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# ARMAGH GIRLS FAVOURITES TO REACH FINAL

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With a record of nine games in a row and nine glorious successes, it looks as if Armagh are good enough to defeat either Cork or Tipperary in the semi-final of the Junior Championship and thus enter the All-Ireland Final. Many shrewd judges have predicted that this is Armagh's year. The form book shows that they have overcome Antrim, Derry and Down, who are graded Senior, so, with a home venue (the match will be played at Carrickcruppin on Sunday, 5th August, at 3 p.m.), things are very much in the Orchard county's favour.

Having trained for the past three weeks with 90% attendance, the players are in the pink of condition and determined to win.

### SOME COMMENTS

P. J. Toner (Co. chairman) said this week: "I have every confidence in the team; all have a deep interest and have co-operated magnificently. Needless to say, it will be no easy thing, and each player will need to give of their best."

Mr. Phil McBride, one of the team mentors, said the team is talented and will fight every inch of the way, while Rev. Fr. Rice said: "We have a very good team and I feel certain that we will defeat the Munster champions."

Pat Courtney (vice-chairman) is of the opinion that "nothing succeeds or builds up the moral like success", and with nine victories to the team's credit, they should win.

Sean Loughran (trainer) remarked that all players have trained hard and without doubt the team are determined to win. "I think the result will be in their favour."

Ann Keenan (asst. County secretary) said: "The team is a splendid won, and should win."

Nora Donnelly (Co. secretary): "Come what may, I

### PEN PICTURES OF THE PLAYERS

**ANN McCONE** (Carrickcruppin): A mighty full-back who can always be depended upon to give of her best. A student of St. Clare's (Newry) and holder of an All-Ireland College medal, four Ulster Junior medals and three Ulster Minor medals, she has been honoured on three occasions for Ulster.



**EILEEN O'NEILL** (Blackwatertown), was originally a Tullysarron player and learned her Camogie from Mrs. Brendan Black, P.T. She is young, but has represented the County at Minor and Junior level on a number of occasions and was always conspicuous.



**MARIAN COURTNEY** (Carrickcruppin) is a student

looks as if Marian was provided with a Camogie stick in the cot instead of a 'dummy', as she is so adept in the use of the caman. She has played for Ulster on three occasions and is the holder of four Ulster Junior Championship medals and two Ulster Minor medals.

**PHYLLIS RAFFERTY** (Madden): Plays at right-centrefield and has energy to burn. She won her first medal at Co. Louth last year and got her second this year. Another young player of prominence who improves with every outing. Has won several medals at Club level and is determined to gain All-Ireland honours this year.



**MARY GRAY** (Ballymacnab) is the youngest member of the team and plays a brand of Camogie that is a joy to behold. As a Minor, she performed magnificently and since she was drafted into the Junior team, her play has reached a high standard. Her first County medals were won this year and by the looks of things, many more honours will come her way.



both the Junior Championship and Maguire Cup. If called upon, she should prove herself. She is truly as good a member of the team as the regulars and I wish to pay a glowing tribute to her and all the other subs.



**ANGELA QUINN** (St. Brigid's, Armagh): Was drafted into the team for the Maguire Cup Final against Tyrone and has held the position of goalkeeper ever since. Two miraculous saves in the early stages of the Maguire Cup Final and the Ulster Junior Final helped in no small measure to win these games and has ensured her presence in the team.



**ANGELA DONNELLY** (Blackwatertown): Was originally a member of the Tullysarron Club but joined St. Mary's this year and hopes to win a Senior Co. Championship medal with her new Club. Angela is full forward on the team and always can be depended upon to give off her best.

**YVONNE MCGURGAN**: Another Madden player who has never missed a match or training session and thus shows her single mindedness for the game she so dearly loves. A sub, at present, but served well when called upon to do duty.

**MAIRE MOLLOY** (Madden) was only recently drafted into the panel and shows great promise and aptitude.

**KATHLEEN McNAMEE** (St. Patrick's, Keady): Though very young, has a lot of skills. She and a number of her Club members will soon be recognised for county duty.

**Haw Finch**

The Haw Finch is resident in Ireland, but resident in England. It is the largest British Finch, and is often kept as a cage bird. The male bird has a dark brown back, and the female is marked with white on the shoulder. The black wings marked with white on the shoulder. The powerful beak is used for berries, fruit, insects and seeds. The nest is built in a bush or tree, and is made of straw, roots and twigs. The three to five eggs are green/gray with black and brown spots.

### Noise-free bus

A "hush-bus"—a new single-decker bus quieter than most private cars—is being introduced by South East Lancashire and N.E. Cheshire bus companies. It has insulation around the engine and a special silencer.

Stage and screen actor Guy Middleton (65), died in hospital at Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, yesterday, after a long illness. His last BBC play was "Does Your Nanny Come from Bergen."

If you are partial to bread beans — and most people are — for maximum flavor select beans which are still young inside the pod, not fully mature. The pods themselves should be fairly soft and tender. Bread beans freeze well but you do need to cook them very fresh samples.

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What is more, they can be cooked in several ways. Boiled, fried or stuffed are probably the most popular. However, they are also very tasty when baked with a cheese sauce.

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## Cork's Long Trek To Armagh

Following their tremendous win over Tipperary in the Munster Junior final, Cork's second string travel to Carrickcruppin, Co. Armagh on Sunday next where they meet Armagh in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Cork and Armagh both have very good records in the Junior grade but neither has ever taken an All-Ireland title. Armagh have won the last four Ulster Junior titles and contested the 1971 All-Ireland final.

The Munster Junior championship started in 1968 and Cork have won the title in five of the six years since then. They also contested three All-Ireland finals in this grade.

These teams met at the Mardyke in 1971 when Armagh had a very good win. On that occasion Angela Toal, the Armagh centre-field played havoc with the Cork defence and finished with a 3-3 tally to her credit. Angela will be in action on Sunday and so too will their three inter-provincial stars, Anne McCone, who captained the Newry team that won the All-Ireland colleges championship in 1971; Marion Delaney, a brilliant individualist and Pat Crangle who previously played with Down.

Armagh have more bigger "names" on this occasion, and from reports the remainder of the side is made up of very useful players also.

But Cork will face this game with two very fine victories behind them. They slammed a fancied Limerick side in the Mardyke by 7-4 to 2-5 and on Sunday last they made the long journey to Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary, with a 9-8 to 2-1 win.

Again this weekend they have to face a long journey but obviously this had no effect on them on Sunday last and should not worry them unduly on this occasion.

Once again the team shows no changes which is not surprising. On Sunday last against Tipperary, who are never easy opposition, Cork proved that their win against Limerick was no fluke. Once again their forwards were in brilliant form with Mary O'Leary picking some lovely points and Nancy O'Driscoll, Mary Mahon, and M. O'Driscoll.

top performance by these girls could see the Cork attack getting the supply which has made them such a crack forward line this season.

### TEAM UNDERSTANDING

Armagh may have the "big stars" on this occasion but Cork have a marvellous understanding and their biggest asset is perhaps their ability to play as a team. Their combination is a treat to watch and with their fast first-time-pulling they will take a great deal of beating.

But they should remember that Armagh travelled to Cork in 1971 and surprised a very good Cork side. So they must be prepared for very good opposition indeed. But they have the ability and the scoring power to do well and Cork hopes will be with them on Sunday when they could become the first Cork team of the season to reach an All-Ireland final.

With so many clubs involved on Cork panels, club fixtures are at a minimum. Only two under 18 league games are listed with St. Fanahan's meeting Araglen and Na Piarasigh meeting Blarney.

**Cork team:** E. Higgins (Watergrasshill), B. McAuliffe (Old Aloysians), M. Mackey (Blarney), R. O'Sullivan (Churchtown), N. Jennings (U.C.C.), A. Higgins (Watergrasshill), M. Canavan (Sarsfields), M. McCarthy (N. Eoin), M. Mahon (Aghabullogue), M. O'Leary (Glanworth), N. O'Driscoll (N. Eoin), and C. O'Riordan (U.C.C.)  
**Subs:** B. Costine (Cloyne), V. Fitzpatrick (Old Als.), Margo Twomey (Canovee).

### FIXTURES

**Sunday:**— All-Ireland Junior semi-final at Carrickcruppin at 3 p.m., Armagh v Cork. (Ref. Teresa Byrne, Wicklow).

**Wednesday:**— Under 18 League at Mitchelstown at 7.45, St. Fanahan's v Araglen. (Ref. Buttevant)

**Thursday:**— Under 18 League at Blarney at 7.45, Na Piarasigh v Blarney. (Ref. U.C.C.).

## Antrim to reach camogie final

By TAOBH LINE

THE FIRST of the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-finals at Wexford Park on Sunday next (2.30) should prove a most intriguing encounter, for it brings into opposition Antrim and Wexford, both of whom have held the title in the recent past.

In fact, Antrim, who succeeded Dublin in 1967, were themselves followed as champions by Wexford who held the honours in 1968 and 1969 before being succeeded by Cork, who have now held the crown for three consecutive seasons. Antrim's last appearance in a final was in 1969 when they lost narrowly to Wexford, who were themselves well beaten by Cork in the 1971 decider.

Last season Wexford were narrowly beaten by Kilkenny in the Leinster final, while Antrim failed to last the pace against Cork at this semi-final stage. This season Wexford have had only one outing, against Tipperary at Ennis-corthy. They scored a comfortable enough victory on that occasion, but still were far short of the form that carried them to top honours in previous seasons.

### HARD TRAINING

However, I understand they have put in some hard training since then, and should show considerable improvement in most sectors this time.

They have brilliant and experienced players in Margaret Lacey (nee O'Leary), Brigid Doyle, Joan Murphy, Bridie Jacob, Elsie Walsh, Margaret Hearne, Mary Cahill (nee Walsh) and goalkeeper Teresa Sheil, who will be very hard to beat before their home-town fans.

But Antrim, who in their first round game were held to a draw by Kilkenny at Portlennone, showed that away games are little disadvantage to them by winning the replay at Nowlan Park, and will travel south very hopefully. In their victory over Kilkenny, defenders Kathleen Kelly and Mairead Diamond and forwards Lily Scullion and Chris O'Boyle were most impressive, but their greatest strength was

at midfield where Mairead McAtamney, Rita McAteer and the tireless Sue Cashman laid the foundations of their success.

### SOLID SIDE

If they play as well now, even the solid Wexford side will have their work cut out to hold them, and on the form shown in those earlier games it will be no surprise if the Ulster champions advance to the final yet again. Besides, they have the advantage that this is their fourth competitive outing in recent weeks, whereas Wexford have played only one game, the match against Tipperary.

The remaining semi-final, in which holders Cork, champions since 1970, take on Galway, will be staged at Ballinasloe on August 19.

**Antrim** — S. McLarnon; K. Kelly; S. Maguire, M. Diamond, J. McClements; M. McAtamney, S. Cashman, R. McAteer; C. O'Boyle, B. Dixon, E. McGrillen; L. Scullion.

**Wexford**—T. Sheil; J. Murphy; P. Doyle, B. Doyle; B. Jacob, B. Murphy, M. Lacey, E. Walsh; M. Hearne, M. Cahill, M. Sheil; M. Shannon.

### WELL-DESERVED

Powered by Athenry Colleges stars Anne Donoghue and Midge Ponard, Galway marched into the All-Ireland Junior final for the second successive year when they scored a well-deserved but hard-earned victory over Wexford at Ballinasloe last Sunday. On this showing, the Galway girls could well emulate Dublin's feat of a few seasons ago, and win this title in successive years with two completely different teams.

Another very impressive player on the winning line-out was Philomena Foye from Ballinderreen, and the Connacht champions will certainly take beating in the final, where they will face either Cork or Armagh.

The sympathy of all in the Camogie sphere will be extended to Armagh star Marion Delaney on the tragic death of her parents, which sad event forced the postponement of the Cork v. Armagh game.

## Antrim In Top Form

(By AGNES HOURIGAN)

ANTRIM ..... 1-8  
WEXFORD ..... 1-4

Antrim, beaten by Wexford in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final of 1969, amply avenged that defeat and qualified for this year's final when they scored a hard-earned but well merited victory over the Wexford girls in this closely contested semi-final at Wexford Park yesterday.

Antrim seemed to have taken a firm grip on the game when Chris O'Boyle, who had just come on as a substitute, goaled to put them seven points clear nearing the interval. This setback roused the home side who retaliated with a well taken goal by Mary Sheil but still trailed by 1-5 to 1-1 at half-time.

With marking far closer and scores few the game was far less spectacular in the second half. Margaret Lacey, Brigid Doyle and Elsie Walsh now began to give Wexford control around the middle of the field. But their forwards, although they had plenty of chances, could make no impression on a very sound Antrim defence.

The home side did cut the arrears to a goal but Antrim survived some heavy attacks and came back to clinch victory with a fine point by Mairead McAtamney. They now meet in the final holders Cork or Galway who meet in the second semi-final at Ballinasloe on Sunday next.

**SCORERS:** Antrim — M. McAtamney (0-5), C. O'Boyle (1-0), S. Cashman (0-1), L. Scullion (0-2). Wexford — M. Lacey (0-3), M. Sheil (1-0), M. Hearne (0-1).

**ANTRIM** — S. McLarnon; K. Kelly, J. Maguire, M. Diamond, J. McClements, M. McAtamney, S. Casman, A. McIvor, B. Dixon, E. McGrillen, L. Scullion Sub.—C. O'Boyle for B. Dixon.

**WEXFORD** — T. Sheil; J. Murphy, P. Doyle, B. Doyle, B. Jacob, B. Murphy, M. Lacey, E. Walsh, M. Shannon, M. Hearne, M. Sheil, M. Cahill.

Referee — Miss P. Breslin (Dublin).

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CORK v CLARE MINOR MATCH:- Lft Phil Walsh (Cork)  
Right Ann Shea (Cork)



... during the Munster minor camogie championship between Cork and Clare at St. Finbarr's G.A.A. club.

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**Big win but  
not all**

**Cork's way**

Cork 6-4, Clare 0-2.

In a match which had many exciting moments, the Cork girls emerged victorious over Clare with a score of 6-4 to the latter's two points in the Munster Minor Camogie Championship at St. Finbarr's Grounds, Toghher, Cork on Saturday afternoon.

Although the home side had a decisive victory it was by no means a one sided game.

Cork backs, Marie Mackey, Mary Roche and Margo Twomey were in top form and centre fields Ann Keane, Bernie Costine and Val Fitzpatrick played at their usual hot pace and were literally on top of the Clare players for the greater part of the match.

A Clare defender prepares to clear the ball with intervention from both sides of Cork forwards, during the Munster Minor Camogie C'ship at St. Fin barr's G.A.A. Grounds.

LEFT:- MARY O'LEARY (Cork)



EX-UNIVERSITY CAMOGIE PLAYERS AT HISTORIC MONUMENT.—Ide Bean Uí She, M.A., President Cork Co. Board, and U.C.C., recently lectured at Gougane Barra on the famous West Cork poetess—Maire Bhui Ni Laoghair. She is seen here with Miss Maeve Gilroy, ex Queens Univ., Belfast and All-Ireland star, at present on holiday from United Nations, Geneva, who has made a film on Camogie. They are photographed at the Pass of Keilmogh monument to Maire Bhui.

(C. O'Se)

# Galway Will Provide Tough Opposition

All our teams still in contention for All-Ireland honours, camogie followers have a very exciting time ahead of them with big games each Sunday for the next few weeks.

Sunday next the Seniors will dominate the scene with their Ireland semi-final clash with Galway at Ballinasloe. In the past Galway were regarded as a tough opposition but it is a very recent story this season.

The fact camogie in Galway has moved out of all recognition in the past three or four years. This is mainly due to the tremendous work being done in the area by the Connacht Colleges. About 15 new schools have taken up the game in Connacht and each fields a couple of teams.

This has generated tremendous interest in the game in the province and the hard work of the officials has been rewarded with a large measure of success in recent years. In 1972 Presentation, Oranmore, won the All-Ireland Colleges. Presentation, Enniscorthy, contested in the 1973 All-Ireland. Josie Kelly is a typical example of what the colleges can produce.

It will be remembered that it was she, practically on her own, who defeated St. Aloysius School in 1968 years ago when playing for Presentation, Oranmore and not long after the Cork girls will be wary of her again when she fields for Galway on Sunday.

Ready this year she had a harder time against Dublin when the field looked very strong. Jane Murphy, who as secretary of the Galway County Board has played a big part in Galway's revival both on and off the field, is another who will need watching. In goal, Galway too have strength in the person of the experienced Margaret Killeen who is fronted by her sister Mary, another fine player. Kathleen Quinn at centre-back is another who could give Cork headaches on Sunday.

## DETERMINED FASHION

Last year Galway won the All-Ireland junior championship in a very determined fashion and later in the year an all Galway selection represented Connacht and beat Ulster in the Gael Linn Cup—no mean achievement. This year they have already disposed of Dublin who had earlier defeated Kilkenny and this again

is a result which must be treated with the greatest respect.

All-Ireland champions for the last three years Cork have the tradition on Sunday. Big games are nothing new to the Cork girls at this stage as all of them have figured in at least one All-Ireland final. Cork were never really tested in their first round tie win against Derry. This could be a disadvantage to them as they are now facing Galway without really being tested this season. They also face the long journey to Ballinasloe but again their great successes after long journeys over the last three years should see them make light of such a trip.

Cork field the same side which beat Derry and this is hardly surprising. But the Cork juniors are playing so well at the moment that some of them must be on the brink of promotion. Success is always welcome but like everything else it brings its problems. And the Cork selectors are not without theirs. However their problems would be welcomed by selectors in any county in the country.

This is whether to leave the juniors intact—if they play one senior championship game they are automatically out of the juniors—or to sacrifice the juniors to promote one or more of their stars to the senior side. At present this would not appear to be a major problem as both teams have played so well up to now and with the Cork seniors having proved themselves over the last few years they seem likely to stay intact. But with so many juniors playing so well, particularly in attack, the selectors must have had a lot of thoughts on the selections.

Cork have yet to take the junior title and they must have a very good chance of winning it this year. So no doubt the selectors have decided to keep the junior side together as long as they can. And if the seniors can produce their top form the problem will never arise.

## MARVELLOUS FORM

This is surely what the selectors hope for on Sunday. In this game the sound Deirdre Sutton will once again be between the posts with Marie Costine captaining the side at full-back. In the half line Cork have a grand trio in Hannah Cotter, Betty Sugrue and Mary Whelton, and in the centrefield Cork have

plenty of power also in the persons of Marion McCarthy, Sheila Dunne and Pat Moloney.

Against Derry the Cork forwards of Anne Phelan, Nuala Gully, Marion Sweeney and Rosie Hennessy were in marvellous form particularly in the first half and if they can repeat this then they must be in against Galway with a very good chance indeed. However, Dublin made the mistake of treating Galway too lightly and Cork would do well to treat them with the greatest respect. After all Galway's senior footballers—minor hurlers and junior camogie players are already into All-Ireland finals and they must feel that this is Galway's year.

Cork have the ability and tradition to reach yet another final but before doing so they will no doubt have a very tough game ahead of them. But they should be in the final on Sunday evening.

On the local front the County Board are taking advantage of the long evenings with games listed for three nights next week. On Tuesday Glen Rovers meet Na Piarsaig in the under-18 league and here the likely winners are Glen. On Wednesday Ballinlough meet St. Finbarrs 'A' in the Junior League while on Thursday, Sarsfields and Churchtown clash in the Under-18 League.

**Cork:** Deirdre Sutton (Glen Rvs.); Marie Costine (Capt.), (Cloyne); Hannah Cotter (South Pres); Betty Sugrue (South Pres); Mary Whelton (South Pres); Marion McCarthy (Sth. Pres); Sheila Dunne (Canovee); Pat Moloney (U.C.C.); Anne Phelan (Sth. Pres); Nuala Gully (Cloyne); Marion Sweeney (Youghal); Rosie Hennessy (U.C.C.); Subs: Maura Coleman (Glen Rovers); Ann Keane (Buttevant); Cail O'Riordan (U.C.C.).

**Galway:** Margaret Killeen; Mary Kilkenny; Clare Collins; Kathleen Quinn; Rosemary Divilly; Nono McHugh; Josie Kelly; Kathleen Ward; M. Kilroy; Jane Murphy; Mary Kate Donlon; Pat Feeney.

## FIXTURES

**Sunday**—All-Ireland Senior Semi-final at Ballinasloe at 3 p.m., Galway v Cork (Ref. P. Breslin).

**Tuesday**—Under-18 League at Na Piarsaig at 7.30 p.m., Glen Rovers v Na Piarsaig (Ref. St. Finbarrs).

**Wednesday**—Junior League at Ballinlough at 7.30 p.m., Ballinlough v St. Finbarrs 'A'.

**Thursday**—Under-18 League at Middleton at 7.15 p.m., Sarsfields v Churchtown.

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# CORK GIRLS

## IN FINAL

Cork ... 3-2; Galway ... 2-3

CORK, WHO have been holders of the All-Ireland camogie title for the past three seasons, qualified for yet another final at Ballinasloe yesterday when they had a hard battle to defeat the western standard bearers, Galway, in a game that was spoiled by the almost continuous rain and the heavy ground. Added to the poor conditions close marking by both sides left little room for stylish play.

There was little between the sides but a vital goal by Cork's right-forward, Ann Phelan, just on half-time to put her side on level terms, was all important for Cork.

Galway, on the other hand, must be pleased with their performance but disappointed with their achievement as they missed many times from placed balls and failed on a 15 yards free and a 30 yards free in the closing minutes of the game. Many of their players were far too anxious to lift the ball and hold on too long to try and set in a long stroke.

## BLUNDER

Cork, taking advantage of a defensive blunder, went a goal ahead in the second minute, when Marian Sweeney scored. But the home side recovered quickly for Nono McHugh to point a free and Josie Kelly to send a long high ball to the net.

Galway missed chances from placed balls before Marian McCarthy pointed a free for Cork to draw level 1-1 each but Galway's Pat Feeney was quickly on the mark from the puck out and scored an easy goal.

Both sides missed chances and there was no further scoring until Cork's Ann Phelan scored an opportunist goal just on half-time to make the sides level 2-1 each.

Marian Sweeney, who had been playing very well in attack, reappeared at left-wing after the interval with Marian McCarthy going to centre-forward. Catherine O'Grady replaced Mary Kate Donlon shortly afterwards for Galway.

## TOOK COMMAND

The champions went a goal ahead after two minutes when Nuala Gully finished to the net a centre from Pat Moloney and

Cork now took command but could not find their mark and only scored one point from many chances.

Galway came to the fore again as Nono McHugh and Josie Kelly sent long balls into their attack. Nono McHugh, the captain, scored two points to cut the difference to two points. Galway had a great chance in the closing minutes when they were awarded a 15 yards free which was saved at the expense of a 30 which was sent wide. So Cork got through rather luckily to their fourth final in a row in which they will play Antrim in Croke Park on September 16.

The winner's best players were Marian Sweeney at corner-forward, but more especially when she moved to the left wing, and Betty Sugrue, who played soundly both at centre-back and midfield when she switched with Sheila Dunne. Pat Moloney hit some fine balls into the attack and Mary Whelton and Marie Costine were good in defence.

Kathleen Quinn, Nono McHugh and Josie Kelly were Galway's outstanding players. Pat Feeney took her goal well while Jane Murphy, who was closely marked, might have done better if she got rid of the ball more quickly.

**Scores for Cork**—M. Sweeney (1-0), A. Phelan (1-0), N. Gully (1-0), M. McCarthy (0-2), Galway—P. Feeney (1-0), J. Kelly (1-0), N. McHugh (0-3).

**Cork**—D. Sutton, M. Costine, capt.; H. Cotter, B. Sugrue, M. Whelton; P. Moloney, S. Dunne, M. McCarthy; A. Phelan, N. Gully, M. Sweeney; R. Hennessy. Subs.—A. Keane (for M. McCarthy).

**Galway**—M. Killeen; M. Kilkenny; C. Collins; K. Quinn; R. Divilly; N. McHugh, capt.; J. Kelly; C. Ward; M. Kilroy; J. Murphy; M. K. Donlon; P. Feeney. Subs.—C. O'Grady (for M. K. Donlon), H. O'Neill (for M. Kilroy).

Referee—Miss P. Reevlin (Dublin).



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# GALWAY SEEK CAMOGIE DOUBLE

A PLEASING FEATURE of western sport has been the change of fortune now being enjoyed by the Galway camogie teams.

For years and years the Galway girls had been trying unsuccessfully to break through the All-Ireland barrier. Then, early last year, a talented team from Presentation Convent, Oranmore, made camogie history by becoming the first Connacht team to win an All-Ireland title, when they captured the All-Ireland Colleges' championship.

This success was followed a few months later by Galway's great win over Wexford in the All-Ireland junior championship. Nothing breeds success like success and this year Galway have high hopes of becoming the first county to complete the All-Ireland senior and junior championship double in the same year.

The Galway juniors romped through the Connacht championship campaign and then went on to beat Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final. Considering that they fielded a complete new junior team this year—last year's All-Ireland championship winning team had moved into the senior grade—this win over the experienced Wexford girls was full of merit and the Galwegians are now firm favourites to retain their junior crown.

## SENIORS MEET CORK

This year the All-Ireland senior championship is being decided on an open draw system for the first time. Galway had very hard nut to crack in the first round, when they had to travel to Parnell Park to meet Dublin. The westerners entered the fray very much as underdogs but they gave a splendid performance in beating the strong Dublin side and this win is bound to increase their confidence.

Galway take on Cork, the reigning All-Ireland champions, in the All-Ireland semi-final at Duggan Park, Ballinasloe, on Sunday next. The Connacht champions have trained exceptionally hard since their win over Dublin, and have high hopes of dethroning the champions.

The Galway team is likely to line out as follows:—

M. Killeen, M. Kilkenny, C. Collins, K. Quinn, R. Divilly, N. McHugh, J. Kelly, C. Ward, M. Kilroy, J. Murphy, P. Feeney, M. K. Doulon.

Subs.: C. O'Grady, H. O'Neill.

# Cork seek fourth win

CORK 3-2; GALWAY 2-3.

CORK senior camogie players won their ticket to the All-Ireland final by beating Galway at rain washed Ballinasloe yesterday. Holders of the title for the last three years, Cork now bid for four in a row when they take on Antrim.

Playing with wind and rain advantage in the opening half, the champions had a Marion Sweeney goal in the second minute but three minutes later, Nona McHugh had a point for Galway. Then in the seventh minute the home side went ahead when Josie Kelly collected a Nona McHugh 30 and gave Deirdre Sutton no chance.

Very close marking ruled out any entertaining camogie and in the 12th minute Marion McCarthy put Cork level from a placed ball. A minute later, a defensive blunder left Pat Feeney with the ball 12 yards out and she beat Deirdre Sutton for Galway's second goal.

Both sides had a number of wides before Cork got on level terms seconds before halftime when Anne Phelan shot in off the

crossbar for Cork's second goal.

On the resumption, Cork reorganised their attack and this brought more drive to a sector finding it hard to penetrate the home defence. After only two minutes Pat Moloney's 30 yard free went all the way to the net and in the 13th minute Marion McCarthy sent over another point.

But Galway were not finished. They had McHugh points in the 16th and 20th minutes and exerted continuous pressure on the winners' goal in the closing five minutes, forcing three 30's. But the champions defence held out and Cork were happy to come away with a two points win.

Best for Cork were goalie, Deirdre Sutton, Hannah Cotter, Pat Moloney, Marion McCarthy, Marion Sweeney and Anne Phelan. Galway were best served by Rosaline Quinn, Nona McHugh, Josie Kelly, Jean Murphy and Pat Feeney.

Cork: D. Sutton, M. Costine, H. Cotter, B. Sugrue, M. Whelton, M. McCarthy, S. Dunne, P. Moloney, A. Phelan, N. Guilley, M. Sweeney, R. Hennessy. Sub: M. Coleman for McCarthy.

Galway: M. Killeen, M. Kilkenny, C. Collins, R. Quinn, R. Divilly, N. McHugh, J. Kelly, C. Ward, M. Kilroy, J. Murphy, M. K. Donnellan, P. Feeney. Subs: C. O'Grady for Donnellan, H. O'Neill for Kilroy.

Referee: Phyllis Breslin Dublin.

## FIRST MINOR TITLE FOR BUTTEVANT

Buttevant 4-4, Glen Rovers 0-0

At Buttevant last evening the home side won the county minor camogie final for the first time with a comfortable win over Glen Rovers. The winners got off to a good start when within two minutes Sheila Harrington pointed a "thirty" and Ann Heffernan netted. The same player had another goal in the 15th minute, to which Ann Keane, the county minor, added points from frees to leave Buttevant ahead on the score 2-3 to nil at half time.

After the resumption Ann Heffernan and Tina Keane added further goals and Ann Keane had a point.

The victors, who were the stronger side, owe their success to the mid-field dominance provided by Sheila Harrington, Etma Corkery and Noreen Smith. Goalkeeper Muriel Boyd, Mary O'Connell and Bernadette Owens were outstanding for the Glen. Further upfield the losers had hard workers in Cecilia Fitzgibbon, Eileen Boyd and Christine Murray. In a Buttevant defence which was not severely tested Mary Roche, Ann Keane and Tessie Duane were prominent.

Buttevant: P. Higgins, M. Roche, J. O'Sullivan, T. Duane, A. Keane, E. Manley, E. Corkery, N. Smith, S. Harrington, T. Keane, A. Heffernan, C. Henchion, sub: K. O'Callaghan for S. Harrington (injured).

