the Leesiders on a comfortable path to victory.

CORK WIN IN EXTRA TIME

Cork 2-4
Waterford 2-3

Cork retained their Munster senior camogie championship when they beat Waterford by 2-4 to 2-3, after extra time, at Tramore yesterday. At half-time, Cork led 2-1 to 0-1, and at full-time the sides were level with 2-2 each. The game was witnessed by the biggest crowd at a camogie game in Waterford for many years and the attendance included Mr. Sean O'Siochain, the G.A.A. general secretary.

The Cork forwards missed very few scoring chances in the first half, but after half-time the Waterford backs were completely on top and foiled several of their attacks. Waterford missed numerous scoring opportunities in the second half and were dealt a severe blow when Maura O'Donnell, one of their centre-field players, went off injured. Josephine McNamara, who came on in place of Waterford's full-forward Julia Cummins, scored 2-1 of her side's tally.

Cork scorers — Peggy Dorgan (1-2), Anne Comerford (1-0), and Anna Crotty (0-2). Waterford—Josephine McNamara (2-1), and Eileen Cullinane (0-2).

Wexford's Junior Title

By AGNES HOURIGAN

WEXFORD 2-2
DUBLIN 1-0

Wexford, who recently won the Leinster Senior Championship for the first time, made further camogie history when at Parnell Park, Dublin, last night they became the first side to achieve the Provincial double by defeating Dublin in a most entertaining Junior final.

The first half was fast and entertaining but Wexford had a shade the better of the exchanges and deservedly led by 2-0 to 1-0 at the interval. Both sides served up a display of first time striking that many senior county sides might envy.

Dublin began the second half very confidently and in the early stages looked as though they might take command but the Wexford defence proved invincible and indeed the winners' margin at the end would have been far greater but for some fine saves by Phyllis Breslin, in the Dublin goal.

While the teams were well matched, the winners were far more effective in attack where Josie Keogh was particularly dangerous. Her sister Annie has some brilliant moments on the wing while others to impress were Bernadette Murphy, Kitty Doran and Breda Doyle.

In addition to the goalkeeper, Sheila Wallace at full back was magnificent in the Dublin defence, Denise Lalor and Muireann Hayes played well around midfield but the losers weakness was lack of penetration in attack.

Scorers—Wexford—J. Kehoe and B. McClean (1-0) each, B. Murphy and L. Roman (0-1) each. Dublin — D. Lalor (1-0).
Referee—Miss B. Garry (Kildare).

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Helen Phelan, captain of the Waterford senior camogie team, (left) and Anna Crotty captain of the Cork team (winners), with Lil O'Grady, chairman of the Munster Council prior to the Munster final at Tramore.



M. HEELAN **CORK**
Miss Tr. Devoy, the Waterford keeper, beaten for a point in the Munster camogie final against Cork. KERRY
ON LEFT - Peg O'Brien

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SENIORS - BACK:- N. HUMPHRIES, A. COMERFORD
M. MORAN, S. O'CONNELL, L. GARVAN,
A. M. AULIFFE, M. CUMMINS, H. DINNEEN
S. DUNNE.
FRONT:- S. O'SULLIVAN, E. O'CONNELL, M. J. RYAN
P. DORGAN, A. CROTTY (CAPT), M. MURPHY
N. O'MAHONY.



JUNIORS - BACK:- N. COLLINS, M. MEE,
B. BURKE, K. RYAN, N. LUCKY, B. O'SULLIVAN
A. KIRBY, K. HEALY, M. HUMPHRIES
FRONT:- P. O'BRIEN, J. PINE, J. BUCKLEY
M. HEELAN, M. BUCKLEY
P. O'SULLIVAN, A. O'SULLIVAN

The Cork camogie teams, senior (top) and junior, who brought off a Munster Championship double at Tramore.

CAMOGIE STARS : 8

By AGNES HOURIGAN

ANNA CROTTY OF CORK

WITH Cork steadily making their way back into the camogie limelight—it is very hard to believe that the southern county has not won an All-Ireland for more than twenty-five years and has not appeared in an All-Ireland final since 1956—we will, I feel, be hearing a great deal more in the immediate future of one of the greatest camogie players the South has seen, and one of the cleverest forwards ever to grace the game, Anna Crotty of the Glen Rovers.

She has set up what must be a record for any county by the number of county championship titles she has won with Glen Rovers. She has also won more than one Munster club championship with the famed Cork City side.

In addition she has won half a dozen Munster titles with Cork and has played without success in two All-Ireland finals, against

Dublin in 1955 and against Antrim in 1956.

But luck was not on the side of the Cork girls on either occasion.

Anna Crotty has, however, had the consolation of winning interprovincial honours with the Munster Gael-Linn Cup side.

This year she could well be poised for two All-Ireland medals. With Dublin gone, the O'Duffy Cup is more open than had been expected earlier, and though the Antrim champions will take beating, Cork, having defeated Tipperary, so often their bogey team in recent years will be favourites to come out of Munster and will also be favourites, through Glen Rovers, to take the Munster club championship yet again.

And if Cork and the Glen advance, you can be sure that one of the chief architects of victory will be the cool, polished

and very experienced 'Anna Crotty, one of the great camogie ball-players of our time.

From Cobh, although I think she was actually born in the United States, Anna Crotty first came to prominence with Cork as a great winger, and it is a token of the ability she possesses to strike equally well left-hand or right, that in two successive All-Ireland finals she played first on the left wing, and then on the right.

In more recent times she has moved into the attack and has proved herself a forward whose accuracy in scoring returns and anticipation have spread panic in many an opposing defence.

An All-Ireland medal would be the crowning glory of a distinguished career of great service to the game. Her turn may now have come. This may well be Cork's year, and if so, it will surely be Anna Crotty's year too.

MUNSTER CAMOGIE FINAL

Waterford girls glorious in defeat

GLORIOUS in defeat, twelve Waterford ladies trudged wearily off sun-drenched McGrath Park, Tramore, on Sunday last, having given all and failing by just one point after extra time in their heroic bid to lift the Munster Senior Camogie crown from champions Cork.

But, oh, how close Waterford came to victory in that extra time period. With the fair-sized attendance, which included the Secretary of the G.A.A., Sean O'Siochain, seething with excitement, they pounded the Cork goal in the closing minutes, but the victory telling scores would just not come. A little bit over anxious, two forwards mis-hit the ball with the goal at their mercy. The Cork keeper Eleanor Cummins was forced to make two great diving saves, and in the second last minute they were awarded a 30 yards free. This was to be their last scoring opportunity. Full forward, Josie McNamara, took the puck but from an acute angle on the left wing she sent narrowly wide and Cork had won another Munster final.

It takes luck to win a championship and last Sunday it was with more luck than skill that the Leaside ladies retained their Provincial title and staved off what would have been a Cinderella-like Waterford victory.

VETERAN TO RESCUE

At half-time proper, Cork led 2-2 to a single point and appeared to be cruising to an effortless victory. But following that lethargic first half display, Waterford selectors made a master switch. They introduced veteran ex-Interprovincial star, Josie McNamara, at full forward. Miss McNamara first played with the County team in 1945. She retired from the game four years ago but consented to make a comeback as a sub. for Sunday's big game.

Her introduction was a revelation. The match up to then like a Sunday afternoon stroll, burst into life. Waterford started a tremendous fight for victory and with the craft of a veteran, Miss McNamara scored two goals, one in the last minute of normal time when she slipped the ball under the advancing Cork goalkeeper's legs, rounded her and hit the ball into an empty net to level the match and force it into extra time.

In the first 10 minutes of extra time, Cork's stylish wing forward, Peggy Dorgan, scored two points, one from a 25 yards free, but Waterford and Miss McNamara struck back with a fine long range point. But this was their last score, and try as they did, Cork grimly held on.

DAY OF GLORY

Final victory went to Cork, but for Waterford, contesting

free-scoring star and captain, Anna Crotty, right out of the game. It is a tribute to Miss Phelan that Miss Crotty's only score was a point from a 21 yards free. Her sister, Helen, playing in the other wing back position, played a real captain's part, while Elizabeth Cullinane was the best centre-field player on view. The forwards all worked but on this occasion Waterford had 11 heroes and one supreme star, Josie McNamara.

Starring in the Cork defence were goalkeeper Eleanor Cummins and full back, Hannah Dineen. At centre-field for them Liz Garvan gave a wholehearted display, while Peggy Dorgan was their only forward to emerge from this encounter with full honours.

CORK SCORED FIRST

Cork opened the scoring in the 7th minute when Peggy Dorgan had a goal in the 16th minute. Elizabeth Cullinane opened Waterford's scoring with a point from a 30. Half a minute later came goalkeeper Devoy's mistake and Cork's second goal, and 5 minutes from half time, P. Dorgan added another point to leave the score: Cork, 2-1; Waterford, 0-1.

Then came the introduction of Miss McNamara and Waterford's fight back. Miss Cullinane had a point for them after 5 minutes and in the 14th minute, Miss McNamara slipped past the Cork full back, H. Dineen, and crashed the ball into the net. At this stage, Cork led by two points and the game was really in the melting pot. Four minutes from time Anna Crotty had a point from a free to stretch Cork's lead to 3 points, but back came Waterford and Miss McNamara snatched that last-minute equaliser.

Cork forged ahead in the first half of extra time with 2 points from P. Dorgan in the 3rd and 9th minutes. And 6 minutes from full time, Miss McNamara closed the scoring with a point to leave Cork victors 2-4 to 2-3.

Cork: E. Cummins, H. Dineen, S. Dunne, N. J. Ryan, S. O'Sullivan, L. Garvan, A. McAuliffe, N. Humphries, P. Dorgan, S. O'Connell, A. Crotty (capt.), A. Comerford.

Waterford: T. Devoy, M. Frisby, M. Phelan, M. Goff, H. Phelan, N. Morrissey, A. Kennedy, M. Sheehan, J. Kennedy, J. Cummins. Sub.: J. McNamara for J. Cummins.

21st Munster Title For Cork

THE Cork Senior team came of-age last Sunday when they won the Munster Championship for the 21st time. To add to the occasion the Junior side captured the first Munster Junior title. As St. Aloysius School have already won the Munster Schools Championship, Cork have collected three provincial titles this season. The two remaining competitions—Secondary and Inter-Club—have yet to be decided.

In the All-Ireland semi-finals, Cork face Galway in both grades. These games will be played at Ballinasloe on 25th August. Cork followers who travelled to Tramore last Sunday must have mixed feelings in regard to their county's prospects of further success. The Junior team put up a good show against a useful Kerry side. Having held off strong Kerry pressure in the opening quarter they ran out comfortable winners, thanks to tremendous displays from Peg O'Brien, Julia Buckley and Kay Ryan.

The Seniors gave their supporters a real fright before scraping home by a point. As in the Tipperary game, the team can thank their defence for pulling them through. Cork had sufficient play to have had this game wrapped up in the first half but they seemed content to rest on a two-

goal lead and had no dash or urgency in their play. Neither of Cork's two goals were worked by the attack. The first, though well taken by Anne Comerford, was a gift from Waterford following a missed puck-out. The second came from a free by Peggy Dorgan. The obvious conclusion is that Cork's scoring power will have to be increased if they are to progress in the competition. In the Galway match they will be up against one of the game's best goalkeepers, Eileen Naughton.

In fact, it was only in extra time that Cork really started to play. Maybe it was over-confidence that accounted for their casual approach but one is certain, Cork will have to improve and, above all, learn how to get into and dictate the game from the throw-in, if they are to have any realistic hopes of bringing the All-Ireland Cup South for the first time in 27 years.

JOSIE McNAMARA

I was not able to get to the Munster camogie final at Tramore last Sunday week, but that did not indicate any lack of interest in the event. The full account in the "News and Star" last Friday made interesting and heartening reading. I trespass now on Camogie affairs only to pay tribute to a player who came into the game as a substitute and almost won the day and the title for Waterford.

