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The Girls from the County Cork

—By JOAN MORLEY

THE Camogie Association was founded in Dublin in 1904 and a year later Cork became involved with the founding of its first club, Fainne an Lae. Cork G.A.A. Board helped to introduce camogie to the county and this link has been kept up through the years. Although Fainne an Lae was founded in 1905 it was not until 1907 that the first game was played at Victoria Cross. Clubs have come and gone but University College Club has been there since 1913 and is the longest established in the county. Clubs which have figured prominently include Glen Rovers, U.C.C., Old Aloysians, Lee Hosiery, Blackrock and South Presentation Past Pupils.

Interests and standards raised and waned over the years in the divisions. Muskerry were prominent in the thirties and early forties. They captured the County Championship in 1933. Avondu never managed to take the County title to North Cork but some of its clubs won Junior championships. The division with the proudest record, however, must be Imokilly. From time to time Cork Senior, Intermediate and Junior championships have rested in East Cork and in 1975 Imokilly won their fourth successive senior County Championship.

The All-Ireland Championship began in 1932 and Cork had only to wait until 1934 to take their first national title. The team that beat Louth in the final by 4-3 to 1-4 was: N. Clarke, M. Cotter, E. Staunton, L. Delaney, K. McCarthy, M. O'Hea, L. Kirby, M. McCarthy, K. Delea (Capt.), M. Kenneally, B. Riordan, J. McGrath. This was the first of three successive titles. In 1935 Dublin were beaten in the final by 3-4 to 4-0, and in 1936 Cork beat Louth by 6-4 to 3-3. Cork were out of the honours in 1937 and 1938 but came back to take three more in 1939, 1940, and 1941 under the captaincies of Renee Fitzgerald, Lil Kirby and Kay Buckley.

An unfortunate dispute arose between the Cork Co. Board and Central Council in

1944 and as a result Cork did not take part in inter-county competitions from 1944 to 1951 inclusive, but returned to the fold in 1952. While outside the Association in official terms, club camogie continued within the county, but a lot of ground had been lost. From 1934 to 1941 Cork won six All-Ireland Championships, and also contested the 1942 and 1943 finals. These successes underline the strength of the county during that period and it must also underline the pity of the years in the wilderness. Would our record now make more impressive reading had Cork remained within the Association.

Cork quickly got back into its stride following its return, but had to wait until 1970 before the All-Ireland title was won again. These were years of heartbreaks and near misses but all the hard work and determination paid off in 1970. Twenty-nine years is a long wait but Cork followers forgot all their disappointments, and found it hard to contain their joy when Ann Comerford stepped up to take the O'Duffy Cup in 1970. In the decider Cork beat Kilkenny by an impressive 5-7 to 3-2. The team that day was: E. Cummins, M. Costine, H. Dineen, M. J. Ryan, S. Dunne, B. Sugrue, A. McAuliffe, A. Comerford (Capt.), P. Moloney, L. Garvan, P. Dorgan, R. Hennessy. 1970 was to herald Cork's most successful period as they went on to take four successive titles. In 1971 Wexford were their final opponents and Cork in what was probably one of their greatest ever displays won by 4-6 to 1-2. The team was led by Betty Sugrue and the successful teams of 1972 and '73 were captained by Hannah Dineen and Mary Costine.

They failed to make it five-in-a-row in 1974. But they went close, only conceding defeat to Kilkenny after a replay. Back again in Croke Park for the final last season, but once more they had to admit defeat this time to a brilliant Wexford side. Cork have one junior title to their credit also. This

they achieved in 1973 when they completed a unique double with their seniors, and in 1975 the first minor title was won. Since 1970 Cork have taken four All-Ireland Senior titles, one junior and one minor. They have won 15 Munster titles and made ten All-Ireland Final appearances. A most impressive inter-county record. They have experienced provincial success in all grades, senior, junior and secondary as well as Under-18 and 16. In addition five Munster senior colleges titles and two Munster junior awards have come to Cork, and this year St. Aloysius' School won the All-Ireland School Championship, bringing this title to Cork for the first time. Congratulations to them on this very noteworthy achievement.

Cork has also produced many prominent and illustrious officials over the years. Two of these, Lil Kirby and Lil O'Grady have held

the highest office of the Association: Ide Bean Uí Shé, Nora Murphy, Mary Crowley, Kitty Barry-Murphy, Siobhain O'Sullivan, and Aedin McCarthy are among others who have held various important offices.

On the Colleges' front, twelve Cork Schools participate in the ten competitions of the Cork Schools Board and many of these also enter the Munster Colleges' Competitions, and in the new Primary Schools' Competition, 23 schools have already expressed interest. All this together with the successes of Cork inter-county teams, augers well for the future of the game here. Camogie was never so widespread with new teams springing up all the time. The girls are certainly playing their part in promoting Gaelic Games and look forward to an All-Ireland Victory in Cork's new stadium.

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ON CAMOGIE FIELDS

By AGNES HOURIGAN

President looks to this year

This is the time of year when people look ahead and so to gain an insight into the hopes and ambitions for the game of camogie during 1977. We have asked Una Bean Uí Phuirseil, President of the Association, to tell us what she would like to see happening in 1977 and the years to come.

This is what she has to say: So many are my hopes and wishes for the Camogie Association in 1977 that my principal difficulty is to try and list them all. There are, for instance, so many promising projects in progress under the auspices of our various Councils and Committees which will, I believe, prove increasingly effective both in enhancing the public image of camogie and further increasing the popularity of the game.

A speedy and effective system of internal communication is absolutely vital to the advancement of any Association. I have every confidence that, through 1977, the work of the Communications Committee, set up towards the end of last season, will quickly bear fruit and result in far more direct and effective communication, co-operation, and co-ordination between all levels of the Association, clubs, county boards, provincial and other councils, and Ard Choiste.

With better communication, I also hope to see improved administration at many levels thanks to the hard work that has been done and the enthusiasm that has been shown at the Administration Courses held in so many areas during 1976.

In addition, when the recently formed Referees Council gets into full stride, I look forward to the early arrival of a strong reinforcement of fully qualified referees to supplement those who have been serving the Association so faithfully and so well.

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Thanks to the tireless work of the Coaching Committee, some 20 candidates have already qualified for Grade C Coaching Certificates (Club and College level). This Committee will in the New Year be finalising arrangements for phase two of the Coaching Scheme which will enable Grade C coaches advance to Grade B (County level), with a new group seeking to qualify for Grade C.

Meanwhile, the entire Association will benefit from the early publication of the official Coaching Guide.

Among the Colleges, I hope to see the present happy position at post-primary level not alone maintained but further improved by the affiliation of schools not at present involved, and wider interest among the Vocational Schools, already very much to the fore in Leinster.

We must make a greater effort also in the Primary schools, for if our game is to prosper we must encourage and organise camogie more and more among the pre-teenagers who will be the adult stars of the future.

In 1976, camogie made great progress in the Third Level Institutes. The C.C.I.A. (Higher Institutes Council)

recently organised a most successful seven-a-side competition for first-year students, which proved an ideal method of fostering and popularising camogie in the Universities and Institutions.

Some years ago the G.A.A. Commission report advocated closer co-operation between our two Associations already so closely related in their objectives and ideals. Great progress has been made in this direction at Ard Chom Choiste level.

Through 1977, I would like to see that co-operation, already so valuable in providing us with pitches, etc. continued and extended right through the provinces and counties down to club level.

I would also hope for even further help from the G.A.A. in organising camogie in those few counties where our game is weak or unorganised.

Finally, this may be something of a pipe-dream, but this is my most fervent wish of all for 1977. Our Association has now grown and expanded to the stage where a permanent Central Office and a full-time Officer is not only necessary but almost essential. That is a goal we must aim at.

Meanwhile, may I wish all officers, players and the many, many thousand friends of camogie all over Ireland, health, happiness and enjoyment through the year ahead.

ALTHOUGH Camogie has no All-Star Awards, and although the only outside recognition players get is from the B+I, which allots one of its twelve monthly Awards to a Camogie player, recognition for which we are very grateful, every keen follower of the game will have her, or his, personal set of All-Stars at the end of any particular season. And 1976 will be no exception.

Down Limerick way they will give pride of place to the girls from Croagh - Kilfinny who won the All-Ireland club championship, a great triumph for a rural club.

On the College fields there must be, first of all, a special word of praise for St. Aloysius of Cork for bringing the All-Ireland senior trophy South for the first time, and to Presentation Athenry for the remarkable achievement of reaching both finals for the second time even though the double eluded them on this occasion. But reaching the final stage of both senior and junior competitions speaks volumes for the strength of the game in the County Galway town.

On the inter-county fields, Kilkenny came storming back into the limelight when they recaptured the All-Ireland senior title at Dublin's expense in a unique all-Leinster final. This was a very, very tight game of close marking, which militated against spectacular Camogie. But, narrow though the final margin was there could be no doubts but that the Kilkenny girls deserved their victory.

Indeed Kilkenny set a new record of their own as this was the first season in which they managed to capture both the Leinster and the All-Ireland

senior titles. The county also won the Leinster minor title for the third successive year, but again failed to reach the final of the grade. The Cork minors kept the Leaside flag flying by retaining the title in this grade, while Down recaptured the junior All-Ireland by a slightly lucky victory over Wexford in the final.

Incidentally, the best match I saw this year was comparatively recently, a Leinster club championship game between St. Paul's of Kilkenny and Buffer's Alley of Wexford. Admitting that the vast majority of both teams were made up of inter-county and All-Ireland stars, the standard was magnificent and the score-lines, St. Paul's 2-9, Buffer's Alley 2-7, tells its own tale about the closeness of the scoring and the ability of the players.

There were two noteworthy achievements. Helena O'Neill, playing possibly the most outstanding game of a brilliant career, scored eight of St. Paul's

nine points, and the ninth was scored by Ann Downey from a free seventy-five yards out!

But while it is the teams and the players who always make the headlines, and rightly so, because players and teams are what a game is all about, the people who rarely make the limelight are the people who really keep any Association rolling, and thank heaven, we have plenty of them in Camogie.

They are the devoted people who keep the wheels turning at schools and colleges and club level. The people who run, and who attend, County Board meetings, who selflessly serve the Association and the game they love in any and every capacity. If I had the handing out of Awards and Oscars I would give one each to everyone of those devoted and dedicated people, whose names never make a headline, but without whom no amateur organisation such as ours could exist for a single week.



Officers and delegates at the Cork County Camogie Board annual convention at the Imperial Hotel, Cork.

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Mary Moran

THE young players stole the limelight of the 1976 season. In particular, the spotlight shone on the Cork minors, St. Aloysius School and Na Piarasaigh. Nemo stars emerged and hold promise of exciting careers.

Cork won their first minor All-Ireland in 1975. With eleven of the panel of sixteen overage, the picture did not look rosy as the selectors set about collecting and blending another winning side. After a slow start against Limerick in Adare, the team sent supporters home happy. Following a runaway win over Clare, the team had to battle every inch of the way against Tipperary. The difference between Cork and Tipperary is wafer thin at under-16 level.

A gale force wind in Thomastown threw our side out of their stride. The match looked lost before Margaret Murphy touched home the equaliser. Cork were clear masters in the replay finishing with fifteen points to spare. Mayobridge was the setting for the final where Cork took on the home county, Down. A very big side lined out for Down and presented plenty of problems for Cork. It was a day that Claire Cronin, Anne O'Sullivan, Rose Desmond, Claire Hackett and Martha Kearney will like to recall. Before the finish, Cork had impressed the attendance with their skilful camogie. Cork was ably represented by Kathleen Costine (Captain), Anne Moore, Anne O'Sullivan, Anne Delaney, Ber McDonnell, Martha Kearney, Catherine McCarthy, Claire Hackett, Claire Cronin, Ger Murray, Margaret Murphy and Rose Desmond.

College Camogie came to Cork in 1914. While other schools were prominent from time

to time, St. Aloysius' School dominated the colleges scene from the very beginning. The school built up a strong camogie tradition and is way out in front on the honours list. It was very fitting, therefore, that St. Als should bring the first All-Ireland Colleges title to Cork. A hard campaign in the Munster championship, where they experienced narrow victories over North Presentation, St. Pauls and Mount Mercy, left them well prepared for what was to come. The hearts of the St. Als supporters stopped and started a hundred times before their mud-spattered heroines trooped off the field two points ahead of Presentation Terenure. The final proved easier than expected. A well balanced and grimly determined St. Als teams went out to win and did just that. Reigning champions, Presentation Convent, Athenry, had to hand over An Corn Sceilg to Ger Ring, Carol Coomey, Elaine Collins, Jacinta O'Brien (Captain), Eleanor Hackett, Catherine McCarthy, Noreen Morrissey, Bernice Cronin, Claire Cronin, Patricia Barry, Eithne Barry and Margaret Murphy.

The camogie section of Feile na nGael came into its own this year. Eighteen teams, attired in new outfits, looked a colourful spectacle as they paraded through the City under their club banners. The standard of play was higher than in the previous season. Many fine matches were seen before Na Piarasaigh and Thomastown won their way through to the final. Mrs. Agnes Purcell, President of the Camogie Association, honoured the final with a visit and she shared the general opinion that these girls displayed very fine

Elusive double for Kilkenny girls

FOR CAMOGIE 1976 has been an encouraging year, both off and on the playing fields. The new committees to deal with fixtures and with finance have worked well. The coaching course has already given almost twenty qualified Grade C coaches, i.e., at club and colleges level, and it is hoped that many of these will go on in 1977 to attain Grade B, county level. The administration courses held in many centres are certain to help officers at all levels, while the recently set up referees' committee should greatly augment the hard-working group of ladies of the whistle, who serve the Association so well. On the playing fields Kilkenny came back into the limelight by

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recapturing the all-Ireland title, and also won the Leinster title, the first time the Noneside county had ever taken both in the same season.

Down also regained a title they had previously held, the junior all-Ireland, while Cork stayed in the honours list by supplying the minor winners.

Several of those Cork minors had already played on the first Cork team, St. Aloysius to win the senior all-Ireland Colleges title, while Presentation Convent, Athenry, who for the second time, contested both finals on

the same day, had to be content with junior honours this time.

Also on the honours list were the West Limerick side, Craogh Kilfinny, brought the all-Ireland club championship to the county for the first time.

An innovation in 1976 was the National League, which owing to a variety of circumstances was unfortunately held up in the closing stages.

Tipperary are already through to the final from the Western zone, but the Eastern zone matches were held up due to Kilkenny and Dublin being in-

olved in the all-Ireland final. Then bad weather twice forced the postponement of the last game in the sector in which Wexford and Dublin meet to decide which will meet Kilkenny in the East zone final.

This game has now been fixed for January 23, with the survivors taking on Kilkenny in February and the winners facing Tipperary in the March final.

ALL-IRELAND

Senior — Kilkenny; Runners-up, Dublin. Junior — Down. Runners-up, Wexford. Minor — Cork. Runners-up, Down. Club — Craogh Kilfinny (Limerick). Runners-up — Athenry (Galway). Colleges — Senior —

St. Aloysius (Cork). Runners-up — Presentation Athenry. Junior Athenry. Presentation, Presentation.

Runners-up — U.C.C. Cashel. Ashbourne Cup — St. Patrick's, Maynooth. CCIA League — Carysfort T.C.

PROVINCIAL — Kilkenny. Junior — Wexford. Minor — Kilkenny. Cork. Munster — Senior — Cork. Junior — Limerick. Minor —

Cork. Ulster — Senior — Antrim. Junior — Down. Minor —

Down. Connacht — Senior — Galway. Junior — Galway. Minor — Galway.

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All successful runs come to an end. Sooner or later, the balance of power in the senior ranks will revert from East Cork. At this stage it would appear that the City will come into its own again. Here the numbers of young players far exceed the figures for the country clubs with notable exceptions like Killeagh and Eire Og. The attention to youth must pay off and it is not unrealistic to foresee clubs like St. Finbarrs, Na Piar-saigh, Ballyphehane, Nemo Rangers, Douglas, Ballinlough and Blackrock move up a grade in the years to come. There is strong evidence that we may see Killeagh and Eire Og in the senior grade before long.

Off the field. Old Aloysians brought the first All-Ireland Ceol. Caintt and Damhsa title to Cork. Aedin McCarthy, Siobhain O'Sullivan and Lil O'Neill had sufficient answers to win the Question Time. Eire Og won the Comedy event at Munster level for the second year. A considerable improvement was seen at the Cork level of the competition but it is a pity that more clubs do not participate.

Each season young players step on to the inter-county scene eager to make good. Martha Kearney, Rose Desmond, Anne O'Sullivan and Jacinta O'Brien donned the red and white for the first time with distinction. It will be interesting to follow their progress in the years to come. Claire Hackett, Betty Joyce, Eileen Kavanagh and Anne Delaney have matured considerably since joining the Cork minor squad eighteen months ago. Claire Cronin brought her collection of All-Ireland medals to three which is not bad going for a sixteen-year-old. Catherine Landers made the jump from minor to senior ranks. Kathleen Doherty came from nowhere to win and keep a senior place.

Eleven goals by the Cork seniors against Antrim at Cushendun had people talking of an All-Ireland. But it was not to be. Loose marking in the first half and missed chances in the second period let Kilkenny through at Thomastown. The standard of the All-Ireland final was not high. Cork seniors in the crowd must have pondered how they would have fared if they and their team-mates were

on the pitch. Is there another title in the present panel or is it time to start team building from our successful minors?

Showing many new faces, the Cork juniors easily accounted for Kerry. They opened brightly against Limerick in the Munster final but it soon became evident that they were out of their depth. While the Munster under-18 championship may tend to be overshadowed by the All-Ireland minor championship, it plays a very important part in the development of a player's career. Indeed, this competition has served up some excellent games. Against Tipperary, Cork did not have it as easy as the score of 2-7 to 0-3 suggests. To the disappointment of our players, Waterford conceded a walk-over in the semi-final. We will know the winners of the final showdown with Limerick before this will be in print.

It had become obvious that the senior clubs, who have only a fraction of the choice of a divisional side, needed a competition of their own. The senior club championship was introduced to fill the void. All matches were eagerly contested and only a few points separated the teams in the end. Old AIs emerged as champions, defeating UCC in the final.

UCC stretched their Ashbourne Cup run to five and their total to twenty-four. Missing some of the stalwarts of recent campaigns, they were hard pressed by Maynooth in the preliminary round. Good work by Cally Rior-dan, Mary Roche, Val O'Dwyer and Ger Butler enabled them to overcome UCD and UCG and keep camogie's oldest cup for another year.