Glen Rovers: M. Boyd, M. O'Connell, B. Owens, M. Newman, C. Fitzgibbon, B. Newman, M. Vickerstaffe, E. Boyd, C. Murray, M. O'Brien, A. Connolly, M. Kelly.

Referee: Miss K. Murphy (Owens).



The Churchtown North team which beat Glanworth 5-4 to 1-0 in the final of the Middleton Festival Camogie Tournament.

—(O'Reilly)

# ARMAGH GIRLS CAN CLEAR CORK HURDLE

AUGUST 1973

# Cork Travel Again For The Junior Semi-final

The Armagh line-out for Sunday's All-Ireland Camogie semi-final clash with Cork at Knockbridge, Co. Louth (3 p.m.) will probably be announced tomorrow (Friday) and the constant query all week from one end of the county to the other - indeed, wherever Camogie is discussed and debated in Ireland - is "Will Marian Delaney be in action for Armagh at Knockbridge?" The Armagh girls are fit, ready and eager for the fray, but what a tonic it will be if the one-and-only Marian Delaney reports for duty in this all-important fixture.

Armagh can repeat the glorious 1970 Mardyke victory. It is a young Cork team, and all their 1970 players have left the Junior ranks. Cork Juniors defeated Kerry, Limerick and Tipperary to win the 1973 title. They had an impressive win against Tipperary in the Munster Final.

Armagh County uniforms, now in their 21st year (which must be an All-Ireland record!), were in use in those 1954 games. Perhaps we will celebrate the "coming-of-age" in a few weeks time with sweet All-Ireland success at Croke Park!

### OUR STANDARD-BEARERS

There are 22 girls on the county panel, drawn from nine Camogie Clubs. Jean McCreanor (Clann Elreann), who played in the Maguire Cup matches in April, is at present in America. The County Juniors have been in strict training, collectively and in their own areas, under the supervision of Sean Loughran and Patricia Crangle.

This has been a wonderful season for the Armagh Juniors and the winning of the Maguire Cup (for the first time ever) was no mean achievement. Many people will say that this is the best Armagh side in recent years. They certainly have the skill and ability to win an All-Ireland, and the Armagh supporters are with them all the way.

The County Board officials will announce the Armagh line-out tomorrow (Friday) from the following panel of players:-

- Yvonne McGurgan, Maire McKenna, Phyllis Rafferty, Bernadette Molloy, Patricia Crangle, Maureen McCrory, Margaret Moriarity, Patricia McAlinden, Paula McAlinden, Angela Toal, Sheila O'Hara, Angela Donnelly, Eileen O'Neill, Kathleen McBride, Marian Delaney, Ann McCone, Nora Connolly, Marian Courtney, Mary Gray, Kathleen McNamee, Brenda Duffy and Angela Quinn.

All members of the Armagh Junior panel must report at Knockbridge Park (outside Dundalk) not later than 2-15 p.m. on Sunday next, 26th August.

### ARMAGH'S "FOUR GLORIOUS YEARS"

The All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship was introduced in 1968, and the first winners were Down, who defeated Cork in the final at Croke Park. Patricia Crangle (the Armagh captain) won an All-Ireland medal with Down in 1968.

Derry had a surprise win against Armagh in the 1969 Ulster Junior Championship semi-final at Tullysarron, when the Armagh structure completely collapsed in the last five minutes of the match. Derry became All-Ireland champions that year and the Derry players had no hesitation in saying that their toughest game in the 1969 campaign was against Armagh. A few weeks later, Armagh beat the new All-Ireland champions in a Maguire Cup game at Bellaghy.

1970 was a memorable season for the Armagh girls. They made the long journey to Munster and triumphed against a highly-rated Cork side. Thousands of supporters accompanied Armagh to Croke Park for the All-Ireland Final, but it was not to be our glory year. Can we ever forget the last fifteen minutes of that match against Dublin, when the Armagh forwards slammed in four goals and the Northern supporters went wild with excitement? The referee disallowed Armagh's last-minute goal, and Dublin were the All-Ireland champions with two points to spare.

That was the day Marian Delaney sustained a head injury, and it might have been a different result if Marian

THE much travelled Cork junior camogie team will be on the road again this weekend - this time to Knockbridge, Co. Louth, where they meet Armagh in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Cork played their first game against Limerick in Cork but they faced the long journey to Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary, for their Munster Championship final. Then two weeks ago they started out on the long journey to Armagh. But their journey ended in Dundalk when it was learned that the parents of Marian Delaney of Armagh had been tragically killed while travelling home from holidays in time for the game. The Delaneys were wonderful followers of Armagh and their death was a terrible loss, and none of the Armagh girls could possibly have fielded under the circumstances.

So the game was postponed and Cork headed back home. Because of the situation in the North at the moment Armagh find it very difficult to find funds to keep going and a journey to Cork would have been a great hardship on them. So Cork agreed to travel again but this time they will not have to cross the border as Armagh have agreed to travel as far as Knockbridge, Co. Louth. This is no doubt a great relief to the Cork girls as a journey to the North must be a strain in the present circumstances.

So now Cork can concentrate on the game itself with no outside worries. And they will have enough of them on the field as Armagh are a very talented side indeed. Marian Delaney is one of their big stars but the loss of her mother and father may be too big a shock to overcome before Sunday so it is difficult to know if she will line out or not. But Armagh have plenty of other talent including Margaret Moriarty, who is sister of Carroll's All-Star footballer, Paddy Moriarty. Marian Courtney, like her team-mate, Ann McCone, won an All-Ireland Colleges medal with St. Clare's, Newry, while Kathleen McBride has been their chief scorer to date.

In nine matches this year, including the Ulster Junior Championship and the Maguire Cup (Ulster League) Armagh have scored 40 goals and 22 points, which is no mean feat.

But Cork too have had their scoring spree this season against Limerick and Tipperary. And when one considers that these sides were very highly rated Cork's tally of 7-4 against Limerick and 9-8 against Tipperary is very impressive. The brilliant combination with Caly O'Riordan, Mary Mahon, Mary O'Leary and Nancy O'Driscoll snapping up even the "ghost" of a chance. In the centre too Cork have grand players in Angela Higgins, Mary Canavan and Marion McCarthy.

The Cork defence could have their hands full on Sunday but if Elizabeth Higgins in goal and defenders Brid McAuliffe, Marie Mackey, Rosie O'Sullivan and Nualla Jennings strike their usual form then they should be able to cope with the sharp-shooting Armagh forwards.

Cork have yet to take the junior title and in spite of having taken three senior titles in a row they are very keen to add this elusive trophy to their record. Also, with the seniors already through to the final, Cork selectors would dearly love to see the juniors there with

(Canovee), Bernie Costine (Cloyne) and Val Fitzpatrick (Old Als).

Armagh - Margaret Moriarty; Ann McCone; Marian Courtney, Sheila O'Hare, Eileen O'Neill; Angela Toal, Marian Delaney, Phyllis Rafferty; Mary Gray, Patricia Crangle, Kathleen McBride; Angela Donnelly.

### LEAGUE GAMES

There are no local fixtures for the coming weekend but there are two league games listed for the coming week. On Wednesday, Naomh Eoin meet St. Finbarrs in the junior league semi-final. In this tie the experience of such players as Nancy O'Driscoll, Marian McCarthy, Patsy Lucey and Breda O'Leary may prove too much for the young Barrs side who depend so much on Frances Barry-Murphy, Cecile Ahern, Barbara Flynn, and Mary Walsh.

In the only other game of the week Buttevant meet Glen Rovers in the under-18 league final at Buttevant on Tuesday. The local side, with fine players in Ann Keane, Mary Roche, Liz Manley and Ettie Corkery should start as favourites for this tie. However, Christine Murray, Cecile Fitzgibbon, Margaret Bickerstaff and company won't let them have it all their own way.

### FIXTURES

Sunday - All-Ireland Junior semi-final at 3 p.m. at Knockbridge, Co. Louth; Armagh v Cork (ref. T. Byrne, Wicklow).

Tuesday - Under-18 League final at Buttevant, 7.15 p.m., Glen Rovers v Buttevant.

Wednesday - Junior League semi-final at St. Finbarrs, 7.15 p.m., Naomh Eoin v St. Finbarrs.

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# CORK GIRLS COMBINE BETTER

CORK ..... 4-2  
 ARMAGH ..... 0-2

Cork qualified for the junior All Ireland camogie final at Knockbridge yesterday, where they defeated Armagh, the Ulster champions by four goals. Armagh, who were favourites to reach the final, never produced the form that won them that Ulster title, while Cork who now join their senior side on final day, were sharper, keener and had better combination.

Armagh opened very uncertainly and Cork, availing of defensive errors, scored two

rather easy goals early on. Armagh had several wides before they scored their first point from a free in the 21st minute. Each side added a point to make the half-time score 2-1 to 0-2 in Cork's favour.

Armagh had their best patch after the restart, but without a reward and it was Cork who went on to take command again and adding 2-1 finished easy winners.

Best for Cork was the full-forward, Cathy O'Riordan who scored three goals. Nancy O'Driscoll, Mary Canvan,

Marian Mackey and goalie Elizabeth Higgins, also did well while for Armagh, Patricia Crangle, Angela Toal, Marian Courtney and Marian Delaney tried hard.

Scorers: Cork—C. O'Riordan (3-0), N. O'Driscoll (1-0), M. Mahon (0-1), A. Higgins (0-1) Armagh—M. Delaney (0-2).

● Arrangements for the All-Ireland camogie finals which will be played at Croke Park on September 16, were finalised at a meeting of the Ard Coiste in Dublin.

The senior game, between Cork, the holders, and Antrim

(3-30) will be refereed by Mrs. Phyllis Breslin (Dublin) and Miss Teresa Byrne (Wicklow) will be in charge of the Junior decider between the champions, Galway, and Cork (2-0).

## The camogie scene

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE Camogie All-Ireland finals on the third Sunday in September are rapidly assuming their rightful place as the peak point of the playing season, and as a result of the success of the Open Draw system in the senior championship this year's series finals promise to be more intriguing and to arouse wider interest than ever.

Unfortunately we go to press too early to speak definitely of the finals, and indeed at the moment only one thing is certain, that Galway will be defending their All-Ireland junior title. Reaching the final for the second successive year in this grade is in itself a tremendous achievement, since the winners in any one season have to field an entirely new team in the following year.

A couple of seasons ago Dublin did achieve the remarkable feat of winning this junior title in successive seasons, but at that time it was freely forecast that this was unlikely ever to be repeated. Now here are Galway very much in line to bring off the same remarkable double.

And anyone who saw them defeat Wexford in the semi-final at Ballinasloe can have no doubts about the worth of this new Galway side.

After all the Wexford team that won the Leinster championship and which played in the semi-final in Ballinasloe was substantially the same if not better than had played Galway's first string in the All-Ireland junior final in Croke Park last September. The reason given for Galway's victory that day was that they had a team which had only been regraded junior and that almost all their players had

plenty of previous experience both at inter-county and inter-provincial level.

Yet Wexford were beaten by a new Galway side that included

a number of Colleges stars including two really outstanding players, Anne Donoghue and Midge Poniard. Both of these

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girls played with Presentation Convent, Athenry in the All-Ireland Colleges final, when the Connacht champions were somewhat unexpectedly beaten by Presentation Convent, Mountmellick.

Anne Donoghue is one of the finest natural players I have seen come on the inter-county scene in recent years, and must be a great mid-field star of the future. Midge Poniard, who plays her club camogie with Gurteen, is also a brilliant player and her goal which clinched victory for her county at Ballinasloe must be ranked as the best score of the championship season to date.

Another very impressive young College player on this Galway junior side is Phil Foye from Ballindereen, a forward very efficient indeed in taking and making scores. So the future of the game in Galway is obviously safe, especially when one remembers that the Galway seniors scored a surprise victory over

Dublin at a Dublin venue and, as I write, are preparing to take on holders Cork in the top-grade semi-final.

Yet only a couple of years ago, the game in Galway was in the sad position that they were unable to field a team in the All-Ireland championships.

Much of the credit for the remarkable revival in so short a time must be given to the energy and enthusiasm of one young lady, Jane Murphy.

Jane Murphy, from Mountbellew, first started her camogie drive when a student in University College Galway, and since her graduation has spread her energies further afield. Now teaching in Castleblakeney, she has been the driving force behind the camogie revival in county Galway which is so evident at every level. Moreover her enthusiasm has helped others as is obvious by the remarkable growth in Colleges camogie in Connacht through the past few seasons, a growth in which Sr. Columbiere from Tuam has also played a major part.

True, the growth of the game in the rest of Connacht has not equalled the pace set by the re-

markable advances in Galway, but Jane Murphy is also Chairman of the Connacht Council nowadays so further advances seem likely through the rest of the province.

The major part played by the schools in the Galway revival is another sign of the effect that progress of the game in the schools and Colleges is having on Camogie in general.

Six of the present Galway Junior team are past or present Colleges stars, while Josie Kelly from Oranmore's All-Ireland champion Colleges side of 1972 is mid-fielder on the Galway senior side.

On the Wexford junior side in Ballinasloe were past or present Colleges stars in Margaret Kelly, Geraldine Duggan, Mairead Darcy and Eileen Hawkins. Kilkenny's senior team is almost completely composed of players who gained their expertise on Colleges fields, while the same holds true of All-Ireland champions Cork, Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Tyrone and Kildare also number many former Colleges trained players in their ranks, as do Clare and of course, Dublin.

Where the Colleges are strong, so is our camogie game.

SEPT. 1973

# Can The Minors Emulate The Seniors And Juniors

With both senior and junior Cork camogie teams through to the All-Ireland finals interest this weekend turns to the minors who are due to take on Kerry in the Munster Minor Championship semi-final at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney on tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon. At home Castleview meet Sarsfields in the Junior Championship on Sunday while Buttevant meet Naomh Eoin in the same competition on Wednesday next.

Once again Cork are travelling this weekend. This time it is the minors and they go to Killarney to take on the local girls. In the first round of this competition Cork won well against Clare, while Kerry had a bye. Limerick are through to the final following a huge win over Tipperary so Cork already know one of the finalists. Cork can call on three of their All-Ireland junior team—Marie Mackey, Angela Higgins and Mary O'Leary plus three junior substitutes in Margo Twomey, Bernie Costine and Val Fitzpatrick.

Kerry have yet to emerge as a camogie force. They have improved at colleges level in recent years but it is doubtful if they have any answer to the wealth of talent available to the Cork minors. So I must forecast yet another Cork win but they would not want to be too complacent.

**Cork Panel—** D. Quinlan (Glanworth), E. Noonon (Aghabullogue) Marie Mackey (Blarney), Mary Roche (Buttevant), M. Twomey (Canovee) B. Costine (Cloyne), A. Keane (Buttevant), Capt: V. Fitzpatrick (Old Aloysians), A. Higgins (Watergrasshill), A. Shea (Cloyne) M. O'Leary (Glanworth), P. Riordan (Ballinlough), P. Walsh (Old Aloysians), C. Aherne (St. Finbarr's), L. Manley (Buttevant) P. Lucey (Naomh Eoin).

## SHOULD BE FAVOURITES

Sarsfields with good wins behind them over Old Aloysians and St. Finbarr's should be favourites on their home ground against Castleview (victors over Churchtown and Ballinlough). Cork midfielder, Marv Canavan, who had such a good game on Armagh star Marion Delaney last Sunday should pose problems for Castle-

view. But the latter had many promising players on view when failing narrowly to Glen Rovers in the under-18 semi-final recently so they could cause an upset.

Naomh Eoin, powered by Nancy O'Driscoll, Marion McCarthy, Patsy Lucey and Breda O'Leary will make a bold bid to reach the junior semi-final. They have tough opposition in their championship tie on Sunday, however, in Buttevant. The latter have a strong side, which includes three Cork minors. Liz Manley, Mary Roche and Anne Keane and these girls will not admit defeat easily so the game has all the ingredients of a thriller.

## CONVINCING WIN

On Sunday last Cork juniors had yet another convincing win, this one over Armagh in the All-Ireland semi-final. Played in excellent conditions at Knockbridge Cork, it got off to a flying start with a Cally Riordan goal. Some ten minutes later she added a second. Then, however, the Armagh defence began to bunch around the goal which prevented the Cork forwards from playing their usual fast open game. Armagh gradually came more into the game approaching half-time and scored two points to leave the interval score at: Cork 2-1, Armagh 0-2. The Northerners pressed very hard after the restart but the Cork defence dealt capably with everything that was thrown at them. Goalie Elizabeth Higgins had a fine game while Brid McAuliffe had her best game in the Cork colours. Marie Mackey and Nuala Jennings sealed off the side approaches and, to complete a very sound defence, centre-back Rosie O'Sullivan played inter-provincial Pat Crangle right out of the game. Though up against strong opposition at centre-field the Cork trio came out best. Here Angela Toal and Marion Delaney showed some nice touches for Armagh but their tendency to pick the ball was penalised by the first time pulling of Cork girls Angela Higgins and Mary Canavan.

So Cork once again began to dominate and as well as scoring 4-2 the Cork forwards had the ball in the net on two other occasions — one a fine effort by Mary O'Leary, the second a neat connection by Cally Riordan but both were disallowed because of square infringements. Goals by Nancy O'Driscoll and Cally Riordan in the second half, however, made the issue safe for Cork while other scorers for the winners were Angela Higgins and Mary Mahon with points each. Cally Riordan was the star of the forward line but the other three worked very hard. With their big wins over Limerick and Tipperary and now

last Sunday's win over the fancied Armagh it must be accepted that this is a very good Cork junior team. But again they must be on their guard in the final when they take on Galway who have a very strong side indeed.

## TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT

Speaking of the All-Ireland final let's compliment the Cork girls for their tremendous achievement in reaching both finals this year. Cork have yet to win the junior title while the "double" has yet to be achieved by any county. So that September 16 is a very important day indeed for Cork followers as both local and national camogie history could be made by the Cork girls.

Details for the games were finalised at a meeting of the Ard Coiste in Dublin recently and they are as follows: Junior Final, Cork v. Galway, 2 p.m. (referee Miss Teresa Byrne, Wicklow); Senior Final, Cork v. Antrim, 3.30 p.m. (Mrs. Phyllis Brtslin, Dublin).

## FIXTURES

**Tomorrow—** Munster Minor Championship Semi-Final, Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney, 3.30 p.m., Kerry v. Cork.

**Sunday, September 2 —** Junior Championship at Riverstown, at 6.45, Castleview v. Sarsfields (referee St. Finbarrs).

**Wednesday, September 5 —** Junior Championship at Buttevant, at 7.15, Buttevant v. Naomh Eoin (Glanworth).

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# Sarsfields.

AMIDST the tremendous excitement that prevailed on Sunday evening last at Riverstown after Sarsfields camogie team had qualified to contest their first ever county final a remark overheard just about sums up the calibre of the side.

Advocates of womens lib might not be in agreement but the comment that Sars had not a bad man on the team, incorrect though it may sound, aptly described the display. From goalkeeper to full forward each girl played her part in heroic fashion, coming from behind several times. As defeat stared them in the face in the final pulsating five minutes when Castleview fired salvo after salvo to pull back a two point arrears brought out the stout hearts of the Sarsfields girls.

Yes indeed those ladies of ours are made of stern stuff and if they dedicate themselves to hard training who knows but they could capture the county crown.

Conditions were not the best for hurling, a greasy sod and light drizzle completely ruled out top class fare, never the less both teams turned in a thrilling hour, each side imbued with a fierce determination to take the spoils.

Overshadowed for years on the playing fields by the men folk of the area the Sarsfield's camogie club have finally

crashed the recognition barrier a big following urged the girls on to a magnificent victory.

Scorers — Mary Canavan, Eileen McCarthy 1-2 each, Maria Barry 1-0.

Team — J. Brosnan, M. Cotter, P. Canavan, A. O'Donovan, E. O'Callaghan, B. O'Flynn, K. Kennecaly, M. Murphy, C. Kennecaly, M. Canavan, E. McCarthy. Subs — M. Brennan, M. Barry.

# Cork Seniors Seeking Four In A Row

## JUNIORS COULD MAKE IT A DOUBLE

TWO Cork camogie teams are off on their travels again this weekend, this time to Croke Park, where they face their biggest game of the season. These are, of course, the All-Ireland finals in which Cork meet Galway and Antrim in the junior and senior deciders, respectively.

Sunday is Ladies' Day at Croke Park, and with Cork involved in both finals excitement is reaching its peak in the local camp. The seniors are chasing their fourth title in a row, while the juniors are endeavouring to gain their first ever title.

Cork seniors have dominated the camogie scene for the last three years and they are determined to make it a record four-in-a-row All-Irelands on Sunday. No Cork side has achieved this honour in the past so a win on Sunday would be very special to the Cork girls. Cork have been playing so well over the last three years that one feels there may be the danger of becoming complacent. After all, having won all their games for so long it is hard not to feel confident. However, over-confidence has been the downfall of so many teams in the past it is doubtful if such an experienced band as the Cork girls undoubtedly are, would be so inclined.

Another thing which surely must have brushed away any over-confidence they were likely to have was their very narrow 3-2 to 2-3 win over Galway in the semi-final. Galway, on the day, looked a very good side and even the most ardent Cork follower will admit that Cork were very lucky indeed to advance. But advance they did due mainly to their ability to snap up slight chances. Many of the Cork players were off-form that day but it was played in appalling weather conditions which did not help the free-flowing game of the Cork girls. Certainly, it is a game they will want to forget but with so many exciting performances behind them they were perhaps entitled to an "off-day." So the best thing to do now is to forget all about Galway and concentrate on their game in Croke Park, a venue which always seems to bring out the best in this side.

### TOP PLAYERS

Many may feel that because of the Northern troubles Antrim may not be at their best in this game. But forget that idea as reports from the county state that the Antrim girls have been having collective training and will be at their peak on Sunday. Antrim have won five titles in 1945, 1946, 1947, 1956 and 1967. Six of the girls involved in the last win will be in action again on Sunday. They are Kathleen Kelly, Mairead Diamond, Sue

turn again last season but on this occasion they had no answer to the Cork scoring machine and had to be satisfied with runners-up once again.

### MET IN SEMI-FINAL

Also Cork have the advantage of a recent win over Antrim to their credit. The sides met in the All-Ireland semi final last season when the holders emerged as 5-5 to 3-1 winners. Since that game there are two changes on each side. Sue McLernon replaces Noreen McAllister in goal while the great Sue Cashman returns.

For Sunday's game Cork will be without Liz Garvan and Anne McAuliffe and they will be replaced by Nuala Gully and Sheila Dunne, both of whom have played in All-Ireland finals.

Incidentally every member of the Cork selection has an All-Ireland medal and what greater experience could selectors ask for. Deirdre Sutton is a most experienced goalie who was honoured with the Gaelic All-Star Award on one occasion. She captained the ill-fated Cork juniors in 1971 and has always been prominent with Glen, Cork and Munster.

In front of Deirdre, Cork have one of the country's top full backs in Marie Costine. Marie, who captains the side has been a regular interprovincial in recent years. On the wings Cork have two tough defenders in Hannah Cotter and Mary Whelton. The latter is a tight marking player who gives little room to her opponent while Hannah's long clearances can break the heart of any opposition. At half-back too Cork have ability in the person of Shiela Dunne, who is a sister of Cork hurler Noel Dunne.

In the centre Cork have a grand trio in Pat Moloney, Betty Sugrue and Marion McCarthy. Pat has played in all grades for Cork while Betty and Marion have proved to be match winners in their own right on many occasions.

### NOT SO GOOD

Cork's attack was in devastating form against Derry in the first round of the competition. If Kibarry won Saturday and Poulard will contest the "C" section on Wednesday. To play the remaining game in Kibarry and Poulard were of interest:

The following points should be noted: (1) "C" and "D" sections. (2) The game will be held at 10.45 a.m. sharp. The winners here meet the winners of the "B" section on Wednesday. (3) The game will be held at 10.45 a.m. sharp. The winners here meet the winners of the "B" section on Wednesday. (4) The game will be held at 10.45 a.m. sharp. The winners here meet the winners of the "B" section on Wednesday.

sub, will be in action again on Sunday so at least they will not all be newcomers to Croke Park. Brid McAuliffe has also played there in a schools match so half the team will have been there before.

This is a very good Cork junior side. In goal is Elizabeth Higgins, who is the regular goalie for senior county champions, Imokilly. Brid McAuliffe at full-back has represented Cork at colleges, minor as well as junior grades and is playing better than ever this season. In the half line Cork have Marie Mackey, who figured so prominently for Muskerry in the county championship, Rosie O'Sullivan, who is one of the most experienced players on the side and Nuala Jennings who has been honoured by the Combined Universities. Good displays for Muskerry were instrumental in winning a place for Marion McCarthy at centrefield where she quickly made the grade. Partnering Marion in this sector are Mary Canavan and Angela Higgins. Mary is an accomplished hockey player and although she is a newcomer to inter-county camogie, her speed makes her a very important member of the side. Angela, who is a sister of goalie Elizabeth, led Cork to victory in last year's Munster minor championship final and is playing extremely well again this year.

The Cork attack has been in fabulous form this season with high scoring in each of their outings. Cally Riordan at full forward has been the most exciting prospect amongst the newcomers to Cork colours this season scoring no less than three goals a game. Cally has struck up a tremendous partnership with Nancy O'Driscoll, who captains the side, Mary Mahon and Mary O'Leary, who is such a good free-taker.

Of the two Cork teams, the juniors have had the most difficult journey to the decider. They player Limerick at home but then they faced journeys to Tipperary and Armagh where they gained very exciting victories indeed.

But again Cork cannot afford to take things for granted as on Sunday they will be facing as tough if not tougher opposition than in their previous outings. Galway took this title last season and they will be very anxious to retain it. Also they will be very anxious to improve considerably although the Bishopsdown lads to beat especially at this stage. Farranetts will be hard try to continue their winning ways. Terence MacSwineys will newly presented Brian Dillon trophy, Terence MacSwineys will try to continue their winning ways. Farranetts will be hard try to continue their winning ways. Terence MacSwineys will newly presented Brian Dillon trophy, Terence MacSwineys will try to continue their winning ways.

In the final of the Under-15 "C" Football League, for the 1977-78 season, the winners will meet the winners of the "B" section on Wednesday. The game will be held at 10.45 a.m. sharp. The winners here meet the winners of the "B" section on Wednesday.



**NUALA GULLY SENIOR PEN PICTURES**

Deirdre Sutton (Glen Rovers). Goal-keeper. A most experienced performer. Was honoured with a Gaelic All-Star award. Helped Glen to win seven counties in a row. Started her career with St. Vincent's school team and has always remained in prominence with Glen, Cork and Munster. Captained Cork junior team in 1971. Holds two All-Ireland, two Gael-Linn, four Munster senior, three Munster junior, seven county championship and two Munster inter-club medals.

Marie Costine (Cloyne). Full-back. Marie captains the side in its historic four-in-a-row bid. A master of the full-back position, Marie has had some outstanding outings for Cork. Has retained a regular spot on the Munster side in recent years. Possesses three All-Ireland, three Munster senior, three Munster secondary, two Cork County Championship, Cork Intermediate and Junior Championship medals.

Hannah Cotter (South Pres.). Right-back. Captain of the 1972 All-Ireland winning side, Hannah is a most experienced player. Her long clearances can break the heart of the opposition and relieve her own centre-field. Fielded for Munster and Combined Universities. Her collection of medals include three All-Ireland, five Munster senior, one Munster secondary, Munster inter-club, and three Cork County Championships medals.

Sheila Dunne (Canovee). Centre-back. Returned to side this season. Figured prominently with U.C.C. in her student days. Has worn the Munster and Combined Universities colours. Is a sister of Cork hurler, Noel Dunne. Won three All-Ireland, three Munster senior, two Ashbourne, Cork junior and intermediate championship medals.

Mary Whelton (South Pres.). Left-back. A very tight marking defender. This is Mary's third year on the senior side and in that time only one goal has been scored off her. Another interprovincial, she has played successfully for Cork in all grades. A former South Presentation Convent player, she holds two All-Ireland, two Munster senior, three Munster junior, one Munster minor, one Munster inter-club and three Cork County Championship medals.

Marion McCarthy (South Pres.). Right-centre. Marion holds a remarkable number of medals for a player of her age. Played for Munster while still a minor. Can play in several positions and is a good free-taker. Her collection of medals includes three All-Ireland, three Munster senior, three Munster junior, Munster secondary, inter-club and minor, and three Cork County Championships medals.

Pat Maloney (U.C.C.). Centre-field. Commenced her playing career with Presentation, Youghal. Also played for Youghal Club before entering university. Has lined-out for

Munster, Combined Universities and all grades for Cork. Possesses three All-Ireland, three Munster senior, Munster junior, secondary and minor, two Ashbourne and Senior League medals.

Betty Sugrue (South Pres.). Left-wing. The 1971 All-Ireland captain Betty tackles the Antrim attack. Mairead McAtamney, as only Betty can. A match-winner in her own right she, too, has represented Munster. Her hoards of medals include three All-Ireland, the Munster senior, Munster secondary and inter-club, three Cork County Championships, Cork Intermediate and Junior Championships.

Anne Phelan (South Pres.). Right-forward. Led Cork to their 1971 success. An opportunist forward Anne is always good for a goal too. Has distinguished herself every level from colleges to interprovincial. Holds three All-Ireland, six Munster senior, three Cork County Championships and Senior League medals.