Josie McNamara has been a dedicated worker, as player, referee, club chairman, and Provincial official since she was a very small girl. In her early teens she came onto the county team way back in 1945 and she played with Waterford in an All-Ireland final against Antrim in Cappoquin.

That was a great day. At that time I was more than a little interested in Camogie — in camogie mark you, and not necessarily in camogie players! Anyway, it is the measure of Josie McNamara's spirit of service and love of the game that, twenty-three years later she should still be assisting her county. Congratulations, Josie.

Incidentally, an interested spectator at the final in Tramore was G.A.A. General Secretary, Sean O'Siochain, whose daughter, Orla is an All-Ireland camogie star with Dublin.

Sean always makes the point that you can have too much "hurling" or camogie. That is, of course too much bodily contact, hard pulling, things essential in hurling but with no place at all in the girls' game.

Mind you, that is a point to be stressed, Camogie is not hurling. It is a distinct game, evolved from the hurling and designed to suit our cailins. I have often said of Josie McNamara and her likes: "she is a grand hurler. With Sean O'Siochain's point in mind, from now on I will say — "she is a grand camogie player."



Dr. Eileen Naughton

Academic and camogie star

BRILLIANT Galway camogie goalkeeper Eileen Naughton has not let her sports activities interfere with her medical studies. She has been awarded the Dr. Conor O'Malley and Dr. Sal O'Malley Gold Medal for Ophthalmology in the final medical examinations at U.C.G.

Dr. Naughton has been a regular choice on the Galway county team since she was fifteen years old, and has starred in two All-Ireland finals.

A product of Presentation Convent, Galway, she won a Co. Galway schools' championship medal before gaining seven senior county championship and six Connacht championship medals. She has also played for Connacht in the Gael Linn interprovincial tournament.

She did not concede a single goal when helping U.C.G. to win the coveted Ashbourne Cup earlier this year. When U.C.G. previously won the Cup in 1964, she also kept her goal intact, conceding one solitary point in the entire tournament.

Dr. Naughton was not available for the Galway team when they regained the Connacht championship from Mayo at Ballinasloe on July 21, but she expects to be back in action for the All-Ireland semi-final.

Branch Sweep Offices:



Cork Juniors beat Kerry

July 1968

Cork, 3-7; Kerry, 1-2
 The Cork Junior Camogie team which included six players from Fermoy and Glanworth carved a niche of history for themselves at sundrenched Tramore on Sunday last when with a convincing eight point victory over Kerry they became the first County to win the newly inaugurated Munster Junior title.

again in the 24th minute lead by 5 points to 1-1 at half time. After 3 minutes of the second half Bridie Griffin with another goal from a free gave the Kingdom the lead again but Kay Healy and Anne O'Sullivan had goals in the 5th and 10th minute to put Cork back in front. And there they stayed. K. Ryan had another point in the 11th minute, Bridie

O'Sullivan another in the 16th minute and Kay Healy with a goal five minutes from full-time closed the scoring for them. Kerry's last score was a point from Anne Spring in the last minute.
 Scorers (Cork): K. Healy 2-0, A. O'Sullivan 1-0, K. Ryan 0-3; J. Pyne 0-2; and B. O'Sullivan 0-2.
 Scorers (Kerry): B. Griffin 2-1;

A. Spring 0-1
 Teams (Cork): M. Heelan, M. Mee, P. O'Brien, J. Buckley, B. Burke, A. Kirby, P. O'Sullivan, K. Ryan, A. O'Sullivan, J. Pyne, B. O'Sullivan and K. Healy.
 Kerry: C. O'Sullivan, T. Reidy, B. Leahy, P. Mannix, A. Higgins, K. Fuller, B. Griffin, M. Leahy, B. Fuller, J. Shanahan, M. A. Downes and M. Stack.

Playing personnel from Fermoy on the victorious side were wing-back Peggy O'Brien and forwards Josie Pyne and Anne O'Sullivan. Glanworth's contributors to this historic victory were left wing back Margaret Mee, centre-fielder Anne Kirby and wing forward Brid O'Sullivan.

The game opened on a high note for Cork when straight from the throw in they took the lead with a point from St. Ita's star Kay Ryan. But Kerry with a goal and a point from placed balls by Bridie Griffin led at the 11th minute. Then came a blitz of Cork points to leave the half-time score Cork 0-5, Kerry 1-1.

On the resumption Kerry with yet another goal from a free by Bridie Griffin went into the lead again. But this was short-lived and Cork with two goals in the next five minutes regained the lead, shattered Kerry's challenge and began coasting home to a convincing win.

Cork's trump cards on Sunday were the terrible twins, centre-field Kay Ryan and centre forward Josie Pyne. These ladies notched the bulk of the CCork points and their constant interchanging of positions had Kerry at sixes and sevens. Peggy O'Brien tenacious in her tackling was the pick of the Cork defence while the lithe Miss Mee constantly improved as the game wore on.

But Cork had their weaknesses to. Goalkeeper and captain Margaret Heelan struck a complete off-day and the left in two soft goals from long range free tucks. Full-forward Kay Healy although notching two goals was much too slow and centre-fielder Pat O'Sullivan never came to grips with her game.

The star of the match was Kerry mid-fielder Bridie Griffin. Besides scoring 2-1 of her sides final score she played her heart out in an effort to achieve victory for her County. She seemed to be all over the place and her stylish picking, soloing and pucking were right out of the top drawer. But the majority of her efforts were wasted as not one of the forwards could turn her trojan work to good account.

Goalkeeper Cait O'Sullivan and full back Teresa Reidy were highly impressive but it was obvious that Kerry fatigued after their 150 mile journey to the seaside resort. However Cork would have beaten them at any rate but probably not as convincing as on Sunday.

Kay O'Sullivan with a point opened the scoring for Cork but Bridie Griffin with a point from a 30 had the sides level after 7 minutes.

Then a minute later Miss Griffin put Kerry in front when she scored a goal from a free 35 yards out on the right wing. But Cork with points from K. Ryan (11), Josie Pyne (11), Brid O'Sullivan (14) and Josie Pyne



The Waterford senior camogie team, defeated by Cork in the final of the Munster championship at Tramore on Sunday.



A Cork forward breaks through the Waterford defence for a score in the Munster senior camogie championship at Tramore on Sunday last.

Left to Right: M. Goff, P. Dorgan, Helan Phelan, Marion Frisby, & Teresa Deim

Key Game In All-Ireland Series

Crafty Antrim Can Reach Camogie Final

By AGNES HOURIGAN

WHAT may well prove the key game in this year's All-Ireland camogie championship is scheduled for Sunday next at the pleasant North Antrim venue of Waterfoot, below Glengarriff Glen, where title-holders Antrim meet the new Leinster champions in the first of the All-Ireland senior semi-finals.

This is a game to which the form-book gives no guide whatever, as the teams have never before met in senior competition. It is true that Antrim and Wexford played a challenge game at Croke Park a few years ago, but even that meeting cannot be taken as a guide. Due to a misunderstanding, while Antrim then fielded their full side, Wexford were only represented by their then county champions, St. John's.

Nor is there any real line of comparison through Dublin this year, since for the first time in seven seasons, Dublin and Wexford did not meet in the Leinster championship.

Runaway Win

Dublin were beaten by Kilkenny in the semi-final, and the Wexford chalked up a runaway win over Kilkenny in the final.

So Antrim must still be just a little bit puzzled as to what Wexford's real strength is. Certainly Antrim themselves are sure of their side, for they have nine of the All-Ireland side again on duty, and the replacements are regarded as being well up to standard.

Unfortunately for the champions they have very little real opposition in the North nowadays and, indeed, their only real test came early in the season when they lost narrowly to Dublin in a challenge at Magerafelt. Just a week later Dublin were beaten by Kilkenny. Although Maeve Gilroy will be missed in the defence, the selectors are likely to move the long-striking Mairead McAtamney back to centre-back, and bring Eileen Collins out to the left wing.

Major Threat

Teresa Cassidy, in goal, full-back Moya Forde, Eithne Dougan and Kathleen Kelly complete an experienced defence, while Sue Cashman will pose a great threat to Wexford at mid-

Spearhead of Antrim's attack last season was Lily Scullion from Ahogill, with Mairead Quinn from Creggan at centre-forward. They are likely to be just as dangerous now, and should provide a busy afternoon even for that great Wexford full-back, Mary Sinnott.

Yet, the Wexford defence, in which Joan Murphy and Carmel Fortune are both experienced, looked very solid against Kilkenny.

Wexford's problem may be deciding where to use their star outfield player, Margaret O'Leary to best effect. Hitherto, she has always played for the county at centre-back, but against Kilkenny she moved to midfield and there gave another outstanding display. If she can repeat that performance on Sunday she may well be on the way to her first All-Ireland final.

Experienced Backs

The Wexford forward-line moved extremely well against Kilkenny, but they will find the experienced Antrim rearguard a very different proposition, and scores will be hard to come by.

However, Mary Doyle, Mary Walsh, Eileen Allen and Mary Shannon, have all distinguished themselves in the scoring line before now, and if wingers, Bridget O'Connor and Bridget Doyle can give Margaret O'Leary adequate assistance around midfield, a Wexford victory could well ensue.

But Antrim are the champions. They never play better than at Glengarriff, and I feel that their greater craft and experience will see them through to the final after what is bound to be a tremendously exciting and entertaining game.

Wexford travel North on Saturday. The starting time of the game is 3.30.

WEXFORD—T. Shiels; M. Sinnott; P. Keogh, J. Murphy, C. Fortune; B. O'Connor, M. O'Leary, B. Doyle; M. Doyle, M. Walsh, E. Allen; M. Shannon.

Wexford in line for double Camogie players in All-Ireland

By TAOBH-LINE

Wexford 4-6; Antrim 4-4

WEXFORD ARE in line for a double last brought up in 1941 by Cork. Their hurlers have now been joined in an all-Ireland final by the camogie players, who yesterday, in brilliant sunshine at picturesque Glengarriff, had a two-point victory over last year's champions, Antrim, on the score 4-6 to 4-4. The Wexford girls were qualifying for the decider for the first time.

In a hard-fought game of close marking, there was little room for stylish camogie. Though Antrim looked the fitter side, it was Wexford, despite the long journey, who lasted the pace. Moreover, when Margaret O'Leary, Wexford's star centrefield, was slowed midway through the second half following a knee injury, the two wingers, Bridget O'Connor and Bridget Doyle continued to hold sway in this sector for the Slaneysiders.

Wexford started with great enthusiasm and Mary Shannon had them a goal up in the second minute. Antrim had three wides before Mary Walsh increased Wexford's lead with a point. Antrim resumed the attack but were foiled by a brilliant save by the Wexford goalkeeper Teresa Shiels. Inspired by this effort Wexford hit back, and in the 20th minute had a goal from Eileen Allen.

ON REBOUND

It was a pity that another fine save by Miss Shiels should have resulted in a score, for Eileen Collins was in to catch the rebound and send to the net for Antrim's only score of this half, to leave Wexford leading by 2-1 to 1-0 at half-time.

Antrim's Sue Cashman put her side back in the game on the restart when she goaled a free in the first minute, but Wexford replied with a similar score in the third minute. This was followed by two Antrim points.

Antrim took the lead for the first time in the game when Eileen Collins goaled in the 8th minute, but a point a minute later put Wexford level again at 3-2 all. Scores then came fast and furious. Wexford regained the lead in the 12th minute with a point, and then goaled in the 18th minute to lead by four points; Antrim pointed in the 19th minute and then both sides exchanged points to make it 4-4 to 3-4.

Wexford increased their lead by two points, before Lily Scullion goaled for Antrim with less than two minutes left for play. Though Antrim tried desperately for a winning score, Wexford stood firm and finished deserving winners.

TEAM VICTORY

This was essentially a team victory for Wexford, but the midfield trio of Margaret O'Leary, Bridget O'Connor and Bridget Doyle always had that slight edge which made all the difference. The Wexford goalie, Teresa Shiels, full-back Mary Sinnott and centre-back Joan Murphy were outstanding in defence, while Mary Walsh and Mary Doyle were the most effective forwards.