Kay Spillane lead Imokilly to the easiest of victories in the Cork County Championship. Fielding an all Cork side they won the matches as they pleased. At the time of writing the intermediate and junior finals have yet to be played. Killeagh and Eire Og are paired in the former. Eire Og were pipped at the post by Cloyne last year but they will get nothing easy from Killeagh. Inniscarra, too, are back again for another try and may get there at the expense of St. Finbarrs.



Rosa O'Leary (Ovens) elected hon. secretary of the Cork County Camogie Board



Nuala Jennings, Connacht Ave

Glen Rovers Camogie Club

The A.G.M. of the Glen Rovers Camogie Club was held at the Glen Hall recently. There was a good attendance and various topics were discussed, including a proposal by Mrs. Nancy Hourihan to add a junior 'B' team to the club. This proposal was passed and means that the club now fields five teams.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Life president, Mrs. Nancy Hourihan; vice-president, Anna Crotty; chairman, Mrs. Nora Newman; vice-chairman, Mrs. Chris Buckley; secretary, Mary Nott; asst. sec., Mary Newman; treasurer, Mrs. Deirdre Coleman; P.R.O., Mary O'Brien.

Senior captain, Mary Nott; vice-captain, Claire Hackett; under-18 captain, Geraldine Murray; vice-captain, Claire Hackett; under-16 captain, Geraldine O'Donovan; vice-captain, Mary Hourihan; under-14 captain, Sandra Fitzgibbon; vice-captain, Rose Mackey.

Cork camogie pairings

THIS year the Cork championship draws could not be made at Convention as there was a motion passed to revise the grading system. G.P.C. got down to this job quickly and announced the new gradings recently. Now the 1977 draws have been made and they are as follows:

Senior Club Championships: Killeagh v South Presentation Past Pupils; U.C.C. v Cloyne; Eire Og v Glen Rovers; Old Aloysians a bye.

Senior Co. Championship: A. Cloyne v Killeagh; B. Avonflu v Muskerry; Old Aloysians v Winners of A; Imokilly v Eire Og; South Presentation P.P. v Winners of B; Glen Rovers v U.C.C.

Intermediate Championship: Inniscarra v Watergrasshill; Aghabullogue v Churchtown; Canovee v Sarsfield; Blarney a bye.

Junior A Championship: A. Bishopstown v Eire Og; B. Douglas v Buttevant; C. Castleview v Nemo Rangers; D. Na Piar-saigh v Ballyphehane. Winner of D v Winners of B; St. Finbarr's v Glanworth; Winners of A v Winners of C; Youghal v Ballinlough.

Junior B Championship: A. Ballymartle v Old Aloysians; Ballinora v Nemo Rangers; Eire Og v Glen Rovers; Inniscarra v Ballin-collig; Blackwater v Sarsfields; Carrigtwohill v Churchtown; Winners of A v U.C.C.; Blackrock v St. Fanahan's; Cobh v Kilmichael.

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It was a very good year for camogie

By Úna Bean Uí Phuirseál



A smiling Marian McGarvey holds the All-Ireland Junior trophy aloft after Down had beaten Wexford in the final to regain the title after an eight-year lapse.

THE 1976 Camogie season saw only one of the 1975 champions retain their title, the Cork minors who again proved too good for all opposition, and in doing so gave positive proof that the future of the game is safe beside the Lee.

Their victory emphasised the power in Cork in teenage competition for earlier in the year, the girls from St. Aloysius School had won the All-Ireland senior Colleges competition, which meant that some of their members can boast of two All-Ireland medals in the same year.

It was also a satisfactory year as far as the distribution of honours went. Kilkenny recaptured the senior All-Ireland title, the junior crown returned to Down after an eight-year lapse, the All-Ireland club title was captured by the West Limerick Club, Croagh-



Two action pictures from this year's All-Ireland Senior Final between Kilkenny and Dublin.

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LIZ Neary (K)
ANN Downey (D)
& Roseann
Fleming (D)

Kilfinny, while the junior Colleges All-Ireland was won very deservedly by Presentation College Athenry.

So, every province had some reason for rejoicing, and the off-the-field activities were no less successful, with the Coaching Courses, both at National Level and for Colleges well attended, and useful meetings on Administration and refereeing.

The work done by the sub-Committees for Fixtures, for Finance and for Coaching has taken much of the pressures off Central Council, and the Rule Book and Official Guide has been revised and rewritten.

The great innovation of the year on the playing fields, the National League has, for a variety of reasons, been rather long drawn out, but it has, by and large, fulfilled its purpose of providing more games for county teams, and the closing stages promise to hold plenty of interest.

Highlight of the season was of course, All-Ireland final day at Croke Park where the respective deciders could not have been more keenly contested with the same margin, one single point dividing Kilkenny and Dublin for senior honours and the juniors of Down and Wexford in the battle for junior supremacy.

Kilkenny, gaining their second title in three seasons, used their greater experience to considerable advantage against the speedy Dublin girls, and had outstanding players in Helena and Teresa O'Neill, Bridie Martin, Mary Fennelly and the Downey sisters, Anne and Angela, the first pair of twins to win All-Ireland senior honours together in any of our Gaelic games.

Dublin, so narrowly beaten, can have bright hopes for the

The second sad fact about Camogie Final Day was that the attendance once again fell far short of what it should have been. This time the games got more publicity than ever before, but still the crowds just did not come in the numbers we had hoped for. True the weather was not helpful, Kilkenny followers had another All-Ireland engagement on the same day, while the ardour of Wexford supporters may have been dampened by the hurling final defeat.

In addition, only two provinces were represented, and the Dublin followers, or at least the vast majority of them would have been in Croke Park whether their own county was engaged or not.



Kilkenny captain Mary Fennelly shows the Cup to the crowd watched by Seamus Pattison, Mayor of Kilkenny and Una Bean Uí Phuirséal, Uachtarán Cumann Comógaíochta na nGael.

future, as the vast majority of their players are very young, and almost all of them are graduates from Dublin's successful All-Ireland junior sides of recent years, and they have an inspiring goalkeeper in Shiela Murray.

Down, who had been the first winners of junior All-Ireland honours back in 1968, recaptured the title and trophy thanks to some brilliant efforts by their great star Marion McGarvey who had plenty of assistance from Susan Lively and Anne Rooney, but Wexford too are very promising and will be there again.

There were, however, two rather sad aspects to All-Ireland final day. The first was because it marked the last Croke Park appearance of Ann Carroll,

who has meant so much to the game at so many levels since first I saw her play, as a pre-teen-age schoolgirl for Mercy Convent, Callan.

I always feel the entry of Callan 'made' the Leinster Colleges championship and the Colleges have since given a lead to the entire province. Since then Ann Carroll has won every honour in the game she loves had to offer, but the work she has done for Camogie off the field, as coach, as organiser and as general propagandist for the game has been tremendous.

Ann has announced her retirement from the inter-county scene, but her remarkable energy and enthusiasm will ensure that her contribution to the future of Camogie will be no less than it has been in the past.

Still the finals did not draw the attendance that those excellent displays of the game deserved, and we shall have to make further attempts to find out the reason why our own members and their friends do not turn up as one feels they should.

It is my own belief that one of the reasons for the poor attendance is that the vast majority of G.A.A. supporters are completely unaware of the excellence of Camogie as a sporting spectacle at inter-county level. Those who see Camogie played by top class teams for the first time are always loud in their praise, so I wonder would it help our problem if the game was seen at its best before greater crowds.

Would it be a good idea to play some top-class Camogie matches as curtain-raisers to reasonably big hurling and football matches and thus give the average games follower some idea of what he, or she, has been missing? I feel it would and, indeed, I remember when an inter-provincial Camogie final was played before an Oireachtas Hurling final at Croke Park several famous hurlers, past and present, could only express amazement at the skill and style of the players.

I am certain that many others would be similarly and agreeably surprised if they too could have the opportunity of seeing the stars of Camogie in action before or after big G.A.A. games.

Well, at least, it's an idea.

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by Mary Murphy

First played officially, as part of the campaign of the Gaelic League to foster an Irish Ireland, as long ago as 1904, at an Aeridheacht in Navan, when it was attended by about 2,000 spectators, Camogie is now played in almost all parts of the country. There are 28 County Boards, and it is hoped that those counties who do not at present have County Boards will in the near future witness a transformation of the type recently experienced in County Donegal, where active promotion of the game at colleges level led to the formation of the county's first Board.

Mention of these developments brings us to the organisational structure of the association. At the highest level is the Central Council or Ard Chomhairle, with its subsidiaries, the Colleges Central Council, formed in 1967, and the Higher Institutes Council, formed in 1973. Subordinate to Central Council are the four Provincial Councils, each of which also has a subsidiary Colleges Council. The County Committee, more commonly referred to as the County Board, is responsible to the Provincial Council for the affairs of each county, and in some counties there is also a Colleges Board. The lowest level of the organisation is represented by the club or, in the case of the Colleges, by the individual college.

The Camogie scene was dominated for many years by the one national competition, the All-Ireland Senior Championship, of which the 4 Provincial Championships were subsidiary competitions. However, the oldest competition is the intervarsity Ashbourne Cup competition, which has been played each year since 1915, with the exception of 1943. The Provincial and All-Ireland Senior competitions date from 1932, except in Ulster where the first provincial championship was in 1933. The noteworthy feature of the All-Ireland competition, to the winners of which the O'Duffy Cup is presented annually, has been the predominance of Dublin for so many years, winning the title each year from 1948 to 1966, with the single exception of 1956, and holding in all 25 titles.

The 1960's was a decade of great change for the Association, with extensions of the organization's activities at all levels. 1962 was the year of the first All-Ireland Club championship. The importance of the local base on which the organisation is built was further emphasised by the development of the Provincial and All Ireland Colleges competitions throughout the 1960's, with the first All-Ireland Colleges championship in 1969, and further development in this sphere occurred in the first half of the 1970's. There are now All-Ireland Colleges competitions in two grades, Senior, Junior (under 15). The introduction and growth of the game at colleges level has been reflected in the changes which have occurred in the counties formerly regarded as the "weaker" counties. The rise of the game to its present strength in Kilkenny followed a period of dominance by Mercy Convent, Callan and coincided with the great days of Presentation, Kilkenny, whose pupils and past-pupils have in recent years formed the core of the successful St. Pauls club team and also the Kilkenny Senior team, who have captured the Senior title twice, first in 1974 and most recently in the current season. The county now has several post-primary schools where the game has gained a strong foothold.

1968 was the year of the first All-Ireland Junior championship, and the fact that the first title went to Down was but an anticipation of the manner in which this competition was to justify its introduction, by giving counties such as Down in 1968, Derry in 1969, Galway in 1972, and Clare in 1974 their first taste of success at inter-county level. Both Galway and Clare now have strong senior teams. The success enjoyed by the Dublin Senior team this season is a further reflection of the success of this Junior competition, as the panel of 23 players contained no



DUBLIN - ALL IRELAND CAMOGIE FINALISTS - Back Row l. to r.: Mary Murphy, Ann Carey, Helen Roche, Miriam Higgins, Felicity Sutton, Ann Byrne, Anna McManus, Ann Lindsay. Front Row, l. to r.: Maura Sutton, Margaret Sutton, Sheila Murray, Sheila Wallace (Capt.), Rita White, Bernie Conway, Noreen Fleming, Barbara Redmond.

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Camogie

Star of the Year



Felicity Sutton receiving the Camogie Star of the Year trophy from Liam O hOisin of 'Gaelic Stars' at Croke Park, on behalf of the sponsors, Allied Irish Banks Limited. Also present were: Sean O Laoire, C.L.G. and Patricia Rafferty, Chairman of the Dublin County Camogie Board.

FELICITY SUTTON of the Dublin Camogie Team began playing camogie while attending the school of Our Lady of the Assumption, Walkinstown.

Subsequently she joined Cuchulainns. In 1972 she was a founder member of the Phoenix Camogie Team, of which she was Chairman and trainer until last summer, when she became trainer for Naomh Mhuire School, King's Inns St.



Peggy Garay (Kilkenny) and Rita White (Dublin) in action in the All-Ireland Camogie Final at Croke Park.

FROM LEFT. - JO DUNNE, MARY MURPHY,
ANN CARROLL & RITA WHITE

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ST. PAULS SEEK SEVENTH CROWN

CAMOGIE players at top level have had an even shorter year-end break than their counterparts in the G.A.A. The competitive season re-opens on Sunday with club championship finals in three of the four provinces and the fourth such final due on Sunday week.

Only one of the eight club sides still in contention has ever won this title before and they are St. Paul's from Kilkenny, who can boast of the remarkable record of having won this title four times and taken the Leinster crown on six occasions.

On Sunday next, they seek their seventh Leinster crown when they come to Dublin to take on the Metropolitan champions, Celtic, who have yet to win an official provincial club title, although they did win the Jubilee Cup, an All-Ireland club competition, in 1964.

However, the Celtic girls have high hopes of making the long-awaited breakthrough now.

FINE FORM

The Dublin champions have been in fine form of late. They won the Curran Cup on the Sunday before Christmas, have been in constant training for this series, and with excellent players in Rita White, Noreen Fleming, Claire Harrington, Anne Carey, Miriam Higgins, and the evergreen Una O'Connor, must have a wonderful chance of taking the provincial title this time.

But they will need to be at their best to ensure victory over St. Paul's, who can call on the majority of the Kilkenny All-Ireland champions including Teresa and Helena O'Neill, Anne and Angela Downey, Bridie Martin, Mary Fennelly and Carmel Doyle.

In the North, Holders Naomh Brid, from Newry, face a stiff challenge to their supremacy when they travel to Creggan to take on the local team, who are the Antrim champions. But the Down title-holders, led by that great star Marion McGarvey and aided by Anne Rooney, Mary McCoy and Ursula Carey look

good enough to retain the title.

In Munster, Drom and Inch, the Tipperary champions, and Ahane from Limerick have to meet for the second time to decide provincial honours. In their previous meeting Drom and Inch, although the outsiders, had looked the better team and a repeat of that form should see them through now, even though Ahane are by far the more experienced.

The first of the provincial Conventions takes place tomorrow when Leinster meet at 47 North Georges St., Dublin, to take stock of the year past. With just over 100 active clubs in the province, and holding the senior All-Ireland and also the interprovincial title, the delegates will have every reason for satisfaction.

Mrs. A. Timmins (Dublin) will be returned unopposed as Chairman as will the Treasurer, Marie Cribbin (Kildare) and Registrar Miss Sophia Driscoll (Dublin). There are two nominees for vice-chairman — Kilkenny's Mrs. Beatrice Treacy (outgoing) and Mrs. O'Brien (Wicklow) while Miss Mary Fennelly (Kilkenny), Mrs. Walsh (Kildare) and Mona Ni Lochlainn (Dublin) are nominated for the vacant post of Secretary.

THIRD TIME LUCKY FOR VITAL CLASH?

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However both counties, and the Central Fixtures Committee, will be hoping that Sunday next will be third time lucky at the Buffer's Alley Grounds and that the game can be played at last.

The odds would still seem to be slightly in favour of Dublin, who beat the Wexford girls on their only two competitive meetings in 1976, and, as they were playing competitive games almost right up to Christmas, are likely to have fitness on their side now.

However, Wexford can still muster a formidable line-up of star players and will be anything but easy to defeat before their faithful supporters in Monamolin.

The club championship finals due in three provinces last Sunday were ruled out by the snow and frost.

GALWAY FANCED

The Munster final between Drom and Inch (Tipperary) and Ahane (Limerick) and the Leinster decider between Celtic (Dublin) and St. Paul's (Kilkenny) have been refixed for February 6. However the Connacht final, in which Clanna Gael (Roscommon) take on the provincial holders, Athenry from Galway, will be played next Sunday with the odds strongly in favour of the Galway representatives.

So Sunday will be a generally

busy day with an important event in Munster with the final of Ceol, Cathar agus Damhsa, the winter talent competition, scheduled for the Community Centre, Ennis, starting at 2.0. The Munster Convention will be held in Cruises Hotel, Limerick, on the following Sunday, January 30.

The annual convention of the Higher Education Council (C.C.I.A.) will be held in Belfield House, Dublin, on Sunday next (2.0) when delegates will have to elect a new chairman and secretary. Chairman Una Bean Uí Phuirseal, who has been in command since this Council was set up four years ago, has come to the end of her term of office, while the secretary, Miss Mary Matthews (Queens) is going on a post-graduate course in the United States.

VITAL GAME

Meanwhile tomorrow will see U.C.D. and St. Patrick's Maynooth, both unbeaten to date, meet in a vital game in the C.C.I.A. League. U.C.D. have a much improved side, but Maynooth, on home ground and powered by Kilkenny All-Ireland star Angela Downey, look more likely to take the points.

On the Colleges front, Presentation Cashel have qualified for both Munster finals. Their opponents will be from Cork — Sacred Heart in Junior and Immaculate Heart in Senior.

The Project competition for Colleges closes on February 1 by which time all entries should be with the All-Ireland Colleges secretary, Miss Mary Moran, 16 Firgrove Gardens, Bishopstown, Cork.

WEXFORD IN PLAY-OFF

Wexford, 3-3; Dublin, 1-3

WEXFORD qualified for the play-off of the Eastern Zone of the Senior Inter-County Camogie League by defeating Dublin in a keenly contested game at Rathnure yesterday.

The sides were level until just before half-time when Kitt Codd nipped in to score her second goal for Wexford.

Dublin tried hard in the second half but could not break through a resolute winners' defence.

Scorers — Wexford — Kitt Codd (3-0), Maggie Hearn (0-1), Eileen O'Gorman (0-2).

Dublin — Anne Byrne (1-0), Mary Mernagh (0-1), Evelyn Sweeney (0-2).

Easy for U.C.D.

U.C.D. 7-2 N.U.U. 0-0

U.C.D. opened their Ashbourne Cup campaign at Coleraine on Saturday, when they scored a clear cut victory over N.U.U. They led by 4 goals at half-time, and, although they dominated the game, they were far from impressive. This victory earns them a place in the semi-final against Queen's University on February 11.

Scorers: Mary Ryan (2-1), Kathleen O'Keefe (2-1), Margaret Mooney (2-0), Anne Murphy (1-0).

Other results: Queen's Univ. 6-2; Trinity 1-0, Maynooth 4-3; U.C.G. 2-6.

Wexford best

Wexford, 5-0; Kilkenny, 2-2

WEXFORD qualified for the final of the Senior Camogie League by defeating Kilkenny in the Eastern Zone play-off at Kilkenny yesterday.

Kilkenny led by 1-2 to no score at half-time. An Anne Downey goal early in the second half increased their lead. But then Wexford came to life with a goal from Eileen Keogh and in a brilliant final 10 minutes they added four more goals.