Marion Sweeney (Youghal). Centre-forward. Marion came into prominence in her school days with Loreto, Fermoy. Her eager and hard-working style made her automatic on the Cork team from her debut. Gained recognition from the Munster selectors last autumn. Has won one All-Ireland, one Munster senior, one Munster junior, two Munster minor, two Cork County Championships, Cork County Schools' Intermediate League and Championship medals.

Nuala Gully (Cloyne). Left-forward. Started her career with Presentation, Middleton. A fast player, Nuala gets through a lot of work. Figured prominently in Imokilly's success over the past years. Holds three All-Ireland, two Munster senior, one Munster secondary, one Munster junior, one Cork County Championship and one Cork Junior Championship medals.

Rosie Hennessy (U.C.C.). Full-forward. An individualist, Rosie, when in form, makes scoring look so easy. Made her name while a schoolgirl at St. Als. Has represented Munster and the Combined Universities. Won three All-Ireland, Munster senior, junior, secondary and colleges, two Ashbourne and Cork Schools Championship medals.

Ann Keane (Buttevant). Pick-up. An All-Ireland senior medal at the tender age of 15 last September. Captain of the Cork minor team. Well as trophies won at other sports, Ann has Munster junior, Munster minor, and Cork under-17 medals.

Maura Coleman (Glen Rovers). Another player who graduated from schools camogie. Maura helped Glen Rovers to win two Cork County Championships. Previous wins a junior championship with Donoughmore. A hard-working player, she can play in several positions. Won one All-Ireland and two Munster senior medals.

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Marie Costine (Cloyne), the Cork senior captain — "The best full-back in the country"



Elizabeth Higgins: Very efficient in goal for the juniors



Cally Riordan, junior full-forward: The "find of the season"



Deirdre Sutton (Glen Rvrs.): A very safe senior goalie

## ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE FINALS ON SUNDAY

# Cork seek unique double

ALL roads will lead to Croke Park on Sunday when Cork's camogie girls will have the opportunity of winning a unique double.

No county has so far succeeded in taking the senior and junior All-Ireland titles in the same year, and with Cork involved in both finals this season they could become the first to do so.

Of course, Cork's seniors are endeavouring to take their fourth title in a row, which is something no Cork side has ever done, but Cork juniors have yet to take a title.

In the campaigns so far Cork's juniors have been more impressive than their senior counterparts.

They have been scoring freely and have good wins over Limerick, Tipperary and Armagh behind them.

Their forwards have been in exciting form throughout the season, with Cally Riordan emerging as the "find of the season".

Nancy O'Driscoll, Mary Mahon and Mary O'Leary have all been making names for themselves in this sector also.

These four girls have really struck up a grand partnership, and if they can reach their usual heights on Sunday then Cork must be on the way to their first junior title.

In addition to the forwards, Cork have all round strength. Elizabeth Higgins is very efficient in goal, while in front of her she has sound backs in Brid McAuliffe, Marie Mackey, Rosie O'Sullivan and Nuala Jennings.

In the centre, too, Cork are very capable, with Marion McCarthy, Mary Canavan and Angela Higgins all playing very well this season.

### GALWAY TOUGH

But Cork would do well to remember that they will be up against tough opposition in Galway.

This county's senior side was rather unlucky to be beaten by Cork and they will be determined to get their revenge at junior level.

However, with Cork's tremendous fighting spirit and scoring power they must have a very good chance of bringing the title to the Lee for the first time.

So much has been written about the present Cork seniors that it is difficult to add to it.

For the past three years they have dominated the camogie scene with every one of their players and substitutes holding All-Ireland medals.

Croke Park should have no fears for them as they have taken three titles in a row there.

Like the juniors the seniors have in recent years fielded a high scoring attack.

Against Derry in the first round they were once again in devastating form, but against Galway in the semi-final things were far from free-flowing.

However, it was a terrible day—weatherwise—and even though Cork were rather lucky to win by a mere two points in the end, one feels that so many players could not strike such an off day again. So let's forget Galway and concentrate on the game ahead.

Antrim are never an easy proposition, as they play a fast, skillful game and in spite of the present troubles in the north they will not lack in fitness.

From reports they have been training regularly with a full turnout, so Cork will be up against Antrim at their best.

The northerners last won the title in 1967 and seven of that team are included in Sunday's panel. Kathleen Kelly, Mairead Diamond, Sue Cashman, Mairead McAtamney, Lily Scullion, Chris O'Boyle, and Eileen McGratten.

So Cork will need to be at their best in this game. Certainly there is plenty of talent on the Cork team.

Deirdre Sutton is a very safe goalie, while Marie Costine, who captains the side at full-back, has been called the best full-back in the country. Mary Whelton and Hannah Cotter give little away on the wings while Sheila Dunne at half-back is very sound.

In the centre, Cork have a powerful trio in the persons of Pat Moloney, Betty Sugrue and Marion McCarthy, while their attack of Marion Sweeney, Nuala Gully, Rosie Hennessy and Anne Phelan needs no introduction to camogie followers.

All these girls have proved themselves over the last few years and they must go to Dublin with a certain amount of confidence.

They have always struck their best form in the final, and let's hope they can do so again on Sunday.

It would be marvellous if they could become the first Cork team to take four-in-a-row, and even greater if they can help the juniors to make that unique double.

### JUNIOR PEN PICTURES

#### Elizabeth Higgins (Watergrasshill).

Goalkeeper. Learned her camogie in Loreto, Fermoy. Second season playing with Cork. Regular goalkeeper for Imokilly, the County champions. Is a sister of centre-fielder, Angela. Has won one Munster junior, one Cork Junior Championship, two Cork County Championships, one Cork Intermediate League, Cork Schools Intermediate League and Championship medals.

Brid McAuliffe (Old Aloysians). Full-back. A fine schools player, Brid was a member of several successful St. Als teams. Captain of her club, she has represented Cork at colleges, minor and junior grades. Is a sister of All-Ireland medal holder, Ann. Her trophies include one Munster junior, one Munster minor, two Senior League, three Cork Schools Championships, and three Munster Colleges medals.

Marie Mackey (Blarney). Right-back. Her third season playing for Cork. She figured very prominently for Muskerry in the County Championship. Is a member of the Cork minor team. Has won two Munster junior, two Munster minor, one Cork Junior Championship, three Cork Intermediate League, and one Intermediate Championship medals.

Rosie O'Sullivan (Churchtown). Centre-back. Played for Youghal and Our Lady's Hospital before joining Churchtown. One of the most experienced members of the side. Was centre-back on the Imokilly team which won 1973 Co. Championship. Has three Munster junior, one Cork County Championship, two Cork Intermediate Championship, and one Cork Junior Championship medals.

Nuala Jennings (U.C.C.). Left-back. Another product of colleges' camogie. Collected several medals with St. Als before going to university. Played in 1971 All-Ireland junior final. Represented the Combined Universities. Holds one Munster junior, one Munster minor, two Ashbourne Cup, three Cork Schools' Championship, three Munster Colleges' Championship and two Senior League medals.

Marion McCarthy (Naomh Eoin). Right-centre. Started her career with Vocational School, Coachford, with whom she won an O'Sullivan Cup medal. Good displays for Muskerry in the County Championship; won recognition from the Cork selectors and she quickly made the grade. Won one Munster Junior Championship; two Cork Intermediate Championships with Seandun and one Cork Junior Championship medals.

Mary Canavan (Sarsfields). Centre-field. Although a newcomer to inter-county camogie, Mary immediately made her presence felt. Played a big part in bringing Sarsfields to 1973 Cork Junior Championship final. Her speed was shown to good effect with Imokilly in the County Championship. Is an accomplished hockey player. One Munster Junior Championship and one Cork County Championship medals are among her souvenirs.

Angela Higgins (Watergrasshill). Left-centre. Led Cork to victory in 1972 Munster Minor Championship. Was

an outstanding colleges player with Loreto, Fermoy. No stranger to Croke Park, where she has fielded for Cork Junior and colleges' sides. Has won two Munster junior, two Munster minor, two Cork County Championships, Cork Intermediate League, and Junior Championship, Cork Schools' Intermediate League and Championship.

Mary Mahon (Aghabullogue). Right-forward. This is Mary's second attempt to win an All-Ireland medal. Played against Dublin in the 1971 final. Lined-out with Munster Institute before joining Aghabullogue. Her collection includes two Munster junior, one Munster secondary and several tournament medals.

Mary O'Leary (Glanworth). Centre-forward. Sister of Cork hurler, Sean. Played in the senior championship with Avondhu. A good free-taker, Mary is also on the Cork minor team. Has won one Munster Junior Championship, one Munster Minor Championship, one Cork Junior Championship, and one under 16 League medal.

Nancy O'Driscoll (Naomh Eoin). Left-forward. Captain of the team. She fills this role by setting a determined and hard-working example to the rest. Has struck up a good combination with Cally Riordan. Represented Muskerry in county championship. Fields for Old Ursulines senior hockey team. Has won one Munster Junior Championship, two Cork Intermediate Championship and a Junior League medals.

Cally Riordan (U.C.C.). Full-forward. The most exciting prospect amongst the newcomers to Cork colours this season. Has scored three goals per match as well as making scores for others. Started her career with Presentation, Youghal, and played for Youghal club before going to College. Represented the Combined Universities. Has won one Munster Junior Championship, one Ashbourne Cup and one Cork Schools' League medals.

Margo Twomey (Canovee). Back. Plays schools' camogie with Mercy, Macroom. Is a determined player who should soon find a place of her own on the junior team. A current Cork minor, Margo fielded for Muskerry in the County Championship. Has one Munster minor, one Cork Intermediate Championship and a number of tournament medals.

Bernie Costine (Cloyne). Centre-field. Her first season with Cork. Holds a regular place on the Cork minor team. Is a sister of senior captain, Marie. A stylish striker, she also has the ability to go places. Holds many medals for athletics as well as one Munster Junior Championship, one Cork County Championship, and one Cork Junior Championship medals.

Val Fitzpartick (Old Aloysians). A very good schools' player with St. Als. Val never spares herself on the field. Her second season on the inter-county scene. Plays wing-centre for Cork minors. Won one Munster Junior Championship, one Munster Minor Championship, one Munster Colleges, two Cork Schools' Championship and Senior League medals.

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# Galway Side In Camogie Decider

The Galway team for the All-Ireland junior camogie final in Croke Park on Sunday next is as follows:

K. Moore (Castleblakeney), B. Larkin (Ballinderreen), R. Jordan (Oranmore) captain, A. Duane (Mervue), M. Kelly (Mervue), M. Poinard (Gurteen), P. Foye (Ballinderreen), A. Donoghue (Athenry), M. Murphy (Oranmore), T. Duane (Gurteen), F. Walsh (Glenamaddy), K. Coghlan (Oranmore).

Subs: A. Kilkenny (Gurteen), M. Cosgrove (Oranmore), N. Walsh (Glenamaddy), M. Folan (Mervue), M. Connell (Ballinderreen), A. McCarthy (Glenamaddy).

Galway's efforts in reaching this stage of the competition merits the highest of praise as they had to start from scratch at the start of the year in an attempt to build a championship team.

Having triumphed over Wexford in last year's All-Ireland final, immediately posed a problem for this year's selectors as the rules of the competition state that junior All-Ireland medal winners are automatically ineligible to play in the grade again.

The selectors had a chance to experiment in two easy Connacht championship victories over Roscommon and Mayo. Then after some deliberations they picked their best possible team for the All-Ireland semi-final, though they were without centre forward Teresa Duane who was unavailable. Their confidence in the team was vindicated with a well deserved four point win over Wexford who incidentally had many of last year's beaten finalists playing.

Cork their opponents next Sunday who will probably start favourites for the game, were described by Frank O'Grady a Galway Co. Board Official as a "very lively team who will be very difficult to beat".

But, he added: "I'm very confident that Galway, after three weeks strenuous training under the guidance of Jimmy Duggan are at peak fitness to retain the title that we won for the first time last year. We have improved tremendously since beating Wexford".

# ANTRIM ARE CONFIDENT

By GERRY McGUIGAN

"THE OPEN DRAW is one of the best ever boosts to the game of camogie." That is the firm conviction of one of the game's leading legislators, Nancy Murray, who naturally would like to see her own county, Antrim, win today's All-Ireland final against Cork, at Croke Park.

"Competitively, the top teams are finding the change has been good for their game, and the game in general. Previously our only opponents in Ulster were Derry, and without wanting to detract from the efforts of the people keeping the game going there, we were going to the All-Ireland semi-finals without being tested.

"Now we have to be on our toes from the first match, and a team emerging as the title winners can truly feel they are a

champion side. It would be a tremendous feat if we succeeded, because the girls have to travel quite a distance to training twice weekly—we did not train in Belfast—and their presence in the decider is a tribute to their dedication.

"I think everyone throughout the country should be aware of the great struggle to keep the game going in Ulster, and a win for Antrim would be a victory for that dedication of the team.

## LAST VICTORY

Antrim, who last won the title in 1967, have reached the decider by a stiffer route than Cork. The Ulster girls first played Kilkenny to a draw at Glenariffe and having to go into their opponents' back yard for the replay, they were not exactly happy about their chances.

Mrs. Murray's assessment of their win in that game — "It was one of the finest performances ever by an Antrim camogie team. They played as if inspired and a repetition against Cork could well be good enough to win the title.

"Against Wexford, again away from home, there was a great deal of tension, and with the marking tighter we did not play just as well. But there was a will to win, and we got through. Cork, on the other hand, cruised through against Derry, but then, against Galway, who were only promoted from the junior ranks last year, they had to struggle for survival.

"Certainly we would not base our assessment of Cork on their display against Galway. Indeed, I would go so far as to say that Cork will never play as poorly again. They are usually a strong, hard grafting team, laden with experience, and you can be sure they will be just as anxious to win, as they are going for their fourth win in a row in the final."

## GOOD BLEND

The Antrim team has a good blend of experience and youth, with almost half of the present squad having been associated with that 1967 triumph. They have Kathleen Kelly, Mairead Diamond (Antrim-born wife of Derry footballer Larry), Mairead McAtamney, Sue Cashman, Eileen McGrillen and Lily Scullion from that last winning side, and coming back into the limelight is Chris O'Boyle, who was an outstanding player before going overseas.

It is an indication of the might of Cork that they have not been beaten since the 1969 Munster final against Tipperary, and when they met Derry in the first round they were able to field a side that included twelve All-Ireland medal holders.

# Severe Test For Cork Looks Certain

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Consistent Cork or resurgent Antrim as All-Ireland senior camogie champions for 1973? That is the question which will be answered at Croke Park on Sunday when these two counties meet in the final which promises to provide a thrilling spectacle of the game at its best.

Cork will travel confidently and have every right to do so, as they have won the last three All-Irelands in succession, have nine players who have participated in all three triumphs, while their remaining trio has won at least one All-Ireland medal apiece.

But the only trouble assessing these Cork girls in their bid for a record-breaking fourth successive victory for the county is that they have not been very well tested on their way to this final, the first since 1932 to be played on an Open Draw.

In the opening round, Derry travelled gallantly to Cork, but by no stretch of the imagination could be reckoned in the same class as the champions who defeated them with ease.

## ONSLAUGHT

Second timeout, in the semi-final against last year's junior champions Galway at Ballinacree, the Cork girls were far from impressive, and were perhaps a trifle lucky that Galway did not snatch victory from them in a late onslaught.



BRID McAULIFFE



Mary Moran, chairman of the Cork County Camogie Board, winner of an All-Ireland medal in 1970, is selector and trainer of the Cork senior and junior teams for Sunday's All-Ireland final.



The camogie skills, the craft, the experience were still there, but it did seem to me that the old former fire and fervour was burning far less brightly as though three years of victory had rather dulled their appetite and ambition for further glory.

However, the holders have had several weeks further training since then and may well have recovered all their former snap and sharpness.

## HARD-PRESSED

Certainly they have magnificent players in every sector of the field, Deirdre Sutton in goal, Marie Costine at full-back, Sheila Dunno at centre-back, Pat Moloney at mid-field and Rosie Hennessy at full-forward, for instance, and at their best they are still certainly good enough to reign at least for another year the title they have so monopolised in recent seasons.

But they will meet very worthy opposition indeed from an Antrim side that bids fair to recover the county's former camogie glories.

Antrim, while they may not possess the all-round power of the Cork champions, have on obvious advantage, they have come a far harder road to this final.

After an early outing against Derry, which readily retained for them their Ulster title, they were very hard-pressed indeed to snatch a draw with Kilkenny in the first round of the All-Ireland series, and that game was played on Antrim ground at Portlengone.

But they upset the odds, and played great camogie in the process, when they defeated Kilkenny in the replay at Nowlan Park, and more than confirmed that form in the semi-final, when they travelled to Wexford and scored another good victory over the well-fancied home side in their semi-final.

Full-back, Kathleen Kelly, centre-back Mairead Diamond, Sue Cashman at mid-field, Mairead McAtamney on the left wing, Chris O'Boyle and Lily Scullion in the attack are stars of the game in their own right who have performed with credit on All-Ireland fields before now, and they will not be in any way intimidated by the wonderful victory record of Cork.

After all, it was Antrim who, in 1967, ended Dublin's 10-year winning run. They will be just as hopeful of ending Cork's All-Ireland supremacy now.

## HALL-MARK

It is remarkable that despite their many recent victories Cork have never succeeded in securing a junior All-Ireland title. However, a very strong and experienced Cork side must start firm favourites against holders Galway in Sunday's opening Croke Park game, the junior final.

Cork have fairly swept through Munster this season and readily accounted for Armagh in their tragedy hit semi-final. And while the hall-mark of this side has been the high work-rate and balance combination through the field they have a really brilliant pe-



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Three U.C.C. players, from left, Pat Maloney, Youghal, Cathy Riordan, Youghal, and Rosie Hennessy, who play for Cork in the all-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship against Antrim at Croke Park on Sunday.



MARY WHELTON

Cork camogie girls who meet Antrim in the all Ireland final at Croke Park next Sunday make a colourful departure from the traditional blouse and gymslip to chic Jerseywear by Euro Sportsgear International of Clondrohid, Macroom, Co. Cork. It is a strike from captain Marie Costine models the light

# GLORY ALL THE WAY FOR CAMOGIE GIRLS

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CORK 2-5, ANTRIM 3-1

IT WAS glory all the way for Cork in Croke Park yesterday, where they made camogie history by becoming the first county to take both All-Ireland titles in the same year. The seniors also became the first Cork team to win four titles in a row, while the juniors won Cork's first-ever junior title. Cork star Cally Riordan also had the distinction of winning two medals. She was the juniors' big star, scoring two of her side's goals, and she came on in the last five minutes of the senior game and played a vital role in their win.

The senior game in which Cork scored a very narrow one point win was a very worthy showpiece of the camogie year. It had everything one would expect of an All-Ireland final—top class camogie, goalmouth thrills, and a scoreline in which a goal was the largest margin to separate the sides at any stage. On top of this the last five minutes were the most exciting seen in Croke Park for many a day.

With five minutes to go Cork led by a single point and at this stage both sides had had a number of wides. Then the large Antrim following were on their feet as Sue Cashman landed a long equalising point. Almost immediately Cork's Nuisia Gully was injured and on came Cally Riordan fresh from her junior triumph. She was hardly on the field when she was involved in a goalmouth tussle which saw her help the ball on to Ann Phelan who crashed it to the back of the net. Then she was instrumental in winning a 30 yards free which Marion McCarthy duly pointed. But back came Antrim with a marvellous goal from a 30 by Mairead McAtamney with only a minute to go. Again only one point separated the sides but this time it was enough as Cork held on to the finish.

### BRILLIANT CAMOGIE

But the last five minutes was only the climax of a tremendous hour of camogie. This game burst into action from the throw-in and it was obvious from the start that this was going to be a memorable game. With so many players holding All-Ireland medals—Cork had twelve and Antrim six—there was no obvious nerves among the players. Brilliant camogie was the order of the day and followers were kept on edge right up to the full time whistle.

Antrim came at Cork with everything they had and while the Cork forwards were unexpectedly missing chances the backs kept Cork hopes alive with their powerful play. Marie Costine stood out as a tower of strength at full back and certainly played a captain's part in leading her side to victory. Behind her Deirdre Sutton made one brilliant save after another, while Hannah Cotter brought relief time and time again with her many clearances on the wing.

Antrim had stars in the centrefield in Mairead McAtamney, who is such a lovely player, Sue Cashman and Rita McAteer, and they gave Cork a good deal of trouble, particularly in the first half. But Marion McCarthy at wing centre and half forward were also in tremendous form for Cork and their non-stop play around the middle of the field did much to win this game for Cork. Pat Moloney saw a number of points for Cork and she was instrumental in their win.

outdone and they answered this with a brilliant shot from Chris O'Boyle, which was deflected to the net. Almost immediately Deirdre Sutton made a top-class save from Mairead McAtamney, before Marion Sweeney put Cork once again into the lead with a point. Again Antrim came back but once more Deirdre Sutton foiled them with a scrambled save after a goalmouth tussle. Following this Marion McCarthy scored another point for the winners to which she added yet another before the interval. This left the half-time score 1-3 to 1-0.

It was Cork who again opened the scoring in the second with a minor from Anne Phelan. Then Antrim showed what fighters they are with a fine opportunist goal from Lily Scullion after seven minutes. This left Cork with a single point lead, which they held for the next thirteen minutes during which time the ball swung from one end to the other with both sides having narrow wides. Then came that fantastic last five minutes mentioned at the outset, when Antrim came so near but Cork still managed to emerge as winners.

Scorers for the winners were Anne Phelan 2-1, Marion McCarthy 0-3, Marion Sweeney 0-1, while Lily Scullion 1-0, Chris O'Boyle 1-0, Mairead McAtamney 1-0 and Sue Cashman 0-1, were on the mark for Antrim.

Cork—D. Sutton, M. Costine (capt.), H. Cotter, S. Dunne, M. Whelton, M. McCarthy, P. Maloney, B. Sogrua, A. Phelan, M. Sweeney, N. Gully, R. Hennessy. Subs: C. Riordan for N. Gully.

Antrim—S. McLarnon, K. Kelly, J. Maguire, M. Diamond, J. McClements, B. McAteer, S. Cashman, M. McAtamney (capt.), C. O'Boyle, R. Dixon, N. Havlin, L. Scullion.

### Cork 4-4; Galway 1-4

Cork juniors got away to a flying start when they took their first ever junior title by defeating Galway by 4-4 to 1-4. This was yet another polished win by this high scoring Cork side and, although they did not score even once in the second half they showed enough of their brilliance in the first period to take the title.

Cork went into the attack from the throw-in and before the game was two minutes old Nancy O'Driscoll had the ball in the net. Then Galway put a free wide to which Cork replied with a grand opportunist goal from Cally Riordan, which she kicked to the back of the net. Galway did manage to get a point from Phil Foye at this stage, but Cork were in such glorious form during this period that it was not surprising to see them adding a goal from Nancy O'Driscoll and 1-2 from Mary O'Leary to which Galway could only reply with minors from Phil Foye, Alma Duane and Ann Donoghue to leave the half-time score at 4-4 to 0-3.

After only five minutes of the game the Cork forwards were providing great excitement and all times and in all situations they tended to run the ball at the Kroke Park yesterday. The visit of Sunday's Well in this entertaining friendly was confirmed by Sunday's Well in this friendly pack could not be compared by an entertaining young Antrim team which was out to win the 10 minute mark to half-time they were awarded a five-point lead. On the 10 minute mark to half-time they were awarded a five-point lead.

it took them 17 minutes of almost constant pressure and many wides before they added a point from Midge Poniard. Three minutes later, Phil Foye added a goal but although it was a very good score it came too late to make any difference to the result, as, although they pressed to the end, Galway could not add to their tally and this left the full time score at 4-4 to 1-4.

Scorers for the winners were Nancy O'Driscoll (2-0), Mary O'Leary (1-3) and Cally Riordan (1-1), while Phil Foye (1-1), Alma Duane (0-1), Midge Poniard (0-1) and Ann Donoghue (0-1) were on the mark for Galway.

Cork—E. Higgins, B. McAuliffe, M. Mackey, R. O'Sullivan, N. Jennings, M. McCarthy, M. Canavan, A. Higgins, M. Mahon, M. O'Leary, N. O'Driscoll (capt.) and C. Riordan. Galway—K. Moore, B. Larkin, B. Jordan (capt.), A. Duane, M. Kelly, M. Poniard, P. Foye, A. Donoghue, M. Murphy, T. Duane, F. Walsh, K. Coughlan. Sub: A. Kilkenny for T. Duane.



A TUSSELE FOR POSSESSION between Cork Defender Anne Phelan 2-1, Marion McCarthy 0-3, during the Minor Camogie Final at Croke Park.

BRID McAULIFFE



Cork captain Marie Costine making a clearance for Cork despite a tackle by Bernadette Pichon of Antrim in the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.



# And TWO MEDALS, BETTER THAN ONE!

## Juniors Double Up

CORK ..... 4-4  
GALWAY ..... 1-4

Narrowly beaten three times in previous finals, the Cork juniors finally broke through to win the New Ireland Cup and All-Ireland title by defeating the holders, Galway, in a lively Croke Park curtain-raiser, writes AGNES HOURIGAN.

Although over the entire 50 minutes the Cork girls were well deserving winners, to use a hackneyed phrase, was very much a game of two halves.

With the wind in the opening period, Cork were far and away the more efficient side. Playing fast, direct and purposeful camogie, they took the direct road to goal to great effect, while Galway refused to hit the ball on the ground, picking and poking with disastrous consequences, so that Cork combined delightfully, were well worth their commanding lead of 4-4 to 0-3 at the interval.

But Galway came out a far more determined side on the restart, quickly gained a firm grip on the mid-field exchanges and were almost constantly on the attack. But they still persisted in their efforts to lift the ball and missed a world of chances.

### Direction

It was not until Anne Kilkenny came on as a sub in the closing stages that we saw any direct drive in the Galway attack and, by then, the game had been lost and won, although the Western champions did score a late goal and point.

Cork, who surprisingly failed to raise a second half flag, looked a very talented side when on top, but were very much on the defensive after the interval and can thank some great work by goalkeeper Eileen Higgins, full-back Brid McAuliffe and centre-back Rose O'Sullivan, for holding the fort.

Marion McCarthy, Mary Canavan and Angela Higgins were very effective around mid-field in the first half, but faded after the interval, while up front captain Nancy O'Driscoll, Cally Riordan and Marion O'Leary took their first-half scores well.

Galway, who, as last year's champions in this grade, had to field an entirely new side, took a long time to settle down, but when they did goalkeeper Kathleen Moore, Bernie Larkin and Alma Duane were outstanding defenders.

Midge Poniard, Anne Donoghue and Phil Foye played extremely well in the second half but, until the arrival of Anne Kilkenny, there was no scoring power in the attack.

Scorers: Cork — N. O'Driscoll (2-0), M. O'Leary (1-3), C. Riordan (1-1). Galway — P. Foye (1-1), A. Donoghue (0-1), A. Duane (0-1), M. Poniard (0-1).

CORK — E. Higgins; B. McAuliffe; M. Mackey, R. O'Sullivan, N. Jennings; M. McCarthy, M. Canavan, A. Higgins; M. Mahon, M. O'Leary, N. O'Driscoll (Capt.); C. O'Riordan.

GALWAY — K. Moore; B. Larkin; R. Jordan, A. Duane, M. Kelly; M. Poniard, P. Foye, A. Donoghue; M. Murphy, T. Duane, F. Walsh; K. Goughlan. Sub — A. Kilkenny for T. Duane.

Referee — Miss T. Byrne (Wick).

It was a real glory day for Cork camogie at Croke Park yesterday. The seniors won the O'Duffy Cup and the All-Ireland

title for the tenth time in all and the fourth year in succession.

The juniors won their All-Ireland Title for the

first time ever and thus helped their seniors to a double never before achieved.

Finally young Cally Riordan, from Youghal,

set a record all her own by winning two All-Ireland medals on the same day, as she starred for the juniors, and came in as senior reserve.

# Cork's Crown Again In Camogie Thriller

By AGNES HOURIGAN

CORK ..... 2-5 ANTRIM ..... 3-1

ALL HONOUR to Cork for winning their fourth successive senior All-Ireland Camogie crown, but there can hardly have been a neutral spectator in Croke Park yesterday who wasn't disappointed that this game did not end in a draw, to give us the opportunity of seeing two such fine teams play such a wonderful game all over again.

And indeed Antrim, who over the 50 minutes had slightly the better of the play territorially and missed many second half scoring chances, were desperately unlucky not to snatch a draw in the dying seconds.

Cork seemed to have that tenth title safely wrapped up when Ann Phelan goalied just three minutes from time and

Marion McCarthy promptly pointed a '30' with just over two minutes remaining to put the holders four points clear after Antrim had levelled the scores in a great rally.

But then the Ulster girls came again. Mairead McAtamney shot low from a free. The ball was diverted out for a '30', which the Antrim captain took and crashed the ball to the back of the Cork net to reduce the margin to a point with the last minute ticking away.

### On The Spot

Back came Antrim in a last attack. Full forward Lily Scullion seemed to be brought down in possession, but instead of awarding a free, Dublin referee, Miss Phyllis Breslin, who was right on the spot, threw in the ball. A Cork back cleared to touch.

Mairead McAtamney took the line ball about 25 yards out and sent it sailing for the Cork posts, but the leather went inches wide in that brave bid for the balancing point, the long whistle blew on the puck out and Cork were champions still.