Mary Forde and Kathleen Kelly were best of the Antrim defence.

Only Sue Cashman showed her true class as the most effective forward.

Scorers for Wexford were: M. Walsh (1-1), M. Doyle (1-1), M. Shannon (1-0), E. Allen (1-0), B. O'Connor (0-2) and B. Doyle (0-2). Scorers for Antrim were: E. Collins (2-0), S. Cashman (1-2), L. Scullion (1-0), M. McAtamney (0-1) and M. Shannon (0-1).

Wexford—T. Shiels; M. Sinnott; P. Keogh, J. Murphy, C. Fortune; B. Doyle, M. O'Leary, B. O'Connor; M. Doyle, M. Walsh, E. Allen; M. Shannon.

Antrim—T. Cassidy; M. Forde; E. Brogan, W. McAteer, K. Kelly; D. Crawford, S. Cashman, M. McAtamney; M. Shannon, M. Quinn, E. Collins; L. Scullion.

Referee—Miss E. Walsh (Galway).

Camogie champions fall

THIS has surely been a disastrous year for camogie champions. All-Ireland champions Antrim; Leinster champions, Dublin, and Connacht champions, Mayo, have all gone

BY AINE MEAGHER

down to defeat and, on Sunday last, at St. John's Park, Kilkenny, the Dublin, Leinster and All-Ireland club champions, Eoghan Ruadh, likewise bade farewell to their titles when they were beaten by St. Paul's, Kilkenny by 2-4 to 1-4.

It was a close and sternly contested game all through, in many ways reminiscent of last year's Leinster final between the same sides at Dublin's Parnell Park, when the Dublin champions achieved a narrow victory.

Those who imagined that defeat by Wexford in the recent Leinster senior final might have sapped the spirit of the Kilkenny girls were completely wrong, for many of the same players, were again on duty on Sunday last for St. Paul's and played with tremendous spirit and determination all through.

Wexford Dethrone All-Ireland Champions

WEXFORD qualified for their first ever All-Ireland final, when at Glanariff on Sunday, they gained a tremendous two point victory (4-6 to 4-4) over reigning All-Ireland champions, Antrim, in a most entertaining and hard-fought semi-final. In a match of contrasting styles, the Wexford girls were quickly into their stride and from the start surprised the large attendance, and the opposition, with their long striking and quick covering-off.

In the second half Antrim seemed to adapt themselves better to the Leinster side's methods and for a brief spell appeared to have the winning of the match. However, a Wexford rally in the last ten minutes found no ready reply from the home team.

Wexford's hopes seemed to have suffered a severe setback midway through the second half when their star midfielder, Margaret O'Leary, was slowed with a knee injury, but the two wingers, Bridget O'Connor and Bridget Doyle, continued to hold sway in this area for the Slaneysiders.

Wexford got off to a wonderful start when Mary Shannon put them a goal up inside two minutes. This was the tonic the Wexford girls needed, and after a brief period of Antrim pressure, which resulted in three wides for the home side, Mary Walsh increased Wexford's lead with a well taken point.

INSPIRED PLAY

Wexford were now under strong pressure from the champions and only a brilliant save by Teresa Shiels, kept the home attack at bay. This save inspired the Wexford girls and they went back into the attack and had a great goal from Eileen Allen.

Teresa Shiels was once again in action in the winners' goal for she was forced to bring off another great save, but Eileen Collins was on hand to send the rebound to the net for Antrim's only score of the first half, which ended with Wexford holding a 2-1 to 1-0 lead.

On the resumption, however, Sue Cashman brought Antrim back into the game with an early goal and a point.

The Wexford girls were again under severe pressure and fell into arrears for the first time in the game after seven minutes, when Eileen Collins shot a goal.

LEAD REGAINED

A great goal by centre-forward Mary Walsh, and a point by Bridget O'Connor put the Wexford girls into the lead once again. Wexford and Antrim exchanged points to leave the winners five points clear entering the closing minutes of the game.

But Antrim were by no means finished. A goal by Lily Scullion, with only two minutes of the game remaining, brought the Northern girls right back into the game, but the winners' defence held out for a well-deserved victory.

This was essentially a team victory. Each and every member of the team gave of their best, and this was one of the vital factors in their dethroning of the champions.

Teresa Shiels, in the winners' goal, was outstanding. She brought off a number of magnificent saves and could in no way be faulted for the shots that beat her.

GREAT DEFENDERS

Full-back, Mary Sinnott, and centre-back, Joan Murphy, were outstanding in defence. They broke up many

promising Antrim attacks with their keen anticipation and their lengthy clearances were a feature of their play.

Phyllis Kehoe and Carmel Fortune never put a foot wrong in defence and were seen at their best when the pressure was on.

The midfield trio of Bridget O'Connor, Margaret O'Leary and Bridget Doyle, formed the most effective line afield. Up to the time of her injury, Margaret O'Leary was playing great hurling, but was slowed down considerably when she received a knock on the knee.

In the forwards, Mary Walsh, Mary Doyle, Eileen Allen and Mary Shannon all showed tremendous potential and proved a constant source of bother to the Antrim rearguard.

Sue Cashman, Eileen Collins, Moya Forde and Teresa Cassidy were outstanding for the losers.

M. Walsh, 1-1; M. Doyle, 1-1; M. Shannon, 1-0; E. Allen, 1-0; B. O'Connor, 0-2; B. Doyle, 0-2, scored for Wexford.

E. Collins, 2-0; S. Cashman, 1-2; L. Scullion, 1-0; M. McAtamney, 0-1; M. Shannon, M. Quinn, E. Collins, L. Scullion.

Wexford—T. Shiels, M. Sinnott, P. Keogh, J. Murphy, C. Fortune, B. Doyle, M. O'Leary, B. O'Connor, M. Doyle, M. Walsh, E. Allen, M. Shannon.

Antrim—T. Cassidy, M. Forde, E. Brogan, W. McAteer, E. Kelly, D. Crawford, S. Cashman, M. McAtamney, M. Quinn, E. Collins, L. Scullion.

Referee—Miss E. Walsh (Galway)



Miss Chris O'Connell, president Limerick Co. Camogie Board, presenting the County Shield to Carrie Clancy, captain of the Ahane team which defeated Croagh 4-1 to 3-1 in the Limerick Camogie Co. Championship final at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick. Also in the picture are some of the members of the victorious Ahane team. (E.P.S.)

AHANE ARE CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS AGAIN

Ahane, 4-1; Croagh, 3-1.

The County Championship final between Ahane and Croagh at the Gaelic Grounds fully lived up to expectations when a large crowd was treated to plenty of excitement.

For 15 minutes of the first half it seemed as if Croagh were going to have an easy victory over last year's champions. Two great goals and a point by Eithne Neville put Croagh in the lead and though Ahane battered at the Croagh goal it looked as if the Croagh full-back line was impregnable. Eventually Peggy Duffy found the weak spot and rammed in a goal to at new life in the team and supporters.

Joan Hayes followed with a point for Ahane, but no sooner had the ball been pucked out than Bunty Guiry put Croagh further ahead with a goal.

CROAGH AHEAD

At the turn, the score was 3-1 to 1-1 in favour of Croagh, and it looked as if the tide had turned for Croagh and that the Shield would once again be on

its way to the West.

Ahane weren't going to go down that easily and Peggy Duffy passed the ball to Joan Hayes, who scored another fine goal, Cary Clancy, Kathleen Richardson, Betty Leahy and Kitty Ryan put everything they had into the game and with Bridget Ryan (who came on as full-back) they proved once again that they are the superior team.

Another goal by Teresa Fennedy levelled the score and brought Ahane supporters to their feet, where they stayed until the winning goal was scored from a "30," "lobbed" in by Joan Hayes.

For Croagh, Margie Bourke had an outstanding game. She was well supported by Bridie Guiltenane, Margaret Naughton, Marie O'Connor (in goal), Eileen O'Keeffe, Sheila McNamara and Eithne Neville.

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Cork Would Not Want To Underestimate Galway

THIS season is certainly one of surprises in the All-Ireland Camogie Championship. First there was the defeat of long-standing champions Dublin by Kilkenny; then came the defeat of the latter by Wexford. But perhaps the biggest surprise of all came with the defeat of Antrim by the new Leinster champions. Antrim had had such a successful season last year that they looked set for a long line of All-Ireland wins. They were tremendous in defeating Dublin in the All-Ireland final replay last season and everyone expected them to reach the decider again this time. However, Wexford put an end to this when in a grand game they earned the right to contest the final.

This year's results so far would appear to put Cork in a very good position to take their first title for many a year. With Dublin and Antrim defeated the competition is wide open. Cork make their semi-final appearance on Sunday next when they travel to Ballinasloe to meet Galway and they must have a great chance of reaching their first final since 1956.

However, they would do well to remember their display in the Munster final against Waterford. Again the odds were stacked in their favour but they made very heavy weather of winning and Waterford might easily have snatched a late win had luck been on their side. As it was Cork sat back on their scores and had great difficulty in holding on to their narrow lead at the finish.

There are many followers who would make Cork favourites for Sunday's tie. But the Cork girls would do well to remember a number of facts from Galway's record over the past few years. Last season they lost to Mayo in the Provincial decider but in 1966 they put up a fine performance when losing by 4-4 to 3-0 to a grand Antrim side in the All-Ireland semi-final. In last season's All-Ireland semi-final the Cork girls were heavily defeated by practically the same Antrim side.

GALWAY SURPRISED

But perhaps the most significant year in Galway's record is 1962. On that occasion Cork again reached the semi-final against Galway and were expected to win easily. With the game fixed for Fermoy followers were already looking forward to another Cork-Dublin decider. But the Galway girls had other ideas and with Cork again going out over-confident Galway made no mistake and advanced to the final.

The present Cork team made the same mistake when taking the field against Waterford a few weeks ago and it is to be hoped that they have learned their lesson. On that day Cork should have had the game won by half-time. Their forwards missed many fine scoring chances—the kind of chances they cannot afford to miss in a semi-final.

For Sunday's game Cork have made a number of changes, mainly positional. Nora O'Mahony of Glen Rovers comes to the side at right back with Sheila Dunne moving to the centrefield. Nora is a very strong defender who has played many fine games for Cork in the past. Eleanor Cummins in goal is in brilliant form this season while Hannah Dineen at full-back is a fine defender. At half-back Cork have the stylish Mary Jo Ryan while Sheila O'Sullivan completes a very strong defence.

At wing centre Cork will again expect great things from school-girl Lil Dorgan while Sheila Dunne and Nuala Humphries should help make this a very effective sector.

But it is perhaps the attack which can make the real difference in this game. All four girls named are capable of proving matchwinners on their own. Anna Crotty, Peggy Dorgan, Anne McAuliffe and Anne Comerford are all stylish and very talented players who can make scoring look so easy. However, should Kilkenny's denunciation of anti-Stalinist reaction, pro- (1948). As is well known, the Czechoslovakia (1949), Hungary (1947) and Romania (1945), Germany (1945), Poland (1945) puppet Governments in East

team for the past three years, this Galway team. With so many of the players having inter-provincial experience they will not be over-awed by the big game and with the advantage of a home venue they will be confident of victory. But if Cork can reach top form they must have a great chance of reaching the final against Wexford.

JUNIOR GAME

At the same venue the Cork junior team will also take on Galway. Again there are a number of changes from the side which fared so well in Munster. Nuala Collins comes on at left-back with Margaret Mee moving to centrefield. This change was made necessary at Pat O'Sullivan is away on holidays and is unable to field. Anne O'Sullivan and Josie Pyne will also exchange places.

Incidentally Betty Burke, Cork's grand halfback, is getting married on Saturday but is postponing her honeymoon to play on Sunday.