Senior 'A'—Presentation Terenure, 6-3 (Edel Murphy 2-3, G Moran 2-0, J. McMahon 1-0, A Maloney 1-0); Kilcock 1-1 (L Dunne 1-0, G. Cully 0-1).

CAMOGIE SCENE COULD CHANGE

BY JOAN MORLEY

At the annual Convention of the Cork Camogie Board one motion was passed which could change the whole camogie scene in Cork. For some years past the senior grade in the county has been very weak and Imokilly — an East Cork selected side — has dominated the championship scene.

None of the players involved in the Imokilly side are from senior clubs and it was felt that some of the clubs from which they were selected were good enough to play senior. In this way it was hoped to improve the top grade.

There were a number of different motions at convention calling for such an improvement and as a result of one such motion every club in the county was involved in a new grading system. This re-grading was

also welcomed by the junior clubs. Last season the gap between some of the junior clubs was so great that sides could face a 15 goals to nil drubbing. This did not help up and coming clubs and so convention called for a Junior 'A' and 'B' grades.

The G.P.C. of the Board got straight down to the business of the new gradings and last week issued a list of these.

INTERESTING

There were some interesting facts in the list including the emergence of three new senior clubs — namely Cloyne, Eire Og and Killeagh. Two of these, Cloyne and Killeagh, provided many of the Imokilly players and it will be interesting to see how they fare in the senior grade.

The new senior teams are: U.C.C., S.P.P.P.; Old Aloysians, Glen Rovers, Cloyne, Eire Og and Killeagh.

There are also seven intermediate teams in the new list and they are: Inniscarra, Churchtown, Watergrasshill, Sarsfields, Aghabullogue, Blarney and Canovee.

There are 24 junior teams in all at present and these have now been graded into two sections. The Grade 'A' teams are: Glanworth, Castleview, Nemo Rangers, Buttevant, Ballyphehane, Douglas, Bishopstown, St. Finbarr's, Na Piarasigh, Ballinlough, Youghal and Eire Og.

The Junior 'B' teams are: Ballymartle, Blackrock, Old Aloysians, Ballinora, Kilmichael, Churchtown, Blackwater, Cobh, Carrigtwohill, St. Fanahan's, UCC, and Ballincollig.

Any new teams which wish to join the Co. Board will be graded on receipt of their registration forms.

Another motion passed at convention called for a Referee Sup-Committee. This was also announced last week and is as follows: Annette O'Donovan, Rosari Riordan, Mary Moran, Mary Nott and Lil O'Neill.

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C.C.D. Finals At Ennis

THIS is the time of year when attention turns to a comparative new but very popular side of the camogie scene—the Ceoil, Caint agus Damsha competitions, and there will be great interest centred on the Community Centre in Ennis where this year's Munster Finals will take place on Sunday next.

On the playing fields the pick of the games listed is likely to be the Junior League final at Inniscarra

where the local side meets Killeagh.

Last year we had our first All-Ireland success in the C.C.D. competitions when Old Aloysians won the Question Time. However, Old Als were eliminated in the early rounds this year and our representatives in this grade will be U.C.C. Last year Eire Og won in Munster but were defeated in the All-Ireland. However, they emerged victorious in Cork again this time and are determined to get another chance at an All-Ireland title. This club are also Cork's representatives in the Ballad Group while the remaining successful Cork winners who will be performing in Ennis, are Dancing: Douglas; Solo Singing: Mary Nott, Glen Rovers; Recitation: Cella Murray, Glen Rovers; Instrumental Music: Mary Burns, Na Piarasigh. All these girls have worked very hard in recent weeks in their particular field and we wish them every success in Ennis.

KILLEAGH SPARKLE

Killeagh emerged easy winners of the 1975 junior league when they defeated Inniscarra at the latter's ground yesterday by 6-3 to 1-0. The winners were without senior inter-county player Pat Moloney while Inniscarra had to field without the talented Ger Ring.

Inniscarra played very well in the opening period but a superb Betty Joyce in the Killeagh defence did not allow them to avail of their many scoring chances. Killeagh were leading by only three points to nil at the interval but in the second period the winners went on a scoring spree and with Catherine Landers, Marion Sweeney, Catherine Griffin and F. O'Connor in sparkling form, Killeagh were impressive winners.

Scorers: Killeagh, M. Sweeney 1-3, F. O'Connor 1-0, M. Walsh 3-0, C. Griffin 1-0. Inniscarra: C. O'Driscoll 1-0. Referee: Annette O'Donovan (SPPP).

JUNIOR TITLE

Killeagh and Inniscarra, who meet in the Junior League final on Sunday, last clashed in the final of the 1975 Junior Championship when Killeagh emerged as easy victors. However, since then Inniscarra have taken the 1976 Junior title and have increased in experience, so Sunday's encounter should be a thriller.

FIXTURES

All on Sunday.
Munster C.C.D. finals at Community Centre, Ennis, 2.30 p.m. At Inniscarra: J.L. final, Killeagh v. Inniscarra, 3 p.m. (Ref. A. O'Donovan). At Blarney: I.L., Blarney v. Sarsfields, 3 p.m. (Ref. Ballincollig). At Bishopstown: U-18, Bishopstown v. Nemo Rangers, 11.30 a.m. (Ref. Old Als). At St. Finbarr's: U-16, St. Finbarr's v. Blackrock, 11.30 a.m. (Ref. Ballyphehane).

C. C.I.A. elect officers

The A.G.M. of the C.C.I.A. was held in Belfield yesterday. Una Bn. Ui Phurseail, the long-serving president handed over to newly elected Bridin Bn. Ui Mhadagain of Dublin. Bridin Ni Lorcaín was returned as Secretary. The new registrar is Teddy Ni Mhaoileán and Mary Hanly is the new treasurer. The C.C.I.A. is responsible for the running of two competitions, the C.C.I.A. league and the Ashbourne Cup.

The league is open to all third level colleges in the country and has now reached the semi-final

stages. April 23 has been decided as the date for the final. The Ashbourne Cup is for the seven Universities in the country and is played over a weekend.

This year's T.C.D. are the hosts and the competition is being staged in their Santry grounds on February 12 and 13.

At Leinster Camogie Convention in Dublin the following officers were returned unopposed to their positions: Mrs. Timmins (Dublin), chairman; Mrs. Tracy (Kilkenny), vice-chairman; Marie Cribbin (Kildare), treasurer; Sophie Brook (Dublin), registrar; Mary Fennelly (Kilkenny) was newly elected as secretary.

C.C.I.A. League — U.C.D. 0-2; Maynooth 0-2.

Terenure tops

Presentation Terenure, 5-0; Voc. School, Thomastown, 3-1. PRESENTATION, Terenure, reached the semi-final of the Leinster Colleges Junior Camogie Championship (Purcell Cup) on Saturday, when they defeated Voc. School, Thomastown, holders, in their quarter-final game at Belfield.

Although Presentation led

right from their first goal after six minutes, there was never more than 3 points between the teams until Terenure's last goal five minutes from full-time.

Scorers: Presentation — Pat Maron (2-0), Edel Murphy (2-0), Noelle Dunne (1-0). Thomastown — Margaret Farrelly (1-1), Helen Galway (1-0), Eileen Lanigan (1-0).

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CAMOGIE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Bridie Martin, 22-year-old Kilkenny star has been selected as the B. & I. Line Camogie Player of the Year. In deciding on the award winner the selection panel had to enlist the aid of the officers of the Camogie Association. The choice was unanimous.

Miss Martin, who was presented with the award by Mr. Norman Newcombe, Marketing Manager, Car Ferries, B. & I. at a luncheon in Dublin, is a most versatile young sports woman. Apart from being one of the country's most accomplished camogie players, with All-Ireland champions Kilkenny, she is also an outstanding soccer player. Last year she was selected to play for the Republic of Ireland in the women's international match against Northern Ireland, but had to withdraw as the game clashed with a vital camogie game.

Miss Martin has now collected virtually every major honour in camogie. All-Ireland Colleges, All-Ireland senior medals, a place on the Leinster team and now the B. & I. award.

During her first year at Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, she helped her school to the Leinster Junior Colleges Cup and the following year was a member of the side which took the All-Ireland Colleges Cup with a memorable win over St. Aloysius, Cork.

In her Leaving Certificate year she played again on the college side which won the Purcell Cup and was also selected on the Kilkenny senior side. Kilkenny lost the All-Ireland final to Cork but two years later after a replay against Cork, Miss Martin won her first All-Ireland senior medal.

In 1975, she was on the Kilkenny side that lost to Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final but last year, then at centre-back, she played a storming game in Kilkenny's great win over Dublin at Croke Park.

Picture above shows (from left) Mary Farily, Mr. Norman Newcombe, Bridie Martin, her sister Irene Marnell, Beatrice Treacy, chairwoman, Kilkenny Camogie Board.

PRETTY

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PETITE, pretty, charming — hardly the first terms you might think of applying to a hurling centre half-back or a soccer midfielder. Yet that is, in effect, just what 22-year-old Bridie Martin is, and yesterday at the Royal Dublin Hotel, she was the recipient of the Cuchullain Trophy, the B & I Award for the GAA Personality of the Month, except that this time it is for the Camogie Player of the Year.

Here I will let the B & I hand-out take over with the details—

In choosing the "Camogie Player of the Year" the B & I Line selection panel enlisted the aid of the officers of the Camogie Association. The choice was unanimous, the winner being a member of the Kilkenny side which won the all-Ireland title.

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BOOST TO THE GAME

"I am really delighted about this," she said. "This annual award is a great boost to the game of camogie, and I welcome anything that will help our game."

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THE MITCHEL COGLEY CORNER



all-Ireland Colleges' Cup, with a memorable win over St. Aloysius, Cork. In her Leaving Certificate year she played again on the college side, which won the Purcell Cup, and was also selected on the Kilkenny senior side.

Kilkenny lost the all-Ireland final to Cork, but two years later after a replay against Cork, Miss Martin won her first all-Ireland senior medal. In 1975, she was on the Kilkenny side that lost to Cork in the all-Ireland semi-final, but last year, now at centre-back, she played a storming role in Kilkenny's epic win over Dublin at Croke Park. And she predicts, of course, that Kilkenny will again be the team to beat in 1977.

Making the presentation, Mr. Norman Newcombe, Marketing Manager, Car Ferries, said: "Our sponsorship of the Personality of the Month Awards embraces the whole G.A.A. spectrum as this month's Camogie award does."

various games in a most positive way. Bridie Martin's award is richly deserved, as she has played a major role in Kilkenny's Camogie successes over the past few years."

TOO PHYSICAL

Back with me again, and I'm happy to say that at the lively discussion over lunch, in spite of Miss Martin's prowess at soccer, there was no enthusiasm at all for the promotion of Gaelic Football for women. Too physical was the consensus, and just in case this may incur the wrath of the more militant libbers, the view was shared by the ladies in the company.

I can see the dainty Miss Martin wielding a caman with delightful skills; with an effort I can see her in a soccer role. But not in the hurly burly of Gaelic football or the manly physicality

Cork Seeks Action On Refs Situation

It's Convention time all over the country and on Sunday next the Munster Council sits down for their annual gathering at Cruises Hotel, Limerick. On the playing fields the leagues continue.

All five officers of Munster Council have been returned unopposed for the coming year. They are Mary Moran, Chairman; Sr. Angela, Vice Chairman; Eithne Neville, Secretary; Mary Casey, Treasurer; Ann-Marie O'Loughlin, Registrar.

There are a number of interesting motions listed for Convention, two of these from Cork. In one, Cork seek action on the referees problem. Counties like Kerry and Waterford are rarely appointed to referee inter-county games and Cork feel that all counties should share the responsibility and the work involved. Occasionally too referees have failed to turn up and this is just not good enough, particularly when inter-county matches are involved. So the call is for tougher action on the referees situation.

Clare are looking for a full list of All-Ireland championship fixtures to be made available two weeks after Congress and in a second motion they call for much the same service from Munster Council.

Both these motions would be very acceptable but surely it would be a difficult task for both Central and Munster Councils. It would mean that the season would have to be extended considerably for one could

not assume that a team would be defeated in a first, second, or semi-final encounter and replays might be necessary. However, it is worth discussing as an early fixture list would be welcome.

HOME AND AWAY

Limerick have a motion which asks "That the Munster final venue in each grade would alternate home and away where teams have already met in such finals (e.g. if the venue for Under 16 final in 1976 was Cork, then the venue will be Tipperary when they next meet in a final)."

On this motion Cork feel that final venues should be decided on current year's travelling. If Limerick's motion is passed, it could happen that a team would have to travel for all matches.

The three new Senior teams will be involved in 1976 Intermediate League games on Sunday next, two of them in opposition. They are Killeagh and Cloyne who clash for the points at Killeagh and there will be great interest in their respective performance. Both sides have strong players, with Killeagh having Pat Moloney, Catherine Landers and Marion Sweeney, while Cloyne have the Costine sisters, Kathleen, Marie and Bernie and it should be a great game between these two East Cork sides.

The third new Senior side in action will be Eire Og and they could prove too strong for Canovee when these sides meet at the latter's venue on Sunday.

There are two junior league games also listed for Sunday. The first of these is at St. Finbarr's where the home side take on Ballyphehane and here a win is likely for the homesters. In the second game Na Piar-saigh could have too much power for Douglas at the Fair Field.

Finally, a Primary Schools meeting will be held on Tuesday night next at 9.15 p.m. at Nemo Rangers Club.

FIXTURES

Sunday: Munster Convention at Cruises Hotel, Limerick, 2.30 p.m.; at Fair Field, J.L., Douglas v Na Piar-saigh, 11.30 a.m. (Ref. Ballinlough); at St. Finbarr's, J.L., Ballyphehane v St. Finbarr's, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Bishopstown); at Killeagh, L.L., Killeagh v Cloyne, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Youghal); at Canovee, I.L., Canovee v Eire Og, 3.30 p.m.

Tuesday: Primary Schools meeting, Nemo Club, 9.15 p.m.

Administration the weakness

DELEGATES from only Limerick, Clare and Cork attended yesterday's Annual Munster Camogie Convention in Limerick at which all the officers were returned unopposed.

The Chairman, Miss Mary Moran, Cork, who is starting her third year as Chairman, told the delegates that one of the biggest weaknesses within the Association is that of club administration.

She stressed that two new club administrators had been appointed and she hoped that their services would be availed of. Miss Moran also appealed to all counties to set up a referees' committee.

The Secretary, Miss Eithne Neville of Limerick also referred to referees in her annual report and said there was a shortage of referees at all levels and this continued to pose quite a problem. "Players or ex-players are very slow to take on refereeing either because they have no desire to do so or they do not feel sufficiently competent," she said.

Miss Neville said that the latter reason is excusable and might be overcome with coaching, but the former is not.

"While accepting the fact that spectators can help provoke the present situation by their attitude and impatience towards referees at matches at the same time

there are many who just will not bother taking on the responsibility," she said.

Miss Neville congratulated the Cork and Limerick teams on their successes last year.

Cork enjoyed amazing good fortune when the draws for this year's Munster championships were made. They resulted:

Munster Senior Championship: Clare v. Limerick at Clare venue; Cork v. Tipperary at Cork venue; Junior Championship: Waterford v. Tipperary at Waterford venue; Cork v. Clare at Cork venue; Limerick v. Waterford or Tipperary.

Under 18: Clare v. Waterford at Clare venue; Cork v. Tipperary at Tipperary venue; Limerick v. Winners of Clare or Waterford.

Under 16: Clare v. Limerick at Clare venue; Waterford v. Tipperary; Cork v. Clare or Limerick.

Inter-Club: Cork v. Waterford at Cork venue; Limerick v. Tipperary at Limerick venue; Kerry v. Cork or Waterford; Clare v. Limerick or Tipperary.

Junior League: Tipperary, Limerick, Clare and Waterford each to play the other three counties.

Officers re-elected: Chairman, Miss Mary Moran, Cork; Vice-Chairman, Sr. Angela, Mercy Convent, Nenagh; Treasurer, Mary Casey, Cork;

Secretary, Eithne Neville, Limerick; Registrar Anne Marie O'Loughlin, Clare.

A Cork motion asking that an estimate for Munster championship and league medals or trophies be approved by Munster Council before those items are purchased was passed, but a Clare motion asking that a full plan of fixtures be made available by Munster Council for all Munster matches by the end of April was defeated.

KILKENNY MISS OUT ON THE DOUBLE

By TAQBH LINE

All-Ireland Camogie champions, Kilkenny, missed their chance to bring off the first ever League and Championship double when they somewhat unexpectedly failed to Wexford in the National League semi-final last Sunday. It was, in its trend, a rather unusual game as Kilkenny well on top for two-thirds of the game, during which they never conceded a score, were swamped by five Wexford goals in the last 15 minutes.

Wexford thus advance to meet Tipperary in the inaugural Camogie League final, which will

be played at a Wexford venue on March 13.

On Sunday last the Kilkenny attack sadly missed the services of star forward Angela Downey, who was, in fact, captaining her University, Maynooth, against U.C.G. in the Ashbourne Cup series. But Angela will be back in action for her Kilkenny club when Drom and Inch (Tipperary) and Ahane (Limerick) meet for the second time.

The Tipperary club, though the outsiders, looked by far the more effective side in the first game and must be counted unlucky not to have won on that occasion. Back to full strength now, and more or less on familiar grounds at Holy Cross they

will be very hopeful of taking the Southern title for the first time.

But Ahane, the more experienced team, may well have been taken by surprise in the first game, and will be better prepared now, so they will have no excuse if they are beaten this time.

In the other semi-final the issue will rest between Ulster champions, Creggan, from Antrim, and the Connacht representatives, Athenry, and will be played at an Ulster venue. Maynooth sprang the big surprise of the Ashbourne Cup series when they defeated U.C.G.

in their quarter-final at Galway last Sunday. This is, I think, the first time the Galway students have ever failed to reach the semi-final stage.

Maynooth thus go forward to meet the holders U.C. Cork in the semi-final. In the other semi-final U.C.D., who had an easy victory last weekend over N.U.U. at Coleraine, meet Queen's who had even more to spare over Dublin University, who are the host college this year. The semi-finals will both be played at Santry on February 12 with the final on the following day. The Ulster Convention will be held at Cavan on Sunday next.

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U.C.C. Up Against It

U.C.C. and Immaculate Heart Secondary School have a vital weekend ahead of them with the University girls defending the Ashbourne Cup title against Maynooth and Immaculate Heart endeavouring to emulate the feat of another Cork College, Sacred Heart, by defeating Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, this time in the Munster Senior Colleges Championship final at Cashel.

The Ashbourne Cup is being hosted this weekend for the first time by Trinity College. U.C.C. are faced with the huge task of defending this trophy for the fifth consecutive year. They can also equal U.C.D.'s record of 26 Ashbourne titles if they can win this one. But this year, as always, the opposition will be first class and the College girls have a tough task on hands.