After all the high excitement of the closing stages one had almost forgotten that so much of the game was marred by heavy rain, yet the players managed to continue to serve up brilliant camogie even as ball and pitch became slippery.

But, had the rain not come just five minutes before the interval, this must surely have gone on record as the greatest camogie final ever played.

The standard through the opening 20 minutes was nothing short of brilliant, with the two teams so evenly matched through the field, and indeed just before the rain came the advantage was leaning towards Antrim.

### Quick Points

Only some wonderful saves by goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton and her full-back and captain, Marie Costine, had foiled Antrim of seemingly certain goals and kept scores level.

Then as the rain began Cork seemed to adapt more quickly to the changed conditions and three quick points left the holders ahead 1-3 to 1-0 at the interval.

Antrim were often on the offensive on the restart, but they had a whole series of narrow wides before Anne Phelan, Cork's most effective forward on the day, stretched the lead with a point.

Then, with seven minutes of the second half gone, Lily Scullion hand-passed an Antrim

plenty of assistance from Marion McCarthy.

But Anne Phelan supplied the only real threat in the Cork attack, though Marion Sweeney had some good moments. Cally Riordan was not on long enough to make any impression.

Antrim, too, were good in defence, particularly full-back Kathleen Kelly, goalkeeper Sue McLarnon, centre-back Mairead Diamond and left back Josephine Maguire.

Mairead McAtamney gave an exhibition of all the skills of the game through the first 20 minutes, but was not quite as effective when the sod and ball became wet. Sue Cashman got little scope from Pat Maloney, while the forwards, hard though they tried, could never shake off the tenacious Cork defence long enough to finish off good outfield work.

Scorers: Cork — A. Phelan (2-1), M. McCarthy (0-3), M. Sweeney (0-1). Antrim — C. O'Boyle (1-0), L. Scullion (1-0), M. McAtamney (1-0), S. Cashman (0-1).

CORK — D. Sutton; M. Costine (Capt.); H. Cotter, S. Dunne, M. Whelton; M. McCarthy, P. Maloney, B. Sugrue; A. Phelan, M. Sweeney, N. Gully; K. Hennessey. Sub — C. Riordan for N. Gully.

ANTRIM — S. McLarnon; K. Kelly; J. Maguire, M. Diamond, J. McClements; R. McAteer, S. Cashman, M. McAtamney (Captain); C. O'Boyle, R. Dixon; N. Havelin; L. Scullion.

Referee — Miss P. Breslin (Dublin).

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● MARIE COSTINE, Cork senior captain, proudly bears aloft the O'Duffy Cup.

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Nancy O'Driscoll, the Cork captain, raising the cup aloft surrounded by jubilant teammates after their victory over Galway in the Junior All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park.



WELL HELD . . . Galway's M. Ponaird goes high to collect the ball although challenged by Cork's A. Higgins in the Junior All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.



M. O'Leary, Cork, on a solo run, is chased by a Galway defender, during the All-Ireland Camogie (Junior) Final at Croke Park yesterday.

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# Cork just pip



Antrim's L. Scullion (right) makes a determined attack on the Cork goal. Keeper D. Sutton is on left.



The Cork camogie team which captured the junior trophy. From left — front: Call Riordan, Nuala Jennings, Mary Mahon, Marion McCarthy, Nancy O'Driscoll (captain) Rosie O'Sullivan, Mary Canavan. Back: Elizabeth Higgins, Mary O'Leary, Brid McAuliffe Marie Mackey, Margo Twomey Val Fitzpatrick, Bernie Costume, Angela Higgins.



... and the vanquished Galway side (from left), front: Alma Duane, Theresa Duane, Mandy Cosgrave, Rita Jordan (captain), Kathleen Moore, Mary Kelly, Noeleen Walsh. Back: Anne Donoghue, Kathleen Coughlan, Bernie Larkin, Midge Poniard, Anne Kilkenny. Back: Margaret Murphy, Philomena Fay.

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# Cork just pip Antrim in camogie decider



Antrim's L. Scullion (right) makes a determined attack on the Cork goal. Cork keeper D. Sutton is on left.

## BY two points Antrim failed to win outright the All-Ireland senior championship and Cork had their greatest day in years—their fourth All-Ireland senior title in a row. They also won the junior crown with a convincing victory over Galway.

In the Senior match Cork had a distinct edge up in attack and they were a big menace, while Antrim missed several good chances.

Both sides had five wides in the first half but Antrim sent past nine times in the second half to Cork's three. A little steadiness from Antrim in the second half and all would have been well.

Antrim played better against Wexford and some of the players allowed the occasion to over-awe them. The defence was very good with Sue McLarnon, Kathleen Kelly, Josephine Maguire, Josephine McClements standing firm. Sue McLarnon made several brilliant saves.

The midfielders only got going in the last quarter, while the forwards, in the main, were very disappointing.

Cork were more convincing and tackled the Antrim defence with confidence, which paid off. Deirdre Sutton, Mary Costain, Hannah Cotton, Nuala Gully, Rose Hennessy, Anne Phelan and M. Sweeney were best for the winners.

### The match

An early Cork raid was blocked by Josephine Maguire who made a long clearance from Betty Sugrue. Kathleen Kelly was in action against Mary Sweeney and sent to Mairead McAtamney whose shot was blocked. An Antrim attack developed on the left when Rita McAteer sent in a nice cross. Chris O'Bole fell and squirmed to it but the ball was cleared by M. Whelton. Both sides wided, then Anne Phelan opened the Cork account with a direct shot which went to the net.

Betty Sugrue, Mary Costain and Nuala Gully then combined, but Mairead McAtamney got the ball and sent in a sizzler which was well saved by D. Sutton. Then some nice Antrim team work went unrewarded when the ball went wide. Chris O'Boyle went off on her own, cut through the defence and goalled and the sides were level.

Antrim took heart and hammered away at the Cork goal, but after some near shaves the siege was lifted when L. Scullion wided. Two opportunities came to Antrim on the left wing, but they were cleared.

At the other end the Antrim defence stood firm when menaced, but Cork broke the deadlock with a point from Mary Sweeney and the South-easterners went in to the lead. They kept up the pressure

and M. McCarthy pointed twice before half-time when the score read

Cork 1-3, Antrim 1-0.

### Second half

Both sides wided, then Ann Phelan stretched Cork's lead with a point. This was followed by one of the best saves of the match from Sue McLarnon. J. McClements sent in a long clearance and Lily Scullion palmed in for a goal to cut the Cork lead to one point.

End-to-end play followed and K. Kelly was in fast action against H. Cotton. Mary Sweeney soloed up the left wing but sent wide and Antrim had three quick wides. Lily Scullion eluded Mary Costain and Sheila Dunne, but could only wide, then Sue Cashman caught and pointed and the sides were level again with six minutes on the clock. A crashing goal from Ann Phelan followed by a point from Mary McCarty — and the Antrim hopes began to crumble but they forced two thirties and from the second Mairead McAtamney goalled just in time for the final whistle which left the Lagan ladies trailing by one point — 11 points to 10 for Cork.

Scorers: Cork—A. Phelan 2-1, M. McCarthy 0-3, M. Sweeney 0-1. Antrim—L. Scullion 2-0, M. McAtamney 1-0, S. Cashman 0-1.

Teams: Cork—D. Sutton, M. Costain, H. Cotter, S. Dunne, M. Whelton, M. McCarthy, P. Maloney, B. Sugrue, A. Phelan, M. Sweeney, N. Gully, R. Hennessy. (C. Riordan for N. Gully).

Antrim—S. McLarnon, K. Kelly, J. Maguire, M. Diamond, J. McClements, R. McAteer, S. Cashman, M. McAtamney, C. O'Boyle, B. Dickson, N. Havlin, L. Scullion.

### CORK 4-4 GALWAY 1-4

Cork had this match sewn up from an early stage. They were three goals ahead at the end of the first quarter and Galway never really caught up with this. At half-time the tally was Cork 4-4, Galway 0-3.

Galway tried hard to slash the deficit in the second half but to no avail. Cork played a defensive game and held on for a long time. Eventually Galway pointed then goalled but Cork were never in trouble and won comfortably.

Scorers: Cork: N. O'Driscoll (2-0), C. Riordan (2-0), M. O'Leary (4-4). Galway: A. Duan (0-2), P. Foye (0-1), M. Poinard (0-1).



The Cork camogie team which captured the junior trophy. From left — front: Cally Riordan, Nuala Jennings, Mary Mahon, Marion McCarthy, Nancy O'Driscoll (captain), Rosie O'Sullivan, Mary Canavan. Back: Elizabeth Higgins, Mary O'Leary, Brid McAuliffe, Marie Mackey, Margo Twomey Val Fitzpatrick, Bernie Costume, Angela Higgins.



... and the vanquished Galway side (from left), front: Alma Duane, Theresa Duane, Mandy Cosgrave, Rita Jordan (captain), Kathleen Moore, Mary Kelly, Noeleen Walsh. Back: Anne Donoghue, Kathleen Coughlan, Bernie Larkin, Midge Poinard, Anne Kilkenny, Fionnuala Walsh, Antoinette McCarthy, Una Connell, Margaret Murphy, Philomena Fay.

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The Cork team which won the All-Ireland Senior camogie title by beating Antrim in the final on Sunday. Back row (left to right): Maura Coleman, Cathy Riordan, Sheila Dunne, Hannah Cotter, Mary Whelton, Deirdre Sutton, Rosie Hennessy, Pat Moloney and Marion McCarthy. Front row: Betty Sugrue, Marlon Sweeney, Marie Costine (capt.), Ann Keane, Ann Phelan, Nuala Gailly.



The Antrim team which lost to Cork in the All-Ireland camogie final. Back row: Josephine McClements, Eileen McGribben, Deirdre Webb, Chris O'Boyle, Nuala Stavlin, Sue McLarnon, Sue Cashman, Lily Scullion, Bernie Dickson. Front row: Noreen McAllister, Rita McAteer, Kathleen Kelly, Mairead McAtamney (capt.), Mairead Diamond, Josephine Maguire, Ann McIvor.

UNIQUE ALL-IRELAND DOUBLE

# Cork Make History At Croke Park

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TODAY Cork's record-breaking camogie stars are the toast of the south as they bask in the glory that goes with winning not alone the All-Ireland senior camogie title but also the junior title and enter the record books by becoming the first county to complete such a double. The senior team, in winning their fourth All-Ireland title in a row, had a most deserving, if narrow, victory over Antrim in an exciting final played in a downpour at Croke Park.

The closeness of the final scoreline itself, 2-5 to 3-1, will give an indication of the keen quality of this game which ended in a swelter of excitement which could well have given the Northern side a draw. But justice was done for the Cork girls were deserving winners and no one will disagree with this. At half time they were in front 1-3 to 1-0 in a game dominated by strong defensive play. It was clearly evident that the game would be won or lost at mid-field and here for Antrim Sue Cashman and partner were lord-ing it.

guests at a reception at the Victoria Hotel later in the night.

But the Cork girls were leaving nothing to chance and Marian McCarthy provided all the answers for her side in this sector. Mary Costine the Cork captain, was playing one of her finest games at full-back.

In this sector also Hannah Cotter was clearing her lines impeccably with Deirdre Sutton playing the proverbial stormer in goal. Antrim were faced with quite a task but the scoreboard would tell the final tale and it did. Anne Phelan may have had better games, but her personal tally of 2-1 not only made her Cork's leading scorer, but was sufficient to carry her side through to another title. Marian McCarthy had three points from frees.

Earlier the juniors, with a brilliant first half display had sent Galway reeling to defeat. At half time they led 4-4 to 0-3, and while they did not register a score in the second half, their tally at the interval was sufficient to carry them through with a strong and uncompromising defence, keeping the Galway forwards in check throughout a hectic second half.

As in the case of the senior game this was another team effort, but few will quibble if Cally Riordan is singled out for special mention. She scored two goals for the juniors in their quest. The captain Nancy O'Driscoll, played a stormer, while Elizabeth Higgins was brilliant in goal. Others to shine were Marie Mackey and Mary O'Leary.

Tonight the girls and their mentors return to Cork to a tumultuous welcome. They will arrive at Kent Station at 9.20 p.m. and



● NANCY O'DRISCOLL, captain of the Cork junior team, gets some support from her team colleagues as she displays the New Ireland trophy.



Cork County Board chairman, Jack Barrett (right), congratulates Cork senior camogie captain, Marie Costine, while vice-chairman Donal O'Sullivan welcomes junior captain, Nancy O'Driscoll, on the return of the two suc- cessful teams to the county town night after their All-Ireland victories at Croke Park on Sunday. Also included

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# Camogie champions feted

The Cork senior footballers in training for next Sunday's All-Ireland Uí She, M.A., president special tribute to their sister-counterparts by forming a guard of honour to welcome home the Cork camogie teams which created history by winning both the senior and junior titles at Croke Park yesterday.

Members of the Cork team lined up at both sides of the entrance to the Victoria Hotel as senior and junior captains Marie Costine and Nancy O'Driscoll, caps aloft, led their respective sides into a reception arranged jointly by the Cork Camogie Board and the Cork County Board.

In the foyer of the hotel bouquets of flowers were presented to the winning captains by Ide BEAN Uí She, M.A., president of the Cork County Camogie Board.

Hundreds of supporters greeted the arrival of the teams at Ceannat Station and on their route to the official reception they were accorded a very enthusiastic reception.

Speaking at the reception, Mr. Jack Barrett, chairman of the Cork County Board, said that they were celebrating a unique occasion. Both the Cork teams yesterday had brought great honour to Cork, to their Association, to their clubs and to themselves. Their victories were very special and will always hold a special place in the hearts of Corkonians. Now that they had created a record his wish was that they would add further to the next year, and jocosely Mr. Barrett said, "I hope some of your success will rub off on the senior footballers next Sunday."

Ide Bean Uí She paid a special tribute to Antrim and said that they were magnificent in defeat. "They had a trying experience in getting to the match as camogie sticks are regarded as lethal weapons in the North and they had been held up by customs officials at the Border. Nevertheless they had given a great display of camogie."

The attendance at the reception included Miss Mary Moran, chairman of the Cork Camogie Board and trainer of both teams, Mr. Con Murphy, hon. secretary of the Cork County Board, and Mr. Donal O'Sullivan, vice-chairman do.

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Cork left corner-back Mary Whelton about to strike the ball despite close attention of Chris O'Boyle of Antrim in the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park (Echo)

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# Great Start Clinches Cork Camogie Double

Cork ..... 4-4  
Galway ..... 1-4

Poniard, Anne Donoghue and Phil Foye took control. However the attack was poor and showed no improvement until Anne Kilkenny came on as a substitute. Still, all credit to Galway for arriving in the final and striving so hard for success. When they can get over the emphasis on lifting the sliotar they will be a match for the best.

### NEW TEAM

They were handicapped in having to field an entirely new side, since they were champions in this grade. They were, as a result, slow to settle down but when they did goalkeeper Kathleen Moore, Alma Duane and Bernie Larkin were outstanding backs. Only four players got their names on the score sheet. They were Phil Foye, 1-1; Ann Donoghue, Alma Duane and Midge Poniard, a point each. Captain Nancy O'Driscoll was one of Cork's top scorers with two goals, Marion O'Leary a goal and three points and Cally Riordan, a goal and a point.

### OPPORTUNIST

Midge Poniard's second half point in the seventeenth minute was a beautiful piece of opportunism. From a rebound of a thirty yards free which she herself took she sent the ball over the bar. Unfortunately there were not enough opportunities like this for the forward line.

Cork's stars were goalkeeper Eileen Higgins, centre back Rose O'Sullivan, full back Brid McAuliffe and scorers O'Driscoll, Riordan and O'Leary. Miss T. Byrne of Wicklow was referee. Scorers, Cork: N. O'Driscoll (2-0), M. O'Leary (1-3), C. Riordan (1-1). Galway: P. Foye (1-1), A. Donoghue (0-1), A. Duane (0-1), M. Poniard.

Cork: E. Higgins, B. McAuliffe, M. Mackey, R. O'Sullivan, N. Jennings, M. McCarthy, M. Canavan, A. Higgins, M. Mahon, M. O'Leary, N. O'Driscoll (captain), C. O'Riordan.

Galway: K. Moore, B. Larkin, R. Jordan, A. Duane, M. Kelly, M. Poniard, P. Foye, A. Donoghue, M. Murphy, T. Duane, F. Walsh, K. Coughlan, Sub.: A. Kilkenny for T. Duane.



Antrim's N. Havlin (11), gets some team support as she blocks down a clearance bid from a defender, during the All-Ireland Camogie Senior final at Croke Park yesterday.

Galway's camogie mentors will for long bemoan the fact that they did not introduce Anne Kilkenny into this All Ireland junior final at Croke Park on Sunday earlier than they did. For Anne's arrival coincided with greater drive by the Galway cailini and a concentration on playing the ball on the ground. Before this the Galway girls had "inherited" the hurlers' habits of getting every ball into the hand.

This change of tactics left the score respectable but not a winning one and so Cork who had been beaten narrowly in three finals were rewarded with an All Ireland title for which they took home the New Ireland Assurance Co. Cup.

It was a great day altogether for the Cork girls, for their seniors collected their fourth successive title, this time at game Antrim's expense and they had the lowest possible margin of victory, a point on the score 2-5 to 3-1.

And what a day for young Cally Riordan of Youghal who set a record of her own by playing in both finals and scoring a goal and a point against Galway!

It was Cork's start which unsettled the Westerners. They were a goal up in the second minute and another in the twelfth. They latched on two more and were 4-2 to a point (from a thirty yard free by Phil Foye) ahead after eighteen minutes. At half time they had completed their total of four goals and four points to Galway's three points.

Cork retreated into defence after that and despite the best efforts by the Galwegians were able to hold on. Galway could only add a goal and a point in the second half.

The wind played a big part in the match. Cork had it in the first half and used it to good effect.



... battling it out with Chris O'Boyle of Antrim in (Echo)



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## Camogie girls set the pace for Cork boys next Sunday!

Anything you can do I can do better, runs the lively duet in "Annie Get Your Gun."

Well, the girls of Cork had their say last Sunday when they won the All-Ireland senior and junior camogie titles at Croke Park, and as our picture shows, they returned to Cork on Monday night to a rousing reception.

Now they've really put it up to the men who wear the Cork jersey against Galway in Sunday's All-Ireland football final.

Billy Morgan and his men simply cannot afford to lose after such example from the "weaker" sex.

Another picture and report on page 12.

# Big welcome home for victorious Cork teams

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● Cally Riordan who earned junior and senior All-Ireland medals last Sunday.

PATRICK Street, Cork, was transformed on Monday night last to a festive, bustling area, when, amid the cheers of the many Corkonians who had turned out to welcome them home, the two victorious Cork All-Ireland camogie teams made a spectacular entrance to the city aboard a large truck decorated with bunting galore and preceded by the Cork City Pipe Band.

The girls and supporters alike waved the red and white flag and sang songs of victory. On their arrival at the Victoria Hotel, where they were guests at a function in their honour, of the Cork County Board, they were greeted with a guard of honour formed by the Cork senior football team.

The football team had just returned from a rigorous training session, and with them was team selector, Dinny McDonald. Dinny is Chairman of Nemo Rangers, this year's All-Ireland Club Champions, and a one-time footballer of outstanding skill. His career on the field was brought to an abrupt end two years ago when he broke a leg.

First into the foyer of the hotel was senior captain, Marie Costine of Cloyne. Following her was junior captain, Nancy O'Driscoll. The President of the Cork County Camogie Board, Ide Bean Uí She, M.A., presented both girls with bouquets of flowers and congratulated them on their success. A box of fruit was presented by Miss Lili Conlon, an aunt of the County President.

Also present to greet the team were Jack Barrett, chairman, Cork County G.A.A. Board; Donal O'Sullivan, vice-chairman of the Board (also an officer in the Bearmen's Association), and Con Murphy, hon. secretary of the Board.

## A COUNTY DIARY

By "ROVING SCRIBE"

Members of the senior team were D. Sutton, M. Costine, H. Cotter, S. Dunne, M. Whelton, M. McCarthy, P. Maloney, B. Sugrue, A. Phelan, M. Sweeney, N. Gully, R. Hennessy and C. Riordan. The juniors were E. Higgins, B. McAuliffe, M. Mackey, B. O'Sullivan, N. Jennings, B. McAuliffe, M. Mackey, B. O'Sullivan, N. Jennings, M. McCarthy, M. Canavan, A. Higgins, H. Mahon, M. O'Leary, N. O'Driscoll and C. O'Riordan.

I spoke to the Cork County President, Ide Bean Uí She, shortly prior to the arrival of the teams, and she was jubilant at their success. Star players of the day for her were Deirdre Sutton and Sheila Dunne.

The President also paid a tribute to the defeated Antrim side who, she said, put up a wonderful performance despite the fact that they had had to train under difficult conditions. Another trying aspect of the match as far as the northern girls were concerned, said Bean Uí She, was the fact that they had to travel to and from the match on the one day, together with the difficulty of deal-

## It Was A Memorable Day At Croke Park

IT was success with a capital "S" for Cork camogie on Sunday last. They took over Croke Park and came home with the unique double of junior and senior titles. And the Cork girls could not hide their joy when they arrived back on Monday night at Kent Station. They were so delighted, particularly the juniors, who won the title for the first time.

The seniors were perhaps a little more reserved but with four titles in a row behind them they are more used to success. But just the same they were a very happy bunch of girls indeed and even Nuala Gully, who suffered a nasty facial injury in the game, which is likely to keep her out of the game for some time, was undaunted.

The senior final must surely go down in the camogie annals as one of the most exciting, fast

and emotional finals for many years. It was certainly the smallest of margins by which Cork have taken their four in a row. It was also a game in which Cork's opponents had most of the neutral support. The Antrim camogie girls are wonderful. It is so difficult to keep the game going in the North at the moment but nothing would deter the camogie girls from training and they were a superbly fit and highly talented team on Sunday.

Even the most ardent Cork follower had sympathy to spare for them at the end. It was a heartbreaking defeat for them. They came so near and had that last side-line puck of Mairead McAtamney's gone between the posts and not so very narrowly wide what a replay would have been on the cards.

But Cork were more than happy to see that ball going wide but when the final whistle sounded immediately afterwards it was a very tired but very satisfied 12 who came off the field. This game was played at an unbelievable speed and with so much brilliant camogie displayed by both sides. What a pity it was not televised as it would have been a fitting show-piece indeed for camogie. All those who were privileged to see this game came away with memories of a brilliant encounter and even the Antrim girls, when they get over the initial disappointment must be glad to have taken part in such an epic game.

The juniors set the pace in the first game with a tremendous first half display. In this period Galway had no answer to the combination of Cally Riordan, Nancy O'Driscoll and Mary O'Leary and though Galway were a much better side in the second half, Cork had the game wrapped up at half-time. And even if Cork were not so far ahead Galway's forwards could never really find an answer to the fine defensive work of Elizabeth Higgins, Rosie O'Sullivan and Nuala Jennings. Cork were very happy to take this junior title. So far it had eluded them and having suffered defeats in two previous finals they were very happy indeed to win and they thoroughly deserved to do so.

In such a great day for Cork camogie particular incidents will stand out. One of my favourite recollections will always be the way Marie Costine rose to the

occasion at full back. Captain of the side this season, Marie had a very difficult opponent indeed in the ever-dangerous Lily Scanton of Antrim. But so well did she perform her task that Lily rarely came into this game. Marie cleared her lines in such stylish and confident fashion that she must emerge as the big star of a great game. Hannah Cotter too was in devastating form and in fact the Cork defence must take a great deal of the credit for this win. Then, of course, we must remember the calm with which Anne Phelan took her two goals. She seemed to be having a quiet game but suddenly from nowhere she had the ball in the net. I doubt if she ever scored two more important goals in her career.

Another outstanding feature must be the performance of Cally Riordan. Cally was one of the big stars of the game for the juniors and in spite of being on the field for less than five minutes for the seniors she made her presence felt in no uncertain terms.

Off the field I have memories of a so happy Nancy O'Driscoll, captain of the juniors, who rarely left the cup out of her hands. Then there was the very tense Mary Moran, who did such a marvellous job of training both teams, suddenly breaking into smiles when the senior game was over; Nuala Gully managing to smile in spite of a badly swollen face and finally the wonderful sight of two All-Ireland trophies being held aloft in the teams' victory drive through the city on Monday night. It all added up to a memorable occasion indeed.

Because of the All-Ireland football final on Sunday next there are no fixtures listed. This gives the girls a chance of cheering on our football heroes who were kind enough to be at the Victoria Hotel on Monday evening to welcome our own girls home.

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The Cork junior captain, Nancy O'Driscoll, receives the All-Ireland Cup, after the final at Croke Park.

## Leinster Break Tradition

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The Leinster Camogie selectors broke with tradition when naming their side to play Ulster in the semi-final of the Gael-Linn Cup, the inter-provincial competition, of which Leinster are the holders. Almost since the start of this competition, Leinster have not called on married players for the provincial side.

However, with so many married girls continuing to play nowadays, there has been an increasing demand from several counties for changed thinking on this approach.

Leinster Council asked County Boards for an opinion, and there was a big majority in favour of change, so the team announced in mid-week now includes four married players, including Orla Ni Shiochain, now Mrs Jack Ryan, who, because of her marriage, had not been considered for the Dublin county side.

The other three are all from Wexford: Margaret Lacey (nee O'Leary), Mary Cahill (nee Walsh), both of whom have previously played for the province, and Briget Doyle, who because she was already married when she captained Wexford to All-Ireland victory was never previously considered for a Leinster side.

The full line-out is a very strong one, and despite the fact that Leinster were not represented in either of the All-Ireland finals could make a bold bid to retain the inter-provincial cup.

The selection is: A. Carey (Dublin); J. Murphy (Wexford); B. White (Dublin); B. Doyle (Wexford); C. O'Shea (Kilkenny); L. Neary (Kilkenny); U. Lacey (Wexford); E. Walsh (Wexford); H. O'Neill (Kilkenny); M. Conroy (Dublin); O. Ni Shiochain (Dublin); M. Cahill (Wexford). Reserves—T. Shiel (Wexford); S. Wallace (Dublin); M. Miggins (Kildare); A. Downey (Kilkenny).

Cork's record-making victory in both All-Irelands last Sunday was fittingly celebrated in the Southern capital on Monday night, when there was a rousing reception for both teams on their return to Cork, with an official welcome from both the Cork camogie and G.A.A. Boards. The Cork senior football team formed a guard of honour for the players when they arrived at the hotel where the celebrations were taking place.

## SEVEN IN A ROW FOR AHANE

Ahane 3-1, Ballyagran 2-2

Ahane are Limerick county senior camogie champions for the seventh successive season thanks to an exciting two-point win over Ballyagran, who staged a second-half comeback.

However, it was a poor final apart from the closing 10 minutes, as it was only then that Ballyagran came to life.

Ahane went in front after six minutes when Marion Madden cracked in a fine goal. Carrie Clancy had a point from a free and Phil Madden had a 21st-minute goal to leave Ahane in front 2-1 to nil at the interval.

Ahane went further in front with a goal from Marion Madden before Ballyagran had a great goal from a free by Margo Condon with 15 minutes remaining. She added a point two minutes later and then followed a goal and a point by Geraldine O'Brien, sister of Limerick hurler Jim.

Best for Ahane were Helen Roche (goalie), Noreen Ryan, Kitty Ryan, Jo Condon and Phil and Marion Madden.

Eileen Foley and Geraldine O'Brien, in defence; Bernadette O'Brien, Margo Condon and Cathy Morrissey, at midfield, and Eithne Hehir, in attack, did best for Ballyagran.

## Civic reception for Cork team

THE President of the G.A.A., Dr. Donal Keenan, and the Minister for Transport and Power, Mr. Peter Barry, were guests of honour at a civic reception given by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Senator Pat Kerrigan, on Saturday last to honour the Cork senior football team and the Cork senior and junior camogie sides winners of the respective All-Ireland championships.

### A GRIEVANCE

Players and officials of the various teams mingled with Corporation members in what was a very pleasant occasion. But there was one moment of sourness when Corporation Councillor Mrs. Chrissy Ahern slammed RTE for their failure to televise the All-Ireland senior camogie game in which Cork succeeded

in making it four All-Irelands on the trot.

"It was a disgrace that RTE did not give us this match," said Cllr. Ahern, herself an ex-Cork camogie player. "It was the best hurling match seen in Croke Park for the past 12 years and three of the Antrim team were absolutely fantastic. RTE could have shown their appreciation and could have afforded the time to show the match on RTE," commented Cllr. Ahern.

Dr. Donal Keenan, who was in Cork to attend the 75th anniversary ceremonies of the Shamrocks G.A.A. Club, said that he was thrilled to be in attendance, and said that Cork senior footballers would be worthy ambassadors of the country when they visited San Francisco.

### QUALITY VICTORY

The Chairman of the Cork County Board, Mr. Jack Barrett, said that the great and historic camogie double had been a source of inspiration to the footballers. "Though there had been some tremendous footballers in the intervening years since Cork last won the Sam Maguire Cup in 1945, all due credit must be given to the present victorious team, not alone for winning the All-Ireland but for the quality of that victory."

The respective captains, Billy Morgan, Marie Costine and Nancy O'Driscoll, thanked the Lord Mayor on behalf of their colleagues for the honour he had bestowed on them.