What a great day it would be for Cork if both teams won. The Cork juniors must do well in this game. They were very good in their Munster championship games and it would be a big surprise if they did not manage to account for the Galway juniors. However, they too would not want to suffer from "over-confidence" as any-



Sheila Dunne moves to centrefield

thing can happen in a championship game. Both teams will be leaving from the City Library on Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m. There are still a few vacant seats on the bus and any followers who may be interested in travelling should contact a member of the board as soon as possible.

The teams are:
Cork Senior—E. Cummins (S.P.P.P.) H. Dineen (do.), Nora O'Mahony (Glen), M. J. Ryan (Youghal), S. O'Sullivan (S.P.P.P.), Liz Garvan (Old Ala), Sheila Dunne (U.C.C.), N. Humphries (Glen), Peggy Dorgan (do.), Anne McAuliffe (Old Ala), Anne Comerford (S.P.P.P.), Anna Crotty (Glen).

Subs.—M. Moran (Old Ala), S. O'Connell (Glen), Teresa Murphy (do.)

Cork Junior—Mary Heelan (Blarney), Peg O'Brien (Fermoy), Julia Buckley (Kanturk), Betty Burke (Douglas), Nuala Collins (Canovee), Anne O'Sullivan (Fermoy), Margaret Mee (Glanworth), Anne Kirby (do.), Josie Pyne (Fermoy), Kay Ryan (St. Ita's), Breda O'Sullivan (Glanworth), Kay Healy (Canovee).

Subs.—Noreen Lucey (Ovens), Mary Buckley (Douglas), Mary Humphries (Blarney).

Galway Senior—Eileen Naughton, Olive Hanniffy, Rita O'Flaherty, Stasia O'Brien, Rosemary Divilly, Mary Kelly, Deirdre Higgins, Kathleen Quinn, Kathleen O'Flaherty, Breda O'Brien, Mary Kilkenny, Emer Walsh.

Galway Junior—Mary Kilkenny, Christine O'Sullivan, Anne Dilleen, Grace Divilly, Breda Donnellan, Mary Cooley, Evelyn Sweeney, Judge King, Nora Flaherty, Pat Feeney, Carol Casley, Mary Mahon.

FIXTURES

At Ballinasloe, Sunday next, All-Ireland Junior Championship semi-final at 2.30. Cork v. Galway. Ref., Phyllis Breslin (Dublin).

Galway's speed may upset Cork

CORK, Munster champions, line out against Galway in the second semi-final of the All-Ireland championship at Ballinasloe on Sunday. The winners will meet Wexford in the final at Croke Park on Sunday, September 15th.

Both teams got through their respective tests in the provincial championships. Cork had the hardest passage to the Munster final. They got the better of old rivals, Tipperary, in the semi-final, and then only mastered Waterford in the final by a single point after extra time. Galway, on the other hand, had a clear-cut win over Mayo.

With the championship wide open this year and the leading sides, Dublin and Antrim, out, both teams will make every effort to reach the final and, if possible, secure major honours.

Cork last held the trophy in 1941, having won from Dublin, while Galway had to be content to play second fiddle to the other teams and have yet to put their name on the plinth. They feel that their chance has come, and with full confidence in their side hope to survive Galway's best efforts.

The team will have four new players and the inclusion of Liz Garvin, who was outstanding in the schools championship, should strengthen the centre line.

Both Peggy Dorgan and Anna Crotty have already proved their worth in attack, while the defence will be well guarded by E. Cummins, J. Ryan and the renowned Hanna Dineen. The midfield pair in A. McAuliffe and H. Humphries will be capable of checking Galway's best.

However, Galway will be no easy team to dispose of and are an ambitious and resourceful side. Like Waterford their success in the provincial championship has been noteworthy, but they have failed to master the more experienced counties.

Galway are noted for their fleetness of foot and, while Cork may start favourites, there is every prospect that the home team may add

another surprise to this season's results. Prior to the big game, which starts at 3.30 p.m., the Junior all-Ireland semi-final, in which the same counties are represented, will be played.

Cork Double In Galway

Cork 2-11, Galway 1-2.

CORK are back in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final after twelve years. At Duggan Park, Ballinasloe yesterday they ran riot over Galway in a one-sided game which in the end gave them a twelve points win.

The star of the day was the Glen Rovers player Peggy Dorgan who picked off scores that even Christy Ring would have been proud of. She scored 1-5 of her side's winning total but as well made such an impact on the game that the Galway defence was bewildered. Whether it was from ten or forty yards out Peggy Dorgan always meant danger to the Galway backs when she got possession.

From the throw-in Cork took complete control at centrefield where 15 year old Liz Garven had a really great game. Sheila Dunne and Nuala Humphries were little behind, which meant that the winners' forwards got a liberal supply of the ball. They scored 2-11 but they also had sixteen wides which means that they will have to improve their shooting if they hope to beat Wexford in the final.

Cork had their first score in the fifth minute when Sheila Dunne pointed a free. Four minutes later Ann Comerford pointed but Galway got their first point 30 seconds later by Margaret Kilkenny. Back came Cork with another Ann Comerford point and Peggy Dorgan had a goal in the 15th minute. A minute later Sheila Dunne had a point before Margaret Kilkenny had Galway's only other score of the first half.

On the resumption Cork showed more confidence and Ann Crotty had a goal after seven minutes. From the puck out the ball went to Sheila Quinn who had Galway's goal but from then on it was all Cork. Peggy Dorgan had five points while Ann McAuliffe and Sheila Dunne had one each.

Galway goalie Eileen Naughton saved her side from a heavier defeat by a wonderful display between the posts, while Emer Walsh performed capably at fullback. But the rest of the home side were completely outshone by a more determined and speedier Cork side. Mary Jo Ryan who shone in the backs, and Ann McAuliffe, apart from those already mentioned, were best for Cork.

Scorers for the winners were: P. Dorgan (1-5), S. Dunne (0-3), A. Crotty (1-0), A. Comerford (0-2), and A. McAuliffe (0-1).

The Galway scores came from S. Quinn (1-0), M. Kilkenny (0-2).

Cork—E. Cummins, H. Dineen, N. O'Mahony, M. J. Ryan, S. O'Sullivan, L. Garvan, N. Humphries, S. Dunne, A. McAuliffe, P. Dorgan, A. Comerford, A. Crotty (Capt.)

Galway—E. Naughton, E. Walsh, R. Flaherty, P. Clarke, R. Divilly, D. Higgins, K. Quinn, M. Kelly, S. Quinn, B. O'Brien, K. O'Flaherty, M. Kilkenny. Referee: Mrs. S. O'Duffy (Dublin).

Cork 3-3, Galway 2-1.

Kathleen Healy of Canovee was the star of the Cork juniors who reached their first All-Ireland Camogie final when they beat Galway at Ballinasloe yesterday. The blonde full-forward scored 3-2 of her side's 3-3 total in a game that was far better than the senior decider.

Betty Burke from Donoghmore who was married on Saturday interrupted her honeymoon to play at centre-back. She was the N. Flaherty (1-0), N. Naughton occasionally caught napping by a speedy Galway forward line.

Kathleen Healy had a goal after ten minutes to give Cork the lead they never surrendered. Playing against the breeze in the opening half they soon overcame the homesters and in attack Kathleen Healy and Josie Pyne were always dangerous. Others to impress were Margaret Mee, Julia Buckley and Ann O'Sullivan.

Galway were best served by Mary Kilkenny in goal, Grace Divilly and Ann Dilleen in the backs while Pat Feeney and Nonie Flaherty were the best of the forwards.

Scorers for Cork who led by 3-1 to 2-1 at the interval were K. Healy (3-2), and K. Ryan (0-1). Galway scores came from N. Flaherty (1-0), and P. Feeney (1-0), and P. Feeney (0-1).

Cork—M. Heelan, P. O'Brien, J. Buckley, B. Burke, N. Collins, A. O'Sullivan, M. Mee, A. Kirby, J. Pyne, K. Ryan, B. O'Sullivan, K. Healy.

Galway—M. Kilkenny, C. O'Sullivan, G. Divilly, A. Dilleen, B. Donnellan, M. Cooley, M. King, C. Caseley, N. Flaherty, P. Feeney, E. Sweeney, N. Naughton.

Down Girls In Camogie Final

DOWN 3-2
WEXFORD 2-1

Down qualified to meet Cork in the All-Ireland junior camogie final when they defeated Leinster champions Wexford in the semi-final at Clonduff, Hilltown, Co. Down.

The Wexford team played under protest, however, as the match took place on a full-size G.A.A. pitch.

There was no score in an exciting second-half but Down had two goals disallowed. Their star was Ulster interprovincial player Patricia Crangle.

Scorers: Down — P. Crangle (2-2), A. M. Kelly (1-0). Wexford — B. McCleane (1-0), L. Roman (1-0), J. Kehoe (0-1).

Camogie Double For

Cork Girls

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Cork brought off a great double Ballinasloe yesterday when the senior side scored a decisive victory over Galway and, for the first time since 1956, qualified for the All-Ireland final in which they meet Wexford at Croke Park on September 15. Their juniors also qualified for the final, but had a harder battle and were unlucky to survive.

CORK 2-11
GALWAY 1-2

In the senior game Cork were the livelier side and the longer strikers. They had a very strong attack and Galway were saved from an even heavier defeat by the excellent goalkeeping of Eileen Naughton.

Indeed, she had made two great saves before Cork took the lead with a point in the fourth minute. The winners had missed chances before Anne Comerford stretched their lead with another point. Margaret Kennedy replied with a Galway point and further points were exchanged before Anna Crotty placed Peggy Dorgan for a well-taken Cork goal in the 16th minute. Another Cork point by Sheila Danne left the half-time score 1-4 to 0-2 in Cork's favour.

Cork increased their lead five minutes after the restart when Anne Comerford goaled, but Galway hopes were revived by a like score from Sheila Quinn direct from the puck out. The Connacht champions tired badly in the later stages and Cork dominated the remainder of the game, scoring seven further points without reply.

Cork, who held the upper hand at mid-field, where Liz Garvin was brilliant throughout, had clever forwards in Peggy Dorgan whose sharp shooting was outstanding, Anne Comerford and Anne McAuliffe. The defence, rarely tested, was always in command of the Galway attack.

Goalkeeper Eileen Naughton was Galway's star player. Rosemary Divilley, Emer Walsh and Margaret Kilkenny were the pick of the outfield players.

Scorers—Cork—P. Dorgan (1-7), A. Comerford (1-0), S. Dunne (0-2), A. McAuliffe (0-2). Galway—S. Quinn (1-0), M. Kilkenny (0-2).

Cork—E. Cummins; H. Dineen; N. O'Mahony, M. J. Ryan, S. O'Sullivan; L. Garvin, S. Dunne, W. Humphreys; P. Dorgan, A. McAuliffe, A. Comerford; A. Crotty.

Galway—E. Naughton; E. Walsh; E. O'Flaherty, P. Clarke, R. Divilley;

D. Higgins, K. Quinn, M. Kelly; S. Quinn, B. O'Brien, K. O'Flaherty; M. Kilkenny. Subs.—M. Fleming for D. Higgins, O'Hanniffy for P. Clarke, S. O'Brien for B. O'Brien.
Ref.—Mrs. O'Duffy.

CORK 3-3
GALWAY 2-1

Playing with great dash and combination in the opening half, Cork were not flattered by their interval lead of 3-1 to 2-1 in the junior game. They stretched their lead with a point on the restart, then Galway took over, but failed to gain a score despite having chances galore, and it was Cork who came back to clinch victory with another point.

Kay Healy, who had all their scores except one point, was Cork's star. Betty Burke and Nuala Collins were good defenders and Margaret Meade put in good work at mid-field.

Mary Kilkenny was outstanding the Galway goal, while Anne Dilleen, Pat Feeney, Noreen Flaherty and Noreen Naughton also impressed.

Scorers—Cork—K. Healy (3-2), C. Pyno (0-1). Galway—N. Naughton (1-0), N. O'Flaherty (1-0), P. Feeney (0-1).

Ref.—Miss P. Breslin (Dublin).