This year the Angela Downey led Maynooth side will be difficult to stop when the Cork girls meet them on Saturday and should U.C.C. advance they could come up against the strongest U.C.D. side for years or a very promising Queens side.

U.C.C. may not be as strong as in recent years but they still have a number of fine players in Mary Roche, Val O'Dwyer and Mary Walsh, and will be as determined as ever to bring yet another Ashbourne to Cork but it will not be easy.

The U.C.C. panel is: Marion Hanrahan, Mary Roche, Marcella Murphy, Marion Lynch, Emma Kelly, Catherine O'Sullivan, Margo Twomey, Carmel Lucey, Val O'Dwyer, Noreen Egan, Mary Murphy, Mary Walsh, Ger Butler, Noreen Courtney, Aedin McCarthy, Brid Ni Chraith, Maire Ni Chraith, Lourda Kennedy.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, who lost their junior crown to Sacred Heart on Saturday last will make a very strong bid to take their first senior Colleges title tomorrow when they meet Immaculate Heart in the Munster Senior Colleges decider.

Cashel field almost the exact side which won the All-Ireland Junior title in 1975. About half of them are Tipperary minors and the two years since their win, has seen them mature at a tremendous rate. They had a devastating win over St. Aloysius, All-Ireland senior champions, in this season's campaign and since they first came to prominence big scoring tallies have been the hallmark of their game. Mary Kelly, Regina Mulligan, Kathleen Ryan, Majella Hallinan and Mary Luby are already established players and this highly attractive side must start as favourites to take the title.

SURPRISE TEAM

But Immaculate Heart have emerged as the surprise

packet of this year's campaign. They defeated the fancied Mount Mercy in the first round and drew with Presentation, Bandon. They were later awarded a place in the decider when Bandon failed to put in an appearance for the replay.

Now they face their biggest task to date and it will take all the playing ability of their top players Gay Desmond, Christine McCarthy, Marina Flood, Ronnie Dorney and Eileen McGregor, if they are to win. However, Sacred Heart managed it last week so why not Immaculate Heart this time?

The remaining fixtures are all League ties.

FIXTURES

Saturday, at Cashel: Munster Colleges' Final: Scoil Mhuire (Cashel) v

Immaculate Heart Secondary School (Cork) 3 p.m. (Ref. Eithne Neville, Limerick).

Ashbourne Cup Semi-finals at Santry: U.C.C. v Maynooth, 3.30 p.m.; Queens University v U.C.D., 2.30 p.m.

Sunday: Ashbourne Cup Final.

At Fair Field: U-18 L.: Nemo Rangers v Na Piar-saig, 11.30 a.m. (Ref. Old Aloysians).

At Riverstown: U-18 L.: Sarsfields v Killeagh, 3 p.m. (Ref. Carrigtwohill).

At Douglas: U-16 L.: Douglas v Ballinlough, 3 p.m. (Ref. Blackrock).

At Ovens: I.L.: Watergrass-hill v Eire Og, 12.00 (Ref. Inniscarra).

At Ballyphehane: J.L.: Old Aloysians v Ballyphehane, 3 p.m. (Ref. S.P.P.P.).

At Bishopstown: U-16: Glen Rovers v Bishopstown at 2.45 p.m. (Ref. St. Finbarrs).

U.C.C. Pen Pictures

Marion Hanrahan (21) is from Limerick, but learned her camogie skills in Carrig-on-Suir. She is a third Arts student. Marion, who is a very fine goalie, is playing in her second Ashbourne.

Mary Roche (20), from Charleville, is a third Science student and played with Buttevant before joining U.C.C. Mary, an outstanding full-back who has played for Cork on numerous occasions, is now playing in her fourth Ashbourne.

Marcella Murphy (19) is from Cork and played camogie with St. Ais. Now doing third Arts, she plays wing-back and this is her second Ashbourne.

Marianne Lynch (17), comes from Co. Monaghan, and plays with Carrigmacross. A former Monaghan minor, Marianne plays wing-back. She is a first Arts student, and this will be her first Ashbourne.

Margo Twomey (18) comes from Cork and plays with Canover. Margo, a first Arts student, played on the Cork Under-18 team this year. She fills the half-back position and this is her first Ashbourne.

Carmel Lucey (20) is a B.Sc. and currently studying for her H.Dip. She learned her camogie skills in Mount Mercy College. This is her third Ashbourne and she plays centre field.

Noreen Egan (17) is from Castlegregory, Co. Kerry, and one of three players from this club on the panel. A first Arts student, she is a very strong player and this is her first Ashbourne.

Val O'Dwyer (21) is a B.A. and studying for her H.Dip. The captain of the team, Val will be seeking her fourth Ashbourne medal. A very talented centre-field, she played with Old Aloysians before coming to U.C.C.

Mary Walsh (21) is taking part in her third Ashbourne. A third Arts student, Mary is one of the stars of the Barr's team. She has also played for her county many times, and playing at centre-forward,

she will be a vital link in the team.

Ger Butler (21) is another player who will be seeking her fourth Ashbourne title. A B.A., now studying for her H.Dip., she played with Old Ais, and also with Cork, and is a very lively wing-forward.

Noreen Courtney (19) comes from Castlegregory, Co. Kerry. An asset to any forward line, Noreen will be playing in her second Ashbourne. She is a second Comm student.

Aedin McCarthy (20) is from Cork, and played camogie with Mount Mercy College. Aedin is a third Arts student. A very experienced wing-forward, she is now playing in her third Ashbourne.

Mary Murphy (20) is a second Science student. She comes from Cork, and her home club is Ballynora. A strong player, Mary is now playing in her third Ashbourne.

Emma Kelly (20) comes from Inniscarra, and was a member of the Inniscarra team which won the Junior county final this year. Emma is a third Arts student and a very skillful back and will be seeking her second Ashbourne title.

Lourda Kennedy (18) is the third player from Castlegregory, Co. Kerry. Lourda, who plays in defence is a first Arts student, and this will be her first Ashbourne.

Catherine O'Sullivan (20) is a B.Sc. and is now doing her H.Dip. Catherine who comes from Co. Kerry and played camogie in St. John's, Tralee, is a very strong defender and this is her second Ashbourne.

Maire Nic Araith (20) is from Ring, Co. Waterford and is doing her second Law in college. Maire, who also plays with Ring Camogie Club, plays in the back line and this is her first Ashbourne.

Brid Nic Araith (19) is a sister to Maire, and also plays with Ring Camogie Club. She is a first Arts student and this, too, will be her first Ashbourne.



U.C.C. camogie captain Val O'Dwyer giving some pointers to her team during training session at the Mardyke



Val O'Dwyer, Captain U.C.C. camogie team

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U.C.C. To Keep Cup

By AGNES HOURIGAN
Camogie will have a new centre of attraction this weekend when, for the first time, the Ashbourne Cup inter-varsity semi-finals and final, plus the shield competition, will be staged at Santry, with Dublin University the host College. Moreover, the semi-finals tomorrow will also have a new look since St. Patrick's, Maynooth have ousted University College, Galway who are missing from this stage for the first time.

Maynooth came through the quarter-final thanks mainly to the efforts of their captain, Kilkenny All-Ireland star, Angela Downey, who was again in tremendous form for her club, St. Paul's of Kilkenny in the Leinster club final last Sunday.

But Maynooth face a very stern assignment tomorrow when they take on the holders, University College, Cork who have dominated this competition in recent years. They have excellent and experienced players in Val O'Dwyer, Geraldine Butler, Aideen McCarthy and Mary Walsh, and will not part with the trophy easily.

But Maynooth, their ambitions sharpened by that quarter-final victory, will be all out to reach the final for the first time. They have inter-county players in Chris Silke (Galway) and Breda Larkin (Kilkenny) and Angela Downey is always a potential match-winner.

In the other semi-final, U.C.D. have a stronger team than they have mustered in this competition for several seasons. Captain, May Ryan, the Kildare and Leinster player, can expect plenty of support from Mary Murphy of the Dublin All-Ireland finalists, her sister Ann, experienced Mona Nic Loclairinn and Siobhan Aileart, and last year's Kilkenny minor, Kathleen O'Keeffe.

But Queen's, who had a resounding quarter-final victory over Trinity on this same Santry pitch, will travel hopeful, led by Anne McAllister (Antrim) and Mary McCoy (Down).

Galway, out of the Cup, will be firm favourites to capture the consolation prize, the Shield. Both finals will be played on Sunday afternoon.

GOAL-RUSH

The two remaining provincial club finals were decided on Sunday. Angela Downey, scoring all but a single point of her team's 3-6 total, "destroyed" Dublin's Celtic in the Leinster final and gave St. Paul's yet another provincial crown.

In the South, it was again nip and tuck between Ahane (Limerick) and Drom and Inch (Tipperary) for three-quarters of the game. But a late goal-rush gave the Limerick girls a victory more clear-cut on the score-line than it was on the field of play.

In the Munster junior Colleges final Sacred Heart (Cork) caused a big surprise by defeating holders, Scoil Mhuire Cashel. But the Tipperary school will expect to gain ample compensation for that defeat when they take on another Cork school, Immaculate Heart in the senior final tomorrow.

At the Ulster Convention in Cavan last Sunday, outgoing officers re-elected were: Chairman—Mrs. M. Lynch (Monaghan); Hon. Sec.—Mrs. R. Traynor (Fermanagh); Hon. Treas.—Fr. Davies (Down); Registrar—Mrs. R. McManus (Antrim).

U.C.C. RETAIN THE ASHBOURNE CUP

U.C.C. 6-2
U.C.D. 3-5

UCC retained the Ashbourne inter-varsity camogie trophy by defeating UCD in a closely contested final at Santry yesterday.

The teams were evenly matched and the play fast and skilful. Cork opened the scoring with a well-taken goal by Mary Walsh after 10 minutes.

UCD scored a point from a free in the 12th minute and quickly followed up with a goal. Then, Kathleen O'Keeffe, capitalising on a Mary Murphy

free, goaled again for Dublin. Although Cork maintained pressure in attack, they were thwarted in their scoring attempts by the fine defensive work of Annette McGrath and Mary Murphy and could manage only one more score before the interval, while the Dublin girls added a further two points through Kathleen O'Keeffe, leaving UCD ahead by 2-3 to 2-0 at half time.

Cork began the second half with a goal within two minutes, UCD immediately replying with an Anne Murphy point. May Ryan increased the Dublin lead with a goal after seven minutes, but the Cork captain,

Val O'Dwyer, pointed to narrow the deficit and, from then on UCC dominated the game.

They soon had a goal to level the scores and Noreen Courtney gave them a deserved lead with her third goal.

Dublin hit back with a point from Kathleen O'Keeffe, but the Cork team now had the scent of victory and tacked on a further 1-1 before the final whistle.

Scorers: UCC—N. Courtney (3-0); A. McCarthy, M. Walsh, N. Egan (1-0 each); V. O'Dwyer (0-2). UCD—K. O'Keeffe (1-3); M. Rooney, M. Ryan (1-0 each); M. Murphy, A. Murphy (0-1 each).

U.C.G. 5-4
N.U.U. nil

In the second match at Santry, UCG won the Duthrecht Cup by easily defeating NUU (Coleraine) in the final.

This competition is for teams which have lost in the first round of the Ashbourne Cup, and this is the first occasion the trophy has found its way to Galway.

Scorers: UCG — D. Duggan (2-2); L. Connelly (2-0); N. Delaney (1-1); P. Mooney (0-1).

SIXTH SUCCESSIVE 'ASHBOURNE' FOR U.C.C.

U.C.C. 6-2, U.C.D. 3-5.

U.C.C. recorded their sixth successive Ashbourne Cup at Santry yesterday when they proved just that little bit too strong for U.C.D., the scoreline reading 6-2, to 3-5 in their favour at the finish.

The Dublin University had a glimpse of victory honours at the half-time mark when they led by 2-3 to 2-0. The U.C.C. outfit were moving well even in this first half, however, and the opportunist goals from Marie Walsh and Noreen Egan gave an indication as to what was to come in the second period.

A first minute goal from Noreen Courtney started the tide flowing in the Cork girls favour, even though U.C.D. hit back directly with 1-1. The above Courtney proved

to be their best forward when she knocked two further goals into the back of the loser's net, thus putting them ahead for the first time since early in the opening period. Two points from Val O'Dwyer and another goal from Aideen McCarthy left them well clear at the final whistle.

Scorers for the Cork girls were N. Courtney (3-0); N. Egan, M. Walsh and A. McCarthy (1-0) each, V. O'Dwyer (0-2), while K. O'Keeffe (1-3) M. Mooney and M. Ryan (1-0) each, A. and M. Murphy (0-1) each, replied for U.C.D.

In their semi-final on Saturday U.C.C. had the easiest of tasks in advancing to yesterday's decider with a facile 6-4 to 1-5 victory over Maynooth. They laid the

basis for their convincing win with a fine first period performance, after which they led by 4-2 to 1-4. Their scoring aces in this encounter were M. Walsh and G. Butler, who in scoring two goals apiece showed some fine skills in and around the Maynooth goal area.

U.C.D. had not got such an easy passage in their penultimate round match and surprisingly enough had to pull out all the stops to beat a gallant Queens University side by 4-0 to 2-0, the sides being level at a goal each at the interval.

Hosts for the first time ever, Trinity, also came a cropper on Saturday when they lost out to N.U.U. in the Duthrecht semi-final by 3-0 to 1-0 who lost 5-4 to 0-0 to U.C.G. in yesterday's final.

UCD v. UCC in final of Ashbourne

U.C.D. 4-0
Queens University 2-0

U.C.D. qualified for today's final of the Ashbourne Cup against U.C.C. by defeating Queens in a most exciting game at Santry yesterday. The sides were level 1-1, at half-time.

Scorers: U.C.D. M. Rooney (2-0), U. Carey (1-0), M. Murphy (1-0). Queens: J. Gallagher (1-0), A. McAllister (1-0).

U.C.C. 6-4
Maynooth 1-5

In the second semi-final, U.C.C. had a comfortable victory over Maynooth College. Ahead at half time by 4-2 to 1-4, they never looked in danger from then on, and added 2-2 to Maynooth's single point in the second half.

Scorers: U.C.C.: M. Walsh, G. Butler (2-0 each); C. O'Dwyer, N. Courtney (1-0 each).

Coleraine (N.U.U.) 3-0
Trinity 1-0

Coleraine qualified to meet Galway in the Duthrecht final, by defeating Trinity.

Scorers: N.U.U. P. Rafferty (1-0), D. Maguire (1-0), M. Devlin (1-0). Trinity: A. Gallagher (1-0).



The U.C.C. camogie team that won the Ashbourne Inter-varsity Cup for the sixth successive year by defeating U.C.D. at Santry, Dublin, recently. (Fcho)

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Drom-Inch And Ahane In Club Final

THE first of the Munster Colleges Championships will be decided on tomorrow (Saturday) when Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, meet Sacred Heart at Ballinure at 3 p.m. On Sunday the controversial Munster Club Final between Drom-Inch and Ahane has been re-fixed for Holy Cross, while there are a number of league fixtures down for decision on the same day.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, travel to Cork hoping to take the first leg of a Munster double. And in both cases it is a Cork school which stands in their way. In addition to playing Sacred Heart they are also due to meet Immaculate Heart in the senior final on tomorrow week.

Cashel have a number of very promising young players in Caroline Kelly, Eleanor Brennan, Eithne Bonnar and Anne Fitzgerald. Gina Mulligan is their star player. She already holds an All-Ireland Colleges medal and has played minor for Tipperary.

Sacred Heart have their stars too in the person of Rose Desmond, who was top scorer for Cork in their All-Ireland minor triumph. Ger McCarthy and Veronica Hanley have won Community Games medals with Ballyphehane while 11 of the side played together in Christ the King primary school.

Cashel have been a major force in Colleges camogie for quite some time now and are always a very difficult side to hold. Sacred Heart are full of heart and confidence and if they can hold the Cashel stars they could cause a major upset. But Colaiste Mhuire must start as favourites.

There has been a lot written about the Munster Inter Club Championship

Final between Drom Inch and Ahane. In their first meeting the game had to be abandoned and there followed appeals to Munster and Central Council. Eventually the decision was taken to replay the tie but it was "snowed off" on the 16th of last month.

Now the sides are due to meet on Sunday and with the Tipperary champions Drom-Inch and Limerick county holders Ahane, both determined to come out on top, it should be a thriller.

Blarney and Watergrasshill clash at the latter's venue on Sunday in a battle for intermediate points, which could go either way.

St. Finbarr's dropped two valuable points to Ballyphehane on Sunday last and another defeat could be disastrous. Their opponents in the junior campaign on Sunday, Na Piarasigh, are also down two points, so a defeat for them could also spell the end of their interest in the competition. So there should be plenty of keen camogie for these valuable points.

In the same competition Ballinora and Inniscarra meet at Ballinora and here a win is likely for the visitors.

Nemo Rangers and Old Aloysians meet in the Under 14 League, but as the section has already been won by Na Piarasigh the points are unimportant.

In the Under 16 League Bishopstown travel to Ballinure to meet Blackrock and here the points should go to the Bishopstown girls.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday) at Ballinure: Munster Colleges Junior Final: Sacred Heart, Cork v. Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, 3 p.m.

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At Holycross: Munster Club Final Replay: Ahane v. Drom Inch 2.30 p.m.

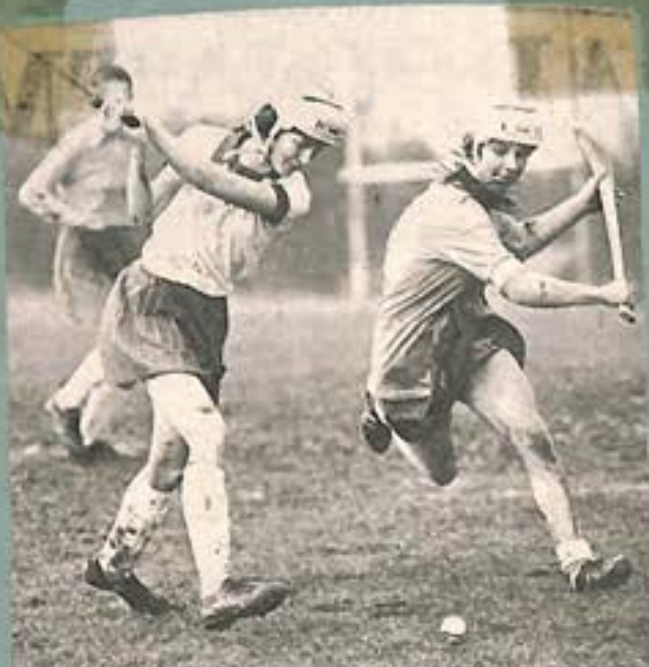
At Ballinure: U-16: Bishopstown v. Blackrock, 3.30 p.m. (Ref.: Douglas).