At the victory celebration for the Cork junior and senior All-Ireland camogie champions at Clonoe, Co. Cork, were (left to right): Rose O'Leary, Owens, Marie Costine, Clonoe senior captain, Mary Moran, chairman, Cork G.A.A. and...

# SERVING TRIBUTE TO CHAMPIONS



# Sunday Could Cap Great Achievement

as been success all the way  
Cork camogie girls this  
on. Winning both All-  
Irelands, which gave them a  
double, they now have  
another chance of adding to  
their list. On Sunday the minors  
take on Limerick in the  
Munster Minor final and as the  
All-Ireland does not begin  
until next season the Munster  
Championship is the last title  
such a Cork side could win.

However, following their  
tremendous win over Antrim in  
the senior All-Ireland, Cork will  
present Munster with only the  
substitutes coming from other  
counties. Munster (alias Cork),  
will make their debut against  
Galway, also on Sunday, in the  
semi-final of the Gael Linn Cup.  
The venue for these two games  
will be Castleconnell, with the  
minor final at 2 p.m. and the  
senior final at 3.15 p.m.

Let's deal with the minor final  
first. Cork will be up against  
a very strong opposition in Limerick  
in this decider. Limerick  
were very impressive when  
defeating Tipperary to the tune  
of 15-2 to nil. This win was all  
the more worthy as Tipperary  
for their part had already in-  
flicted a heavy defeat on Water-  
ford.

There are a number of well  
known names in the Limerick  
side. They have turned out for  
the Limerick minors and juniors  
regularly and are no strangers  
to inter-county camogie. These  
are the O'Briens, Bernadette and  
Dolores, the Stokes, Brid and  
Margo, and Bridget Darcy. The  
latter is likely to give the Cork  
girls the biggest headache as she  
is a very fine player, indeed, but  
the others are not far behind  
and will take a great deal of  
careful watching.

Cork had a very easy journey  
to the final. The beat Clare com-  
fortably and received a walk-  
over from Kerry in the semi-  
final. Six of the Cork team won  
junior All-Ireland medals, three  
of them as substitutes on the  
side. Ann Keane also won a  
senior medal as a sub, on the  
senior 12.

In goal, Cork have Glan-  
worth's fine goalie, Deirdre  
Quinlan, and at full back they  
have Eileen Noonan the sound  
Aghabullogue defender. On the  
wings at half back Cork have  
two junior stars Marie Mackey  
and Margo Twomey and be-  
tween them they have Mary  
Loche the very promising But-  
tevant star.

Cork also have two junior  
stars in the centre of the field,  
Angela Higgins and Bernice Costine,  
who was in the panel. Between  
them they have Ann Keane, who  
captains the side, Ann, although  
still a minor, has plenty of inter-  
county experience and won an  
All-Ireland medal as a member  
of the senior panel this season.

Mary O'Leary, who did so  
much to bring the junior title to  
Cork will be at half forward,  
while Val Fitzpatrick, a sub on  
the junior side, Ann Shea and  
Bill Walsh, will be in the front  
line of the attack.

Cork should do well in this  
game. Unfortunately the darker  
days played havoc with the  
training schedules but they  
should still be fit enough. How-  
ever, they are up against very  
strong opposition and to win  
they will need to be on their  
toes. But what a great  
achievement it would be to add  
this last inter-county title to the  
minor and Senior All-Irelands.

Cork seniors have proved  
themselves so often over the  
past four seasons that it is really  
no great surprise to see them  
represent Munster on block. It is  
the big honour as well as a big

responsibility for these girls.  
However, it is an honour they  
richly deserve and Cork folk can  
have no excuses about the selec-  
tion of the side on this occasion.

It was practically an entire  
Cork team which represented  
the province last season and on  
that occasion they never showed  
anything like their true form  
when they went down easily to  
Leinster at St. Finbarr's  
Grounds. One felt that on that  
occasion the game may have  
been somewhat of an anti-climax  
for the girls after their heady  
All-Ireland win. However, now  
that they have taken yet  
another All-Ireland title they  
have come to realise that the  
Gael Linn Cup is after slipping  
from their grasp once too often.  
Deirdre Sutton is the only  
member of the side with a Gael  
Linn medal and the other girls  
must now be very anxious to  
add this coveted title to their  
record.

Another big spur on Sunday  
will surely be their opponents,  
Connacht. The Westerners will  
no doubt be represented by  
Galway and of all the games  
Cork have played in their recent  
successful run this must surely  
be the one they would like to  
forget. On that occasion, in ter-  
rible weather conditions, Cork  
were lucky indeed, to emerge as  
two-point winners. Cork fol-  
lowers felt that Cork did not  
strike their true form on that  
occasion, as they proved in the  
final against Antrim. But Cork  
have to convince Galway of this,  
too, and a good win on Sunday  
would be the only way to do  
this.

The Cork team is so well  
known at this stage it is hardly  
necessary to list them out. How-  
ever, it is vital that they give  
the same dedication to Munster  
as they have always given to  
Cork. If they do so they must  
have a very good chance of  
atoning for Ballinasloe and also  
of advancing to the final.

So Cork are off on yet  
another journey on Sunday and  
once again the good wishes of  
the county go with them.

Teams: Munster: D. Sutton,  
M. Costine (Captain), H. Cotter,  
S. Dunne, M. Whelton, M.  
McCarthy, P. Maloney, B.  
Sugrue, A. Phelan, M. Sweeney,  
N. Guillely and R. Hennessy.

Cork: D. Quinlan (Glanworth),  
E. Noonan (Aghabullogue), M.  
Mackey (Blarney), M. Roche  
(Buttevant), M. Twomey  
(Canovee), B. Costine (Cloyne),  
A. Keane (Buttevant), (Cap-  
tain), A. Higgins (Watergrass-  
hill), Val Fitzpatrick (Old Aloy-  
sians), M. O'Leary (Glanworth),  
A. Shea (Cloyne), P. Walsh (Old  
Aloysians). Subs: C. Ahern (St.  
Finbarrs), P. Lucey (Naomh  
Eoin), P. Riordan (Ballinlough),  
L. Manley (Buttevant).

Limerick: P. Baggott, K. Mul-  
ligan, P. Madden, G. O'Brien, S.  
Mulcare, A. Sheehy, B. Stokes,  
D. O'Brien, B. O'Brien, B. Darcy,  
M. Stokes, I. O'Driscoll.

There is one local fixture on  
Sunday next. This is a junior  
league tie in which Na Piarsaig  
must be favourites to take the  
points from St. Finbarrs.

Finally, congratulations to  
Sarsfields on taking the Cork  
Junior Championship. For a club  
only a few years in existence it  
was a considerable achievement  
and one they richly deserved.

## FIXTURES

Sunday, October 7, at Cast-  
leconnell. 2.0, Munster Minor  
Final, Limerick v Cork, Ref. C.  
Fitzpatrick; 3.15, Gael-Linn Cup,  
Connacht v Munster, Ref. P.  
Rafferty, Dublin.  
Junior League at Na Piarsaig  
Grounds, at 3.30, Na Piarsaig v  
St. Finbarrs 'B', Ref. Glen.

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# Cork Have Edge In Munster Decider

BY AGNES HOURIGAN

What may, perhaps, be best  
described as the Winter  
Camogie Season really swings  
into action this week-end,  
although there is one provincial  
championship being tied up

as well. That is the Munster  
minor final in which Cork and  
Limerick clash at Castle-  
connell.

But this game will act as  
curtain-raiser to the first of  
the interprovincial games, the  
meeting of Munster and Con-  
naught in a Gael-Linn Cup se-  
mifinal at the same venue.

The Leinster club cham-  
pionship opens with two junior  
games, while the preliminaries  
for the Colleges competitions  
are now nearly completed in  
all provinces.

Cork are holders of the  
Munster minor crown and will  
have a very strong side on  
duty, in defence of that title.  
Captained by Ann Keane, who  
was a reserve on the county's  
victorious side in the All-  
Ireland senior final, the Lee-  
side line-out will also contain  
six of Cork's All-Ireland win-  
ning junior panel.

Marie Mackey, Angela Higgins  
and Mary O'Leary played on  
the team, while Val Fitz-  
patrick, Bernice Costine and  
Margo Twomey were reserves.

But the Limerick side will  
not lack for experience either,  
as the home county can call on  
Breda and Margo Stokes, Phil  
Darcy and Geraldine and  
Dolores O'Brien, all of whom  
have played on Limerick's  
junior side.

So this should be a closely  
contested game, with the more  
experienced Cork girls slight  
favourites.

The inter-provincial game  
will virtually be a replay of  
the All-Ireland senior semi-  
final, with Munster relying  
entirely on Cork's four-in-a-row  
team, and Galway representing  
the West.

However, it is possible that  
Galway may call up a couple of  
their junior stars to streng-  
then a position or two.

This game should again be  
very closely contested, but on  
All-Ireland form, Cork must be  
taken to carry the Munster  
colour, through to the final  
against Leinster or Ulster.

## EXCITING

In the Leinster club cham-  
pionship, Meath representatives  
Dunboyne, are at home to the  
Laois winners, Ratheniska.

The second game is at Anna-  
curra, where the home team,  
now the Wicklow title-holders,  
take on Kildare's Broadford.  
The Kildare side has much  
more competitive experience  
and will be expected to go  
through to the next round.

In Munster the club cham-  
pionship got off to an exciting  
start at Ennis on Sunday last,  
when Cork's representatives,  
Old Aloysians, just held out  
to defeat the local club, Eire  
Og in a low scoring game, 0-3  
to 0-1.

Eire Og had rather the  
better of the play, but could  
not break down a resolute Old  
Ais' defence in which Brid  
McAuliffe was outstanding.

Continued progress is  
reported in the annual stock-  
taking of both the Ulster and  
Munster Colleges Councils,  
and the Ulster set-up had now  
been extended to include all  
post primary schools in the  
provinces.

## OLD ALOYSIANS BEST IN LOW-SCORING TIE

Old Aloysians 0-3, Eire Og 0-1

At Ennis last Sunday Old Aloysians  
survived considerable pressure before  
qualifying for the semi-final of the  
Munster Inter-Club Championship.  
The home side were faster and more  
eager.

They attacked for most of the  
game and only heroic work by the  
Old Ais defence kept them in the  
game. Here Brid McAuliffe was in  
tremendous form and Anne O'Sulli-  
van was little behind her.

Despite the strong wind advantage,  
Eire Og could only manage to be on  
level terms at one point each on the  
change-over. Margaret O'Toole was  
very impressive at centre-back for  
the Clare girls.

Time and again she set up attacks  
but her forwards were unable to  
penetrate the Old Ais defence. The  
greater experience of Old Ais and  
some hard work by Ann Ryan, Ann  
Hayes, Phil Walsh and Val O'Dwyer  
told in the end.

Scorers: Old Ais: A. Ryan (0-2), C.  
Kenny (0-1); Eire Og: M. O'Toole  
(0-1).

## SPIRITED

The Leinster Club Cham-  
pionship continues on Sunday,  
when Kildare representatives,  
Broadford, who had a good vic-  
tory over Wicklow's Annacurra  
in the opening round, travel to  
Knockbridge to play Louth  
champions Kilkerry.

The Louth club always field  
a useful side, but they will need  
to be at their best to overcome  
the spirited challenge of the  
Kildare girls.

## Broadford Into Final

BROADFORD ..... 5-1  
KILKERLY ..... 1-3

The Kildare Camogie cham-  
pions Broadford qualified for  
the junior final of the Leinster  
Club Championship when they  
scored a decisive victory over  
Kilkerry, the Louth champions,  
at Knockbridge yesterday.

The winners, who led 2-0  
to 0-1 at half-time, were the fitter  
side, had more teamwork and  
were more experienced in  
attack.

Though Kilkenny had a few  
chances after the interval, Anna  
Miggin in the visitor's goal  
saved brilliantly while Broad-  
ford at the other end scored  
3-1 to put the issue beyond  
doubt.

Best for the winners were  
the Miggin and Mangan sisters,  
Kitty Sharkey and Paula  
Gorham tried hard for the  
losers.

SCORERS: Broadford — M.  
Miggin (3-1) and M. Kavanagh  
(2-0). Kilkenny — K. Sharkey  
(1-3).

# Cork minors oppose

## Limerick in final

Cork's very busy inter-county schedule continues at Castleconnell Co. Limerick, on Sunday next when Cork minors take on Limerick in the Munster final. Cork have already defeated Clare and Kerry conceded a walk-over in the semi final. Limerick, on the other hand, defeated Waterford and Tipperary.

Cork have had great success in the minor grade in the past years and all camogie followers in our county will be hoping that they will prove victorious again. They have fine players in Margo Twomey, Marie Mackey, Mary O'Leary and

Angela Higgins, who recently won All-Ireland medals. The second game in Castleconnell is the inter-provincial championship for Gael-Linn Cup.

This is a trophy that has been missing from the southern sideboard for a long time and with an all Cork team chosen to represent Munster, they must now have a grand chance.

They would, no doubt, want to tread warily, as their opposition, Connaught, will contain most of the Galway team who failed narrowly to Cork in the All-Ireland semi final.

Old Als kept Cork's respected name in Camogie again last Sunday by defeating Eire Og, Ennis, on the score 0-3 to 0-1 in the inter club competition. Best for the winners were Mary Moran, Brid McAuliffe and Marion O'Leary.

### ON HOME FRONT

On the home front at Cloughdub, Sarsfields took the junior county championship by defeating Naomh Eoin on the score of 2-5 to 3-0. Sarsfields victory was made so much easier by the unexcusably misses of the Naomh Eoin forward line, who enjoyed a grand territorial advantage for most of the game but in the finish, after Naomh Eoin had drawn level, a point each from Ellen McCarthy and Mary Canavan clinched victory for Sarsfields.

The intermediate semi final, which preceded the junior game ended in a welter of excitement when the referee awarded Canovee a goal on the stroke of time and so the game once again ended in a draw on the score 1-5 to 2-2.

Fixtures for October 7: Junior League, Na Piarsaigs v. St. Fin-harr's 'B', at Na Piarsaig's Pitch, at 3.30.

Cork minor team for Sunday: Marie Mackey, Eileen Noonan, Margo Twomey, Mary Roche, Bernie Costine, Angela Higgins, Val Fitzpatrick, Mary O'Leary, Ann O'Shea, Phil Walsh and Pat O'Riordan. Subs.: Mary Manley and Patsy Lucey.

Munster team for Gael-Linn Cup: Deirdre Sutton, Marie Costine, Hannah Dinneen, Mary Whelton, Sheila Dunne, Pat Maloney, Betty Sugrue, Marian Sweeney, Nuala Gilly, Rosie Hennessy, Ann Phelan, Marian McCarthy.

### Portlaw's Title

PORTLAW ..... 6-10  
GAULTIER ..... 1-2  
Portlaw who scored a runaway win over Gaultier in the final of the Waterford county camogie championship yesterday yet trailed by 1-2 to 0-4 at half time.  
SCORERS: Portlaw — E. Walsh (3-2); K. Whelan (2-3); N. Morrissey (0-5); M. Whelan (1-2); Gaultier — A. Whitty (1-0); M. Fitzpatrick (0-2).

## FORTY YEARS AGO

Cara Clíodhna (City Division) qualified for the final of the Cork County Camogie Championship when they defeated Carrigtwohill 6-2 to 4-0 in an exciting semi-final at Midleton. The teams were:—

Cara Clíodhna—T. McAuliffe (capt.), M. Kirby, M. Cotter, P. Fry, F. O'Callaghan, M. Lehané, N. O'Hea, P. Cremin, N. O'Dowd, M. Marshall, M. Buckley, N. Lehané.

Carrigtwohill—D. Ahern (capt.), B. Galvin, M. Walsh, B. Walsh, N. McCarthy, P. McCarthy, N. Murphy, E. Murphy, N. Fogarty, M. O'Brien, M. Horgan, A. Buckley.

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# Galway's

## Fine

## Display

The Interprovincial semi-final between Munster and Connacht, which ended in a draw at Castleconnell on Sunday last, will be replayed at Ballinasloe on Sunday, October 21. The second semi-final between holders, Leinster and Ulster goes on at Naas on Sunday.

The final, originally fixed for October 28, still stands for that date, but, because of the replay it may be put back to November 4.

Drawn games are rare in this interprovincial competition for the Gael-Linn Cup, but what was more remarkable about last Sunday's encounter was that the teams played 20 minutes extra time and were still deadlocked at the close.

However, Connacht's all-Galway selection did seem to have victory secured when they led by a point in the last seconds, but Munster balanced the tally just in time to beat the last whistle.

Considering that Munster was represented by Cork's four-in-a-row All-Ireland side, this was a fine performance by their Galway opponents, who introduced a couple of their junior inter-county side to very good effect. Indeed, the Western girls, rather surprisingly, had the upper hand in the outfield play, but were repeatedly foiled by the experience of the Cork defence.

### PROMISING

The opening game at the Shannonside venue was even more surprising, for Cork, who have been holders of the Munster minor title since this competition was first contested some three years ago, had always reigned supreme within the province.

Yet they were well and truly beaten last Sunday by an impressive Limerick side whose victory was made all the more meritorious in that Cork had five All-Ireland medal holders in their line-out.

This victory in the under-age grade is very promising for the future of the game, not alone in Limerick itself, but throughout Munster, where Cork's supremacy in all grades was beginning to pose something of a problem for those trying to foster the game in the other counties.

The second Gael-Linn semi-final on Sunday was originally scheduled for Dublin but as a suitable pitch was not available, the game has now been moved down to the Naas Gaelic grounds where spectators should be assured of a really entertaining display.

Ulster, backed by the great Antrim stars who made such a brave bid for All-Ireland honours, must be in with a great chance of dethroning the holders, especially if Mairead McAtamney, Sue Cashman, and Mairead Diamond in particular, reproduce their All-Ireland form.

### RECORD

Leinster, who have dominated this competition in recent seasons, will be without three of their most prominent players. The Cassin twins, who set a record by playing together last year for their province, have not been seen in inter-county fare this season, while Ann Carroll, who has

given stirring service to the province is on a post-graduate course in Loughborough and is not available.

However, the Leinster selectors have lifted their ban on married players, and as a result that fine centre-back from Wexford, Bridget Doyle will be wearing the provincial tunic for the first time.

The change also means that mid-fielder Margaret Lacey (nee O'Leary), full-forward Mary Cahill (nee Walsh) and corner forward, Orla ni Shiochain (now Mrs. Ryan) all return to the Leinster line-out.

With Anne Carey (Dublin), Joan Murphy (Wexford), Rita White (Dublin) and Carmel O'Shea (Kilkenny) in defence, Liz Neary (Kilkenny) and Elsie Walsh (Wexford) on the wings, and Helena O'Neill (Kilkenny) in attack, all of whom have figured on previous winning Leinster sides, the all-round power of the home side may prove sufficient to see Leinster through to the final, despite the brilliance of the opposing Antrim stars.

## Leinster in camogie final

LEINSTER, the holders, qualified for the final of the Gael-Linn Cup, the Interprovincial Camogie Championship when they defeated Ulster, at Naas yesterday.

There was little between these two fine teams—they were fast, sporting and displayed fine teamwork. The Leinster girls were slightly the longer strikers and in tight situations were the cleverer side.

Excitement ran high in the last five minutes when Ulster, trailing by two points, tried hard for the winning goal but the Leinster defence held out and must take the honours for this victory.

Scorers: Leinster: H. O'Neill (2-1), A. Downey (1-0), O. Ni Shiochain (1-0), M. Lacey (0-2), Ulster: M. Melvor (1-1), M. McAtamney (1-1), C. O'Boyle (1-0), S. Cashman (0-1), U. Daly (0-1).

Referee: Miss J. Murphy (Galway).

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

Dublin won the All-Ireland senior camogie championship when they decisively defeated Cork by 8-0 to 1-1 at Croke Park, a weakness in the Cork attack being the deciding factor in Dublin's victory. The attendance of 9,138 (receipts £340) broke all previous records for a camogie final. The Cork team was:—E. Lyons, M. O'Leary, M. Cashman, M. Hegarty, M. Fitzgerald, K. Buckley, M. Hobbs, K. Coughlan, K. Barry, P. Hegarty, E. Casey, S. Kelleher, M. Vallyley (sub.).

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## Dunboyne girls in Junior final

Dunboyne (Meath), 6-3;  
Ratheniska (Laois), 1-0.

Dunboyne, Meath Camogie Champions, qualified for the Junior final of the Leinster Club Championship when they scored a deserved victory over Ratheniska, the Laois Champions, at Dunboyne yesterday.

The home side were completely on top in the first half and deservedly led 4-3 to nil at half-time.

Scorers—Dunboyne—A. Watters (1-2), A. Gannon (2-0), C. Coyne (2-0), K. Watters (1-1). Ratheniska—S. Troy (1-0).

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# Dublin Show One Change

By AGNES HOURIGAN  
Camogie returns to Croke Park on Sunday next when Dublin and Wexford meet in the long-delayed Leinster senior final. This game was scheduled for much earlier in the season, but had to be postponed because both counties were engaged in the All-Ireland competition.

On earlier form, Dublin deserve to be slight favourites. In the only other game played in this competition, they defeated holders Kilkenny, but that, in retrospect, was quite some time ago and they subsequently went down to Galway in the opening round of the all-Ireland championship and have not been in action since.

Moreover, it is no great help to Dublin's chances that the playing season in the Capital has only just re-started. The players have got in some preparation, but can hardly be expected to be as sharp as they would have been, had they been playing competitively through the summer.

The side, as chosen, shows one change from that which played Galway. Pauline Brennan being preferred at centre-forward to Vera Feeley, now among the reserves. The line-out includes three players recently chosen for Leinster.

They are Anne Carey in goal, Rita White at full-back, and Marion Conroy on the right wing. Those very experienced players, Judy O'Doyle and Una O'Connor are retained in the attack, Judy in the left corner and Una in her long customary post of full-forward.

Wexford also have a strong quota of Leinster players in full-back Joan Murphy, centre-back Bridget Doyle, Margaret Lacey at midfield, Elsie Walsh on the right wing, and Mary Cahill at full-forward.

Wexford will be strongly fancied, but Dublin seemed unlucky to be ousted by Galway in the All-Ireland series, and if they play as well now as they did then, could well recapture a title they have not held since 1967.

## LIVELY SHOW

On the other hand, Wexford gave Antrim a hard battle in their All-Ireland semi-final. However, I did not think Antrim reached the form that day that they subsequently displayed against Cork in the final, so the Dublin girls may hold a slight advantage, assuming that they are as fit as their opponents, who have more recent local competition to bring them on.

The opening game in the All-Ireland club championship will be played on Sunday next when Clare champions, Eire Og, take on Cork representatives Old Aloysians at Ennis.

Cork's final this year was contested by two Divisional sides, Avondhu and Imokilly, neither of whom is eligible for this competition, so Old Ais, for whom Anne Ryan (nee McAuliffe) makes a come-back to the game, will represent the county.

Eire Og will put up a lively show at Ennis, but Old Ais, with several All-Ireland medalists in their ranks, must be taken to advance to the next round.

The Colleges season is now upon us, and the Leinster Convention last weekend had to deal with such a tremendous entry that the senior championship within the province has been split up into six zones, with no fewer than eight zones in the junior competition, which this year is confined to under-15.

# Gael Linn Cup Semi-final A 'Cliff-Hanger'

MUNSTER and Connacht, or should I say Cork and Galway have to meet again this season — this time in the replay of that oh so thrilling Gael Linn Cup semi-final at Castleconnell on Sunday last. What a hectic season it has been for these two counties. They first met in the All-Ireland semi-final when after a tension packed game Cork emerged as rather lucky two point winners.

Then last Sunday came their second meeting. This time it was the semi-final of the Gael Linn Cup with Munster represented by the full Cork side and all twelve places on the Connacht team been filled by Galway girls. So again it was Cork against Galway and what a "cliff hanger" this game was. It was a dour, tense struggle with first one and then the other gaining the lead.

Galway were determined to prove that Cork's win in the All Ireland was not a worthy one while the Leesters were just as anxious to prove their superiority once again. There was never a dull moment in this tie, and a draw was perhaps the best result on the day as neither side deserved to lose. But what a tremendous finish this polished Cork side gave us when it looked as if Connacht were set for victory. Two quick goals, one following an uncharacteristic lapse by the Cork backs, and the other deflected to the net by a Cork defender put Connacht ahead by four points with only six minutes to go.

But the confidence in this Cork team was put into words by one Cork follower who, when told that only six minutes remained, said "Ah there's time enough yet. They'll still do it." How right she was. Within a minute they had got back one point scored by Marion McCarthy. Then, with two minutes to go Ann Phalan got a picture goal to equalise. This put the sides level at the whistle.

But there was twenty minutes of extra time to play and still more thrills on the way. Once again Galway got into what seemed like an unbeatable position. They got a vital point lead in the first period to which Munster made no reply. Then in the second period Nono

McHugh put them two points clear. But Munster were not to be daunted. Marie Costine the Cork full back ran up the field to point a long range free with five minutes to go. Then Marion McCarthy was again on hand to snap the vital equaliser. This was on the stroke of time.

So Munster survived to meet Connacht in yet another game — this time at a Connacht venue on Sunday week and what a tie this promises to be.

## LIMERICK MINOR SUCCESS

The Cork minors never found their form in the final of the Munster Minor Championship when they went down rather easily to Limerick but they should not be disheartened as inter-county camogie is the best possible training they can have and each outing at this grade can do nothing but improve their game. Their minor championship has been in Cork for the last three seasons and with a minor all-Ireland championship due to be inaugurated next season Cork will be anxious to be back on top again next season.

Limerick were very good on Sunday and they had a home venue which is such an advantage to younger players. But Cork never struck the form they showed in earlier rounds and they paid the penalty. Limerick, on the day were worthy winners however.

The fixture list for the weekend is very short with only two games listed for tomorrow. These are junior league games at Ballinlough and Berrings. In the Ballinlough game the home side take on Old Aloysians 'B' Here Ballinlough should have too much craft for Old Ais, who field a very young and inexperienced side.

In the second tie Castleview meet Inniscarra. This clash should have plenty of excitement with Castleview likely to be a little in front at the end.

## FIXTURES

Junior league at Ballinlough at 12.00. Ballinlough v Old Ais 'B', ref. St. Finbarrs.

Junior league at Berrings at 3.0. Castleview v Inniscarra, ref. Blarney.

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# Wexford's Revival Reaps It's Reward

WEXFORD ..... 3-1 DUBLIN ..... 3-0

WEXFORD regained the Leinster senior camogie championship title at Croke Park yesterday, defeating Dublin by a point. This was Wexford's fourth time to win the New Ireland Trophy.

Probably, because the All-Ireland series was over, this year the championship was played on the open draw system, and the game lacked atmosphere.

Dublin, playing with the wind, were under pressure in the opening minutes but goalie Ann Carey made some fine saves to send the play to the other end, where the Wexford goalie, Teresa Shiels, in turn saved from Una O'Connor and Pauline Brennan, before Judy Doyle put Dublin ahead when she netted in the 13th minute.

Evelyn Sweeney increased the home side's tally when she finished to the net a well placed pass minutes later.

Maggie Hearne sent a high ball over the top crossbar one minute before Brigid Doyle travelled 40 yards up the field to score Wexford's only score of this half—a point. Dublin came back to score again just on half-time to lead 3-0 to 0-1.

Wexford restarted strongly and came within two points of the Dubliners after Mary Doyle had goaled in the fifth and eighth minutes.

The Dublin attack failed to turn chances at this stage to good account and it was Wexford who made the best use of a defensive blunder to score the winning goal in the 18th minute of this half. Dublin tried hard to get the equaliser but to Wexford defence held out.

Best for Wexford were Brigid Doyle, Teresa Shiels, Joan Murphy, Elsie Walsh, Margaret Lacey and Mary Doyle.

Full marks to the Dublin defence. Ann Carey (goal), Kitty Murphy, Rita White were very sound.

Scorers — Wexford — M. Doyle  
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Dublin — A. Carey; B. White; S. Wallace, K. Murphy; D. Caldwell; M. Conroy, N. McDonald, A. McLanus; E. Sweeney, P. Brennan, J. Doyle; U. O'Connor.

Wexford — T. Shiels; J. Murphy; P. Doyle, B. Doyle, E. Jacob; J. Murphy, M. Lacey, E. Walsh; M. Hearne, M. Cahill, M. Shiels; Shannon.

Referee — Miss T. Byrne (Lew).



Marie Costine (Cloyne) senior captain with County Board officers Rose O'Leary (Ovens), hon. secretary, and Mary Moran, chairman.



# Cork Face Tough Task In Replay At Ballinasloe

**CORK'S** All-Ireland winning team are off on their travels again this weekend. This time they are representing Munster in the replay of that tremendous semi-final of the Gael Linn Cup Castleconnell two weeks ago. Home there are three league games down for decision.

This season Munster are represented by the entire Cork team while Galway take over the Connacht side. This is not surprising as both these counties have completely dominated their respective province this season and both sets of selectors felt at the best possible side would have to be the county side on the 10th. As to this the fact that Cork and Galway already met in the All-Ireland semi-final and have the ingredients of yet another thriller.

Munster had the advantage of home venue in Castleconnell at this weekend they face the long journey to Ballinasloe, scene of their oh so narrow win over Galway in the All-Ireland. Galway are still stinging from that defeat and are determined to prove that the better side lost. And they came so near at Castleconnell when, with six minutes to go they led Munster by four points, only to see Munster get back in the game to sap a last-minute equaliser. Then it was the same story in extra time when Connacht led by two points but with only minutes to go first Marie Costine and then Marion McCarthy grabbed vital points, the last coming on the stroke of five.