MARY SINNOTT OF WEXFORD

By AGNES HOURIGAN

WHEN Wexford at last achieved the big break through that they had so long striven for, the winning of the Leinster senior championship for the first time, one of the great stars of their victory was the full-back, Mary Sinnott.

Her long clearances, and tremendous goal-pucks, that always fell deep in opposing territory, were the most spectacular feature of her display, but she also performed the most essential duty of a full-back, the consistent foiling of the best efforts of the Kilkenny forwards.

To those who have been watching her play for the past half-dozen seasons or thereabouts that wonderful display by Mary Sinnott came as no surprise, for she has long been recognised as the outstanding full-back in Leinster and possibly the greatest in the game at present. She has won a whole succession of Leinster intermediate medals with her county and several Gael-Linn

interprovincial medals for good measure.

Tall and athletic, she is a natural games player and is well known in other sporting scenes. She is equally talented both at Badminton and lawn tennis, and has won championships in both games.

In fact she holds the distinction of having won Wexford all-county sports awards in different years in different games, camogie and badminton.

But then she comes of versatile sporting stock for she is a niece of the former Wexford All-Ireland hurler, Mick O'Hanlon, who was also a senior inter-county footballer of considerable distinction.

It remains to be seen whether Mary Sinnott will achieve further honours this year, but she has already done more than enough to justify her inclusion in any list of the great stars of the game.

And to add to her achievements on the camogie fields, she is also an extremely competent referee.



The Cork team who qualified for their first All-Ireland senior camogie final in 12 years by defeating Galway at Ballinasloe. (Kelly)

Runaway Win For St. Pauls

ST. PAUL'S (Kilkenny) ... 13-2
ARDCLOUGH (Kildare) ... 0-1

St. Paul's qualified for the All-Ireland semi-final of the Club Championship in which they meet Deirdre (Antrim), when they scored a runaway victory over Ardclough (Kildare) at Naas yesterday in the Leinster final.

The winners, giving a first class exhibition, were on top in all sectors and after leading 6-1 to 0-1 at half-time they continued to dominate the play in the second period.

The winners' top scorer, Anne Carroll, who notched 8-1, was outstanding for St. Paul's and she was ably assisted by the Cassin twins, Carmel O'Shea and Anne Phelan.

Best for the losers were Breda Cullen, Margaret Molloy and Josie O'Connor.

Scorers: St. Paul's—A. Carroll (8-1), M. Cassin (3-0), B. Cassin (2-0), C. O'Shea (0-1). Ardclough—M. Molloy (0-1).

Leinster Camogie Team

The Leinster Camogie team to play Connacht at a Connacht venue on October 6 will be chosen from the following panel of players: T. Shiels, M. Sinnott, M. O'Leary, M. Walsh, M. Doyle, J. Murphy (Wexford); C. O'Shea, M. Houlihan, M. Fennelly, B. Kinsella, J. Golden (Kilkenny); A. Hussey, M. Sherlock, T. Doyle, O. ni Siochain, E. Kehoe (Dublin).

GALWAY'S ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE HOPES DASHED

CORK made a final date on September 15 with Wexford by decisively beating Galway by 2-11 to 1-2 in the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final at Ballinasloe on Sunday.

Galway were no match for speedy and fast striking Cork and but for a few brilliant individual performances were completely outclassed.

Eileen Naughton showed what a wonderful goalkeeper she is with many great saves and it was due to her magnificent efforts that Cork scored only two goals from their many attacks.

With Cork ace-forward Peggy Dorgan rampant on the right wing Goalie Naughton was kept very busy but she never once flinched and deflected four unsaveable shots over the bar.

Seeing their path to goal blocked, Cork wisely concentrated on picking off points in the second half and, with Dorgan, Dunne and McAuliffe in fine scoring form, this gambit paid rich dividends.

Cork's task was made that much easier by the almost total collapse of Galway midfield where Deirdre Higgins, Kathleen Quinn and Mary Kelly were well below form.

Due to this tremendous disadvantage extra work was placed on an already over-burdened Galway defence and it meant too their scoring hope, full-forward Mary Kilkenny, had to work off a starvation supply.

Mary Kilkenny battled hard throughout to pierce the strong Cork defence but lack of the ball and support from colleagues meant that pressure was never sustained long enough to have telling effect.

Cork opened the scoring with

a point by Sheila Dunne from a free in the fourth minute and three minutes later E. McAuliffe added another from play.

Mary Kilkenny had two cracking shots saved before landing the first Galway point in the tenth minute. However, Cork continued to dominate and with the help of a Peggy Dorgan goal in the sixteenth minute they led 1-4 to 0-2 at half-time.

Cork got away to a great start in the second half when A. Comerford had a goal to stretch their lead to 2-4 to 0-2 after five minutes.

Momentarily Galway showed signs of fighting back as Sheila Quinn scored a goal almost immediately but their pressure was short-lived and Cork were back on the road to victory.

At this point Galway also introduced three subs in an effort to stem the tide but all to no avail as Cork hit back for a succession of points in which Peggy Dorgan figured prominently.

Peggy Dorgan was unquestion-

POOR SCORING ABILITY

Lack of a forward with the scoring ability of Cork's Kathleen Healy brought defeat to Galway in the All-Ireland junior camogie semi-final at Ballinasloe on Sunday.

The blonde Cork full-forward was the terror of the Galway defence and her three opportunist goals in the first half paved the way for the 3-3 to 2-1 win.

It was not until Grace Divilly moved over to mark Healy in the second half that the Cork rampage was effectively contained.

Then Galway, who kept in touch with goals from Naughton and O'Flaherty, did most of the pressing against the wind but the forwards were way off target.

From the two-pronged attacks of Pat Feeney and Nonnie O'Flaherty the Cork goal was often forced wide open but no forward was able to finish the ball to the net.

Cork opened the scoring in the first half with a goal by Kathleen Healy after ten minutes but this score was negated five minutes later by Nancy Naughton.

Healy again edged Cork out in front with another goal after 19 minutes, a lead she increased by a further 1-1 following a Galway point by Pat Feeney.

Entering the last minute of the first half Cork led by 3-1 to 1-1 but then Nonnie O'Flaherty, helped by Evelyn Sweeney, put Galway back in the game with a goal.

At the start of the second half Grace Divilly took on the monumental job of marking Kathleen Healy and she did it so well that the Cork attack was not nearly so dangerous with the wind in the second half.

However, Healy still needed only half a chance to perpetrate damage—a point she again proved in the eighth minute of the second half by lofting over another Cork point.

It was Galway who did most

ably Cork's best player and she got fine support from Mary Joe Ryan, Liz Garvan and Sheila Dunne.

Eileen Naughton did all any one player could to save Galway from humiliating defeat but she lacked the necessary support. The only other players to shine were Emer Walsh at full-back and Mary Kilkenny at full-forward.

Cork: Eleanor Cummins, Hannah Dineen, Nora O'Mahony, Mary Joe Ryan, Sheila O'Sullivan, Liz Garvan, Sheila Dunne (0-2), Nuala Humphries, Peggy Dorgan (1-7), Ann McAuliffe (0-2), Ann Comerford (1-0), Ann Crotty.

Galway: Eileen Naughton, Emer Walsh, Rita Flaherty, Phil Clarke, Rosemary Divilly, Deirdre Higgins, Kathleen Quinn, Mary Kelly, Sheila Quinn (1-0), Bridget O'Brien, Kathleen O'Flaherty, Mary Kilkenny (0-2).

Subs: Nora Fleming for Deirdre Higgins; Olive Hannify for Phil Clarke; and Stasia O'Brien for Bridget O'Brien.

of the attacking in this half but Pat Feeney, Nonnie O'Flaherty and Nancy Naughton were all wide of the goal with shots. And O'Flaherty had a 14 yards free in front of the Cork goal saved.

Thankful to be let off the hook on so many occasions in the second period, Cork struck back in the closing minutes for a point by Kathleen Ryan.

Cork, who play either Wexford or Down in the final, were served best by Betty Burke, Margaret Mee, Josie Pyne and, of course, Kathleen Healy.

Keeping the Galway end up were Mary Kilkenny in goal, Grace Divilly and Ann Dileen in defence, and forwards Nonnie O'Flaherty and Pat Feeney.

Cork: Mary Heelan, Peggie O'Brien, Julia Buckley, Betty Burke, Nuala Collins, Ann O'Sullivan, Margaret Mee, Ann Kirby, Josie Pyne, Kathleen Ryan (0-1), Breda O'Sullivan, Kathleen Healy (3-1).

Galway: Mary Kilkenny, Christine O'Sullivan, Grace Divilly, Ann Dileen, Brenda Donnellan, Mary Cooley, Madge King, Carol Casley, Nonnie O'Flaherty (1-0), Pat Feeney (0-1), Evelyn Sweeney, Nancy Naughton (1-0).

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Sports Personality



WELL Cork will line out against Wexford again next month, but this time it will be in the All-Ireland camogie decider. This is an unusual pairing as in the past Antrim and Dublin have dominated this competition and in a year of surprises both had to give best to Wexford and Kilkenny respectively this year.

Cork on the other hand played very well against Tipperary in the Munster Championship, but then they were lucky to get over a gallant Waterford side in the Munster final. However, last Sunday at Ballinasloe they showed that they will make a bold bid for the title when they decisively accounted for Galway on a score of 2-11 to 1-2.

One of the stars of this great win was Glen Rovers player, Peggy Dorgan, who had a splendid game at wing forward and was her side's top scorer with a goal and seven points. Peggy has been one of Cork's top players in the past decade and has played for her county and for Munster on numerous occasions. She helped her club, Glen Rovers, to win seven county championships in a row in the past seven years and she will be hoping to make it eight next year. A very stylish player she is capable of scoring freely from any position within reasonable distance of the goal and has to be very closely watched by the opposing defences.

Peggy was elected Cork's "Camogie Player of Year" in 1966 and has gained numerous other honours as well. She is a very versatile player and can play at either centre field or any of the forward positions, so that no matter where she plays she is always one of the stars of the side.

When she lines out against Wexford she will be hoping to bring back a long overdue title to the Rebel County.

Will This Be Cork's Year In The Camogie All-Ireland?

Wexford No Easy Team To Beat

FOR twelve years now Cork's camogie girls have been fighting for their right to contest another All-Ireland final. In 1957 they lost to Antrim and in the previous two years they were defeated by Dublin.

On Sunday next they have an opportunity to wipe away the memories of these defeats when they take on Wexford in this year's decider. The Cork junior team will also contest the final against Down.

When Dublin and Antrim played in the final last season and produced two classic encounters (the game went to a replay) no one could foresee these two teams not being involved in the decider for many years to come. Antrim, in particular, were thought to be established champions. But anything can happen in a championship, which was proved beyond all doubt this season.

First came the downfall of the mighty Dublin 12 at the hands of Kilkenny. Cork were greatly heartened by this result as a few weeks earlier they had easily disposed of the Kilkenny girls in a friendly. However, more surprises were to follow. Wexford defeated Kilkenny by 8-3 to 1-3 in the Leinster final and then, in a very closely contested game, defeated champions Antrim in the All-Ireland semi-final by 4-8 to 4.

The fact that Dublin, who had dominated the competition for over 20 years, up to last season, or Antrim, the tremendous conquerors of Dublin, are not contesting the final, must give the Cork girls great confidence for Sunday. Instead of facing established champions they will be meeting Wexford, a side making its first appearance in a decider.

However, Cork would be wise to remember that Wexford have been knocking on the door for a long number of years. They have made the Leinster intermediate title their own over the past five or six years. During

this season and has the side really fit.

Hannah Dineen, the regular full-back now moves to the right wing. Hannah prefers more freedom and her tremendous clearances should be even more advantageous on the wing. The selectors feel that Teresa, who is one of the two players to have appeared in an All-Ireland final before, could have a very steady influence on the team in this game. Certainly, she has the experience and the ability and from all accounts is as fit if not fitter than any player on the team. Sheila O'Sullivan on the left wing



Stephanie O'Connell.

will not leave much pass her, while Mary Jo Ryan at centre-half back is faring extremely well in this her first senior intercounty season.