At St. Finbarr's, J.L.: St. Finbarr's v. Na Piarasigh, 3 p.m. (Ref.: U.C.C.).

At Ballinora, J.L.: Ballinora v. Inniscarra, 3 p.m. (Ref.: Ballincollig).

At Watergrasshill, I.L.: Blarney v. Watergrasshill, 3 p.m. (Ref.: Sarsfields).

At St. Aloysious Ground, U-14: Nemo Rangers v. Old Aloysians, 3 p.m.



Sacred Heart Cork, and Presentation Cashel girls tussle for possession during the Munster Junior Colleges Camogie final at Ballinure, Cork. —("Examiner")

Camogie

Sacred Heart spring shock

(By Joan Morley)

Sacred Heart Secondary School, Cork, 3-2; Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, 0-1.

Sacred Heart Secondary School, Cork, who have only been playing camogie since 1975, took their first major trophy on Saturday when they defeated fancied Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, in most convincing fashion, to take the coveted Munster Junior Colleges title.

Scoil Mhuire travelled to this game with high hopes of taking the first leg of a Munster double (they meet Cork side Immaculate Heart in the senior final next Saturday). But the determined girls of Sacred Heart had other ideas. They were never overawed by their more experienced opponents and went into the attack right from the beginning.

They marked the Cashel stars very closely and never gave them a chance of showing their undoubted skills. Rose Desmond played a captain's part, defending when necessary and attacking at every opportunity; diminutive Geraldine McCarthy sparkled at half-forward, while Chris McCarthy and Deirdre Collins were others to shine for Sacred Heart.

Regina Mulligan, the Tipperary minor star, was only seen in flashes near the end of this game, while Eleanor Brennan, Eithne Bonnar and Caroline Kelly tried hard throughout for Cashel.

But on the day there was only one side in it, with the mud-spattered heroines of Sacred Heart thoroughly deserving their win in most appalling weather conditions.

Sacred Heart scorers: D. Collins (1-1), G. McCarthy (1-0), P. Fitzgerald (1-0), R. Desmond (0-1). Scoil Mhuire: G. Mulligan (0-1). Sacred Heart: V. Hanley, E. McCarthy, C. McCarthy, C. Connolly, S. Stanley, R.

Desmond (captain), G. Heas, D. Collins, P. Fitzgerald, G. McCarthy, P. Fitzgerald, A. Keogh.

Scoil Mhuire: A. Fitzgerald, M. Maher, E. Brennan, E. Bonnar, S. Morrissey, C. Kelly, T. Scully, U. Cummins, A. Anglim, C. Bargerly, R. Mulligan (captain), M. Strappe. Referee: M. Moran (Cork).

Powerful finish by Ahane

Ahane (Limerick) 4-3; Drom-Inch (Tipperary) 1-3.

A powerful last quarter by Limerick champions Ahane gave them victory over Drom-Inch, the Tipperary representatives, in the Munster Club Camogie Championship final replay at Holycross, yesterday.

Despite the driving rain and fresh breeze both sides went about their task enthusiastically for three quarters of a most entertaining game there was nothing between them. The teams were level at 0-2 each approaching the interval when Norrie Sullivan scored a fine goal for Ahane to put them ahead at the break.

Their lead was short lived; however, for almost immediately on resuming Bernadette Everard netted for Drom-Inch to level the scores. The game was delicately balanced at this stage and the turning point came eight minutes later when Carrie Clancy doubled overhead on a Kitty Ryan "30" for a great goal for Ahane.

Scorers: Ahane — C. Clancy 1-1, B. Conway and J. Hayes 1-0 each; K. Ryan 0-2. Drom-Inch — B. Everard 1-0, M. Tynan 0-3.

Ahane — H. Roche, A. Meaney, F. Mann, T. Jones, K. Ryan, N. Sullivan, V. Mackey, B. Leahy, B. Conway, J. Hayes, B. Davis, C. Clancy.

Drom-Inch — N. Harkin, M. Butler, R. Parcell, S. Tynan, M. Kennedy, C. Harkin, K. Tynan, B. Tynan, B. Everard, M. Hayes, M. Tynan, C. Cahill. Referee — B. Fitzgibbon (Clare).



A girl from Sacred Heart, Cork, about to clear the ball in the pouring rain as her opponent from Presentation, Cashel, races in during the Munster junior colleges camogie final at Ballinure. (Echo)

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The Sacred Heart, Cork, team (top) that defeated Scioil Mhuire, Cashel, in the Munster Junior Colleges camogie final at Ballinure, Cork. —(Examiner)

CASHEL GIRLS TOO STRONG

By JOAN MORLEY

Scioil Mhuire (Cashel)—5-4; Immaculate Heart (Cork)—1-1.

THAT most exciting team from Scioil Mhuire, in Cashel, proved too much of a handful for Cork's youthful Immaculate Heart in the final of the Munster Senior Colleges Championship at Cashel on Saturday. The two sides were playing in their first senior colleges season.

In the first half the Cork girls put up a fine performance, marking the Cashel girls effectively and scoring a goal. In this period Cashel only managed 2-1 of their final tally and one of these goals was a tragedy for the Cork girls, being deflected to the net by one of their own players.

But in the second period it was a different story with Scioil Mhuire—winners of the All-Ireland junior title in 1975—coming into their own. Regina Mulligan, Majella Hallinan and the two Kathleen Ryans sparkled in the attack while captain Cora Hennessy, Mary Kelly and Mary Luby began to dominate and slowly but surely Cashel built up their 5-4 tally to which Immaculate Heart had only a one point answer in the second period.

For the Cork girls Hilary Walker was a tower of strength in defence, while Gay Desmond, Eileen McGregory and Mary Hourihane worked ceaselessly. But the side lacked experience and to admit defeat to a superior Cashel side.

Scioil Mhuire now go on to meet the Ulster champions early in March.

Scorers: Scioil Mhuire: M. Hallinan 2-2, R. Mulligan 2-1, K. (H.) Ryan 1-1. Immaculate Heart: G. Desmond 1-1.

Scioil Mhuire — N. Bonnar, M. Hayes, E. Brennan, C. Hennessy, E. Bonnar, M. Kelly, M. Luby, C. Bargery, M. Hallinan, K. (H.) Ryan, G. Mulligan, K. Ryan.

Immaculate Heart — M. Flood, H. Walker, M. O'Sullivan, C. Moynihan, R. Dorney, E. McGregor, G. Desmond, M. Martin, A. Corcoran, C. McCarthy, M. Hourihane, E. Donnelly.

Referee: Eithne Neville, Limerick.



Cashel, Munster Senior Schools camogie champions

The Scioil Mhuire, Presentation Convent School, Cashel, team which won the Munster Colleges senior camogie title by beating Immaculate Heart School, Cork, in Cashel on Saturday last. Back row (from left): Rev. Sister M. Perpetua, Clare Bargery, Mary Maher, Eithne Bonnar, Kathleen Ryan Hennessy, Teresa Scully, Nuala Bonnar, Mary Hayes, Eleanor Brennan, Philomena Bonnar, Willie Prendergast (trainer). Front row: Caroline Kelly, Kathleen Ryan, Majella Hallinan (vice-captain); Cora Hennessy (captain); Mary Luby, Mary Kelly, Gina Mulligan, Sheelin Foley, Ann Fitzgerald.

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Deirdre Calls It A Day

BY JOAN MORLEY

WHEN the Cork senior camogie team takes the field in the 1977 season one of its most illustrious figures will be missing, for goalie Deirdre Sutton, has decided to call it a day as an inter-county player. She will, however, continue to line out for her club Glen Rovers.

It is twenty years since Deirdre first took up camogie, at the tender age of ten when she played at Centrefield with St. Vincent's.

She played her first game in goal by accident and no less than fifteen goals went past her. But from that disastrous beginning, she was to become one of the finest goalies this county has known.

At eleven years of age in 1957 Deirdre played a major role in St. Vincent's Cork Schools League and Championship double and the following year she won junior championship and league medals with St. Vincent's Past Pupils. In the same season she captained the Seandun selected side in the County Final, when they went down to Glen Rovers.

Two years later Deirdre was to become a Glen player herself, as St. Vincent's disbanded and she found herself without a club. In that same year, 1960, Deirdre played in goal for Cork for the first time.

Deirdre was part of the Glen's most successful period when beginning in 1962 they proceeded to win seven successive Senior Co. Titles - a county record which may never be equalled.

1963 was one of Deirdre's most exciting years as she won both the Gaelic All Star Award and the Cork Camogie All Star Award, while at the same time she captained the Munster camogie team to win the Gael Linn Cup. She was on the Provincial side again the following year when Munster repeated their Gael Linn success.

In 1966 Deirdre withdrew from intercounty camogie and did not return again until 1970.

But a comeback was on the way and the intercounty season of 1970 saw Deirdre back in Cork's colours - this time on the junior side. Deirdre has always been the most dedicated of players, always a stickler for training, an inspiration to her defence and wholly committed to the game of camogie. It is a tribute to her tenacity that after four years away from the inter-county scene she came back to re-establish herself as the



county's top goalie and win the coveted All Ireland medal she had strived so hard for before her retirement. She won an All-Ireland medal as a sub on the senior side in 1971. On the same day she was on the losing Junior side in their All-Ireland final. But her day of All Ireland Glory was not far away, as Cork were successful again the following year and this time Deirdre was between the posts and when the match was over Deirdre was surely the most popular winner of an All-Ireland medal.

It was a fitting climax to an illustrious career, but Deirdre did not finish there as in 1973, Cork were again successful and by that win they established a county record of four successive All-Ireland.

In the meantime Deirdre continued to help her club and in 1974 she was the shining light in Glen's first Intermediate Championship win, which meant promotion back into senior ranks.

But having re-established herself in Cork camogie Deirdre has now decided to withdraw from the inter-county scene and devote more time to her family. Deirdre is nothing if not sincere and she feels that she can no longer devote the time to the Cork side, which she feels is essential for success.

Many forwards throughout the country will breathe a sigh of relief, but Cork players and followers alike will dearly miss the red-haired Glen Rovers girl, who has graced the game of camogie so well for so long.

Athenry girls fly North to camogie history

By TAQBH LINE

ATHENRY camogie team will make their only niche in Irish sporting history on Sunday next when they fly to Belfast for their All-Ireland Club Championship semi-final against the Ulster representatives, Antrim champions, Creggan.

Although some G.A.A. County sides have taken to the air in order to fulfil fixtures I have no record of any club side having flown North for a championship game. A Tipperary club camogie team did fly to America some few years ago, but that was on a friendly tour.

So this is a really epic trip by the Athenry girls, who will start favourites as they were only narrowly beaten in last year's All-Ireland when they lost to Croagh-Killfinny by a single point.

Creggan, however, have played very well when coming through in the North, their victory over holders Newry in the provincial final being especially meritorious, and they could spring a surprise. The second semi-final between Abane (Limerick) and St. Paul's, Kilkenny, will be played on Sunday week with the final on March 20.

The Leinster Colleges finals tomorrow originally fixed for Croke Park, have had to be switched to N. Brid ground, Navan Rd., as the G.A.A. headquarters ground is being rested after the bad weather.

Presentation Terenure will be seeking a double with their seniors defending the Stuart Cup against Thomastown Vocational School, and the juniors hoping to recapture the Purcell Cup at the expense of Scoil Iosa, Kilkenny.

In the senior game, Terenure girls could well have a very hard battle on their hands, as they have already lost to the Kilkenny side in the League stages of the competition. Thomastown were last year's junior champions and, although this is their first appearance in a senior final they will not lack for experience.

USEFUL SIDE

Terenure will, however, start favourites in the junior final, although Kilkenny have proved themselves a very useful side when winning through in their sections.

The Munster Colleges finals have already been played with Presentation Cashel, who lost the junior title to Sacred Heart Cork, taking senior honours for the first time by defeating Immaculate Heart, Ballyphebane.

Excellent organisation by the Dublin University Club, who were hosting the competition for the first time, added greatly to the enjoyment of a most entertaining Ashbourne Cup series at Santry last weekend.

U.C.C. captured the Cup for the sixth successive season, a feat only accomplished twice before - once by Cork and once by Dublin - but only after a tremendous struggle with a gallant Dublin side in the final.

Perhaps the ultimate difference between the teams was that whereas Cork had a relatively easy semi-final against Maynooth, U.C.D. had to battle every inch of the way in their Saturday game to get the better of the best and most spirited Queen's team I have yet seen play in an Ashbourne.

BELFIELD CLASH

However, this theory will be tested tomorrow when U.C.C. return to Dublin to meet U.C.D. again, at Belfield this time, in the semi-final of the C.C.I.A. League.

Though both sides are limited in the number of Ashbourne Cup players they can field, both hope to have nine of last week's finalists, which should ensure another exciting contest. The other semi-final rests between Maynooth and Belfast Polytech.

UNIVERSITIES SIDE

The Combined Universities side to play the All-Ireland Club Champions is:—B. Coady (U.C.D.), M. Roche (U.C.C.), M. Twomey (U.C.C.), S. Turley (Q.U.B.), M. Moriarty (Q.U.B.), V. O'Dwyer (U.C.C.), M. Murphy (U.C.D.), A. McAlister (Q.U.B.), A. Downey (Maynooth), K. Delaney (U.C.C.), M. Ryan (U.C.D.), K. O'Keefe (U.C.D.), Subs.—N. Connolly (N.U.U.), C. Silke (Maynooth), D. McStay (Q.U.B.), F. Walsh (Trinity).

AIRBORNE ATHENRY MAKE HISTORY

Athenry 7-2; Creggan 3-3.

ATHENRY, the Galway Camogie kingpins, reached the final of the all-Ireland club championship when they defeated Creggan Ulster champions yesterday at Creggan. They had travelled by air thus making history by being the first camogie team to travel by air to play the game.

The first half which was very well and evenly contested ended level at 2-1 each. The visitors took the initiative after the interval and making light of the inclement weather conditions gave a wonderful display of skilful camogie to run out easy winners.

Best for the winners were: Noreen Treacy at full back, Anne Duane, Midge Ponard, Mary Daly and Teresa Duane. Josephine Maguire, Mairead Diamond, Rita McAteer and Anne Marron were best for the losers.

Scorers—Athenry—T. Duane (2-1), M. Morris (2-0), A. Morris (1-0) and M. Daly (2-1); Creggan—T. McKeown (1-0), M. Conway (1-0), M. O'Hara (1-0), M. Diamond (0-2).

St. Pats fancied to take the new trophy

By TAOBH LINE

THE FIRST ever Camogie League final provides a unique highlight to a very busy weekend, that also includes the semi-finals and final of a new knockout competition for the non-University Higher Institutes, and the semi-finals of the All-Ireland Colleges senior championship.

The C.C.I.A. championship will be played off tomorrow at Belfield where the host College play the students from Mary Immaculate T.C., Limerick, in one semi-final while another Limerick team, from N.C.P.E., play Ulster College in the other Sunday's final is at St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra.

Form is hard to gauge in this competition, but St. Pat's must be slight favourites to become the first holders of a new trophy, the Purcell Cup.

Only one of the Colleges semi-finalists, Presentation, Athenry, have never previously won the title or even figured in the closing stages of the All-Ireland competition. On this occasion the Athenry girls have to travel to Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, to take on the local Vocational School who recently won the Leinster title for the first time.

BEST TRADITION

Thomastown are a lively side in the best Kilkenny traditions, but the greater experience of the Athenry brigade should see them through to yet another final.

Experience could also be the deciding factor in other semi-final, as Presentation Cashel, although this is the first time they have won the Munster senior title, had won the provincial junior title in the two previous seasons.

Tomorrow they must take the long road North to Coleraine to take on the local Loreto girls who caused a big surprise last weekend when they defeated holders St. Louis, Killeel, in the Ulster final. But, despite the length of their journey, Cashel look likely to reach the final.

On Sunday comes the first-ever National League final which brings Wexford and Tipperary into opposition, at the South Wexford venue of Rathnure. Tipperary qualified for this final in the early Autumn and are at the disadvantage, that they have not had a competitive game since then. But they have had a couple of recent challenge games while the Drom and Inch contingents were away in London April 2 with the approval of the Race Organising Committee. The race will be run on the Dublin to Derry on the day of the race and return in the evening. A special bus will run from the race to the night of the race.

M. TYNAN'S GOAL EARNS REPLAY

Wexford, 2-1; Tipperary, 2-1

WEXFORD and Tipperary must meet again to decide the inaugural national camogie league championship. They played a thrilling draw of 2-1 each at Rathnure yesterday.

Kit Codd had an early goal for the home team, but the Munster side hit back through Deirdre Lane and Eileen O'Gorman and D. Lane exchanged points to leave it all square at the interval.

Wexford, with wind advantage in the last half, had an early goal by Eileen Kehoe. But ten minutes from the end Tipperary's Maoluire Tynan soloed from midfield and shot an angled goal despite the attentions of three Wexford defenders.

Brigid Doyle, Elsie Walsh, Margaret Lacy and Bernice Murphy and E. O'Gorman impressed for Wexford and M. Butler, the Tynan sisters, D. Lane, M. O'Brien and P. Quigley for Tipperary.

Scorers for Wexford — K. Codd (1-0), E. Kehoe (1-0), E. O'Gorman (0-1). For Tipperary

— D. Lane (1-1), M. Tynan (0-1).

Wexford — K. Tonks, M. Lacy, M. Cousins, B. Doyle, D. Walsh, E. Murphy, E. Walsh, D. Duggan, K. Codd, A. Kennedy, E. Kehoe, E. O'Gorman.

Tipperary — N. Harkin, M. Butler, B. Fehan, S. Tynan, M. O'Brien, M. Hogan, P. Quigley, D. Lane, M. Tynan, M. Troy, G. Fegan, J. Quigley. Sub — K. Tynan for G. Fehan.

Referee — H. O'Neill (Kilkenny).

CAMOGIE — Thomastown were beaten by Athenry in all-Ireland senior camogie final at Thomastown on Saturday 4-1 to 2-3. The winners led 1-1 to 0-2 at half time.

Athenry were the bigger and stronger side and whilst there is no denying that they deserved to win the result could well have been different if Thomastown had taken full advantage of all their chances. It was a great game with some excellent play.

Thomastown can look to the future with some confidence as they were beaten by a more experienced side and quite a number of the Thomastown players will be eligible to play next year.