## TOUGH SIDE

Galway have a very tough, determined side who play a hard game. There is no nonsense and their grim attitude makes them a very formidable side indeed. Then with a Ballinasloe venue and the likelihood of a large partisan following, the Cork girls will have their hands full. Nono McHugh, who was in such marvellous form in Limerick, will need a great deal of watching. She is Galway's most dangerous player, capable of scoring from any angle and a real marksman when it comes to free taking. I feel she was given too much room in the drawn game and if Cork can manage to curtail her undoubted talents then it would be a major step towards victory. Josie Kelly and Margaret Murphy are other Galway players who will need careful watching.

But Cork have come through so often in the past four years, when the odds seemed stacked against them that they will not be overawed by the prospect of meeting Galway on their own ground. In fact, they are more likely to enter this game with even more determination than in the drawn game, just to prove to Galway once again that they are worthy All-Ireland champions. There is a very intense rivalry between these two counties at the moment and a defeat by Galway would take a lot of getting over. Also Cork have been on top for so long now that any defeat—whether as Cork or Munster—would be hard to accept. All these factors will make them so grimly confident that they can emerge once again as victors.

## BETTER THAN EVER

Certainly they have the talent to do so. Deirdre Sutton is a grand goalie, whose uncharacteristic slip in the drawn game which resulted in a vital Galway goal, was so unexpected that it left the Cork followers speechless. But typical of Deirdre's game, she did not let it upset her and finished the game in her usual brilliant way. So Galway cannot expect such a change again. In front of

threat of Nono McHugh and her colleagues. But they have the talent to do so and the extra challenge of an away game should see them rise to their best form.

The free-scoring Cork forwards of recent years always seem to come up against their toughest opposition in this Galway side. The Galway defence give little away so the Cork forwards have to snap up the slightest opportunity. But how well Ann Phelan demonstrated their ability to do just that with her grand opportunist goals in the drawn game. Rosie Hennessy, Nuala Guilly and Marion Sweeney too are capable of so much around goal.

## MUNSTER CAN WIN

It will certainly not be easy for Munster. A tough weekend of travel and a game against one of the dourest teams in the country. However, they have the will to win and in spite of the odds I feel they could just scrape through. Only one of these girls, Deirdre Sutton, has a Gael Cup (inter-provincial championship) medal and, no doubt, the remainder would like to have one to add to their formidable collection. A win on Sunday would bring them one step nearer as the winners will play Leinster in the final.

Incidentally, Leinster only defeated Ulster by two points in the other semi-final which is an indication of how close the standards are becoming in each province.

At home there are games at Glanworth, Middleton and St. Finbarrs over the weekend.

At Middleton, Churchtown, who are awaiting the final of the Intermediate Championship, should take the points from Watergrasshill when these sides clash in the Intermediate League.

In a Junior League tie Ballinlough, who had a runaway win over Old Als. "B" last Sunday, will find the going much tougher against St. Finbarr's at the latter's grounds.

In the final match of the afternoon Buttevant and Glanworth should serve up a good match at Glanworth. The latter can call on Deirdre Quinlan, Mary O'Leary, Anne Quirke and Finula McCarthy, while Buttevant, too, have good players in Mary Roche, Liz Manley, Anne and Tina Keane.

## FIXTURES

### Sunday

At Ballinasloe, 3 p.m., Gael-Linn Cup replay—Connacht v Munster.

Under 18 League at Glanworth 3 p.m.—Buttevant v Glanworth (ref. Sarshields).

Intermediate League, Middleton 3 p.m.—Watergrasshill v Churchtown.

Junior League, St. Finbarrs, 12 noon — Ballinlough v St. Finbarrs (ref. Glen Rovers).

## Connacht had deserved win over Munster

Connacht, 1-6; Munster, 1-1

Connacht fully deserved their five point win over Munster in the Gael-Linn Semi-final Camogie replay at Ballinasloe yesterday. This was a fine exhibition, far ahead of the drawn game.

Munster who were represented by an all Cork side had the sun to their backs in the opening half and attacked quickly. A save by Connacht goalie Margaret Killeen in the second minute from Betty Sugrue was first class. Josie Kelly and Norah McHugh began to get on top at midfield and it was the opportunist Margaret Murphy who opened the winner's scoring in the sixth minute with a point.

Three minutes later it was the same player, who having collected a pass from Norah McHugh, palmed the ball to the net. After a Marian Sweeney free had been blocked in the goalmouth Connacht came up field. Josie Kelly passed to Jane Murphy who in turn gave it to Norah McHugh and she put the winners further ahead.

Two great saves by Deirdre Sutton saved Munster before Norah McHugh stretched the winners lead. Betty Sugrue pointed a Munster free seconds before the half time whistle to leave Connacht in front by 1-3 to 0-1.

For Munster Deirdre Sutton, Marie Costine, Hannah Cotter and Betty Sugrue were outstanding.

Scorers for Connacht were M. Murphy (1-1), N. McHugh (0-3), J. Kelly and M. Poinard (0-1 each) with K. Riordan (1-0) and B. Sugrue (0-1), replying for the losers.

Connacht.—M. Killeen, M. Kilkenny, C. Collins, K. Quinn, R. Divilley, N. McHugh, J. Kelly, K. Ward, A. Donoghue, P. Foye, J. Murphy, M. Murphy. Sub.—M. Poinard for K. Ward.

Munster.—D. Sutton, M. Costine, H. Cotter, S. Dunne, M. Whelton, B. Sugrue, P. Maloney, M. McCarthy, A. Phelan, N. Guilly, M. Sweeney, R. Hennessy. Sub.—K. Riordan for M. Whelton.

Referee.—P. Rafferty, Dublin.



key figure in the Munster defence . . . Hannah Cotter.

By AGNES HOURIGAN  
Connacht, after unexpectedly holding Munster to a draw in their Gael-Linn Camogie Cup semi-final at Castleconnell a fortnight ago, will be very hopeful of achieving victory when the same provinces meet again in the replay at Ballinasloe on Sunday.

Connacht, again represented by an all-Galway selection, will field the same side as started in the drawn game, which means that the three All-Ireland junior finalists, Anne Donoghue, Phil Foye and Margaret Murphy are again included in the attack, with Nono McHugh once more on the wing

# Connacht Should Advance

where she played so brilliantly in the drawn game, scoring a goal and seven points.

The defence, so solid at Castleconnell, is the same as held the Cork forwards so well in the All-Ireland semi-final on this same Ballinasloe pitch.

In the first meeting of the provinces, Munster relied entirely on Cork's four in-a-row All-Ireland senior champions. The Cork girls retain the confidence of the provincial selectors now, but there is a switch in the attack.

Nuala Guillely is at centre forward with Marion Sweeney at left forward and Anne Phelan on the right while Caly Riordan, the girl who played on the winning Cork sides in the senior and the junior All-Ireland finals, has been added to the subs.

## HOLD OFF

Replays are always hard to forecast, but when one considers that Connacht dominated the play for long spells on the last occasion, and that they are on home ground now, they should be entitled, whatever the outcome, to start favourites.

Meanwhile, holders, Leinster, are through to the final which will be played at Croke which will be played on November 4 at a Leinster venue yet to be decided—but they had to battle very hard indeed to hold off a very strong Ulster challenge during the closing ten minutes of last Sunday's semi-final at Nass.

The Leinster girls, playing very well in the early stages of the second half, had built up a two goal lead, but then they lost their grip at centre-field and it was only magnificent work by the five defenders, Anne Carey in goal, Joan Murphy, Carmel O'Shea, Rita White and Bridget Doyle that prevented Ulster from storming back to achieve victory.

Yet the Leinster selectors have every reason to feel pleased with their team, even though two or three players looked to be short of match-practice.

Angela Downey, who was a late replacement at full-forward for Mary Cahill, is still, one feels, a bit young for this grade of competition, but she certainly took her goal well.

## IMPRESSED

With Ulster, as with Antrim in the All-Ireland final, it was a case of so near and yet so far. They had their chances to achieve victory, but failed to secure the clinching score.

I was most impressed by their young winger, Ursula Daly from Tyrone, a player whom I had not seen before, and who gave a very good account of her self even against such a talented opponent as Leinster captain, Liz Neary.

The Dublin senior League opens this week-end. There are two games in the top grade, between U.C.D. and Cuchulainns and holders Celtic and Slabh Bloom.

U.C.D. always find Cuchulainns hard to beat, and as they are only reorganising their forces after the long vacation, the students are likely to find it difficult to win this time.

Celtic, off to a flying season's start with a good Curran Cup win over Cuchulainns should have something to spare over Slabh Bloom. In the Curran Cup, Austin Stacks should get the better of their own second string.

CONNACHT (all Galway) — M. Killeen; M. Kilkenny; C. Collins, K. Quinn, R. Divilley; N. McHugh, J. Kelly, C. Ward; A. Donoghue, P. Foye, J. Murphy; M. Murphy.

MUNSTER (all Cork) — D. Sutton; M. Costine; H. Cotter, S. Dunne, M. Whelton; M. McCarthy, P. Maloney, B. Sugrue; A. Phelan, N. Guillely, M. Sweeney; R. Hennessy.

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Sarsfields camogie team who defeated Naomh Eoin, in the Cork County Junior Camogie Championship final at Cloughdub.

### Dublin Camogie Officers Elected

Officers elected at the resumed Dublin Camogie Board convention:  
Senior — Chairman: Miss Ann Ashton (outgoing); Vice-Chairman: Miss R. White and Mrs. J. Timmins (both outgoing); Hon. Secretary: Miss C. Lacey (outgoing); Hon. Treasurer: Miss M. Fitzgerald (outgoing); Registrar: Miss S. Brack (outgoing); Junior—Chairman: Miss P. Rafferty (outgoing); Vice-Chairman: Miss P. Barry; Hon. Secretary: Miss S. Wallace (outgoing); Hon. Treasurer: Miss T. Fay (outgoing); Registrar: Miss K. Dolan (outgoing).

### Two late points clinches it for Sarsfields

Sarsfields 3-2, Naomh Eoin 3-0

Yesterday's Cork County Junior Camogie Championship final at Cloughdub saw Sarsfields emerge victorious with a well deserved win in a very tense struggle.

A point each from Ellen McCarthy and Mary Cannavan minutes from the final whistle sealed it for Sarsfields.

Ida Bean Uí She, M.A., president, Cork County Board, presented the cup to Rose Flynn, captain of the winning team.

**Sarsfields** — Rita Brosnan; Mary Cotter, Kathleen Canavan, Ann Donovan, Liz Callaghan, Martina Murphy, Rosie Flynn (capt.), Kay Keneally, Marion Barry, Mary Cannavan, Ellen McCarthy and Katherine Keneally.

**Naomh Eoin** — Rose O'Leary, Breda O'Leary, Marion Lucey, Mary O'Driscoll, Eileen O'Driscoll, Mary O'Sullivan, Ann Brennan, Margo Murphy, Nancy O'Driscoll, Margo O'Driscoll, Marion McCarthy, Patsy Lucey and Frances Buckley.

Referee: Sheila Dunne of Canovee.

### Churchtown win after hard fought game

Churchtown North ..... 2-5  
Watergrasshill ..... 0-1

Intermediate Camogie League game played at Middleton resulted in a ten points victory for Churchtown in a game that was tough and hard-fought throughout. At half-time Churchtown led by 1-3 to 0-0.

On the resumption Churchtown continued the scoring with a goal by Noreen Bailey and a point from Susan Burke. Watergrasshill then scored their only point of the game from a free by Elizabeth Higgins and in the 25th minute of the game, Mary Salter pointed for the final score.

**Churchtown** — G. Horgan, M. Wall, P. O'Brien, J. O'Brien, M. Salter, M. Condon, R. O'Sullivan, A. Houlihan, S. Burke, J. Noles, M. Roche, N. Bailey. Subs.: E. Condon, M. Horgan.

**Watergrasshill** — M. O'Callaghan, H. Curtin, E. Higgins, M. Mackey, C. Healy, M. O'Callaghan, M. Fitzgerald, H. O'Leary, A. Higgins, E. Cooney, D. O'Callaghan, M. Mackey. Subs: M. Farran, B. O'Callaghan.

## Old Aloysians Represent Cork In Munster Inter Club Test

THIS season saw the rather unusual position of defeated semi-finalists, Old Aloysians, qualifying to represent Cork in the All-Ireland Club Championship. This position arose as three Divisional sides qualified with Old Als for the semi-finals — Imokilly, the eventual winners, Avondhu and Naomh Gobnath. As the rule states that the club champions represent the county, Old Als were nominated to take part as they were the only club side to reach the semi-final stages.

In their first round tie against Eire Og, Old Aloysians had a narrow win by 0-3 to 0-1 and on Sunday they meet Thurles in the Munster semi-final.

Old Als are a very young side with the exception of a few experienced players. They did well to win their first round tie but it will be a very different story on Sunday as they will be up against one of the most experienced club sides in the county. The list of players in the Thurles side reads like a Tipperary team. Sally Long, Mary Graham, Anne Ralph, Bernie O'Dowd, Margaret Cleary, Kit Boland, Alice Perry, Margo Loughnane, Breda Loughnane and Beatrice Lawrence are all seasoned inter-county players. In addition a Tipperary side are always very difficult to beat as they enter every game with a marvellous determination to win.

However, the Cork girls will have the advantage of a home venue. Also Old Als did very well in the championship this season beating the star-studded South Presentation Past Pupils in their journey to the final. Old Als, too have their inter-county star Anne Ryan, who though not available for selection on the Cork side this season, had a marvellous game in the All-Ireland final last year. Anne's return will be a wonderful boost to Old Als, and her experience will be invaluable in helping the young players. Mary Moran, who did such a fine job in training the successful Cork teams will be seen in a very different role on Sunday, this time in goal for Old Als, where her sound influence will help to give the defence confidence. Brid McAuliffe, who captains the side, played on the Cork junior side this season and her run with the Cork side has seen her improve with every outing. Val Fitzpatrick was another who figured on the junior selection this season and

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she is another player who continues to improve. Ger Butler, Val O'Dwyer, Clare Kenny and Phil Walsh are other very capable Old Als players and if they can rise to the form which they showed in the championship then they must be there with a chance.

However, the Thurles team will be very tough opposition indeed and Old Als will know they have been in a game at the finish.

Old Als Panel: M. Moran, A. O'Sullivan, B. McAuliffe, M. O'Leary, A. Hayes, V. O'Dwyer, A. Ryan, C. Kenny, G. Butler, V. Fitzpatrick, M. Garvan, P. Walsh, G. Barry, M. Kidney, M. Murphy and J. O'Brien.

There are two inter-league games also listed for Sunday. In the first of these at Cloughdub, League holders, Blarney, hope to pick up two valuable points against Canovee. Though Canovee have already dropped two points so far they may be the fitter side at the moment as they are still involved in the championship.

Churchtown, who had a good win over Watergrasshill last Sunday should make further progress against Glen Rovers who have not a match for some time, when these sides meet at Glen Rovers Grounds.

Congratulations to Cork captain Marie Costine, who has been awarded the "Miss Camogie 1973" title and the fine trophy which goes with it. Nobody who watched Marie's display in the All-Ireland final could disagree with her selection and her marvellous work for camogie in Cloyne and her consistency on the field makes Marie a very worthy choice indeed. This award has come to Cork three times in the four years of its existence. The previous winners were, 1970: Liz Garvan and 1972: Rosie Hennessy.

On the social side the Cork Co. Board has arranged a Victory Dinner to mark the success of the junior and senior teams. The county's achievements for 1973 outshone any past accomplishments not only in the history of Cork camogie but throughout the entire country.

So come on followers give your support to this victory dinner, which will take place at

the Victoria Hotel, on Saturday, November 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets, which cost £2.50, may be had from the secretary of the County Board. So let us make this coming function a fitting tribute to these great players and honour the girls who brought so much glory to Cork.

Finally, a word about "Question Time". A few seasons ago the County Board ran a question time between clubs and this aroused great interest during the slack time of the year. It has been decided to organise a similar competition commencing next month and all clubs are asked to take part.

Each club team will consist of four affiliated members. An entry fee of 50p per team will be charged and a round will take place on a knock-out system on Monday nights after the weekly Board meeting. Entries must be received by the County Secretary not later than Monday, November 5, when the draw will be made.

Sunday, October 28

Munster Inter-Club semi-final at St. Finbarr's Grounds at 3.00: Thurles v. Old Als. (Referee K. Dunne).

Inter League at Cloughdub at 3.00: Canovee v. Blarney (Ref. Aghabullogue).

Inter League at Glen Rovers at 3.00: Churchtown v. Glen Rovers (Ref. College).

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## Thurles advance to inter-club Munster final

Thurles 4-1, Old Aloysians 2-2.

THURLES advanced to the Munster final of the Inter-Club Championship at St. Finbarr's Grounds yesterday when they defeated Cork's representatives Old Aloysians by 4-1 to 2-2.

Before this game Thurles were strongly fancied to win easily. Fielding many of the Tipperary senior side they were far more experienced than their opponents. But it was Old Als who did the attacking in the opening ten minutes when they won four thirties but, however, they could only gain one point from these frees. Then Thurles began to find their form and with Beatrice Lawrence, Marion Troy, Josie Murphy and Kit Boland playing brilliantly Old Als were really up against it.

It was not long before the winners shot into the lead with goals from Kit Boland and Marion Troy and five minutes before half-time Beatrice Lawrence added yet another which put them in what looked like an unbeatable position.

But, despite their youth, Old Als were not deterred so easily and they sprang to life almost immediately with a great goal by

goal from Biddy Philips. This was a shattering blow to the gallant comeback by Old Als and the game finished with Thurles dominating.

Scorers for the winners were Kit Boland (1-0), Marion Troy (1-0), Beatrice Lawrence (1-0), Biddy Philips (1-0) and Josephine Murphy (0-1); while Val O'Dwyer (1-0), Ger Butler (1-0), Ann Ryan (1) and Marion O'Leary (0-1) were on the mark for Old Aloysians.

**Thurles**—P Slattery, A Ralph, B Loughnane, B Dowd, A Perry, M Graham, J Murphy, M Troy, B Lawrence, B Philips, M O'Regan and K Boland.

**Old Aloysians** — M Moran, A O'Sullivan, A Hayes, B McAuliffe, M O'Leary, A Ryan, V O'Dwyer, C Kenny, V Fitzpatrick, G Butler, P Walsh and M Garvan. Sub. J O'Brien for P. Walsh.

## Churchtown win tough encounter

Churchtown North 3-1.

Glen Rovers 1-2.

In a very tough game at Glen Rovers' hurling pitch yesterday,

# CONNACHT OUT FOR REVENGE

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Leinster, holders of the Gael-Linn Cup and the interprovincial Camogie championship for the past four seasons, defend title and trophy against promising Connacht at Dublin's Parnell Park on Sunday in what promises to be one of the greatest finals yet played in this competition.

A year ago Connacht, represented by an all-Galway side caused a big surprise when they defeated Ulster in the semi-final for the first time ever, and thus qualified for the final in which they went down by 7-7 to 4-2 against Leinster at Ballinasloe.

The Connacht girls will be all out to avenge that defeat now, and, even at a Dublin venue they must have a great chance of doing so. For the second successive year the provincial selectors have placed their faith in Galway who have answered the call magnificently.

Fielding their senior county side reinforced by two or three of their brilliant junior string they held Cork's four-in-a-row All-Ireland champions to level scoring at Castleconnell in the semi-final and when the game went into extra-time almost snatched victory but were caught by a last-minute Munster point.

## CAUGHT NAPPING

It was felt that the Munster girls who might have been taken out of their stride in the drawn game, would surely not be caught napping a second time. But Connacht led all the way in the replay at Ballinasloe and but for some fine defensive work by opposing goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton and full-back Marie Costine would have won by a far more convincing margin than the five points that was in their favour at the close.

The advent of juniors Anna Donoghue and Phil Foye has enabled Connacht to move Nono McHugh back to the wing where she has been play-

ing brilliantly with plenty of assistance from Josie Kelly at mid-field with Kathleen Quinn most impressive as pivot of the defence.

In both the games against Munster, Connacht have substituted Colleges star Midge Poniard at centre-field, and while the same team started both days against Munster, I shall not be surprised to see the Athenry school-girl arrive on the scene sooner rather than later if things are not going well for the Western side.

But Leinster are an experienced outfit, strengthened by the decision this year to include married players on their team.

Anne Carey is a safe goalkeeper, Joan Murphy, Brigid Doyle, Carmel O'Shea and Rita White very sound defenders Liz Neary, Margaret Lacey and Elsie Walsh have great potential as a mid-field trio but with the exception of Helena O'Neill the forwards were not as sharp against Ulster as they might have been.

However Orla ni Shiochain has had plenty of match-play since then, and if young Angela Downey has by now found her feet in Camogie of this class, Leinster will make a brave bid to retain their title.

By defeating Old Aloysians at Cork last Sunday, Tipperary representatives Thurles have qualified for the final of the Munster Club championship in which they will meet holders Ahane from Limerick. Thurles last held this title in 1971.

**LEINSTER** — A. Carey (Dublin); J. Murphy (Wexford); R. White (Dublin), B. Doyle (Wexford), C. O'Shea (Kilkenny); L. Neary (Kilkenny), M. Lacey (Wexford), E. Walsh (Wexford); H. O'Neill (Kilkenny), M. Conroy (Dublin), A. Ni Shiochain (Dublin); A. Downey (Kilkenny).

**CONNACHT** — All Galway; M. Lillien; M. Kilkenny; C. Collins; K. Quinn; R. Dively; N. McHugh; J. Kelly; C. Ward; A. O'Donoghue; P. Foye; J. Murphy; M. Murphy.

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# Connacht take first title

# Celtic look set

# for final

By TAOBH LINE

CELTIC, the first team ever to win an All-Ireland Club Camogie Championship when this event was first organised on an experimental basis to mark the celebration of the Camogie Association's Diamond Jubilee in 1964, return to the competition for the first time since then when they travel to Enniscorthy tomorrow to take on Wexford title-holders Adamstown in the semi-final of the Leinster championship.

Ireland teams, and Mrs. Moran, secretary of Leinster Council. Preliminary arrangements for a provincial minor championship in 1974 were made at a meeting of Leinster Council last week.

Celtic regained the Dublin title last May by defeating Austin Stacks who had held the Dublin, Leinster and All-Ireland club crowns through 1971 and 1972. In addition, since the Dublin season resumed six weeks ago, the Celtic girls have been convincing winners in all their matches, and so will travel to the Wexford venue with high hopes. Two at least of the team that won the Jubilee Cup back in 1964, Una O'Connor and Kitty Murphy will again be on duty, supported by Rita White, Claire Harrington, Vera Feely, Libby Howard, Mary Fennelly, Evelyn Sweeney and Miriam Higgins.

I think Celtic are good enough to qualify for the provincial final.

The second semi-final between Kildare champions Broadford, who won through in the junior section, and former All-Ireland title-holders St. Paul's Kilkenny, will be played at Naas tomorrow.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are very much in order to Connacht for their well deserved first ever victory in the interprovincial final. Despite facing a five county Leinster election, the all-Galway team always seemed to have a little hand over the holders, and marched to a victory that would have been more convincing on the score-board but for some very good saves by Dubliner Anne Carey in the Leinster goal. On their successive victory over Munster represented by All-Ireland champions Cork, and now over the pick of Leinster, Galway, if they hold this team together must have a great chance of taking the All-Ireland senior honours in next year's championship.

Kilkenny County Board stage a two-day coaching course today and tomorrow. Indoor lectures will be at St. Kieran's College, while the outdoor sessions will be at Nowlan Park. Among the lecturers will be Miss Mary Moran, trainer of the Cork All-



A Connacht player gets down low to clear from Leinster defenders during the Camogie inter-provincial at Parnell Park yesterday.

Connacht ..... 4-4  
Leinster ..... 3-3

CONNACHT, represented by the all-Galway side, made history at Parnell Park yesterday when they won the Gael-Linn Interprovincial Camogie title and trophy for the first time, defeating Leinster who had held the trophy for the past four years, by 4-4 to 3-3.

The Western girls, playing dashing Camogie, were the faster team and their ball control and striking was a feature of their play.

Their forwards were speedy and they outplayed the Leinster defence to snatch vital scores during the second half.

Leinster, on the other hand, did not play with the same confidence that was evident in their semi-final victory over Ulster.

The first half, which was evenly contested had some fine patches of play.

Leinster opened the scoring with a point from a thirty taken by Orla N. Shiochain but Connacht took the lead after Nono McHugh pointed a free and Jane Murphy palmed the ball over the crossbar, but at the interval it was Leinster 2-1; Connacht 1-2.

Connacht started the second half with determination and wiped out the arrears, scoring a point and then a goal in the first five minutes. Leinster added a point from a free to leave a point in favour of Connacht.

The visitors had a brilliant five minutes in which time they scored two goals and gained the upper hand which they never relinquished.

Margaret Killeen in goal made

some fine saves for Connacht, especially when under pressure in the closing stages. Kathleen Quinn was a tower of strength at centre back. Nono McHugh, the captain, and Josie Kelly were outstanding at midfield with Margaret Murphy, the best forward on view. Phil Foy, Jane Murphy and Ann Donoghue combined well in attack.

For Leinster, Brigid Doyle was the outstanding player; Ann Carey in goal and Rita White also did well in defence. Margaret O'Leary and Elsie Walsh held their own at midfield in the first half. Marion Conroy and

Helena O'Neill were the most dangerous in attack.

Scorers—Connacht: M. Murphy (2-1), N. McHugh (1-2), P. Foy (1-0), J. Murphy (0-1). Leinster: M. Lacey (1-0), B. Doyle (1-0), H. O'Neill (1-0), O. N. Shiochain (0-2), C. O'Shea (0-1).

Connacht—M. Killeen; M. Killeen; C. Collins, K. Quinn, B. Divilly, N. McHugh (capt.), J. Kelly, K. Ward, A. Donoghue, P. Foy, J. Murphy, M. Murphy. Subs: M. Ponnard for K. Ward.

Leinster—A. Carey; J. Murphy; R. White (capt.), B. Doyle, C. O'Shea; E. Walsh, M. Lacey, P. Carey; H. O'Neill, M. Conroy, O. N. Shiochain, A. Downey. Subs: L. Moran for P. Carey, K. Wallace for J. Murphy, M. Mizsin for E. Walsh.

Referee—Mrs. M. Lynch (Monaghan).



CAMOGIE—A St. Als' forward about to shoot towards the U.C.C. goal during the Cork Senior League game at the Marlyke.

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### Celtic Advance

CELTIC ..... 4-0  
ADAMSTOWN ..... 1-2

Dublin champions, Celtic, advanced to the second round in the Leinster section of the All-Ireland camogie club championship by defeating the Wexford side, Adamstown-Cloughbawn, in Enniscorthy yesterday. The winners led at the interval by 3-0 to 1-2.

Scorers: Celtic—N. Flemming, E. Sweeney, M. Fennelly, V. Feely (1-0 each). Adamstown: B. Redmond (1-0), M. Furlong (0-2).

NEW IRELAND - LONDON - THE BUSINESS was fairly brisk at the opening session of the Court.

# Social Side Takes Over In Camogie

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THIS weekend we turn to the social side of camogie for the big event of the week. This is the Cork County Camogie Board's Victory Dinner for the All-Ireland winning junior and senior teams which will take place at the Victoria Hotel, on tomorrow Saturday evening.

The junior and senior camogie girls were tremendous during the inter-county season, with constant training and an awful lot of travelling. Add to this a number of very tough games and marvellous victories and you have a group of girls who thoroughly deserve all their honours.

The seniors made it four in a row this season while the juniors took their first ever title after a number of 'close calls'. The "double" was unique in the history of the game and I have no doubt that there will be a large turn out at the dinner to honour these girls. Many clubs are organising groups to attend and everyone should have a very enjoyable night.

Among the guests travelling for the occasion will be the President of the Camogie Association Mrs. Nancy Murray from Belfast and the General Secretary, Miss Sheila McAnulty.

It will be back to the camogie field on Sunday for many players, however, as there are a number of games listed.

There are two junior league games to be decided. In the first of these at Buttevant, the home side, with players like Sheila Harrington, Liz Manley and the Keane sisters should be too strong for St. Fanahan's.

In the second Old Aloysians 'A' take on St. Finbarrs 'B' and although Old Als are already down four points they should take the points on this occasion.

There are two fixtures also in the Under-18 League. In the first of these Ballinlough meet Blarney at the latter's grounds. Both these sides have already dropped two points in a section where newcomers Ballypheane are winning all before them.

In the final game listed Sarsfields meet Watergrasshill at Riverstown. The recent success of Sarsfields in the Junior County Championship should give confidence to their younger members and they could surprise Watergrasshill.

The inter-club question time got under way last Monday night with Glanworth scoring a good win over Inniscarra. Anne Kirby, sister of All-Ireland footballer, Ned, was the top individual scorer. Congratulations Glanworth and Anne.

Fixtures, Sunday, November 25—Junior League at Buttevant

at 3.00: St. Fanahans v Buttevant (Ref. Glanworth); Junior League at St. Finbarrs at 11.30: Old Als v St Finbarrs 'B', (Ref. College); Under-18 League at Blarney at 3.00: Ballinlough v Blarney, (Ref. Inniscarra); Under-18 League at Riverstown at 3.00: Sarsfields v Watergrasshill, (Ref. Churchtown).