The centrefield trio could play a vital role in this game as possession here will be all-important. Liz Garvan, although still a schoolgirl is well established in senior camogie while Nuala Humphries and Sheila Dunne have been playing very well this season.

WHERE CORK HOPES LIE

But it is perhaps on the forward line that Cork will pin most of their hopes. All four forwards are capable of snatching scores from any angle and if Anne Comerford, Anne McAuliffe, Peggy Dorgan and captain, Anna Crotty all strike their best form then Cork must have a real chance of the title.

But they must remember that although they may not be playing Dublin or Antrim, they are really up against a top class side who are sure to be at their peak on Sunday.

JUNIORS TOO!

What a wonderful day it would be for Cork camogie if they could win both finals. The Cork juniors who meet Down in their final are



for the game and the good wishes of all those unable to go will certainly be with both sides on Sunday.

Teams:-

Cork Senior Team — E. Cummins (S.P.P.P.), T. Murphy (Glen Rovers), H. Dineen (S.P.P.P.), M. J. Ryan (Youghal), S. O'Sullivan (S.P.P.P.), N. Humphries (Glen), S. Dunne (U.C.C.), L. Garvan (Old Aloysians), A. Comerford (S.P.P.P.), A. McAuliffe (Old Aloys.), P. Dorgan (Glen), A. Crotty (do.), capt. Subs: M. Moran (Old Ais), N. O'Mahony (Glen), S. O'Connell (do.).

Cork Junior Team — M. Heelan (Blarney), capt. P. O'Brien (Fermoy), J. Buckley (Kanturk), B. Burke (Douglas), N. Collins (Canovee), P. O'Sullivan (Inniscarra), J. Pyne (Fermoy), M. Mee (Glanworth), A. O'Sullivan (Fermoy), K. Ryan (St. Ita's), B. O'Sullivan (Glanworth), K. Healy (Canovee), Subs: N. Lucey (Ovens), M. Buckley (Douglas), A. Kirby (Glanworth), and M. Humphries (Blarney).

Wexford — T. Shields; M. Sinnott, P. Keogh, J. Murphy, C. Fortune, B. Doyle, M. O'Leary, B. O'Connor, M. Doyle, M. Walsh (capt.), E. Allen, M. Shannon.

Peggy Dorgan (Glen Rovers), left-forward: Recently captained Glen to their 7th successive county title. Received Cork Sports Personality Award in 1965. Is Cork's top scorer this season and an expert free-taker. Has played on numerous occasions for Munster. Has three Munster senior medals to her credit.

Anna Crotty (Glen Rovers), full-forward: Captain of the side. Very deservedly won the Munster Sports Award for her performances last season. Next Sunday will be her second time to lead the Cork team in an All-Ireland final. The main feature of her play is a practically unstoppable shot. Has a large collection of medals.

Mary Moran (Old Aloysians), goalkeeper: Learned her camogie at St. Aloysius School and after winning a county championship medal with Old Ais, went to Dublin where she captained the highly successful Celtic to a Dublin championship win. Since her return to Cork, has been a tremendous worker both for her club and county and is the very efficient Cork Co. Board Chairman.

Nora O'Mahony (Glen Rovers), back: Captained Cork last season. Has won seven county championship medals in a row with her club and holds 3 Munster Championship and several league and tournament medals.

Stephanie O'Connell (Glen Rovers), forward: Came to the fore as the star of Blarney school team who won Cork Schools Championship a few seasons ago. Received a Cork Sports Personality Award, 2 Gael-Linn, 4 Munster Championship and six Cork Co. Championship medals are among her collection.

The following are pen pictures of the Cork senior and junior camogie teams who will contest the All-Ireland senior and junior titles on Sunday next at Croke Park. Their opponents will be Wexford and Down respectively:

SENIOR TEAM

Eleanor Cummins (S.P.P.P.): Goal-keeper. Long-serving member of Cork team. Though normally a goalkeeper for her club and county, she played in the backline for Munster. Among her trophies are four Munster senior medals, one Gael-Linn medal and two senior league medals.

Hannah Dineen (S.P.P.P.): Right-back. Hannah came to prominence with U.C.C. with whom she won three Ashbourne medals and the honour of representing the Combined Universities on several occasions. Was a member of the Cork team that won the Munster Secondary Championship in 1966. Also holds two Munster Championship medals.

Teresa Murphy (Glen Rovers), full-back. One of the two Cork players ever to win a Gaelic All-Star award. She also captured the Cork Sports Personality award in 1965. A regular inter-provincial player who has already played in two All-Ireland finals for Cork. Has several Munster, Gael-Linn and Cork Championship medals.

Sheila O'Sullivan (S.P.P.P.), left-back. Learned her camogie at South Pres. Convent and has represented the Cork Schools. Takes a very active part in the administrative side of the game in the form of Secretary of Cork Board. Has two Munster Senior and two Senior League medals.

Mary Jo Ryan (Youghal), centre-back. Came up through the junior and intermediate ranks with her club, capturing championship medals in both grades. Won a Munster Secondary medal last season. First year on Senior team.

Nuala Humphries (Glen Rovers), right-centre. Captained Cork's first successful team in the Munster Secondary Championship. Played schools camogie with North Pres. Convent. Holds two Munster Senior Championship and six Cork Championship medals.

Sheila Dunne (U.C.C.), centrefield. Started playing the game while at school in Macroom. Has represented the Combined Universities. Helped U.C.C. to win two Ashbourne Cups and won a Junior Championship medal with her home club Canovee.

Liz Garvan (Old Aloysians), left-centre: A 16-year-old schoolgirl who is rapidly making a name for herself. Was a member of the Cork Schools' team that won the O'Duffy Cup earlier this season. Holds two Cork Schools Championship, one Munster Schools Championship, 1 Munster Senior and 1 Munster Secondary medals. Is also a prominent tennis player.

Anne McAuliffe (Old Ais.), centre-forward: This is Anne's second season with Cork senior team. Previously she lined out with the secondary side with whom she won a Munster medal.

Anne Comerford (S.P.P.P.), right-forward: Played schools' camogie with South Pres. Convent and represented Cork Schools. Formerly featured at midfield but has proved a big success since she moved into forward line. Holds 3 Munster Championship and 2 league medals. Is Registrar of County Board and an inter-county referee.

Pen Pictures Of The Players

championship medal with Canovee.

Pat O'Sullivan (Inniscarra), right-centre: Won an intermediate championship medal with Seandun. Holds a number of tournament medals. Is a sister of Cork under-21 hurler, Henry O'Sullivan.

Josie Pyne (Fermoy), centre-field: Has senior championship experience with Naomh Gobhnaith. Holds junior championship and several tournament medals.

Margaret Mee (Glanworth), left-centre: A relative newcomer to the game but on her displays with Cork juniors it will not be long before she adds to the intermediate championship medal she holds.

Annie O'Sullivan (Fermoy), right-forward: Also fielded with Naomh Gobhnaith in the senior championship. Possesses a few tournament medals.

Kay Ryan (St. Ita's), centre-forward: Was a regular member of Old Ais senior side before transferring to her home club. Has won 2 Munster secondary medals with Cork. Is a sister of Cork footballer, Eamonn Ryan.

Breda O'Sullivan (Glanworth), left-forward: Played for some time with Presentation Past P. Terenure. Is an ex-Fermoy player. Won an intermediate championship medal with Seandun.

Kay Healy (Canovee), full-forward: Won a Munster senior championship medal with Cork a few seasons ago. Previously played for Donoughmore. Has two junior championship medals. A member of Naomh Gobhnaith team.

Anne Kirby (Glanworth): Can play either at midfield or in the forward line. Is a member of Seandun team which has qualified for intermediate final with Blarney. Is a sister of Cork minor star, Ned Kirby.

Noreen Lucey (Ovens) back: Started playing the game while at school in South Pres. Won an intermediate championship medal with Seandun.

Mary Buckley (Douglas), centre-field: Holds an intermediate championship medal with Seandun. Has also lined-out for Naomh Gobhnaith.

Mary Humphries (Blarney), forward: Played schools' camogie with North Pres. Won junior championship and two junior league medals with her club.

JUNIOR TEAM

Mary Heelan (Blarney), goalkeeper: Captain of the side. Won 1 junior championship and two junior league medals with Blarney. Won an intermediate championship medal with Seandun. Has also lined out with Naomh Gobhnaith in senior championship.

Peg O'Brien (Fermoy), full-back: Was a member of Cork senior selection and won two Munster medals with Cork secondary team. Also holds a Cork junior championship medal with Fermoy. Has fielded with Naomh Gobhnaith.

Julia Buckley (Kanturk), right-back: Formerly fielded with Castlemagner with whom she won a junior championship medal. Holds 3 tournament trophies.

Betty Burke (Douglas), centre-back: Was a member of the Seandun side that won the Cork Intermediate Championship last year. Has senior championship experience with Naomh Gobhnaith.

Nuala Collins (Canovee), left-back: Another member of Naomh Gobhnaith selection. Collected a junior



Hannah Dineen.

this period, also, they played against Dublin in the Leinster final each year, gradually getting closer to beating them. In 1966 the score was Dublin 4-3 and Wexford 3-1. So that the Wexford success this season is no "flash-in-the-pan." This is especially so when one considers that they defeated a brilliant Antrim side and on this performance alone most followers would make them favourites to take their first title.

WEXFORD'S MAINSTAY

Wexford have three inter-provincial players in their line-out—Margaret O'Leary, Mary Sinnott and Jean Murphy. And again it would be wise to remember that with such teams as Dublin, Kilkenny, Offaly and Louth in Leinster, inter-provincial places are very difficult to come by.

WEXFORD'S LINE-OUT FOR SUNDAY'S SENIOR CAMOGUIDHEA CHT FINAL



1
Teresa Sheil
(Goal)



2
Mary Sinnott
(Full-back)



3
Carmel Fortune
(Right half-back)



4
Joan Murphy
(Centre half-back)



5
Phyllis Kehoe
(Left half-back)



6
Brigid O'Connor
(Centre-field)



7
Margaret O'Leary
(Centre-field)



8
Brigid Doyle
(Centre-field)



9
Eileen Allen
(Right half-forward)



10
Mary Walsh (capt.)
(Centre half-forward)



11
Mary Doyle
(Left half-forward)



12
Mary Shannon



M. WALSH



T. MURPHY

Cork girls in line for double

THE Glen Rovers row with the Cork County Board over the expulsion from the G.A.A. of Andrew O'Flynn has not, evidently, even reached its climax yet, but good news for the county this morning is that there will be a full muster from the famous club on duty at Croke Park this afternoon. Indeed, Glen are making an extra-special effort in this great pay-as-you-play effort to land a unique All-Ireland camogie double.

Out of retirement comes former midfield star, Theresa Murphy, who was on the Cork team in their last All-Ireland final 12 years ago. Theresa, a clothes designer in the Sunbeam factory up the road from the Glen club quarters, has been training the county team, and her form and fitness has been so impressive that she was called upon for the final.

"Theresa had done a wonderful job," says County Board Chairman Mary Moran. "Instead of the handful we had turning up for training in other years, now we have a full complement of seniors and juniors every session with players coming from all over the county at their own expense. We have never had such well-prepared teams and the spirit is tremendous."

Chance of two

An indication of this spirit is that the players, and officials, pay for everything except transport for games in outside counties out of their own pockets. After beating Waterford in Tramore, they had to make a week-end trip to Ballinasloe for the All-Ireland semi-finals with Galway, the girls cheerfully paid much of the expenses.

"But to be back at Croke Park to-day makes it all worthwhile," says Miss Moran. "We have not won an All-Ireland since 1941 and now here we are with a chance of winning two on the one day."

This is a more important comeback than is generally realised, for camogie in Cork slumped badly after three crushing defeats in a row in the All-Ireland series when they were hammered by Dublin and Antrim in 1955, '56 and '57 after 10 years in the wilderness.



JOAN MURPHY . . . Another of Wexford's star players.