Ann Drea gave a splendid performance for Thomastown and though playing on the half back line contributed a goal and two points. Margaret Farrell, Joe Dunne and Breda Cuddihy also played well.

Scorers for Thomastown were: Ann Drea (1-2), Joe Dunne (0-1), Breda Cuddihy (1-0).

Thomastown: Aine Kirwan, Joan Holden, Ann Holden, Mairead Lee, Ann Drea, Kay

Dowling, Margaret Farrell, Jo Dunne, Bernice Meegan, Oona O'Neill, Catherine Hennessy, Breda Cuddihy. Subs: Kathleen Drea, Carol Caulfield, Hazel Diamond, Breda O'Neill.

Cup for Thomastown

Vocational School, Thomastown 2-3

Presentation, Terenure 1-1

Vocational School, Thomastown, captured the Stuart Cup (Leinster Colleges' senior camogie) for the first time, when they defeated Presentation, Terenure, holders, by 2-3 to 1-1, in a closely contested and exciting game at Blanchardstown yesterday.

Scorers: Thomastown — Breda Cuddihy, 2-0; Jo Dunne, 0-2; Anne Drea, 0-1. Terenure, Fiona Clancy, 1-0; Joan McMahon, 0-1.

Presentation, Terenure, 4-4; Scoil Iosa, Kilcock, 2-0

Presentation Terenure regained the Purcell Cup which they last won in 1975 by overcoming a determined Kilcock team in the junior final at Blanchardstown.

Scorers: Terenure: Edel Murphy, 2-4; Pat Moran, 1-0; Nolla Dunne, 1-0. Kilcock: Tina Dillon, 2-0; Kathleen O'Donoghue, 1-0.

Higher Institute League — U.C.D., 2-2; U.C.C., 0-2.

Purcell Cup — St. Patrick's T.C., 8-2; Letterkenny, 0-0.

Cashel girls for final

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel 4-1,
Loreto School, Coleraine 2-2

Munster champions, Scoil Mhuire Cashel, making their first appearance in Senior ranks, qualified for the All-Ireland senior colleges camogie championship final by virtue of a deserved win over the Ulster Champions, Loreto School, Coleraine, at the northern venue on Saturday by 4-1 to 2-2.

The Tipperary girls found difficulty in settling down in the opening half and were under strong pressure for most of the time. Loreto opened the score with a point by Sarah Quinn after five minutes quickly followed by a similar score by Caroline McWilliams. The losers increased the lead when Bernie Deehan broke through the Cashel defence for a very good goal and were playing very confidently at this stage.

A fine movement, however, by the Cashel forwards, led to Kathleen Ryan crashing home a good goal. The winners were more relaxed after the resumption and soon went ahead when Kathleen Ryan-Hennessy sent the ball all the way to the net. Regina Mulligan put Cashel further ahead when she gave the Loreto custodian no chance with a low rasping shot which ended in the back of the net.

The Munster Champions meet Presentation, Athenry, in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park, on April 2.

Scorers: Scoil Mhuire: K. Ryan-Hennessy 1-1; R. Mulligan 1-0, M. Hallinan 1-0, K. Ryan 1-0. Loreto: B. Deehan 1-0, M. F. Kearney 1-0, S. Quinn 0-1 and C. McWilliams 1-0.

A Limerick v. Belfast Final

Mary Immaculate T.C., Limerick and Ulster College, Belfast, will contest the final of the inaugural Higher Institutes Camogie Championship for the Purcell Cup at Drumcondra tomorrow after victories in yesterday's exciting semi-final at Belfield.

ULSTERRR COLLEGE 3-1
N.C.P.E. 2-2

Ulster College led by 2-0 to 1-0 at the interval and just held on in a thrill-packed second half.

Scorers—Ulster College— G. McMahon, T. Feeney, T. Hebron (1-0 each), B. McWilliams (0-1). N.C.P.E.—A.

Higgins and T. O'Brien (1-1 each).

MARY IMMACULATE 4-5
ST. PATRICK'S T.C. 3-1

The Limerick student-teachers sprang a surprise when defeating their counterparts from St. Patrick's who are hosting the competition. Inspired by Galway star, Midge Poniard, Pat's led by 3-0 to 1-3 at the interval, but the Limerick side soon took command and won well in the end.

Scorers—Mary Immaculate— P. O'Shea (1-4), P. Biggane (2-0), M. O'Callaghan (1-0), C. O'Leary (0-1). St. Pat's—M. Poniard (1-1), E. O'Hanlon, A. Lyons (1-0 each).

St. Paul's reach final

St. Paul's 3-4
Ahane 1-3

KILKENNY camogie champions, St. Paul's reached the All-Ireland senior championship final when they scored a good 7 point win over Ahane at Castleconnell on Sunday.

The winners led by 1-1 to 0-2 at the interval after playing into the wind. St. Paul's worked very hard to get in front at half time, but in the end the toils were worthwhile.

Quickly after the break the Kilkenny champions added two points from Helena O'Neill. That was followed by

an Ahane goal to leave the score at 1-3 to 1-2.

The turning point in the game came midway through the half when Carmel Doyle goaled for St. Paul's. Shortly after Helena O'Neill added another point to increase the advantage.

With 10 minutes remaining Helen Shaw replaced Angela Downey who was injured. And in the last five minutes St. Paul's looked the stronger side.

Ursula Grace increased their tally with a well taken goal and although Ahane

rallied with a point from Kitty Ryan it was all over.

The scorers

St. Paul's: A. Downey (1-1); H. O'Neill (0-3); C. Doyle, U. Grace (1-0 each). Ahane— N. O'Sullivan (1-0); B. Darcy, K. Ryan, C. Clancy (0-1 each).

St. Paul's: T. O'Neill, L. Neary, A. Downey, B. Martin, M. Kavanagh, H. O'Neill, H. Fogarty, M. Fennelly, U. Grace, B. Coonan, A. Downey, C. Doyle, M. Shaw for A. Downey, J. Burke, M. B. Lawlor and M. Conway.

Final in Kilkenny

The All-Ireland club final will be held in Nowlan park on Sunday, March 13.

Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Camogie Board: Mrs. B. Treacy (chairwoman); Mr. E. Ryan (vice-chairman); Miss M. Fennelly (secretary); Mr. B. O'Sullivan (treasurer); Miss P. Carey (registrar).

Senior county team trainer, B. O'Sullivan; junior county trainer, J. Fennelly; minor county trainer, P. Cronin.

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St. Paul's chase fifth club title

WHEN Kilkenny won the inter county senior camogie championship in 1974, local champions St. Paul's followed up and captured the club championship.

The Kilkenny kingpins of the club scene must stand an excellent chance of doing so again when they take on Athenry of Galway at their own Nowlan Park, Kilkenny on Sunday.

Local mentors are hoping that history will repeat itself as the county has already bagged the inter-county crown. With 12 of that panel in line for duty on Sunday, it is no wonder St. Paul's are favourites to add to their long list of club successes.

The Noresiders will be contesting their seventh club decider, and already having carried off four titles, they have an immensely experienced outfit.

On the other hand their opponents, Athenry, are relatively new on the scene. They took over from Oranmore who were famed Galway champions until they were deposed by the youthful Athenry ladies.



LIZ NEARY... After her fifth club medal.

The Connacht side has yet to put its name on the inter-club trophy. But with the game in, perhaps its healthiest state ever in the county, Athenry will make a brave bid to surprise the home side.

Won senior title

The Galway champions draw a lot of their players from the local Presentation convent, which only last week knocked Thomastown out of the All Ireland senior colleges championship. Two years ago the Presentation captured the senior colleges title and several of those players have graduated to the team which will face St. Paul's on Sunday.

The Leinster champions are being prepared for their big task by former Kilkenny All Ireland hurler Shem Muldowney. With twin daughters on the team, 19 year old Ann and Angela, he is taking more than an academic interest in the preparation of the side.



Angela Downey, who will be remembered by anyone who ever watched the Kilkenny camogie team play for the fine solo runs she makes, is also in fine form. She is playing camogie regularly and is present captain of the Maynooth college team. There is no need to add that her sister, Ann has not been letting the family name down.

Best player

Add to those three the name of the best camogie player in Ireland and you begin to see why St. Paul's are tipped to carry off the crown.

Bridie Martin, a member of both Kilkenny All-Ireland winning teams, was selected as the B and I 'player of the year'.

Speaking with a 'person in the know', we were informed that if St. Paul's can get a grip at midfield where Helena O'Neill, Mary Fennelly and Nora Fogarty share the responsibility, then they will do the trick.

Athenry will be young and fast, Kilkenny will have it over them in experience. But the destiny of the cup will not be decided as easily as it would be to give a forecast here.

Meet the players

Teresa O'Neill (21). She won two Colleges' All-Irelands and three club championships; three Leinster medals and one All-Ireland senior and Gael Linn medal. Her favourite player is Marian Sweeney (Cork).

Liz Neary (24). Holder of two colleges All Irelands; 4 club championships, one with Austin Stacks (Dublin); three Leinster, three Gael Linn and one All Ireland senior medal.

Ann Downey (19). A colleges senior and junior; a Leinster medal, five club championship All Irelands and a senior inter county All Ireland figure among her awards. Her favourite player is Liz Neary (Kilkenny).

Angela Downey (19) Like her twin-sister, Ann, she has figured on many major honour winning sides and holds the same medals as her sister. She admires Sally Riordan from Cork.

Bridie Martin (21). Another from the '74 side, she also won junior championship honours; two Leinster colleges; an All Ireland colleges and two Leinster medals. Her favourite player is Margaret Lacey (Wexford).

Helena O'Neill (23). She won a junior colleges, two senior Leinster colleges; two All Ireland colleges, three Leinster; two Gael Linn, four club championships and an All Ireland senior medal. Elsie Walsh (Wexford) is her favourite player.

Honora Fogarty (20). She holds a Leinster colleges; a county championship and club All Ireland honours.

Mary Fennelly (26). Won six senior championships; a club All Ireland; a senior league and championship with Celtic of Dublin, and two Leinster medals. She also has two Gael Linn medals and was on the Kilkenny All Ireland winning sides.

Carmel Doyle (22). Another member of the All-Ireland winning teams, she also won two colleges' All Irelands; five senior county championships; a Leinster medal and three club All Irelands. She has a great regard for Maria Costine from Cork.

Marie Kavanagh has been playing with St. Paul's since 1970. She retired at the end of 1974 to get married but returned soon after. She helped the '74 All Ireland for the club and county.

Ursula Grace who is daughter of county G.A.A. secretary, Paddy stepped down also to get married and is now Mrs. Mulcahy, being wife of Joe Mulcahy who played minor and under-21 hurling for the county. She shared in all the club's successes since 1970 and was on the county 1974 All Ireland winning side.

Breda Coonan joined St. Paul's in 1975 after playing with the Mercy convent, Callan. While playing with her school she won Leinster honours and lost an All Ireland final.

Marie Shore from Coon is the newest member of the squad. She started playing camogie with Maynooth college and also lined out with Castlecomer Presentation.

Mary B. Lalor is another player who formerly played with the Mercy convent, Callan. Again she tasted Leinster success and All Ireland defeat.

Mry Conway has been active in Kilkenny camogie circles for some time. She is secretary of the club and was involved with all the successes in recent years. She won an All-Ireland inter county medal in 1974.

Joan Burke played with St. Paul's but stepped down to get married and returned again in 1975.

The Panels

ST. PAUL'S

T. O'Neill, L. Neary, A. Downey, B. Martin, M. Kavanagh, H. O'Neill, H. Fogarty, M. Fennelly, Angela Downey, C. Doyle, U. Grace, B. Coonan, M. Shore, M. B. Lalor, M. Conway, J. Burke.

ATHENRY

B. Coady, N. Treacy, G. O'Brien, A. Duane, A. Delaney, O. Coady, M. Poniard, A. Donoghue, M. Freaney, M. Daly, A. Morris, T. Duane, B. Poniard, H. Naughton, A. Poniard, E. Hynes, M. Rooney, S. Coady, H. Morris, M. Coady

ANGELA COULD

ATHENRY is certainly very much at the centre of the Camogie action these days. A couple of weeks ago the town's club side made history by flying to Belfast for the All-Ireland semi-final and defeating Antrim champions Creggan.

On Saturday last the senior team from the Presentation Convent reached the All-Ireland final for the second successive year by defeating Loreto, Coleraine. Tomorrow the College junior side, which won the All-Ireland title last year, take on Presentation, Terenure, in this season's semi-final.

Then, on Sunday, the Athenry

Club teams travel to Kilkenny to play St. Paul's in the club championship final. This is the only one of these three titles that Athenry has yet to win. Last season the club side was rather unlucky to lose narrowly in the final to Limerick's Croagh-Kilfinny. On semi-final showing Athenry powered by Midge Poniard, Noreen Treacy, Breda Coady, Olive Coady and the Duane sisters will make a very brave bid for victory this time.

But St. Paul's have in this competition the remarkable record of having appeared in six finals in 10 years, winning four. On Sunday next, on home ground at Nowlan Park, St.

Sacred Heart Must Of Teamwork

CORK'S only representatives remaining in the All-Ireland Colleges championships, Sacred Heart School, play their semi-final against St. Mark's Warrenpoint at Deer Park on tomorrow at 11.30 a.m.

On tomorrow also the first Cork Primary Schools final will be held at Church Road when Ballinora meet Blackrock, while on Sunday the Leagues continue.

Sacred Heart School caused one of the surprises of the season when they defeated fancied Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, in the Munster final. On that day they showed grim determination in appalling conditions and were never overawed by their opponents.

On tomorrow they will be up against a different style of camogie as Ulster teams are usually crisp and speedy strikers with a non-stop policy. St. Mark's came out of a very big entry in the Ulster championship and are reported to be a very efficient side.

On tomorrow Sacred Heart face the Ulster champions as a twelve girl team with each one having her part to play and her contribution to make.

Sacred Heart deserve every credit for reaching this stage and if they can produce the form which saw them through in the Munster final then they must have a very good chance. They are eager and determined and have a number of very good players on their side. Gay Desmond was a tower of strength in the Munster decider, while Chris McCarthy and Ger McCarthy were others who played important roles. They have the home advantage also on their side and with St. Mark's facing the daunting journey from Co. Down, this could be a big asset for the Cork girls. So they must have a very good chance of being Cork's representatives in Crake Park on All-Ireland day, but they would not want to take

things for granted as they have a very tough game ahead of them.

For the first time ever Cork has a Primary Schools championship, the response to which was very encouraging. Now Ballinora and Blackrock have reached the first decider and these sides meet at Church Road on tomorrow afternoon, in what should be a most interesting encounter.

The Leagues continue on Sunday. In the Intermediate campaign Eire Og meet Blarney at the latter's grounds and here the visitors will be expected to take both points. In the same competition Watergrasshill and Churchtown meet at Watergrasshill and a division of the points could be on the cards here.

There are two junior league games listed. Na Piar-saigh could take the points from the St. Finbarrs, while Old Aloysians could be at the wrong end of things against Ballyphehane. In the Under-18 campaign Bishopstown

20 YEARS AGO

In appalling conditions, Old Aloysians won the Cork County Junior Camogie championship by defeating Mourne Abbey 5-1 to 3-1, their win being featured by a great display by their goalie M. Moran. Scorers for the winners were: E. Manly (2-0) E. Wyley (2-0) and L. O'Grady (1-1) while J. Hanlon, H. Mullane and C. Mullane (0) each and P. McCarthy (0-1) scored for Mourne Abbey.

MATCH-WINNER FOR ST. PAULS

By TAOBH LINE

be all out to improve already proud per- in this club cham-
 ave had the benefit of games recently, scoring over Celtic (Dublin) in aster final and Ahane berick in the All-Ireland l. They have some of t stars of the game in Martin, Helena O'Neill sister Teresa, Liz Neary, ds five All-Ireland club already, Mary Fennelly,

Carmel Doyle, and the Downey twins, Anne and Angela.
 Angela Downey, in tremendous form in those two recent games, took a hard knock in the semi-final, but hopes to be fully fit for Sunday's meeting. If she is she could again be St. Paul's match-winner.
 The first-ever Camogie National League final ended in a draw at Rathnure last Sunday so Wexford and Tipperary must meet again on Sunday week to decide which will be the first

holders of the trophy presented by Allied-Irish Banks.
 Wexford, I thought, looked slightly the better side for much of last Sunday's game, but failed to drive home that advantage. Tipperary will have profited from the experience gained, and, on home ground next time could well achieve victory.
 The junior colleges semi-finals tomorrow should provide lively encounters. Junior title holders Athenry are at home to Terenure but may not have matters all their own way against an effective Dublin side. In the other semi-final, two

newcomers Sacred Heart Cork and St. Mary's, Warrenpoint, will be in opposition at Cork, with the home school fancied to reach the final for the first time.
 The new C.C.I.A. championship got off to a flying start last week-end with Mary Immaculate T.C. from Limerick surprise but deserving winners of the new Purcell Cup for the non-University Institutes. All 14 C.C.I.A. Third-Level Colleges will be represented at a special Coaching Course this week-end in the National College of Physical Education, now Thomond College, in Limerick commencing tomorrow (Saturday) at 11 a.m.

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TIPPERARY ARE FIRST CHAMPIONS

TIPPERARY 4-2; WEXFORD 1-3

TIPPERARY became the first winners of the National Camogie League when in a very exciting and keenly contested final replay at Semple Stadium, Thurles, yesterday they overcame Wexford by eight points.

The home county did not take long to settle down with Maolmuire Tynan having a goal after only 20 seconds of the game. This set the pattern for the remainder of the hour and a confident Tipperary carried the game to their rivals despite playing into the breeze.

They had a second goal from Maura Hogan, but Wexford kept their hopes alive when Kitt Codd had their only goal shortly before the interval. Maolmuire Tynan shattered Wexford's hopes when she repeated her first-half performance by again scoring a quick goal shortly after the resumption. The issue was put beyond all doubt shortly afterwards when Deirdre Lane scored Tipperary's fourth goal.

BETTER SIDE

On the day Tipperary were the better side, using the ball intelligently and generally showing greater earnestness in their endeavour. In Siobhain Tynan, Deirdre Lane, Marian Troy, Monica Butler and Maolmuire Tynan they had outstanding performers.

Wexford deserved to be closer to their rivals at the finish, but they distinguished themselves in defeat. Particularly impressive were Margaret Lacey, Bridget Doyle, Eileen Kehoe and Kit Codd.

Scorers: Tipperary: M. Tynan 2-0, D. Lane and M. Hogan 1-0 each, M. Kelly 0-2. Wexford: K. Codd 1-0, M. Hearne 0-2, E. O'Gorman 0-1.