# Cork celebrate camogie double

CORK celebrated their unique camogie double of senior and junior All-Ireland titles at the Victoria Hotel on Saturday evening last. There was a large turn out to honour the girls of both teams with guests travelling from as far afield as Belfast.

Among the guests welcomed by Ide Bean Uí Shé, President of the Cork Co. Board, were Mrs. Nancy Murray, President of the Camogie Association; Miss Sheila McAnulty, General Secretary, do.; Mrs. Lil O'Neill, Chairman, Munster Council, and Mr. Jack Barrett, Chairman, Cork Co. Board.

Miss Moran thanked the players involved in both victories and said that they had given a tremendous amount to the game and success was their reward.

Mrs. Murray, the President, said that in spite of their bitter disappointment in the All-Ireland final when Cork defeated her county, she was very proud indeed to be invited to the victory celebrations. She said Antrim Camogie Board had their annual convention fixed for this weekend, but when they heard of the invitation to Cork, they put it back for another week. She went on to stress the importance of our language, dancing and culture generally and appealed to everyone concerned to do all in their power to further our national identity.

Miss McAnulty, in adding her congratulations to the team, said she was complimenting them not simply for winning but the manner of the winning. Miss McAnulty also stressed the importance of our national identity and made a very special plea to retain the high ideals of the Camogie Association.

Mr. Jack Barrett, Chairman of the Cork Co. G.A.A. Board, expressed his appreciation of the wonderful victories of the Cork teams. He paid particular tribute to the officers of the Co. Board, especially Ide Bean Uí Shé and Miss Mary Moran, who have done so much for the game in Cork.

The captains of both teams, Miss Marie Costine (senior) and Miss Nancy O'Driscoll (junior) then spoke and paid their own special tributes to their trainer, Miss Mary Moran, and concluded by making presentations on behalf of both teams.



Camogie Board victory dinner at the Victoria Hotel, Cork, on Saturday were Marie Costine (senior) and Nancy O'Driscoll (junior) with Miss Sheila McAnulty, general secretary; Miss Mary Moran, trainer; and Mrs. C. Abernethy, T.C. —(Echo)

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### MARIE IS CAMOGIE STAR OF THE YEAR

MARIE COSTINE, captain of Cork and Munster, has been elected Camogie Star of the Year. This was announced last night in Dublin.

In 1970 Marie, after playing with Youghal, returned to her native Cloyne and formed a camogie club. In the same year she was picked on the Cork senior team and won the first of the four-in-a-row All-Ireland senior medals.

In Cloyne's first year in camogie, led by Marie, they



qualified for the Cork County junior final, only to be beaten. In 1971 she led the team to victory. In 1972 she led them to the intermediate final, where they were beaten, and this year she has helped in a big way to bring Cloyne into the semi-final of the intermediate championship.

In 1972 also she played a leading part in bringing the Cork County Senior Championship to Imobilly for the first time in a quarter of a century. And she has done likewise in 1973.

She was elected captain of Cork early this year and helped to bring the All-Ireland trophy back to the Lee.



MISS CAMOGIE 1973—Miss Mary Moran, chairman of Cork Camogie Board, presenting the 1973 Camogie Award to Marie Costine for her wonderful display as full back on the victorious Cork team. Marie is a member of the Cloyne camogie team. The trophy was presented by Elverys Ltd. in conjunction with Gaelic Sports Star magazine and picture shows (left to right): Mr. Ben Rodgers (branch manager Elverys, Cork), Mr. J. T. R... (director Elverys) and Liam O hOisin.

# Bright Future Predicted For Game In Colleges

By Agnes Hourigan

## CAMOGIE REPORT

Miss Mary Moran from Cork, the secretary of the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Council, will report on another record year when the annual convention is held in Bru na nGael, Dublin, tomorrow (2.0). In 1972, no fewer than 91 colleges affiliated to the council, and more than 200 teams took part in the various competitions.

The break-down shows that 30 schools affiliated in Leinster, 26 in Munster, 19 in Ulster and 16 in Connacht, and I understand that the number of schools affiliated in the new season currently under way is even greater.

Highlight of the year off the playing fields was the successful coaching course at Gormanston, which was officially recognised by the Department of Education and which is bound to lead to improved playing standards all over the country.

Indeed Miss Moran's only complaint in summing up a

highly productive year, is that camogie is not receiving the prominence or attention that is desirable in the National College of Physical Education at Limerick and she suggests that immediate steps should be taken to investigate and rectify the position.

The All-Ireland Colleges Council has now been four years in existence, and the officers who laid the foundations of its success are now at the end of their term. This means that there will have to be a new president to succeed Miss Lily Spence of Antrim who has guided the affairs of the council so ably since the start.

There are three candidates, Rev. Sr. Consilio (Kilkenny), nominated by Leinster, Miss Jane Murphy (Galway), nom-

inated by Connacht, and Mrs. Rosina McManus, nominated by Munster. Vice-president, Mrs. Purcell, is not seeking re-election so that are only two candidates for that post, Sr. Consilio and Mrs. McManus.

Miss Moran is unopposed as secretary while Rev. Sr. Colombiere (Galway) and outgoing president, Miss Spence, are the nominations for treasurer. Sr. Colombiere is the present holder of that office and can report that the financial position of the council is extremely encouraging.

On the playing fields, progress continues to be made on the provincial scene in the All-Ireland club championship. Thurles have already regained the Munster crown, while Clster has new champions in the Antrim title holders, Creggan, who defeated Eglisli from Tyrone in the final.

So Creggan, who include in their ranks All-Ireland players Mairead Diamond and Josephine Maguire, supported by four McAteers, Roisin, Rita, Maire and Geraldine, will bring a new club name into the All-Ireland series when they take on the Connacht representatives in the New Year.

Celtic who play St. Paul's in the Leinster decider in a fortnight's time, continue their unbroken run in Dublin...

reached the final of the Curran Cup with a good win over promoted Presentation. Their opponents in this year will be Austin Stacks who again proved too good for U.C.D. in an entertaining game in the other semi-final.

This weekend, the girls will be in action when they should pick up further League points at the expense of Cuchulainn, in the other Dublin game in the top section. Eoghan will be hoping to avenge Curran Cup defeat by a couple of weeks ago.

NEW IRELAND - Keweenaw Coles BUSINESS WAS FAIRLY brisk AT THE opening session of the BANKS The Government on Saturday is a deliberate attempt to dissolve the Cork Board of lead the people of this country.

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## Refereeing nurseries wish of president

IN her address to the annual general meeting of the All-Ireland Colleges Council in Bru na nGael, Dublin, on Saturday the outgoing President, Miss Lily Spence, expressed a wish to see the colleges emerging as a nursing of referees and administrators as well as players. Individual colleges had the name of producing great players and she saw no reason why certain schools should not be noted for training referees.

She suggested that a "Games Committee" be formed within each college comprising of schoolgirls under the supervision of a teacher. The idea would be to get the schoolgirls involved for their own development and education. They would make their own plans and arrangements and learn how to run meetings in the process.

The Secretary's report showed that camogie was well established in the colleges with affiliations increasing each year. The standard of play was very high at the top with several colleges players finding places on senior inter-county selections. Reaction to the All-Ireland Coaching Course was very favourable. The financial position remains satisfactory.

### OFFICERS' ELECTIONS

Election of officers for 1973/74/75 resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Rosina McManus (Ulster); Vice-President, Sr. M. Consilio (Leinster); Secretary, Miss Mary Moran (Munster); Treasurer, Miss Lily Spence (Ulster); Delegate to Central Council, Miss Mary Moran; Delegates to Congress, Miss Irene Maguire and Mrs. Carmel Desmond.

### NEW DRAW

A new draw was made for All-Ireland Colleges Championships and resulted as follows:

Senior—Munster champions v. Ulster champions at a Munster venue; Connacht champions v. Leinster champions at a Connacht venue.

Junior—Ulster champions v. Munster champions at an Ulster venue; Leinster champions v. Connacht champions at a Leinster venue.

Semi-final dates: March 9 and 23. All-Ireland final: April 6.

## Colleges title for Mount Mercy

Mount Mercy ..... 5-2  
St. Aloysius ..... 0-0

MOUNT MERCY took the first colleges' camogie trophy of the season when they had a very impressive win over St. Aloysius in the final of the Cork Schools Senior League at Mount Mercy Grounds on Saturday.

This win was a great boost to the Mount Mercy girls, who were knocked out of the Munster Colleges Championship a fortnight ago by—St. Als.

Mount Mercy looked stronger in all sectors with Ann O'Sullivan in tremendous form in goal and Bernadette Golden, Mary Butler, Marion Bowen and Frances Walsh also playing brilliantly. Catherine O'Leary was a marvellous captain.

At half-time Mount Mercy led by two goals to nil and a fast goal in the opening minutes of the second half put them in a very strong position.

The winners overcame the muddy conditions with greater success than their opponents and although St. Als did come with a late effort they were too far behind to make any real difference to the game at that stage.

Marcella Murphy, Valerie Cronin, Clare Kenny and Val Fitzpatrick were best for the losers.

Scorers for Mt. Mercy: M. Bowen (1-0), B. Butler (1-1), F. Walsh (1-0), M. Breen (1-0), C.

O'Leary (0-1).

Mount Mercy: A. O'Sullivan, C. Glynn, C. Abern, P. Fitzgerald, M. Walsh, B. Golden, G. Coffey, C. O'Leary (capt.), M. Butler, F. Walsh, M. Breen, M. Bowen. Sub.: P. McCarthy for C. Glynn.

St. Aloysius: A. O'Connor, B. Foley, M. Murphy (capt.), M. McGrath, B. O'Mahony, V. Fitzpatrick, V. Cronin, P. Mackey, C. Kenny, A. O'Brien, J. O'Brien, M. Barry. Sub.: G. Ring for M. Barry.

## Mount Mercy drop valuable points to St. Als

St. Als 7-2; Mount Mercy 3-0

Holdings. Mount Mercy dropped two valuable points to St. Aloysius School in the Munster Colleges Senior Championship at Mount Mercy Grounds on Saturday. Despite the conditions both teams served up exciting and good camogie. The first half was very close. Only four points separated the sides at half-time, 2-1 to 1-0.

A goal by Mount Mercy on the resumption indicated a thrilling second-half but St. Aloysius took over and ran out convincing winners. Val Fitzpatrick, Jim O'Brien, Claire Kenny, Maria Barry and Ann O'Connor were in great form for St. Als. Mount Mercy were best served by Mary Butler, Cecilia Abern and Mary Walsh.



CAMOGIE FINAL — Top, Mount Mercy team, which had a good win over St. Aloysius, below, taking the first College's camogie trophy of the season, when they won the final of the Cork Schools Senior League at Mount Mercy Grounds. —(Echo)

# RTE IGNORE OUR FINAL

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**T**HE All-Ireland between Cork and Antrim was the best exhibition of camogie I have ever seen at Croke Park, and my experience goes back to the late '30s. The standard of play, especially before the rains came, was almost unbelievably high, and I do not believe that there was an unbiased spectator present who did not heave a sigh of regret when Antrim failed to snatch what would have been a well-deserved equalising point in the last seconds.

But the killing part of this final was that it was almost completely ignored in quarters where it had previously been the custom to give a modicum of publicity at least to camogie finals. Radio Eireann did not give the game any great pre-match publicity, but they did fit a commentary in to their Sunday afternoon programme, and they did give a summary of the game in their Sunday evening review of the day's matches.

But as far as Telefis was concerned, the Camogie finals, except for a routine reading of the results on the Sunday night programme, just did not exist. Surely that is not as it should be.

In previous years, the Camogie finals got at least a minute or two of preliminary publicity on the television sports programmes during the week before the games. Then, in several years, at least a cine-camera was sent to Croke Park to bring back a few minutes of the final for transmission later in the week.

But this year, as far as visual preliminaries, match-coverage, or any reference afterwards, the Camogie finals just did not exist as far as Telefis was concerned. I am told that Antrim did, however, get some publicity from one, and possibly from both, of the Belfast stations.

It is all very well to call down imprecations on Telefis for ignoring us, but the thing now is to ensure that we do not waste time in annoyance at being slighted. Harboursing grievances does little good no matter how legitimate those grievances may be. What we have to do now is to set about ensuring that we are not neglected next year.

I am sure that, if Central Council asked for a meeting with the Head of Sport Fred Cogley, they would be favourably and courteously received. It would then be up to the delegation to state their case for far better coverage of our game by Montrose.

That case is a very good case, but unless we state our case very fully and very forcibly, pointing out that we are the biggest women's sporting organisation in Ireland, stressing the number of our clubs, the number of affiliated schools, the multitude of our players, and the country-wide interest in our finals, we are not going to get the publicity that our Association deserves.

We have to 'sell' Camogie to Telefis. If we state our case properly I firmly believe we will get the proper publicity and coverage, but we are not going to get either unless we work for both.

We are, if we do no more than grieve and complain, going to get exactly what we are getting at the moment . . . nothing.

So surely it is up to Central Council to act now, and now may even be too late to ensure proper publicity for next year's final.

In the meantime let us get back to this year's games. In the first place congratulations to Cork on achieving the unique double of taking the senior and junior titles on the same afternoon, to young Caly Riordan for featuring on both sides, and to County Chairman Mary Moran for doing so much to lay the foundations of both victories.

Secondly, congratulations to the Gaels of Cork for turning out in such force to give the Camogie team a fitting welcome home. Thirdly, a resounding cheer for Antrim, who, after overcoming so many difficulties to put a team in the field at all, not alone reached the All-Ireland final, but went within a puck of the ball of winning back the title.

But again, when one looks back on this greatest of finals, there is another regret, and that is that the attendance once again fell so far short of what it should have been. Time and time again down the years suggestions have been made for bringing more people to Croke Park on All-Ireland final day. None of them have been acted on, that I know of, at any official level. Again there is no use regretting the past. We must look firmly to the future. County Boards, Provincial Councils, and Central Council alike should get to work and, between now and the next championship, work out a nation-wide plan to make Camogie Final Day the national occasion it should be.

## Paul's On Title Trail Again

ST. PAULS ..... 3-3  
 CELTIC ..... 2-0

St. Paul's, Kilkenny, the only club to win three All-Ireland titles in a row set out in quest of their fourth title when they won their fifth Leinster championship final yesterday at Mulbhi Road defeating Celtic of Dublin, who were the first ever All-Ireland club champions.

The Kilkenny attack looked more dangerous from half-time and with better combination they gradually found paths through the Dubliners' defence, got on level terms and finally look command.

Best for St. Pauls were Nuala Bolger, Carmel O'Shea, Liz Neary, Angela Downey and Helena O'Neill. For Celtic, Kitty Murphy, Rita White, Evelyn Sweeney and Deirdre Lane tried hard.

SCORERS: St. Paul's: A. Downey (2-1); T. Brennan (1-0); M. Conway and C. Doyle (0-1 each). Celtic—E. Sweeney and L. Howard (1-0 each).

ST. PAUL'S: T. O'Neill; N. Bolger; M. O'Neill; C. O'Shea; M. Kavanagh; L. Neary; Ann Downey; H. O'Neill; Angela Downey; M. Conway; U. Grace; C. Doyle, Sub.—T. Brennan for H. O'Neill.

CELTIC—E. Duffy; R. White; M. Higgins; K. Murphy; C. Hanrahan; D. Lane; V. Feely; M. Fennelly; N. Fleming; L. Howard; K. Sweeney; U. O'Connor.

REFEREE—T. Byrne (Wicklow).

# FUEL CRISIS MEANS DELAY

By TAOBH LINE

**T**HE DECISION due to the fuel crisis, NOT to reopen the schools until next week is likely to delay the resumption of the Colleges Camogie championships. In fact the Leinster Colleges fixtures meeting, originally fixed for Saturday, have been put back to Saturday, January 19. The meeting will also arrange minor games.

Meanwhile considerable progress has been made in the Leinster competitions at senior and junior level.

On the Munster Colleges front, the senior and junior competitions are well advanced. In the senior Colleges championship which is run on the League system, the leaders are St. Aloysius from Cork, who were only disposed last season, when beaten by another Cork school, Mount Mercy.

But St. Als defeated Mount Merov in this year's Munster series, and must now be favourites to represent the province in the All-Ireland series in the Spring.

In the junior series, which is played on the knock-out system, the semi-final stages have already been reached. Of the four schools that have qualified for this stage two are from Limerick, Rosary Hill, Castleconnell the holders, and St. Paul's, Killinane, and two from Cork, Immaculate Heart, Ballyphehane, and North Presentation from Cork City.

All the outgoing officers of Cork County Board have been re-elected. They are chairman Miss M. Moran (Old Aloysians), Vice-Chairman, Mrs. N. Newman (Glen Rovers); Secretary, Miss R. O'Leary (Naomh Eoin); Treasurer, Miss M. Heelan (Blarney); Registrar, Miss M. Nott (Glen Rovers).

The Dublin senior league resumes on Sunday when the two unbeaten teams, Celtic and Austin Stacks are expected to advance. Celtic at the expense of Presentation, and Stacks over Eoghan Roadh. In the B section Stacks will again be in action, this time against N.



The committee of Sarafields camogie team who held their annual dinner at the County Club Hotel. Front: Mary Canavan, Treas.; Phil Crowley, Chairman; Martina Murphy, Secretary; Mary Cotter, P.R.O. Back: Michael Barry, Trainer; Elizabeth O'Callaghan, Mary O'Malley.



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CORK COUNTY AND LEAGUE CHAMPIONS, 1950

Front row (l. to r.): Sheila Cahill, Bridie Lucey, Nancy O'Brien, Eva Dempsey, Siobhán O'Brien (Capt.), Noelle Deane, Bessie Lucey, Nora O'Brien. Back row: Peg Lucey, Kit O'Donovan, Breda Buckley, Mary Rose Fitzpatrick, Eily O'Donovan, Mary Lucey, Chris O'Donovan.



CORK COUNTY CHAMPIONS, 1958

Front row (l. to r.): Margaret Murphy, Peggy Dorgan, Nora O'Mahony, Teresa Murphy, Pauline Deane, Margaret Buckley, Chrissie Dorgan. Back row: Deirdre Sutton, Winnie White, Noreen O'Callaghan, Maura Brown, Ann Cronin, Maude Moloney, Carrie Buckley, Stephanie O'Connell, Donie O'Brien.



VICTORY DINNER, 1964

Front row (l. to r.): Bernie Deane, Pauline Deane, Noelle Deane, Crissie Buckley, Nora O'Brien, Crissie Donovan, Nancy O'Brien, Margaret Buckley, Noreen O'Callaghan. Middle row: Mary Sheridan, Kathleen Brown, Ann Crotty, Maura Brown, Tom Murphy, Peggy Dorgan, Kay O'Brien, Marie O'Neill. Back row: Teresa Murphy, Stephanie O'Connell, Nora O'Mahony, Deirdre Sutton, Carrie Buckley, Maud Moloney, Chrissie Dorgan.

## ST. PAUL'S ON THEIR WAY TO FURTHER OWN RECORD

ST. PAUL'S, Kilkenny camogie champions, may be regarded as the kingpins of the club competition. Having set a record of winning three all-Ireland club championships in a row, they are now on their way to another.

Their latest advance was achieved on Sunday when they checked the more fancied Dublin champions, Celtic, who were the first winners of the trophy. The result — 3.3 to 2.0 was well and truly deserved, and it augurs well for the future success of the Kilkenny girls who are now Leinster champions, and go forward to meet the Connacht champions in the all-Ireland semi-final.

The other "semi" rests between the Antrim champions, Creggan, and the Munster representatives, Thurles. Competitive games are now suspended until early in the New Year. Meanwhile, the administrative side of the association's work will be under review and county conventions will be taking stock. The Leinster council has notified all affiliated counties that their convention will be held in Dublin, on Saturday, February 9th.

The Dublin county board have re-elected all their officers, Mrs. Nancy Murray (now president of the association) who graced the chair in the Antrim county board for a number of years, has been succeeded by Rev. J. Moley, C.C.

Miss L. Scullion, secretary, presented a forthright and hard-hitting report. She paid tribute to the retiring chairman, who had given so

many years to the furthering of the game and to the association in both Antrim and Ulster, and considered that her elevation to the presidency was "nothing more than her due."

## Introduction of the open draw was a far-reaching move

IF 1974 can match 1973 on the Camogie fields, I for one, will have no grumbles. The year past was one that got off to a good start with an entertaining Ashbourne Cup series, in which University College Cork, with a well-balanced side were deserving winners, and in which Maynooth made history by winning the Ashbourne Shield.

Then came the All-Ireland club championship in which the Dublin side Austin Stacks retained the trophy with hard-earned but well deserved victories over Oranmore from Galway and Portlengone of Antrim in turn, after Portlengone had scored a good success over the Munster representatives, Ahane from Limerick in their semi-final.

Next event was the annual Congress, staged in Galway with considerable success, an event which gave us a new President in Mrs. Nancy Murray of Antrim. Congress also lifted the Ban rules, and decreed that in future there will be new All-Ireland championships, in minor grade at inter-county level and in the junior grade for Colleges, both very progressive steps.

Of even more far-reaching significance was the decision of the delegates to run the senior championship on the Open Draw system.

This move was agreed to for an experimental period of three years but the outcome was that

the senior All-Ireland championship was so successful under the new method, that I rather wonder if we will ever revert to the old system in this grade. There were so many thrilling games in the senior series that it would be hard to list them all, but none were more thrilling than the final in which as I saw it Antrim were desperately unlucky not to force a late draw. And what a great game that would have been.

But, over a magnificent 50 minutes Cork just deserved a victory that gave the county its first run of four senior All-Ireland victories, and made that September Sunday a record day for the Leaside girls at their juniors by defeating Galway for the All-Ireland title in the curtain raiser won the New Ireland Cup for the first time and gave Cork the unique feat of achieving the All-Ireland double.

It was also a record day for young Caly Riordan from Youghal, who played on the victorious junior side and came on in the closing stages of the senior game to become the first player ever in any Gaelic code to win two All-Ireland medals in Croke Park in different grades on the same day.

But there were more records still to be achieved. Most of us looked on it as something of a freak result when an All-Galway team held Munster, represented by Cork's senior All-Ireland

champions to a draw in the opening interprovincial semi-final at Castleconnell. But a couple of weeks later, the Connacht girls won the replay very convincingly at Ballinasloe and went on to take the interprovincial title and the Gael-Linn Cup for the first time by a very well-deserved success over holders Leinster at Parnell Park in Dublin.

So for once Leinster were completely missing from the honours lists at inter-county and inter-provincial level, but it was not a blank year for the Leinster province as in addition to Austin Stacks victory in the Club Championship, Leinster also won the All-Ireland Colleges Cup with Presentation College, Mountmellick, at last achieving a great ambition by defeating a brilliant young team from Presentation Convent Athenry in an enthralling Croke Park final.

But it is interesting to note that some of Athenry's outstanding young players afterwards starred both for Galway and for Connacht.

The Leinster counties were disappointing last season, though Wexford had a very promising junior side.

Local troubles seem to have hampered Kilkenny, who have a remarkable amount of talent available from Colleges teams, and the provincial Leinster side relied on Kilkenny for their best players.

But the bright prospects for the year ahead must belong to Galway who if they can hold their young team together must have excellent prospects of bringing the first ever All-Ireland senior title to Connacht. Every long-sighted follower of the game will hope to see 1974 as the year of the Western breakthrough.

## CORK GIRLS TAKE ALL THE MAJOR HONOURS

By AGNES HOURIGAN

On the camogie fields, 1973 belonged to Cork, who won the senior All-Ireland for the fourth successive year, the junior All-Ireland title on the same day at Croke Park and became the first county to achieve the double.

In addition, young Caly Riordan from Youghal and U.C.C. became the first player in a Gaelic game to win two All-Ireland titles at Croke Park, or anywhere else on the same day, as she played in the junior final and then came on as a substitute in the senior decider.

In fact it was quite a remarkable year for her, in this her first season in senior camogie, as back in February, she had helped University College, Cork, win the Ashbourne Inter-varsity Cup at Belfield.

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mainder were evenly distributed, and the next most noteworthy achievement was the victory of Connacht in the interprovincial championship. In this series the Western Province was represented by an All-Galway side, that first drew with and then defeated Cork senior All-Ireland champions, representing Munster in the semi-final and then accounted for holders, Leinster, in the final.

In the Colleges All-Ireland, Presentation, Mountmellick, compensated for some previous defeats by a well-merited victory, but only after a rousing battle with Presentation, Athenry, in the Croke Park

Dublin representatives Austin Stacks retained their All-Ireland title early in the season, but have since surrendered their Dublin, Leinster and All-Ireland crowns. Already the 1973-74 series in this competition is well advanced, and all provincial championships have been completed.

The Open Draw in the senior All-Ireland championship proved a tremendous success, while another successful venture was the inauguration of a Special Competition confined to the third level educational institutes.

Principal winners were: All-Ireland—Senior—Cork. Junior—Cork. Club—Austin Stacks (Dublin). Colleges—Presentation, Mountmellick. Interprovincial—Connacht. Ashbourne Cup—U.C.C. Ashbourne Shield—St. Patrick's



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*When  
the crowds  
and pageantry  
are missing . . .*



by ÚNA BEAN UÍ PHUIRSÉAL

**P**REJUDICED? I suppose I am, but I am still willing to argue that the most satisfying exhibition of any game I saw in Croke Park this season was provided in the first 20 minutes of the senior Camogie final between Cork and Antrim and that the greatest achievement of the Gaelic year, as I saw it, was the feat of the Leaside girls in winning both the senior and junior All-Ireland titles on the same afternoon.

Now do not mistake me. I am not trying to detract in any way from the hurling and football finals. Why should I? I enjoyed both immensely, though having played for Limerick myself once upon a time, I naturally found far more to enthuse over in the hurling decider. But the size of the crowds, the impressive pageantry and all the rest give a great sense of occasion to the hurling and football finals that the Camogie finals sadly lack. The girls have to play before, at most, three to five thousand spectators, an attendance dwarfed by the immensity of Croke Park, which is, to my mind, why Camogie Final Day always lacks the real All-Ireland atmosphere.

With whom the fault lies for the small attendance it is hard to determine. Perhaps with the media (press, radio and television) who, with a couple of honourable exceptions, have never given Camogie any sizeable slice of the publicity cake, with radio and television by far the greatest culprits in this respect.

The only time Camogie is deemed newsworthy, as far as too many of our papers is concerned, is when some slightly untoward incident occurs, and then we get the front pages and the headlines with a vengeance, even though the same papers would never dream of giving anything like the same publicity to genuine Camogie news. A county chairman makes a comment when a player is reported for alleged bad language, and the evening papers declare a Roman Holiday and splash the short report over several columns.

Cally Riordan from Youghal wins two All-Ireland medals, in different grades at Croke Park on the same afternoon, a feat never achieved before on the field by hurling, football or camogie player, and is there a word about that achievement on the front page of any newspaper?

Perhaps much of the fault for the poor press and the small attendances rests with the Camogie Association itself, which makes very little effort to publicise the climax of its own competitive year.

I feel that the Association should strive to make the event of greater interest to the non-Camogie public by inviting the wives of the President, the Taoiseach, and other prominent figures, and by providing the papers with as much newsworthy material as possible.

What can be done in this respect was demonstrated in Cork before the finals.





Liz Garvan  
U.C.C. and Cork

# CORK MAKE IT FOUR-IN-A-ROW

By Maire Ni Mhorain

THE return of a Muskerry team added a new dimension to the Senior County Championship. Their entry, after an absence of many years, increased interest and variety to the premier competition.

The first-round draw was: Old Als v South Pres.; Imokilly v College; Avondhu v Naomh Gobnaith and Muskerry received a bye. The Imokilly-College game, a repeat of last year's final, attracted much pre-match attention. But the College girls disappointed and made a tame exit. Old Als, with their inter-county player, Anne Ryan, unavailable, were given little chance against the experienced South Pres. outfit. But they rose to the occasion and caused a surprise by playing fast ground camogie. Avondhu had four points to spare over Naomh Gobnaith.

The Muskerry-Old Als tie was the more exciting of the semi-finals. A pair of goals in the closing stages from Nora O'Brien put Muskerry into the final while Imokilly easily disposed of Avondhu's challenge. The final produced a thrilling encounter with a very high standard of camogie. Players, team officials and spectators lost track of the score as the lead changed hands over and over again. A late switch bringing Marion Sweeney to centre-field revived the East Cork girls. They emerged from a rousing climax to claim the honour of Cork Co. Champions for the second year running.

Team:—Elizabeth Higgins (Watergrasshill); Marie Costine

(Cloyne); Margaret Higgins (Watergrasshill); Rose O'Sullivan (Churchtown); Nora Higgins (Watergrasshill); Mary Canavan (Sarsfields); Bernie Costine (Cloyne); Josie Knowles (Churchtown); Nuala Gully (Churchtown); Marion Sweeney (Youghal) and Mary Barron (Youghal).

"The most skilful team ever to win the Ashbourne Cup" is how neutral spectators described the University College Cork side which rose to great heights in retaining their interschool title. Having outplayed Trinity and Queens on route to the final, the College girls put on a classic display against University College, Galway, in the final. Their slick scoring machine accumulated the staggering total of twenty goals and eighteen points for the three games.