Sixteen-year-old Elizabeth Garvan on the wing for Cork in Sunday's all-Ireland camogie final.

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The girls race for the ball during the training session. From left: Bridget Doyle, Joan Murphy, Carmel Fortune, Brigid O'Connor and Mary Shannon.



Goalkeeper Theresa Shiel.



MARGARET O'LEARY, the Wexford centre field for the All-Ireland camogie final against Cork at Croke Park.



Carmiel Fortune, Eileen Lawlor, and Eileen Allen listen to trainer Dominic Keirnan during a training session in preparation for Sunday's final at Croke Park.



THE O'DUFFY CUP

THE HISTORY OF CAMOG-UIDHEACHT

WHEN the Gaelic Athletic Association was founded in 1884, no one gave a thought to the formation of a branch of the association in which women might participate. The reason for this, of course, was that women, in those far-off days, were not encouraged to take part in organised sport. But the time when women were considered to be a 'secondary' race (shall we say?) was passing.

The first indication of this in Ireland had been seen a few years earlier when Fanny Parnell formed the Ladies Land League and, as women strove for political equality, for equal recognition in schools and universities, it was inevitable that they would eventually seek recognition on the sportsfields. There was, however, an immense amount of prejudice to be overcome and, while by the early years of the century it was accepted that 'ladies' could play lawn tennis and croquet, and even hockey, and still be accepted as 'ladies,' no attempt had been made to provide Irish callini with a game of an entirely Irish nature.

MODIFIED VERSION OF HURLING

But a move was about to rectify this: many of the callini attending classes conducted by the Gaelic League decided that they would have a game of their own—a modified version of hurling, which many of them had played at home with their brothers, to suit themselves.

To aid in drawing up a set of rules, they called in such people as J. J. Kelly (*Sceilg*), later Minister for Education in the Sinn Féin Government, Tadhg O'Donnachada (*Torna*), who was to give the new game its name, and J. J. Brennan, the famous Dublin footballer. The latter, better known later as Director of Radio Eireann, played a major role in drawing up the rules of the new game.

First practice games were played in late autumn of 1903 and Spring of 1904 in secluded spots in the Phoenix Park, and in July of that year the first public game was played between two Dublin teams at a Gaelic League function in the

show grounds, An Uaimh. There was little proper organisation in those early years, and by 1910 interest had begun to wane. But then, mainly through the efforts of the Croke Hurling Club, and largely organised by Seán O'Duffy, a great revival took place, and in 1911 a nation-wide body known as Cumann Camoguidheachta Na nGaedheal was founded.

Clubs were formed in many parts of the country, even in London, but then the Insurrection of 1916 and the war of independence intervened, so that it was not until 1924 that it became possible to organise the game on a national basis.

The game began to spread outside a few traditional strongholds following the Tailteann Games of 1928, and in 1932 the first All-Ireland championship was played, being won by Dublin. At the outset, this was played on an 'open draw' system, but as organisation improved provincial councils were set up, and ever since the championship has been played on a provincial basis and has continued to flourish over the years, now being played in some 26 of the 32 counties.



Three camogie players from the Fermoy Club, who will play on the Cork team against Down, in the All-Ireland Junior Final, at Croke Park tomorrow. From left: Póg O'Brien, Ann O'Sullivan, Mrs. J. Pyne. Mrs. Pyne's son, Michael, will celebrate his sixth birthday on Sunday, watching his mother play.



Three camogie players from Glanworth Camogie Club, who will play on the Cork camogie team against Down, in the All-Ireland junior camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday. From left are Margaret Mee, Anne Kirby and Breda O'Sullivan.

(Stritch)

Wexford Foil Cork's Bid For

Camogie Crown

WEXFORD 4-2; CORK 2-5.

A DRAMATIC save by goalkeeper Teresa Shields, five minutes from time, robbed Cork of an equalising goal and gave Wexford the psychological boost they needed to survive a hectic finish in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. Certainly had not Cork's Peggy Dorgan been frustrated in her effort to get to the ball before the goalkeeper, it is more than probable that they would have at least drawn.

Cork came back for a point two minutes later but time and the alertness of a staunch Wexford defence, left a three points winning margin in the Leinster champions favour.

It gave the Wexford girls their first ever title and completed the second leg of the 'double' in senior hurling and camogie last achieved in 1941 by Cork. In a game which lived up to the high standards set in recent years, Wexford on the day's display, looked the better side. The major difference between the teams was in the forward line where Wexford carried far more threat whereas Peggy Dorgan, who returned from her honeymoon to play, was Cork's only forward with Anna Crotty, but her tally of a goal and two points hardly did her justice.

The defences on both sides were very effective.

The game produced some brilliant passages of free flowing hurling and a feature of the game was the brilliant displays of both goalkeepers. Cork's Eleanor Cummins defended with the confidence and ability of Paddy Barry while her opposite number, Teresa Shields also brought off a succession of good saves.

Teresa Shields's save in the 45th minute of the game was really the deciding stage. Wexford had got a goal five minutes after the resumption which was against the run of play. It followed an attack which was broken up by the Cork backs but just as right back Hannah Dineen was about to strike the ball, Wexford's left forward Mary Doyle stuck in her hurley and deflected the ball to the net.

NOT DISHEARTENED

Nevertheless Cork were not disheartened. Nuala Humphries and Liz Garvan were both doing a lot of good work at midfield and with Mary Jo Ryan at centre back almost unbeatable, the Cork attack had plenty of possession. At the three quarters stage Anna Crotty pointed a '30' and shortly afterwards she combined with Peggy Dorgan for a close in shot which was saved. Shortly afterwards Peggy Dorgan soloed from

the half way line before pointing and Cork now trailed by three points, 4-1 to 2-4, their best chance then followed good work by the Cork defence and Anne Comerford won possession on the left wing. She flighted a ball in over the heads of the Wexford defence and Cork hearts rose, and sank again as Peggy Dorgan seemed to get to the ball first but it was the goalkeeper.

The first half had begun in brilliant style with Cork gaining the initiative from the start and they dominated for the first quarter. After three minutes Peggy Dorgan's close in free was helped into the Wexford net by a defender and five minutes later Anna Crotty put Cork two goals up when she pulled on a loose ball.

Wexford struck back in equally impressive style. In the 9th minute a free from Bridget O'Connor seemed to be going over the bar but Eleanor Cummins jumped high to bat the ball down. However Wexford's right forward Josie Keogh was standing only yards away and had no trouble in goaling. Four minutes later Wexford had their second goal when another free from Bridget O'Connor failed to travel any appreciable distance but centre forward Mary Walsh quickly won possession and goaled from close in. Wexford had the upper hand approaching half time and a further goal and a point gave them a half time lead of 3-1 to 2-0.

USED HAND PASS

Wexford's use of the hand pass was reminiscent of the All-Ireland senior hurling final and some of the players seemed to be inspired by their heroes of the victory over Tipperary.

Inter provincial player Mary Sinnott at full back always kept a close watch on Cork's Anna Crotty and her long hitting shots from her hand and the ground were a big help to Wexford.

Centre back Joan Murphy was another star and others who shared the limelight in victory were centre field, Margaret O'Leary and forwards Josie Keogh and Mary Doyle.

Teresa Murphy at full back for Cork was very effective for the full fifty minutes while Hannah Dineen was seldom beaten. Liz Garvan never got much scope to prove her ability but nevertheless she put in an amount of hard work. Apart from Peggy Dorgan Anna Comerford promised most in the attack.

At the conclusion of the game the O'Duffy Cup was presented to the winning captain, Mary Walsh by Mrs. E. McMahon, President of the Camogie Association.

Scorers for Wexford; J. Keogh 1-0; M. Walsh 1-0; M. Shannon 1-0; M. Doyle 1-0; B. O'Connor and B. Doyle 0-1 each.
Cork; P. Dorgan 1-2; A. Crotty 1-4; A. Comerford 0-2.



Cork captain Anna Crotty, makes a great but unsuccessful bid to get the ball past Wexford goalkeeper Teresa Shields in yesterday's senior camogie final at Croke Park.

Down Girls Are Champions

Down, 2-3; Cork, 1-1.

DOWN became the first holders of the All-Ireland junior camogie championship when their superior skill and teamwork proved too much for Cork in the final at Croke Park, yesterday.

With a wind advantage in the first half Down had the tonic of a goal immediately from the throw in and with a dominant midfield trio, the forwards got every assistance. However while the Northerners were clearly better than Cork, they failed to make use of their chances and indeed had Cork made any noteworthy impression in the attack on the turn over, they might have won.

The tally of a dozen wides in the first half indicated the wasted possession on the part of the Down attack.

The wind blew strongly from goal to goal but over the hour neither team succeeded in mastering it. The opening score from full forward Eucharis Turley brother of Down senior footballer Pat Turley was well worked from midfield up but the Cork goalkeeper was at fault in misjudging the ball. But this was the only mistake by Mary Heelan who afterwards brought off many brilliant saves in the course of the game and more than made up for her early error.

Down did not get their next score until the 13th minute when centre forward Patricia Crangle pointed.

In between Cork saw a close in free by Kay Ryan hit the upright and bounce back into play, but generally Cork were on the defensive and the midfielders were forced to adopt a negative role. Eight minutes before half time Down had their second goal when Carmel Reid pulled first time on Moira Calwell's sideline ball and a point from midfield

star Barbara Sands gave Down a half time lead of 2-2 (with no reply from Cork).

Cork played their best camogie in the first quarter of the second half although they enjoyed a majority possession for most of the 25 minutes. They got their wish for an early score after the resumption when right forward Annie O'Sullivan went through for an opportunist goal. It followed a spectacular clearance from her own line by Cork's star full back Peg O'Brien and the ball landed almost at the feet of the waiting Miss O'Sullivan.

However Cork failed to repeat the performance and although they enjoyed a territorial advantage the inability of the forwards to score combined with the effectiveness of the Down defence, kept Cork's tally to a minimum. Kay Ryan pointed a free five minutes from time but it was clear at this stage that Down were not in danger of losing.

Best for the winners were Roisin McCann, Eileen Coulter, Nodlag Sands, Barbara Sands and Patricia Crangle.

Apart from goalkeeper Mary Heelan and full back Peg O'Brien, Cork had star performers in Josie Pyne, Kay Ryan and substitute Ann Kirby.

Scorers: Down, E. Turley, 1-0; C. Reid 1-0; B. Sands 0-2; P. Crangle 0-1.

Cork A. O'Sullivan 1-0; K. Ryan 0-1.

Down: N. McKenna; P. McGrady, R. McCann, C. Coulter, N. Sands, R. Walsh, M. Calwell, B. Sands, C. Reid, P. Crangle, A. M. Kelly, E. Turley.

Cork: M. Heelan (captain); P. O'Brien, J. Buckley, B. Burke, N. Collins, P. O'Sullivan, J. Pyne, M. Mee, A. O'Sullivan, K. Ryan, B. O'Sullivan, K. Healy, Sub. A. Kirby for P. O'Sullivan.

Referee: Miss P. Breshin (Dublin).

Wexford Girls

Battle Back

Take First Title In Their First All-Ireland Final

By PADRAIC PURSEAL

WEXFORD 4-2 CORK 2-5

TWO goals down after seven minutes, the dauntless girls from Wexford battled back magnificently at Croke Park yesterday to make camogie history when they won the All-Ireland title and the O'Duffy Cup not alone for the first time but on their first appearance in a final.

In doing so they enabled their county to equal a record previously held only by Cork, their rivals of yesterday, in winning the senior and minor hurling titles and the senior camogie title in the same year — a feat which the Leaside county had achieved in 1941.

Always fast and never without excitement, this was a most satisfying game which kept the crowd of between five and six thousand in a constant uproar as Cork, against the odds, swept into that early lead.

But Wexford came storming back to first level and then drew ahead, so that the Leinster champions seemed well along the road to victory when they led 3-1 to 2-0 at half-time, with the advantage of the fresh breeze still to come.