Tipperary: N. Bonnar, M. Butler, M. O'Brien, S. Tynan, B. Feehan, D. Lane, M. Troy, K. Tynan, M. Tynan, M. Hogan, L. Howard, J. Quigley. Subs.: M. Kelly for Howard, Howard for K. Tynan.

Wexford: K. Tonks, M. Lacey, D. Walsh, B. Doyle, M. Cousins, B. Murphy, E. Walsh, G. Duggan, K. Codd, A. Kennedy, E. Kehoe, E. O'Gorman. Subs.: M. Hearne for A. Kennedy, Breda Murphy for Bernie Murphy.
 Referee—E. O'Neill, Kilkenny.



Maureen Davoren of Corofin, Co. Clare.



● EDDIE KEHER, the Kilkenny hurler, presenting the A.I.B. Cup to Tipperary captain Monica Butler at Semple Stadium yesterday.

TIPP TAKE THEIR GOALS IN STYLE

TIPPERARY 4-2
 WEXFORD 1-3
 It was the ability to score goals that made all the difference to Tipperary as they took the first National Camogie League title, beating Wexford 4-2 to 1-3 in a very exciting and keen-contested final replay at Semple Stadium, Thurles, yesterday. They became first holders of the A.I.B. Cup.
 Apart from a lively down-field breeze, conditions were ideal and it did not take Tipperary long to assert themselves. Maolmuire Tynan goaling after only 20 seconds. This set the pattern for the

game as a confident Tipperary side, despite playing into the breeze, kept the rivals under pressure. They had a second goal from Maura Hogan, but Wexford kept their hopes alive when Kit Codd netted nearing the interval.
 However, Maolmuire Tynan shattered those Wexford illusions when she repeated her first-half performance by again scoring a quick Tipperary goal and the issue was put beyond all doubt shortly afterwards when Deirdre Lane scored Tipperary's fourth goal.
 On the day Tipperary were the better side, using the ball

intelligently and generally showing greater earnestness in their endeavours. They were on top at midfield all through and had outstanding performances from Siobhain Tynan, Deirdre Lane, Marian Troy, Maolmuire Tynan and captain, Monica Butler.
 Wexford deserved to be closer to their rivals at the finish and they distinguished themselves in defeat. Particularly impressive were Margaret Lacey, Bridget Doyle, Eileen Kehoe and Kit Codd.
 SCORES: Tipperary — M. Tynan (2-0), M. Hogan, D. Lane (1-0 each), M. Kelly

(0-2). Wexford—K. Codd (1-0), M. Hearne (0-2), E. O'Gorman (0-1).
 TIPPERARY: N. Bonnar; M. Butler; M. O'Brien, S. Tynan, B. Feehan; D. Lane, M. Troy, K. Tynan; M. Tynan, M. Hogan, L. Howard; J. Quigley. Subs.: M. Kelly for L. Howard, Howard for K. Tynan.
 WEXFORD: K. Tonks; M. Lacey; D. Walsh, B. Doyle, M. Cousins; B. Murphy, E. Walsh, G. Duggan; K. Codd, A. Kennedy, E. Kehoe; E. O'Gorman. Subs.: M. Hearne for Kennedy; B. Murphy for B. Murphy.
 Referee: Eileen O'Neill (Kilkenny).

A year of phenomenal growth

DELEGATES to the annual Congress of the Camogie Association in the Co. Roscommon town of Castlerea will have a most satisfactory year to review through Saturday and Sunday. The past year for the Association, according to the Report of the Honorary Secretary, Miss Jo Golden, has been one of almost phenomenal growth, and she estimated that the Association's membership has mushroomed from 20,000 to 29,000 in 12 months.

The comprehensive set of reports that will be before the delegates reveal that there are now almost 550 adult clubs affiliated, some 122 schools and colleges are affiliated to the Colleges Council while at Third level, all seven universities and

CAMOGIE

By TAOBH LINE

seven Higher Institutes compete under the aegis of the C.C.I.A. (Higher Institutes Council).

GROWTH PROBLEM

But the Secretary warns that the Associations rapid growth rate is in itself posing an increasing problem. Miss Golden feels that if the present expansion continues as she believes it will, the Association will have to consider the question of employing full-time officers.

In the course of a detailed and very thoughtful report, Miss Golden strongly advocates the holding of a Youth Convention at national level, and also calls for a Communications Seminar.

"Lack of communication is our greatest problem," she claims. "Without a constant interchange of basic information and ideas no organisation can function efficiently and we are falling down in key areas of communication.

"The reason might be that we are not aware of either our responsibilities or our potential and a seminar would serve to awaken such an awareness.

In her Report the Secretary also voices a demand for the inclusion of Camogie on the curriculum of Thomond College, which now houses the National College of Physical Education,

Considering that the game is now played in hundreds of schools from primary level up should certainly justify such inclusion.

All the outgoing officers will be returned unopposed. They are: President, Mrs. A. Purcell, Secretary, Miss J. Golden, Treasurer, Miss L. Spence, Organiser, Mr. Sean O'Duffy, Trustees, Mr. O'Duffy and Mrs. I. Leonard.

ANNUAL PLEA

Though just over 20 motions are tabled for discussion, none is of a really contentious nature, if one excepts the annual plea for the abolition of the second cross-bar which this year comes from Armagh.

However, since the second cross-bar is a strong recommendation, not a rule, the

present situation is likely to continue unchanged.

One motion likely to be adopted is a request from Kildare for a National League for the junior counties, a step that is also suggested in the Secretary's Report.

Meanwhile congratulations to Tipperary, on becoming the first winners of the National League and first holders of the A.L.E. Cup. This success the county's first national achievement after more than 40 years of striving belated but just reward for the decades of effort and should give a welcome added fillip to the game in a county already stirred by the achievements of the Presentation College team in Cashel and the good showing in the club championship by Deerpark and Inch.

Busy time at annual congress

THE annual Camogie Congress continued in Castlerea, Co. Roscommon, yesterday when the draw for the Senior A Championship was made and the date and venue for next year's Congress were fixed. The outgoing officers were returned unopposed.

A motion from Limerick which was passed enables junior counties who are provincial junior champions to compete in the Senior League as and from next year. Ard Choiste will make the draws for the Senior Championships and grading for all inter-county champions shall be as defined by Ard Choiste.

The draw for the Senior Championship is: First round — Galway v Wexford A; Quarter-finals — Kilkenny v Tipperary 1; Clare v Down 2; A v CMORK : Antrim v Dublin 4.

The officers returned were: President, Mrs. A. Purcell, Sec., Miss J. Golden; Treas., Miss E. Spence; Organiser, Sean O'Duffy; Trustees, S. O'Duffy and Mrs. I. Leonard.

Next year's congress is to be held in Kilkenny on April 1 and 2.

"Colleges Day"

COLLEGES DAY in Croke Park is the big date on the colleges calendar with schools all over the country striving to win a place in either the junior or senior All Ireland finals, contested on that day.

Last year Cork school St. Aloysius became the first college from this county to take a colleges title when they won the senior event. Now Sacred Heart Secondary School can become the first Cork side to win the junior event as they have qualified to contest that decider on tomorrow (Saturday), when all roads will lead to Croke Park for this year's finals.

So tomorrow is a very big day in the lives of the young girls of Sacred Heart. To date they have beaten Adare CBS, North Presentation, Presentation Bandon, Scoil Mhuire Cashel, and St. Mark's of Warrenpoint, but on tomorrow they face the school which has dominated colleges camogie in the past three or four years. Presentation Athenry, have two senior and two junior All Ireland titles to their credit and since the inauguration of the colleges competitions Athenry have almost always been involved in one or both finals.

Croke Park will hold no worries for Athenry and with three Galway minors, Ann Burke, Una Jordan and Anne Morris on their side they have plenty of experience, despite being such a young team. They came through Connacht easily and they beat Presentation Tere-nure, very heavily in the All Ireland semi-final but spectators felt the Leinster champions were very weak.

In their last two outings in particular Sacred Heart showed good fighting spirit. Led by Rose Desmond they are strong in all sectors with Veronica Hanley a sound goalkeeper, and Eleanor McCarthy, Chris McCarthy, Clair Connolly, and Susan Stanley fine defenders. Deirdre Collins has been one of the successes of the tournament so far, with Ger Heas very little behind in the centre of the field. Ger McCarthy in the attack is a stylish opportunist forward while Noelle McCarthy, Pauline Fitzgerald and Anne Keogh are all capable of snapping up scoring chances. And then they have Rose Desmond, who is playing

with a maturity far beyond her years. Rose usually lines out in the centrefield but can be seen helping out in each sector, defending when necessary and backing up the forwards when they are on the attack.

They fully deserve their place in the final and if they can give of their best tomorrow they could be there with a real fighting chance. But it won't be easy.

Munster are also represented in the senior final with the highly talented Scoil Mhuire Cashel also taking on Presentation Athenry.

The Cashel team is by and large the side which brought them the 1975 junior championship. Two of the side, Nuala Bonnar and Mary Kelly have played for Tipperary seniors and seven have fielded for Tipperary minors. Against that Athenry have ten Galway players so the sides look rather evenly matched. Cashel saw Athenry "steal" the junior title from them in the last few minutes last year, and so will be anxious to even that score in the senior final.

The Cashel forwards, always noted for their scoring prowess, will all be in action for tomorrow, including Regina Mulligan, the two Kathleen Ryans, and Majella Hallinan. All these girls are capable of being match winners on their own and if they can find their form early then they could take their first senior title.

But Athenry can call on

such players as Ann and Bernadette Poniard, Una Jordan, Olive Coady and Anne Morris to name a few, and like their juniors will take a great deal of beating. However, with two such fine sides in action the senior tie promises to be one of the most exciting for many years with the result at all times in the balance.

The inter county season is almost with us and Cork now know what lies ahead in the senior campaign. At Congress last weekend the draw was made for the All Ireland and resulted as follows: A, Galway v Wexford; B, Kilkenny v Tipperary; C, Clare v Down; D, winners A v Cork; E, Antrim v Dublin. Semi-finals, B v E, and D v C.

On the home scene the leagues continue.

FIXTURES

Saturday — at Croke Park, All Ireland Colleges finals, junior, Sacred Heart (Cork) v Presentation (Athenry), 1.45 p.m. (ref. Miriam Higgins, Dublin); senior, Presentation Athenry v Scoil Mhuire Cashel, 3 p.m. (ref. Helena O'Neill, Kilkenny).

Sunday — at Fair Field, under-16, Douglas v Na Piarsaig, 3.30, ref. Glen Rovers; at Ballyphehane, JL Ballyphehane v Old Aloysians, 3.30 p.m., ref. Nemo Rangers; at UCC, SL, Eire Og v UCC, 12.00, ref. Bishopstown; at Killeagh, Killeagh b Blarney, 3.30, ref. Youghal; at Ballinure, under-16 L, Ballinure v Blackrock, 3.30, ref. Ballymartle; at Ballincollig, under-16 L, Ballincollig v Ballinora, 3.30, ref. Eire Og; at Watergrasshill, under-18 L, Sarsfields v Watergrasshill, 3.30, at St. Finbarr's, JL, Bishopstown v St. Finbarr's, 3.30, ref. UCC.

THREE BID FOR DOUBLE

THREE under-age players — Anne Burke, Anne Morris and Una Jordan — will have an opportunity for winning two All-Ireland Colleges medals at Croke Park on Saturday next when they will line-out on the Presentation Athenry senior and junior sides.

The teams are as follows.

SENIOR

Athenry — A. Poniard, M. Higgins, E. Poniard, N. Treacy, A. Delaney, D. Ryan, O. Coady, U. Jordan, E. Naughton, E. Hynes, A. Morris, A. Burke.

Cashel — N. Bonnar, M. Hayes, E. Brennan, C. Hennessy, E. Bonner, C. Bergery, M. Kelly, M. Luby, M. Hallinan, K. Ryan, R. Mulligan, K. Ryan.

JUNIOR

Athenry — A. O'Shea, M. Murphy, S. Higgins, A. Burke, M. O'Brien, C. Hanly, N. Gannon, U. Jordan, D. Callinan, A. Morris, B. Broderick, J. Lally.

Sacred Heart — V. Hanley, E. McCarthy, C. McCarthy, C. Connolly, S. Stanley, D. Collins, G. Heas, R. Desmond, N. McCarthy, G. McCarthy, P. Fitzgerald, A. Keogh.



FR. M. O'GRADY



The Sacred Heart camogie team getting a tactical talk from Sister Mary

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Pres. Seek Glory On Three Fronts

THE prospects of achieving an All Ireland Colleges camogie double and reaching the All Ireland Colleges senior hurling final has generated great excitement amongst the teachers and pupils of Presentation College, Athenry.

figuring almost annually in the final stages of the schools hurling and camogie championships. Man behind the colleges great success is Father Martin O'Grady who for many years has whipped

Ireland finals on Saturday and the senior hurling side contesting the All Ireland Colleges semi final on Sunday. And just to complicate matters, several of the Presentation girls are involved in both the junior and senior camogie games.

1.45 p.m., the Presentation College junior team will oppose Sacred Heart Convent, Douglas in the junior decider.

by TOM ROONEY

The senior game is due to be played immediately after the junior game and it remains to be seen if the Athenry girls can maintain a high standard of play over both games.

The nucleus of the junior team comprises of a number of players who have performed at senior level: Anne Burke, who will captain the team; Una Jordan and Anne Morris. Presentation are hoping that the experience and craft of these girls will act as a "steadying influence" on the younger members of the team in their bid for victory.

Over the years, Presentation, Athenry have maintained a remarkable level of consistency,

into shape the Presentation boys and girls teams.

This weekend the college faces a huge task with the junior and senior camogie teams figuring in two All

At Croke Park on Saturday at

The junior side have shown up very well in their practice matches against the senior team and their big semi final victory over Presentation Convent, Terenure must make them slight favourites for Saturday's clash.

Athenry
Convent
chases
double
triumph

BY "TAOBHLINE"



Twins John and Paschal Ryan with their sister Dolores who are in action for the Presentation College, Athenry over the weekend. The Twins play with the senior hurling team against Saint Colmans College Fermoy and Dolores plays with the senior camogie team against Presentation Convent Cashel.

OLD RIVALS

In the senior camogie final at 3.00 p.m. the Athenry side will face old rivals Presentation Convent, Cashel. Both these sides know each other's form only too well as they have met in finals over the last three years.

The majority of the present Athenry side played in last year's All Ireland final and this experience should prove an invaluable asset for Saturday's encounter.

Players such as Olive Coady, Noreen Treacy and Eileen Hynes have all previously tasted All Ireland success. Indeed, Saturday's final will be a unique occasion for Bernie Pondard who will be appearing in her 11th successive senior final.

FOR THE THIRD time at Croke Park tomorrow, Presentation Convent, Athenry, will attempt the formidable task of winning the All-Ireland senior and junior Colleges Camogie finals on the same day. A few seasons ago the County Galway school did achieve this unique feat but when they tried to repeat the performance last year, they had to be satisfied with the junior title only.

However, this time in the senior final Athenry take on Presentation Cashel, the school they beat in the junior final twelve months ago. Cashel have swept all opposition aside in Munster this year, and defeated Ulster champions Coleraine in the semi-final.

Athenry, who were not unduly pressed in Connacht, had to give of their best to get past Kilkenny's Thomastown in the other semi-final.

On last season's junior form, Athenry might be slight favourites but considering that three of their senior side Anne Burke, Una Jordan and Anne Morris will have already played in the junior final, that would seem to swing the pendulum back in favour of the Munster team.

JUNIOR GAME

In the junior final, Sacred Heart, Cork, who foiled Cashel of the Munster double, were also very impressive when defeating Warrenpoint in their semi-final. Athenry, who got a good game from Ballygar in the Connacht final, where, however, very impressive subsequently when defeating Terenure and on that display, look capable of retaining the trophy.

The Annual Congress, so well organised by the Roscommon County Board in Castlerea last week-end was a very satisfying exercise for officials and delegates alike. The extensive discussions on such matters as a Communications Seminar, a Youth Songress, and the feasibility of having a full-time officer were especially interesting.

From the general tone of Congress, we should see both the Youth Congress and that Communications Seminar long before the next Congress comes round, and by then all the counties will have had ample opportunity of discussing the question whether a full-time officer is absolutely necessary and if so, how the cost can best be met.

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A tussle for possession during the All-Ireland Colleges senior camogie championship between Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and Presentation College, Athenry at Croke Park.

JOY DAY FOR CASHEL

IT WAS a joy day for the girls of Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, at Croke Park on Saturday, when in their first senior season they took the senior Colleges All-Ireland by defeating Presentation Athenry, in the decider.

But it was a day of disappointment for Cork's Sacred Heart Secondary School, who were outclassed by a highly efficient string from Presentation, Athenry in the junior final.

**Scoil Mhuire, Cashel 2-2
Presentation, Athenry 1-3**

Only two points separated the sides at the finish of a highly entertaining and exciting senior final in which Scoil Mhuire emerged as senior title holders for the first time, at the expense of Presentation, Athenry.

Majella Hallinan and Regina Mulligan are names synonymous with goal scoring when Scoil Mhuire are mentioned and it was early goals from these two which paved the way for this Cashel victory. Cora Hennessy, Mary Kelly and Mary Luby were others to contribute magnificently to this fine victory.

But spare a word of praise for the girls of Athenry. They came with a second half challenge which saw them reduce the arrears to two points and for the last ten minutes they camped in the Cashel half. Mary Burke, Una Jordan and Anne Morris had already won junior medals before the start of the senior game and they again impressed in this tie as did Olive Coady and Anne Poniard.

Scorers: Scoil Mhuire Cashel — M. Hallinan 1-1, R. Mulligan 1-0, M. Kelly 0-1. Presentation (Athenry) — A. Morris 1-0, A. Burke, O.

Coady and U. Jordan 0-1 each.

Scoil Mhuire: N. Bonner, M. Hayes, E. Breanan, C. Hennessy, E. Bonner, C. Borgey, M. Kelly, M. Luby, M. Hallinan, K. Ryan, R. Molligan, K. Ryan-Hennessy.

Subs: C. Kelly for K. Ryan Hennessy, K. Ryan-Hennessy for K. Ryan.

Presentation: A. Poniard, M. Higgins, B. Poniard, N. Treacy, A. Delaney, D. Ryan, O. Coady, U. Jordan, E. Naughton, E. Rynes, A. Morris, A. Burke.

Sub: B. McDonagh for H. Naughton.

**Presentation, Athenry 4-1
Sacred Heart (Cork) 1-3**

Presentation, Athenry had consolation for their senior defeat as their juniors won their title in brilliant fashion. They were strong in all sectors and never gave the Sacred Heart girls any real chance.