Established players like Liz Garvan, Rosie Hennessy, Pat Moloney and Nuala Jennings further enhanced their reputations. Caly



◆ MARIE COSTINE  
Cork and Munster

O'Riordan, who later in the season was in great demand with the Cork Selectors, made a big impact. The success of the College side underlines the importance of schools' camogie. Ten members of the team are products of Cork/Munster Colleges competitions.

Team:—Sheila Ryan, Mary O'Brien, Nuala Jennings, Rose Long, Louise O'Connor, Caly O'Riordan, Pat Moloney, Nora May Lynch, Anne O'Dwyer, Liz Garvan, Rosie Hennessy and Honor Lynch.

Mount Mercy stole the limelight on the Colleges scene for 1973. They emerged as a major force and broke the monopoly of St. Als in the Munster Colleges Senior Championship. Leaving memories of a heavy defeat in the 1972 Junior final behind them, Mount Mercy sought senior status and fully justified their promotion. St. Als brought the score to level pegging by taking the Cork Schools' Championship but Mount Mercy ended on top by reversing that decision in the Cork Schools' League final. These sides produced some great matches during the year highlighted by top individual performances by Barbara Glynn, C. Ahern, Mary Walsh, Carmel Lyons and Sandra O'Donovan for Mount Mercy and Val Fitzpatrick, Claire Kenny, Ber O'Mahony, Phil Walsh and Jacinta O'Brien for St. Als. Inexperience told against Mount Mercy in the All-Ireland semi-final when they suffered an eight point defeat at the hands of ultimate winners.

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U.C.C. and Cork

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Presentation Convent, Mountmellick.

The Cork Schools' Board continues to do great work in preparing the players of the future as well as providing competitions for them. The Board organised 10 competitions and the honours list for 1972/73 reads as follows:—

Senior Championship— St. Aloysius School.

Senior League— Mount Mercy.

Intermediate Championship — Loreto Convent, Fermoy.

Intermediate League— Mount Mercy.

Junior Championship— South Presentation Convent.

Junior League— South Presentation Convent.

Under-14 Championship— St. Aloysius "A."

Under-14 League— St. Aloysius "B."

O'Callaghan Cup— St. Patrick's, O'Sullivan Cup — Vocational School, Coachford.

The number of teams affiliating is increasing each year. Presentation, Mitchelstown were welcome new entrants while St. Patrick's, under the guidance of Cork hurler, Pat McDonnell, made a successful return to action. Recent enquiries indicate that a further expansion may be expected for the coming season.

A special bonanza fell to Old Aloysians and College last March in the form of a trip to Holland. It was a historic occasion for these clubs. They broke new ground in bringing camogie to the mainland of Europe for the first time. Two exhibition games were played at Leden and Bussum which U.C.C. won on aggregate. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the novel experience.

Of the new faces in Cork colours this season, Caly O'Riordan looks the most impressive. Formerly a Youghal girl, the 22-year-old student made an immediate impact and has proved to be a pro-

lific scorer. Sarsfield's Mary Canavan attracts attention with her great speed and high workrate. Marion McCarthy from Ovens was another to settle down quickly and make her presence felt. There are a number on the minor panel whose progress will be followed with interest. Ann Shea from Cloyne made a sparkling debut against Clare and scored 4 goals in the process. Bernie Costine seems destined to follow the footsteps of her famous sister, Marie. Mary Roche from Buttevant looks very promising at this stage. Deirdre Quinlan may yet prove to be the answer to Cork's goalkeeping shortage.

Cork teams have enjoyed success for the past few seasons. The junior squad were first into the arena this year and what a pleasant surprise they provided. Showing six changes from the side which surrendered their Munster crown to Limerick twelve months ago, they displayed skills and determination in convincingly defeating the champions. Three weeks later they did the same to Tipperary and carried home the cup.

The seniors experienced a very close call in the All-Ireland semi-final against Galway. Played in a continuous downpour, Cork could not produce their usual form and made several untypical



NUALA GULLY  
Cloyne and Cork

mistakes. However, they held out under extreme pressure and qualified for another final on the score 3-2 to 2-3.

At Knockbridge the juniors had a convincing victory over a highly rated Armagh side. Armagh have an impressive record in this grade and with three Ulster players in their line-out they were expected to go far. Cork, showing greater combination and determination, finished with four goals to spare and earned themselves a trip to Croke Park. Galway were their opponents in the final but an excellent first-half display won the game for Cork. Nancy O'Driscoll, Cally Riordan and Mary O'Leary finished off the good work of the centre-field trio and had 4-4 on the board on the change-over. Galway improved considerably and it was the turn of Elizabeth Higgins, Rosie O'Sullivan, Brid McAuliffe, Marie Mackey and Nuala Jennings to take the honours and see Cork through to their first junior title.

Brilliant striking, lightning pace, abundance of thrills and excitement made the senior final against Antrim rank among the best camogie finals ever played. Both sides were evenly matched with Cork's great defence shading it in their favour. Captain Marie Costine took the field with the rating of the country's best full-back but was being hailed one of the greatest the game has ever known, at the finish. Hannah Cotter, Pat Moloney, Deirdre Sutton and Anne Phelan further enhanced their already impressive reputations.

A new chapter was written in Cork's record books. The county has now achieved ten senior All-Ireland titles, a four-in-a-row, it's first junior crown and a senior/junior double. Junior full-forward, Cally Riordan added a record of her own by taking both senior and junior medals. Yes, 1973 will be a year to remember in Cork camogie circles.

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★ The Cork team who took the All-Ireland senior camogie crown for the fourth successive year . . . beating Antrim 2-5 to 3-1 in the final.

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. . . and the Cork juniors who, on the same afternoon, took the All-Ireland title by beating Galway 4-4 to 1-4.



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### ALL-IRELAND

Senior: First Round—Antrim 5-4; Kilkenny 4-7. (Replay: Antrim 3-5; Kilkenny 2-3). Cork 7-12; Derry nil. Wexford 1-5; Tipperary nil. Galway 3-6; Dublin 4-2. Semi-finals: Antrim 1-8; Wexford 1-4. Cork 3-2; Galway 2-3. Final: Cork 2-5; Antrim 3-1.

### JUNIOR

Provincial Champions: Leinster—Wexford. Ulster—Armagh. Connacht—Galway. Munster—Cork.  
Semi-finals: Galway 4-4; Wexford 3-3. Cork 4-2; Armagh 0-2. Final: Cork 4-4; Galway 1-4.

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Ulster: Portglenone (Antrim). Connacht: Oranmore (Galway). Munster: Ahane (Limerick). Leinster: Austin Stacks (Dublin).  
Semi-finals: Portglenone 4-2; Ahane 0-1. Austin Stacks 4-5;

Oranmore 1-4. Final: Austin Stacks 4-2; Portglenone 2-0.

### COLLEGES

Leinster: Presentation. Mountmellick. Munster: Mount Mercy (Cork). Connacht: Presentation. Athenry. Ulster: Sacred Heart, Newry. Final: Presentation, Mountmellick 4-2; Presentation, Athenry 1-2.

### UNIVERSITIES

Ashbourne Cup Final: U.C. Cork 3-6; U.C. Galway 1-1. Ashbourne Shield Final: Maynooth 10-1; N.U.U., Coleraine, 1-0. Higher Institutes League: U.C. Galway 1-5; U.C. Dublin 1-0.

### GAEL-LINN CUP

Semi-finals: Connacht 4-4; Munster 3-7. (Replay: Connacht 1-6; Munster 1-1). Leinster 4-3; Ulster 3-4. Final: Connacht 4-4; Leinster 3-3.

# The girls take their place in

## history too

CORK camogie has seen proud moments in the past but never anything to quite equal the achievements on the third Sunday in September 1973, when the girls from the Lee (a) won the senior All-Ireland title for the fourth successive year; (b) won the All-Ireland junior title for the first time and (c) became the first ever to win both All-Ireland titles in the same year, not to say on the same day.

For good measure, young Cally Riordan from Youghal became the first player to win two All-Ireland titles in successive games on the same pitch on the same afternoon in Croke Park or anywhere else. Before that historic September 16, the present Cork senior side had already earned themselves a niche in Camogie history by winning the senior title and the O'Duffy Cup in three successive years. In 1973, although they again were long-odds favourites at the start of the campaign, they were very conscious as were all the other counties in contention, that the championship which they were entering was a very different competi-

tion, as for the first time since the inaugural championship in 1932 the senior competition was being played on the Open Draw system.

As it was the Open Draw championship proved a tremendous, indeed almost a sensational success, and the first round draw resulted very favourably for Cork who had a home venue against Derry who had been somewhat doubtful starters in any case, due to the difficulty of getting their team together for actual matches not to say for training. A week before coming South to Cork Derry were routed by Antrim in the Ulster final, but still they travelled gallantly, only to suffer overwhelming defeat again.

But there were some who felt shrewdly enough that Cork might have been better served by a stiffer first round test. Indeed those pessimists were very nearly right.

Galway, the 1972 junior champions were their second round opponents, in the semi-final at Ballinasloe. The Galway girls had caused a big surprise when they snatched victory from fancied Dublin with a late rally in their opening game. At Ballinasloe, Cork, playing very confidently were well on top in the opening stages, but they seemed to be taken out of their stride when Galway came again with another of those late rallies and the champions were possibly lucky to survive a last minute all-out assault by the home team.

Meanwhile at the other end of the draw, Antrim, a trifle fortunate perhaps to survive in a brilliant drawn first round with Kilkenny on their own soil then caused a big surprise by defeating the Kilkenny girls before their own supporters at Nowlan Park.

Antrim then went on to score a clear-cut victory over Wexford the remaining Leinster representatives at Wexford Park. Even so Antrim were still the outsiders when they lined out against holders, Cork, in the final.

In more than 30 years of watch-

ing camogie finals, I have not seen faster or more brilliant play than through the opening 20 minutes of this game. The two teams could not have been more evenly matched, but the brilliance of the Cork defence, particularly Deirdre Sutton in goal and their captain Marie Costine at full-back foiled the flying Antrim girls at this stage. However the rains then came, and the steadier Cork side benefited accordingly to lead by three points at the interval.

Cork stretched the lead on the restart, but an Antrim goal then put the game back in the melting pot, and the sides were level again with just five minutes to go.

### Drama

Two minutes later Ann Phelan again gave Cork the lead with a goal, and when Marion McCarthy added a point from a placed ball, the Cup seemed safely back by the Lee. But there was high drama to come. An Antrim goal cut the lead to a point with no more than 60 seconds remaining, and even then the Ulster girls were unfortunate first to be foiled of a great goaling chance and then to see a last stroke bid for the equalising point sail inches outside the upright.

But narrow though Cork's victory was, it was as historic as it was hard-earned and reflects the greatest credit on the seasoned side that by winning the title for the fourth successive year achieved a feat that only Dublin had surpassed.

And here is the side that set up that record: Deirdre Sutton (Glen Rovers); Marie Costine (Cloyne) capt.; Hannah Cotter (South Presentation); Sheila Dunne (Canovee); Mary Whelton (South Presentation); Marion McCarthy (do.), Pat Moloney (UCC), Betty Sugrue (South Presentation); Anne Phelan (do.), Marion Sweeney (Youghal), Nuala Guille (Cloyne); Rosie Hennessy (UCC) Sub., Cally Riordan (UCC and Youghal).

The reserves who did not play

in the final were Anne Keane (Buttevant) and Maura Coleman (Glen Rovers).

Nine of the winning side played in all four winning sides, they are Marie Costine, Hanna Cotter, Sheila Dunne, Marion McCarthy, Pat Moloney, Betty Sugrue, Ann Phelan, Nuala Guille and Rosie Hennessy. Deirdre Sutton and Mary Shelton were each winning their third medal and Marion Sweeney her second.

Sheila Dunne is sister of Cork hurler Noel Dunne.

Of course All-Ireland day had started on a glad note for Cork with the long awaited first junior victory in which the Leaside second string proved far too good for Galway. Cork, beaten in several previous junior finals had really set their hearts on winning in 1973. They showed their power in Munster when taking holders Limerick in their stride, and then routing Tipperary in the final. Then they had a slightly hollow victory over a tragedy shattered Armagh side in the semi-final.

Considering that they had to find an entirely new team, because of having won this junior title in the previous year, it was a considerable feat by Galway to reach the final at all, but in the decider they could not match Cork.

Indeed it was all Cork in the first half, and the winners deservedly led by 13 points 4-4 to 0-3 at half time. However we had a very different game after the interval, and, almost incredibly the Cork girls failed to score again. But the defence now took the honours and only conceded a goal and a point, and so the Cork girls still finished good winners with three goals to spare.

The junior side which achieved the first leg of this unique double was: Elizabeth Higgins (Watergrasshill); Marie Mackey (Blarney), Rosie O'Sullivan (Churchtown), Nuala Jennings (UCC); Marion McCarthy (Naomh Eoin), Mary Canavan (Sarsfields), Angela Higgins (Watergrasshill); Mary Mahon (Aghabullogue), Mary O'Leary (Naomh Eoin) capt., Cally Riordan (UCC).

And for a finish, what a great night they had when the girls brought home both the titles and both the Cups.



Marie Costine, captain of the All-Ireland winning senior camogie team, with the trophy.

## NONO IS SO VERSATILE

I HAD the pleasure of introducing the "Co. Galway Sports Stars of 1973" when they were presented with their awards by our 1956 Olympic hero Ron Delany at the Sports Banquet promoted by the Galway Lawn Tennis Club, in the Hotel Sacre Coeur, Salthill, last weekend.

Glancing over the citation for the Camogie star Nono McHugh, I marvelled at the versatility of the Galway girl, and she must have very few equals, if any, in the country.

Captain of the Galway team which made camogie history by bringing the first ever All-Ireland camogie title to Connacht in 1972, she also captained the all-Galway Connacht side which made further camogie history during 1973 by winning the Interprovincial championship for the Gael-Linn Cup for the first time. The Galway girls won the title the hard way, too, beating Munster, after a replay, in the semi-final, and conquering Leinster, the holders, in the final in Dublin.

In the drawn semi-final between Connacht and Munster in Castleconnell, Co. Limerick, Nono McHugh played a real captain's part, scoring 1-7 of her team's total of 3-7.

A talented soccer player, the Galway star captained the Republic of Ireland Ladies' XI in matches against Northern Ireland (twice), Wales, France and the world club champions, Standard Reims.

Turning to badminton, we find that Nono starred in the Galway badminton club's success in the Connacht junior cup—their first win in the championship



● Ron Delany presenting the camogie award to Nono McHugh at the 'Co. Galway Sports Stars of 1973' awards banquet.

for nine years, and was also a member of the Connacht Under 23 team in the Interprovincial series.

Throw in the fact that Nono McHugh is married and has a bouncing daughter, Jennifer, and you have everything that goes to make up a rather remarkable young lady.

# Interesting Motions For Camogie Convention

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Rose O'Leary was re-elected hon. secretary at the Cork Camogie Convention in the Imperial Hotel. —(Echo)



Mary Nott was re-elected registrar at the Cork Camogie Convention in the Imperial Hotel. —(Echo)

## Criticism of RTE

RTE CAME in for strong criticism at the Annual Convention of the Cork Camogie Board when the outgoing chairman, Miss Mary Moran, stated that it was inexcusable that the All-Ireland final was not televised.

The Board's president, Ide Bean Uí Se, also expressed disappointment at RTE's attitude, and complained at the failure of camogie to be included in the Texaco awards.

Officers elected were: President, Mrs. O'Se; chairman, Miss Moran; vice-chairman, Mrs. N. Newman; secretary, Miss R. O'Leary; treasurer, Miss M. Heelan; registrar, Miss M. Nott.

the inter-county 18-year-olds are already involved in inter-county at junior or even senior level and that minor would need to be that much younger. Also it will give very young players a marvellous incentive and early experience of inter-county camogie. Following on the decision to hold an under-16 All-Ireland three clubs have motions listed concerning this age group.

### AN UNDER-16 LEAGUE

Naomh Eoin and Killeagh want an under-16 league while the former also suggest that should the league be started the under-18 league be abolished. Old Aloysians are also looking for an under-16 competition. With the new All-Ireland it seems only practical to follow with an under-16 competition here so it seems almost certain that a motion to this effect will be passed.

Aghabullogue have a motion asking that Divisional sides be allowed compete in the Senior League. This could cause a lot of difficulty fixture-wise as on a day in which a Divisional side was playing the clubs with players fielding for this side could not play any game. This would mean holding up junior and intermediate games and clubs could find themselves with a backlog of fixtures to fulfil. Of course the reasoning behind the motion is probably to give players in the lower grades more experience of the senior grade as well as team practice for the championship but would the advantage outweigh the disadvantages? It will be interesting to see what convention thinks.

Newcomers Ballyphehane are looking for a set of trophies for the city winners of the under-18 league. It would be nice to see all winners getting trophies. But should Ballyphehane get their wish all sections of the leagues in all grades would want the same. This would be asking an awful lot from the Board's finances and might also lower the status of a medal.

U.C.C. have two motions listed but although these can be discussed at convention they cannot be passed there as they concern the country as a whole. In the first of these U.C.C. ask that players registered for University clubs and St. Mary's College, Belfast, be permitted to play for their home clubs during May, June, July, August and September, but under no circumstances be allowed to play for two clubs in the same competition. The other motion calls for gold medals for the winners of the All-Ireland Junior Championship.

Finally there are two motions calling for fines or suspensions on teams failing to fulfil County Board fixtures. These come from Naomh Eoin and seem rather harsh. But it is very frustrating for a team to travel and then have their opponents fail to turn up so it will be interesting to see how convention will deal with them.

CONVENTION is a time for looking back and in Cork's camogie history there can hardly have been happier memories for Cork's camogie followers at convention than those which will be recalled tomorrow (Sunday) when delegates from all over the county gather at the Imperial Hotel for the annual Cork County Camogie Convention, beginning at 2 p.m.

But convention is also a time for looking forward and as usual there are a number of interesting motions listed which clubs believe will improve some aspect of the game.

No doubt there will be a big attendance at the convention especially when there are no County Board fixtures listed. Camogie is on top of the world in Cork at the moment with new clubs springing up all the time and interest spreading to the remotest corners of the county. The tremendous successes of the Cork teams over the last few years must be responsible for a great deal of this. Certainly the senior four-in-a-row and the marvellous double of senior and junior last season put Cork right at the pinnacle. No doubt these grand Cork girls will receive their share of praise at the convention on Sunday and no one will begrudge them any of it as they have been — and we sincerely hope they will continue to be — wonderful ambassadors for the county.

### THE BACKROOM GIRLS

But praise too must be lavished on the "backroom girls" and Sunday is their day in the limelight. Certainly clubs have shown their appreciation of the wonderful work done by the County Board by returning all but one officer unanimously for another year.

No one can deny the dedication given to camogie by the chairman, Mary Moran. Mary not only chairs the Board but she also trained both successful Cork teams this season and is also very much involved in the colleges. Mary has able assistants on the Board in Mrs. Nora Newman, who has been such a stalwart for so long and Rose O'Leary who works so efficiently in her secretary's role. Then there is Mary Heenan of Blarney who had the difficult role of looking after the finances, a task she handles so well, while Mary Nott as registrar is another very able officer. These five officers are all returned unopposed. The only officer opposed is Mrs. Joan Morley, the press officer, and her opponent will be Mrs. Kay Dunne, another camogie player who has given a great deal of her time to the game.

### SELECTION COMMITTEES

But if the voting on the actual Board is reduced to one election there are two further vital elections and these are the senior and junior/minor selection committees. For the senior committee there are ten names listed while the actual committee will consist of four. Those nominated are as follows: Mrs. Nora Newman (Glen Rovers), Anna Crotty (do.), Mary Moran (Old A's.), Rose O'Leary (Naomh Eoin), Mrs. Kay Dunne (S.P.P.), Mrs. Sheila Golden (do.), Mary O'Callaghan (Aghabullogue), Mary Heenan (Blarney), Mairead McCoy (Cluain Umba) and Brid Power (Youghal).

The junior and minor selection committees will consist of three members and for this six names have been submitted. They are: Mary Moran (Old Aloysians), Mary Heenan (Blarney), Mary O'Callaghan (Aghabullogue), Anna Crotty (Glen Rovers), Mrs. Kay Dunne (S.P.P.) and Mrs. Mary Egan (do.).

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# Cork teams set headline to copy

THE annual convention of the Cork County Camogie Board was held at the Imperial Hotel yesterday. Delegates from all over the county attended and a feature of the meeting was the returning of all officers unopposed.

Speaking at the convention, the chairman, Miss Mary Moran, said that, in Croke Park last September, the Cork senior and junior teams set a headline for each and every player in the county to copy. The standard of their skill, discipline, fitness,

uniform and sportsmanship made us all proud to be Cork.

Miss Moran continued that "while it would be unrealistic to expect a club team to match the best of our inter-county sides, it is within their reach to attain an equally high standard under the other headings.

"Some clubs, particularly in league matches, field sides which leave a lot to be desired. These are being constantly left behind. Only they themselves can improve the position, and they should make a determined effort to make a bigger impact."

The chairman went on to call on Cork to look to the future. "Our first priority is to attract as many young players as possible to our game. Coaching and looking after young players calls for tremendous dedication and hard work, but is the best insurance for the future that any club could have.

"It is no longer sufficient to form a club and expect members to come into it. With so many counter-attractions to choose from, prospective players must see a camogie club as something worth joining. Newcomers may be enticed by personal contact or by organising special attractions, such as a seven-a-side tournament for beginners."

## GREATER PUBLICITY

Miss Moran also spoke of the need for greater publicity for the game. "It is up to us all to play our part in securing as much publicity for our activities as possible, but, until we ourselves supply adequate information to the media, we should be slow to complain.

"One sector of the media, however, must come in for strong criticism. The failure of RTE to televise the All-Ireland camogie final was inexcusable" she said.

In conclusion, Miss Moran congratulated all the winning teams of the past season, and thanked her fellow officers, county selectors, club officials, referees, umpires, Cork Schools Board, and all her helpers for their untiring work in promoting

camogie. She also thanked the GAA for their generous financial assistance and the constant use of their pitches.

Idé Bean Uí She, president of the County Board, also expressed her disappointment at RTE's lack of coverage of the All-Ireland final. She also complained of the failure of Texaco to include camogie in their awards, and the general lack of sponsorship and publicity for the game. The lack of pitches was another subject on which the president spoke, and she felt that here again something would have to be done immediately.

All the officers were returned unopposed and they are as follows: chairman, Miss Mary Moran (Old Aloysians); vice-chairman, Mrs. Nora Newman (Glen Govers); secretary, Miss Rose O'Leary (Naomh Eoin); treasurer, Miss Mary Heelan (Blarney); registrar, Miss Mary Nott (Glen Rovers); and press officer, Mrs. Joan Morley.

There was an election for the senior and junior/minor selection committees and they resulted as follows:

Senior — Mrs. Nora Newman (Glen Rovers), Miss Anna Crotty (do.), Miss Mary Moran (Old Aloysians) and Miss Rose O'Leary (Naomh Eoin). Imokilly, as senior champions, are entitled to complete the committee of five.

Junior/Minor — Miss Mary Moran (Old Aloysians), Miss Mary O'Callaghan (Aghabullogue) and Mrs. M. Fahy (Glanworth), plus a selector each from the junior and intermediate champions.

Miss Mary Crowley of South Presentation Past Pupils, was once again chosen as delegate to Munster Council, while Miss Mary Moran, Miss Rose O'Leary and Miss Mary O'Callaghan will be delegates to congress, which will be held in Cork this year.

The draw for the senior championship was then made and resulted as follows: Naomh Gob-

nait v Muskerry, Imokilly v SPPP, UCC v Old Aloysians, Avondu a bye.

It was not surprising that the motions concerning the establishment of an under-16 league received favourable comment. Killeagh, Old Aloysians and Naomh Eoin were all in favour of establishing a competition at this grade and, with an Under-16 All-Ireland Championship due to commence this year, it was essential that such a competition get under way in the county. The motion was passed, with players taking part to be under 16 on January 1.

Aghabullogue were anxious that divisional sides be allowed to compete in the Senior League but, after much discussion, this motion was defeated on a vote.

Naomh Eoin had two motions concerning the failure of teams to field for games. The first of these called for a fine of £10 and this was defeated, but the second, "That any team failing to field for a County Board match stand suspended until they attend personally before the County Board to give their reason for not fielding", was passed by a narrow one-vote margin.

UCC had a very interesting motion concerning players going to university: "That Rule 12 be amended to read: 'Players registered for university clubs and for St. Mary's College, Belfast, are permitted to play for their home clubs during May, June, July, August and September, but under no circumstances can a player play for two clubs in the same competition.

"Any player breaking this rule shall be suspended and shall not be allowed to compete again under the laws of the association until reinstated by the committee or council in charge."

This, of course, concerns the country as a whole, so could not be ruled on by convention, but it was recommended to be sent to congress, where it will get a further hearing.



Officers at the Cork County Board Camogie Convention in the Imperial Hotel, Cork, yesterday. From left: Miss Mary Nott, Registrar; Mrs. Nora Newman, Vice-chairman; Miss Mary Moran, Chairman; Miss Rose O'Leary, Hon. Sec., and Idé Bean Uí She, President.



## Connacht Girls Made Camogie History

by JIM LYDON (*Western People*)

Having won the All-Ireland junior championship in 1972, Galway had to field a complete new team in the 1973 junior championship. It is a big tribute to the amount of talent in the county that their 'new look' team turned in great performances in retaining the Connacht championship. They easily beat Roscommon before disposing of Mayo in the provincial final at Breaffy by the staggering score of 14 goals and 8 points to 2 goals—a winning margin of 44 points! A feature of the final was the splendid marksmanship—or should I say "marks-womanship"—of Galway full-forward Kathleen Coughlan who had 6 goals and a point to her credit, after putting her team on the victory road with a goal after four minutes.

### The All-Ireland Championships

The Galway juniors then moved on to meet Wexford in the All-Ireland championship semi-final, and again they triumphed over the 'Girls of Wexford', even though the Leinster champions had the majority of the team which had reached the previous year's All-Ireland final.

So, the Galway juniors were through to the All-Ireland final, with a complete new team, for the second successive year. The young Galwegians made a great bid to retain the title for the county, but they were beaten by an experienced Cork side in Croke Park by 4-4 to 1-4, in a game that was

much closer than the final score suggests.

Had the Galway selectors brought on substitute Anne Kilkenny a little earlier in the game, the result might have been different.

### The Senior Championship

A decision made at the highly-successful All-Ireland Camogie Congress held in the Odeon Hotel Galway, graded the counties for championship purposes and it was decided to make the draw for the 1973 All-Ireland senior championship an "open" draw.

Galway were not lucky in the draw, for they were paired with Dublin at a Dublin venue in the first round. But this did not worry the Galwegians—far from it. They trained exceptionally hard for what was undoubtedly an exceptionally hard task. Their dedication and skill brought its just reward, for after trailing for most of the game, the Connacht champions put in a storming finish to snatch a great win by 3-6 to 4-2. With only a few minutes left in the game at Parnell Park, the home of Dublin camogie, Jane Murphy collected a ball around the 30 yards line. She soloed to the left of the goal and then unselfishly sent a neat pass to Helen O'Neill, who buried the ball in the back of the Dublin net for the equaliser.

Then, with seconds left in the game, Josie Kelly landed a great point to give Galway their first ever championship win over Dublin at senior level.

### The Gael-Linn Cup

Galway were next paired with Cork, holders of the title for the three previous years, in the All-Ireland semi-final, and the westerners were narrowly beaten after a tremendous game. Nothing daunted by their gallant failures in the All-Ireland championships, the Galway girls pulled up their socks—or whatever it is that camogie players pull up—and decided to make an 'all-out' bid for the Gael-Linn Cup—the official interprovincial championship.

### Cork Represent Munster

As Cork had retained their All-Ireland senior championship crown for the fourth successive year, it was not surprising that the Munster selectors decided to field an all-Cork team against the all-Galway Connacht team in the Gael-Linn semi-final at Castleconnell, Co. Limerick. Thus, we had a repeat of the All-Ireland championship semi-final. But this time, Galway were the masters, and Munster were lucky to survive to fight another day by virtue of a last-minute point. The score was Munster, 4-4; Connacht, 3-7. Nono McHugh, the Connacht captain, was their shining star, scoring 1-7 of their total.

### History Is Made

The Galway girls were now full of confidence and they "licked" Munster in the replay at Duggan Park, Ballinalsoe, to reach the final of the Gael-Linn Cup for the second successive year.

The stars in the Ballinalsoe success were Kathleen Quinn, Phil Faye, Josie Kelly, Jane Murphy and Nono McHugh. So everything was set for the final between Leinster, who had dominated the interprovincial championship since its inauguration, and the all-Galway Connacht side. The fact that it was to be played at Parnell Park, Dublin, made Leinster "red hot" favourites.

But Connacht turned in a wonderful performance, to run out very deserving winners of a great game on the score of: Connacht, 4-3; Leinster, 3-3.

So, let us salute the following girls who have carved their own special niche in Camogie's "Hall of Fame": Margaret Killeen (Ballinalsoe), Mary Kilkenny (Ballinalsoe), Clare Collins (St. Marys), Kathleen Quinn (Ballinalsoe), Rosemary Divilly (Oranmore), Nono McHugh (Oranmore, captain), Josie Kelly (Oranmore), Katherine Warde (St. Marys), Ann Donoghue (Athenry), Phil Faye (Ballinderreen), Jane Murphy (Ballinalsoe) and Margaret Murphy (Oranmore).