Vital Moment

Two points for Cork early in the second half heightened the tension, and though Mary Doyle nipped in for an invaluable Wexford goal, two more Cork points left only a goal between two tireless sides with five minutes to go.

Then came the most vital moment of the game when Peggy Dorgan, Cork's outstanding forward, who had broken her honeymoon to train for and play in this game, cut right through the Wexford defence for what seemed a certain equaliser.

The Cork girl shot from almost point-blank range, but, unbelievably, Teresa Shiel in the Wexford goal saved and cleared.

But that was not the end of the excitement. Inside a minute Anne Comerford had cut the Wexford lead to two points with a great score for Cork and victory was still in the balance.

Invaluable

finished

this sector through the last quarter.

And yet one wonders if Wexford's greatest heroine of this memorable day was not a young wing-forward, Josie Kehoe from Cloughbawn, playing in her first senior game.

Josie, who had already won a junior Leinster medal, was a last-minute change at corner-forward for Eileen Allan, and was a constant thorn in the side of the Cork defence. It was she who nipped in for an opportunist first goal for Wexford after the Cork goalkeeper had saved a free by Breda Doyle that was going over for a point, and her speed, stick-work and ball-play were always a menace to the Cork posts.

Mary Walsh, the captain, and Mary Shannon both had great first-half goals, while Mary Doyle took her second-half chance well.

Faded Late

Easily the outstanding Cork player, and a strong candidate for the star of the day, was goalkeeper Eleanor Cummins, who gave a really astounding display and foiled Wexford time and again.

Mary Jo Ryan was an outstanding centre-back, getting most assistance from Hanna Dineen. Stella Dunne contained the brilliance of Margaret O'Leary remarkably well for two-thirds of the game, while young Lix Garvan faded in the second half after a promising start.

Peggy Dorgan had too often to play a lone hand in the Cork tack, though Anne Comerford finished well and Anna Crotty

rapped one typical goal.
Corers—Wexford—J. Kehoe, M. sh. M. Doyle, M. Shannon (1-0 h), B. Doyle (0-2). Cork—P. gan, A. Crotty (1-1 each), A. nerford (0-3).

Wexford—T. Shiel; M. Sinnott, P. sh. J. Murphy, C. Fortune; B. ganor, M. O'Leary, B. Doyle; J. hoe, M. Walsh (capt); M. Doyle; Shannon.

Cork—E. Cummins; T. Murphy, H. seen, M. J. Ryan, S. O'Sullivan; Garvan, S. Dunne, N. Humphries; Dorgan, A. McAuliffe, A. Crotty (capt).

Umpires—Mrs. Mary Boyle, Mrs. O'Maureen Boyd, Mrs. Mary McMahon and Miss Ann O'Boyle (all Antrim).

DOWN SHOULD HAVE EVEN MORE

By AGNES HOURIGAN

DOWN 2-3
CORK 1-1

AFTER A GAME that was fast, open and lit by patches of brilliance, especially from the winners, Down very deservedly won the first All-Ireland junior camogie title and became first holders of the New Ireland Cup.

Their victory in the Croke Park curtain-raiser was far more convincing than the final scoreboard revealed.

In the lead from the opening seconds, when Patricia Crangle placed Eucharis Turley for a great goal, Down were by far the more effective and but for two factors the Ulster champions must have scored a really resounding victory.

In the first place the Cork defenders, most notably captain Mary Heelan from Blarney in goal and Peg O'Brien from Fermoy at full-back, played brilliantly from start to stop and saved their sides repeatedly.

Poor Finishing

In the second place, Down's forwards spoiled good outfield work by faulty finishing, shooting nine wides in the first half and ten, against the wind, in the second.

Indeed, Down, despite numerous chances, did not score again until the 13th minute, when Patricia Crangle pointed from 30.

Both goalkeepers had saved brilliantly before Carmel Reid shot Down's second goal and Barbara Sands added a point just before the interval leaving Down ahead 2-2 to nil at half-time.

Even against the stiff breeze the winners reopened in sprightly fashion and Barbara Sands had a point from a 30 after five minutes for their last score.

Cork struck back with a good goal by Annie O'Sullivan and pressed hard for another, but

they could make no further impression on a solid Down defence, and it was the Ulster champions who squandered many chances between then and the end.

Barbara Sands was the outstanding player for Down and with Moira Caldwell swung the play in the winners' favour at midfield.

Eileen Coulter and Roisin McCann were brilliant in defence, while Patricia Crangle and Carmel Reid were best in attack.

Josie Pyne did great work

for Cork at midfield, but the forwards were never able to turn their chances into good effect.

SCORERS: Down—E. Turley and C. Reid (1-0 each); B. Sands (0-2); P. Crangle (0-1). Cork—A. O'Sullivan (1-0); K. Ryan (0-1).
CORK—M. Heelan; P. O'Brien; J. Buckley, B. Burke, N. Collins; P. O'Sullivan, J. Pyne, M. Mee; A. O'Sullivan, K. Ryan, B. O'Sullivan, K. Healy. Sub—A. Kirby for P. O'Sullivan.

DOWN—N. McKenna; P. McGreedy; B. McCann, E. Coulter, N. Sands; E. Walsh, M. Caldwell, B. Sands; C. Reid, P. Crangle, A. M. Kelly, E. Turley.

Referee—Miss P. Breslin (Dublin).

Our Sports Star Of The Week

★ The girls from Wexford made sporting history at Croke Park on Sunday when they won the All-Ireland camogie title for the first time, but it was a result which did not seem probable early on as Cork, encouraged by two quick goals, held the initiative.

The player who then rallied Wexford was their left wing, Bridget Doyle, from the Adamstown club. When many of her team-mates seemed temporarily daunted by the big occasion, her well-placed drives, both from frees and from play, consistently turned Wexford defence into Wexford attack.

It was one of her frees that led directly to Wexford's first goal, a vital score; it was she who gave her county the lead with a well-taken point and, finally, she was the player who clinched her side's victory with a point off a free in the last minute. In between, she did a world of work around midfield.

Despite keen competition from distinguished colleagues Margaret O'Leary and Mary Sinnott, and from brilliant Eleanor Cummins, the Cork goalkeeper, Bridget Doyle, in addition to that All-Ireland medal, earned herself nomination as our Sports Personality of the Week.



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● The victorious Wexford side (back row, l. to r.)—Bridget O'Connor, Mary Walsh (captain); Phyllis Kehoe, Josie Kehoe, Mary Sinnott, Eileen Lawlor, Eileen Allen. (Front, l. to r.) — Joan Murphy, Breda Doyle, Teresa Shiel, Mary Shannon, Carmel Fortune, Mary Doyle, Margaret O'Leary, Bernadette Murphy.



M. WALSH, the Wexford captain, holds the cup aloft after Wexford had defeated Cork in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.



Wexford's Mary Walsh shoots goalwards as Cork's Sheila O'Sullivan tries to block the shot during the All-Ireland Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. On right is Wexford's Mary Doyle.

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● CORK forward gets in her shot as the Wexford backs come in to tackle at Croke Park yesterday.



THE WEXFORD GOALKEEPER, T. Shell (with cap), about to clear from a Cork attack during the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

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● CORK full back Hanna Dineen bursts past some Wexford forwards to clear the ball to safety in the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park. Wexford won by 4-2 to 2-5.

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Remembering Camogie's greatest hours

THE first All-Ireland camogie final I ever saw was the second final ever played. It took place at the pleasant little North Dublin ground that has long vanished now, New Ireland Park in Killester. And in a way, this second final almost gave me the right to say I had seen the first, because it was played between the same two teams, Dublin and Galway, as had contested the first decider at the Galway sportsfield in the previous August.

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The biggest crowd ever to watch an All-Ireland final, 9,136, was there to see the same two counties play the following year but Dublin won very easily, their mid-field trio of Josie Kelly, Kathleen Cody and Kathleen Mills dominating the day.

Through the next few years there was dissension and we never saw any inter-county camogie in Croke Park again for several seasons, which was a great pity because some great Antrim teams were winning All-Irelands, and I was not there to see them.

Indeed it was not until 1950 that I saw Antrim play Dublin in a Croke Park final and then they were no match for a well-balanced Dublin side, despite the best efforts of the Dunloy Dooeys, Peg and Kathleen, Mary Rua McGarry and Sarah O'Neill.

Yet only a couple of years later Antrim should have beaten Dublin at Croke Park. Dublin were three goals ahead early in the second half but Antrim came back to take a one point lead, only for captain Sophia Brack to score the winning goal for Dublin shortly before the end.

That was Annette Corrigan's first All-Ireland and I remain convinced that she was the greatest mid-fielder and possibly the greatest player of them all. One memory of her I can never erase from my mind.

In 1956 Antrim beat Dublin at Casement Park and went on to beat Cork in the All-Ireland final. In 1957 Dublin and Antrim met at Croke Park in what I had considered, until last year's drawn game, between the two counties, the greatest and most exciting All-Ireland final I ever saw.

Dublin were a point or two

The referee I remember was a man from County Meath and I think his name was McDonnell, but the only direct connection between that 1933 final and the one at Croke Park next Sunday was that Sean O'Duffy, then as now, was in full charge of all the arrangements.

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That was the first time I saw the great Dublin stars who made camogie in the early years, Brid Kenny in goal and Mary Walsh at full-back, still a great driving force behind the game in Dominican College, Eccles Street.

They had a great mid-field trio that day, Maura Gill of the Crokes, who had been playing long before the All-Ireland championship was organised, Enmie Delaney, only a school-girl then but the greatest and most complete midfielder I ever saw until her University,

in arrears for most of a tremendous hour, and Annette Corrigan, who had been playing very well at mid-field, broke away at at mid-field with the ball in her hand. As she did so an Antrim player went down injured. Annette Corrigan dropped ball and stick and went straight to the assistance of the injured player. I have seen many sporting actions on a lot of playing fields in my time, but I have never seen that equalled. But then it is typical of the sporting approach in camogie finals, and one of the reasons why I will be in Croke Park on Sunday next.

U.C.D. came along with Annette Corrigan nearly a quarter of a century later, and Maura O'Kelly, a daughter of that great Republican and educationalist Scallig, who had himself drawn up or helped to draw up the original rules of the game. Maura, who died in her prime. God rest her, was sister of the present Trustee and Chairman of Leinster Council, Mrs. Inez Leonard.

In the attack was that polished stylist, Ita McNeill of U.C.D., together with the brilliant Jean Hannon of Bray United, while I think that among the reserves was Kathleen McKeown who shortly afterwards became Mrs. Sean O'Duffy.

The star of Galway in those years was, of course, Peggy Morris from Headford. She was really brilliant but she never seemed to reach her best against Dublin who always

seemed capable of containing her best efforts. In later years I saw her play magnificently both in goal and at full forward, and legend had it that she could play handball and football just as well as she played camogie.

As I remember that game, Galway stayed in the game until half time, but were swept away in the second half. Indeed the only other Galway player I remember from that day was Peg Labiffe from Kilbeacanty, whose sister Mary won All-Irelands with Dublin shortly afterwards as did her brother Frank, now a well-known Dublin dentist, who was full back for the Dublin junior hurling side in 1937.

The peculiar thing after that 1933 final is that I never saw a camogie final for several years, although I do remember watching several great Dublin finals between U.C.D. and Dominicans.

Indeed the next final I remember being at was in 1941 when Cork won easily from a Dublin side that was composed of one club only, Great Southern Railways. There were two great stars of the future, Kathleen Mills and Kathleen Cody on the Dublin line-out that day, but the team could not hold a candle to a great Cork side that included Lil Kirby, the Hegartys, Maureen and Patty, Mona Hobbs, Kitty Buckley and Kathleen Coughlan of the great Blackrock hurling family.

A year later they met again in the final but Dublin had a full pick this time and won a close battle. This was the first camogie final that was ever broadcast and the commentator was Riebard O Bramham. The only other thing I remember is seeing Josie Kelly, now Mrs. J. J. Stuart come in for the injured Kathleen Mills in the closing minutes.

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