The Cork girls, with only two seasons of camogie behind them, achieved so much by getting to Croke Park for the decider and Veronica Hanley, Chris McCarthy, Deirdre Collins and Rose Desmond, battled gamely in this tie but they had no real answer to the strength of "seniors" Una Jordan, Ann Morris and Ann Burke, who led their side to a thoroughly deserved victory.

Scorers: Presentation, Athenry — U. Jordan 1-0, A. Morris 1-0, J. Lally 1-0, B. Broderick 1-0, A. Burke 0-1.

Sacred Heart — R. Desmond 1-2, G. McCarthy 0-1.

Presentation: A. O'Shea, M. Murphy, S. Higgins, A. Burke, M. O'Brien, C. Manley, N. Gammon, U. Jordan, D. Callinan, A. Morris, B. Broderick, J. Lally.

Sacred Heart — V. Hanley, E. McCarthy, C. McCarthy, C. Connolly, S. Stanley, D. Collins, G. Heas, R. Desmond, N. McCarthy, G. McCarthy, P. Fitzgerald, A. Keogh.

Cork girls for Croke Park final

AT the Sacred Heart College girls secondary school, off the South Douglas Road in Cork, several sports keep the 650 pupils occupied in their leisure time. This week, however, camogie predominates. The reason? Sacred Heart travel to Croke Park next Saturday to play Presentation College, Athenry in the All-Ireland junior camogie final, hopeful of being the first Cork team to win this particular title.

The game of camogie is relatively new to the Sacred Heart College — which is run by the Presentation Order since secondary education was introduced to the area in 1965. In fact, the game was played there for the first time last season, having been introduced by Bandon-born Sister Mary, who was also responsible for helping it to introduce it to one of the Order's other schools in Ballyphehane.

Interestingly, the team captain by Rose Desmond, is composed of girls who all play camogie for Nemo Rangers at different levels.

To qualify for the All-Ireland final, they defeated North Presentation Convent, Cork, Adare C.B.S., Bandon; Cashel — in the Munster final — and St. Mark's, Warrenpoint, in the semi-final at Deerpark.

In their first season, they lost in the first round to Cashel but had the satisfaction of winning the county junior title.

As a result of this success, they are competing in the Munster intermediate championship this season and have won their two games to date.

Understandably, the progress of the team has created a new spirit in the school. The girls themselves are thrilled with the idea of playing in Croke Park — they have already visited Pairc Uí Chaoimh to sample the atmosphere of a big stadium — and with a special train laid on, they are assured of a large following.

They are under no illusions, however, about the magnitude of the task before them. Comments Sister Mary: "We realise that Athenry have a long tradition and that they have a pretty strong team". Adds Rose Desmond: "They are the present holders and, in fact, have been represented in the junior and senior finals for the past two years."

Nevertheless, at this stage, defeat is the furthest thought in the minds of the Cork girls.

Cashel girls prove best in decider

**PRESENTATION COLLEGE,
CASHEL 2-2
PRESENTATION COLLEGE,
ATHENRY 1-3**

Despite squandering several scoring opportunities, particularly in the opening half, Presentation, Cashel captured their first All-Ireland Senior Colleges camogie title at Croke Park yesterday.

Even though the level of accuracy left much to be desired, patrons were treated to a rousing tussle in which the eventual victors always maintained the initiative.

Cashel led by 2-0 to 0-1 at the interval: their goals coming from Majella Hallinan and Regina Mulligan. The former added a point in the second half, while their remaining score, also a point, was tapped over by Mary Kelly.

The industrious Ann Burke managed 1-1 for Athenry, whose only other scores (0-2) were taken by Olive Coady.



Rose Desmond (No. 8), Sacred Heart College, Cork, clearing the ball after an attack by Presentation College, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Pres. Athenry Foiled Of Camogie Double

Presentation College,
Athenry 4-1 (13)
Sacred Heart Convent,
Douglas 1-3 (6)

By TOM ROONEY

PRESENTATION College, Athenry, proved too strong for Sacred Heart Convent, Douglas in the All-Ireland Junior Colleges' camogie final at Croke Park on Saturday last.

The final score of 4-1 to 1-3 is a poor reflection of the Athenry sides superiority over their Douglas opponents. For with the exception of Rose Desmond, the Cork girls had no one to match the skill and strength of the likes of Anne Burke, Una Jordan and Anne Morris.

The fact that all but one point of the Cork team's total came from frees scored by Rose Desmond, is a measure of Presentation's superiority. Had the Athenry forwards been in a "scoring mood" the margin of victory for the Pres. would have been much greater.

For from the 10th minute of the first half when Brid Broderick scored the Athenry side's first goal, the Presentation girls had stamped their authority on the match. The Cork side could only manage two points in the first half.

After 11 minutes Geraldine McCarthy burst through for their first score and just on half time Rose Desmond had a point from a '30'. Meanwhile Pres. had their second goal when Ann Mavis crashed the ball home after a pass from Anne Burke.

The Athenry side's defence, in which captain Anne Burke was superb, dealt with any danger that came their way.

GREAT POINT

After 15 minutes of the second half the Athenry girls, powered on by a goal from Una Jordan and a great point from Anne Burke, had raced into an eight point lead.

Rose Desmond, who had a superb game for the Douglas team, brought her side to within four points of the winners when in the space of four minutes she scored a goal and a point from frees.

However, justice was done, and it was the Athenry girls who had the "final say" when Joan Lally raced through for a great goal in the last minute of the game.

The winners were best served by Anne Burke, Maura Murphy, Una Jordan, Anne Morris and Joan Lally.

For the losers Rose Desmond, Geraldine McCarthy and Eleanor McCarthy impressed.

TEAMS

Presentation, Athenry: Anne O'Shea, Maura Murphy, Sadie Higgins, Anne Burke (0-1), Martina O'Brien, Christine Hanley, Nora Gannon, Una Jordan (1-0), Marcella Callaghan, Anne Morris (1-0), Brid Broderick (1-0), Joan Lally (1-0). Subs: Imelda Naughton, Anne Leahy, Anne Kennedy.

Douglas: Veronica Hanley, Eleanor McCarthy, Chris McCarthy, Claire Connolly, Susan Stanley, Deirdre Collins, Geraldine Hayes, Rose Desmond, Pauline Fitzgerald, Geraldine McCarthy, Anne Keogh.

Subs: Claire Houlihan, Aisling McCormack, Barbara McGrath. Subs used: Claire Houlihan for G. Hayes.

St. Mary's Convent, Cashel 2-2
Presentation College, Athenry . 1-3

ANY hopes Presentation College, Athenry, senior team had of capturing an All-Ireland Colleges' Camogie double were dashed as early as the 8th minute of the first half when they conceded two goals in a very disappointing game.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, won this game because they played the more positive and direct camogie and took their chances well, while the Athenry side "overplayed" the ball and squandered several scoring opportunities in the process.

Presentation College got a tonic when Una Jordan scored a point direct from the throwin. Their joy was short lived however, when five minutes later Majella Hallinan from a Regina Mulligan pass had the ball in the Athenry net.

The Hallinan-Mulligan combination struck again in the 8th minute, this time Hallinan lobbed the ball across the Athenry goalmouth for the intruding Mulligan to score Cashel's second goal.

Although Olive Coady had another Athenry point two minutes later, Cashel's early goals completely unsettled the Athenry side who had a greater share of the play but sadly their forwards could make little use of the possession.

SAME PATTERN

The pattern of the second half was the same as that of the first

when the Cashel side stretched their lead to six points from Majella Hallinan and Mary Kelly in the first and third minutes.

Despite numerous Athenry attacks, the Cashel defence, in which Cora Hennessy and Eithne Bonnar were excellent, withstood much pressure.

Seven minutes into the second half, Anne Burke got just reward for her great endeavour with a point from a free. Five minutes

later another Anne Burke free was finished to the net by Anne Morris. There was no further scoring and so Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, ran out two point winners.

The effects of playing in the junior final began to show on Anne Burke, Una Jordan and Anne Morris as the game progressed and it was on this trio together with Noreen Treacy and Olive Coady that so many of Athenry's hopes rested.

On the the other hand, the Cashel side did all that was asked of them and this was especially true of Cora Hennessy and Eithne Bonnar in defence and Majella Hallinan and Regina Mulligan in attack and it was these girls who proved to be their matchwinners.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel: Nuala Bonnar, Mary Hynes, Eleanor Brennan, Cora Hennessy, Eithne Bonnar, Claire Bargerly, Mary Kelly 0-1, Mary Luby, Majella Hallinan

1-1. Kathleen Ryan, Regina Mulligan 1-0, Kathleen Ryan. Subs: Teresa Scully for K. Ryan; Mary Maher, Caroline Kelly.

Presentation College: Anne Poniard, Bernadette Poniard, Noreen Treacy, Anne Delaney, Anne Burke (0-1), Christina Keenan, Eileen Naughton, Eileen Hayes, Anne Morris (1-0), Una Jordan (0-1). Subs: Bernie McDonagh for Eileen Naughton; Dolores Ryan, Graine Cogan.



The Presentation College, Athenry team which defeated Sacred Heart College, Douglas (Cork) in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final at Croke Park on Saturday. Front row (l. to r.): Joan Lally, Martina O'Brien, Anne Morris, Anne Burke, captain; Chris Hanley and Della Cannon. Standing: Noreen Gannon, Sadie Higgins, Maura Murphy, Una Jordan, Anne O'Shea, Breece Broderick.

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Presentation Convent, Cashel, photographed on their return as all-Ireland senior schools' camogie champions. With the team is Mr. W. Prendergast, trainer selector, Sister Maureen (trainer / selector), Fr. T. Ryan, CC.

Great Day for Cashel at Croke Park

It was a joy day for the girls of Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, at Croke Park on Saturday, when in their first senior season they took the Senior Colleges All-Ireland Camogie Championship by defeating Presentation, Athenry, in the decider.

Only two points separated the sides, at the finish of a highly entertaining and exciting senior final in which Scoil Mhuire emerged as senior title holders for the first time at the expense of Presentation, Athenry.

Majella Hallinan and Regina Mulligan are names synonymous with goal scoring when Scoil Mhuire are mentioned and it was early goals from these two which paved the way for this Cashel victory. Cora Hennessy, Mary Kelly and Mary Luby were others to contribute magnificently to this fine victory.

But spare a word of praise for the girls of Athenry. They came with a second half challenge which saw them reduce the arrears to

two points and for the last ten minutes they camped in the Cashel half. Mary Burke, Una Jordan and Anne Morris had already won junior medals before the start of the senior game and they again impressed in this tie, as did Olive Coady and Anne Poniard.

Scorers:—
Scoil Mhuire (Cashel)—M. Hallinan (1-1), R. Mulligan (1-0), M. Kelly (0-1).

Presentation (Athenry)—A. Morris (1-0), A. Burke, O. Coady and U. Jordan (0-1 each).

Scoil Mhuire:—N. Bonner, M. Hayes, E. Brennan, C. Hennessy, E. Bonner, C. Baggory, M. Kelly, M. Luby, M. Hallinan, K. Ryan, R. Mulligan, K. Ryan-Hennessy.

Subs.—C. Kelly and K. Ryan-Hennessy.

Presentation:—A. Poniard, M. Higgins, B. Poniard, N. Treacy, A. Delaney, D. Ryan, O. Coady, U. Jordan, E. Naughton, E. Hynes, A. Morris, A. Burke.

Subs.—B. McDonagh for H. Naughton.



Imokilly, who lost to Eire Og in the opening game of the Cork senior camogie championship at the Mardyke, Cork.



Mr. Bob O'Connell, headmaster of Cobh Vocational School, presenting Corn an Tiernaigh to the captain of the Mallow team, Geraldine Murphy, after defeating Cobh, 3-2 to 0-2, in the county vocational schools camogie final at the Mardyke, Cork.

This Week . . . 40 YEARS AGO

BEFORE a large attendance at Douglas, Lough Rovers defeated St. Aloysians in the Cork Camogie Championship by 3-0 to 2-0. At half-time St. Als led by a goal, but in a thrilling finish the Lough won by the odd goal in five. The teams were: Lough Rovers — N. Sullivan (goal), M. Higgins (captain), K. Higgins, J. Higgins, A. Archer, J. Coughlan, M. Coughlan, D. Moynihan, S. Moynihan, M. J. Sullivan, P. Sullivan, A. N. Other. St. Aloysians — D. Collins (goal), T. Gilroy (captain), E. Casey, A. O'Meara, M. Fitzgerald, E. Horgan, B. Casey, L. Keating, E. Brennan, M. Hobbs, K. B. Murphy, M. Riordan.

It's Championship Time Again

CHAMPIONSHIP time is with us again and over the coming weekend four senior first round ties will be decided. The junior and intermediate campaigns also get under way during the coming week.

At Convention it was decided to bring in a new grading system and the result of this is that in the senior championship this season there are three new teams, Killeagh, Cloyne and Eire Og, all promoted from intermediate ranks. The senior championship definitely needed a boost. For

the last few years Imokilly completely dominated this competition while the other clubs involved were practically defeated before they took the field at all. Now two of the Imokilly teams, Killeagh and Cloyne have won promotion, so this year's championship looks wide open at this stage. And this can only be good for the game in the county.

On tonight (Friday), the Imokilly pair, Killeagh and Cloyne clash in the opening first round tie and this looks the most attractive of the first round games. Killeagh, who have greater all round strength, would appear favourites to advance as they can call on Pat Moloney, Marion Sweeney, Catherine and Breda Landers, Betty Joyce, Sally O'Connor and Patricia Fitzgibbon and with these girls available Killeagh must be expected to go a long way.

But rivals Cloyne will be determined opponents and with the Costine sisters, the O'Shea's and Mary O'Donoghue to assist them they will give the Killeagh girls a tough time.

On Saturday two selected sides clash when Muskerry meet Avondhu. Muskerry will be without Eire Og this season but even so they can call on Patricia Mackey, Kathleen O'Doherty, Nora O'Brien, Sheila Roche and Geraldine Ring and could advance. Avondhu, who did not field last year, can call on the services of players from Buttevant, Glanworth, Blackwater and St. Fahan's and should be able to string a fair side together, but they will hardly hold Muskerry.

MARDYKE TIES

There are two championship games listed for the Mardyke on Sunday. In the first of these the champions Imokilly will be in action against Eire Og. This new look Imokilly side, although without many of their stars of recent years, can still field a competent side with such players as Mary O'Leary, Angela Higgins, Cally Riordan, Jane O'Brien and Marie Power to call on.

For their part Eire Og can field a very useful side also. Promoted from intermediate ranks, Eire Og showed in their only senior outing against U.C.C. that they are well able for the higher grade and with Eileen Dineen, Hilda Horgan, Eileen Kavanagh and the O'Driscoll sisters to help them they could give Imokilly a hard game. In any event this should be a most exciting encounter.

In the second tie U.C.C. meet Glen Rovers. The latter

will be without long time goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton but they have a number of promising players coming along and could be a force in the future. Claire Hackett, Anne Delaney, Ann Connolly, Ger Murray, and Ber Owens are all fine young players who will give the U.C.C. girls a tough time.

But U.C.C. recently retained their Ashbourne Cup title and could be a fitter side at this stage of the season. They have grand players in Margo Twomey, Mary Walsh, Marcella Murphy and Ger Butler, and will be expected to advance.

The junior championship gets under way on Wednesday. Two clubs who concentrate on young players, Na Piarasigh and Ballyphehane meet in what should be the pick of the round. Marie Coughlan, Martha Kearney, Claire Harris, Mary Byrne, Ber McDonald and Eithne O'Sullivan are all Cork minors from Na Piarasigh, while for Ballyphehane another Cork minor Claire Cronin has been in scoring form lately. Patsy Coady, Margo Sugrue, Catherine Freyne and Hilary Walker are other fine Ballyphehane players. In the remaining junior ties Bishopstown meet Eire Og, Churchtown meet Carrigtwohill and Ballinora meet Nemo Rangers.

Under the Universities

rule Margo Twomey, now at U.C.C., may return to help out Canovee in the intermediate championship. And they may need all her help when they meet Sarsfields in the first round on Thursday next April 21.

Finally the Primary schools meeting has now been deferred to Monday April 25 at 7 p.m.

Champions make their exit

By JOAN MORLEY

Killeagh 6-3 Cloyne 3-3
Muskerry 6-3 Avondhu 1-0
Eire Og 6-3, Imokilly 5-4
U.C.C. 7-2, Glen Rovers 1-3

Imokilly, Cork Co. Senior Camogie Champions for the last five years are out of the 1977 campaign. But they did not go out without a fight when they went down to Eire Og in a thrilling first round tie at the Mardyke yesterday. In the other three first round ties played over the weekend Muskerry, Killeagh and U.C.C. advanced easily.

Killeagh 6-3, Cloyne 3-3

All the top players in this tie were members of Imokilly last year, but the new grading system promoted these clubs to the senior ranks this season. On Friday night at Castlemartyr they clashed but the game was more one sided than expected with Pat Moloney of Killeagh with a tally of 4-2 from centrefield, completely dominating the game. At half-time Killeagh were ahead by 3-1 to 0-2 and although Cloyne came more into the game in the second half Killeagh never looked like losing the initiative.

Scorers: Killeagh—P. Moloney 4-2; C. Griffin 1-0, B. Joyce 1-0, C. Landers 0-1. Cloyne: B. Costine 2-0, A. O'Shea 1-0, M. Costine 0-3.

Muskerry 6-3, Avondhu 1-0

On Saturday evening at Blarney it was Muskerry's turn to dominate and their opponents were Avondhu. The latter only scored once in the game with Muskerry running riot in the second period.

Scorers: Muskerry—M. Noonan 3-2, C. O'Driscoll 2-0, A. Healy 1-0, M. E. O'Shea 0-1. Avondhu: M. Quirke 1-0.

Eire Og 6-3, Imokilly 5-4

This was by far the pick of the weekend's championship games. Played at the Mardyke and fought with great determination throughout, the result was at all times in the balance. Champions, Imokilly, reduced in their selection this season, still fielded a very strong side and it took all the power that new senior club Eire Og could find, to see them through. Eire Og in this game showed that they will be a power to be reckoned with in the championship.

Scorers: Eire Og—Noelle O'Driscoll 3-2, Nancy O'Driscoll 2-0, M. Geaney 1-1. Imokilly: J. Knowles 2-0, C. Riordan 1-3, H. O'Callaghan 1-0, M. Power 1-0, M. O'Leary 0-1.

U.C.C. 7-2, Glen Rovers 1-3.

Experience was the deciding factor in this second tie at the Mardyke as the students never really gave the youthful Glen Rovers a chance. They were always too much of a handful for Glen and with Ger Butler, Noreen Courtney and Margo Twomey in scoring form, U.C.C. had the game sewn up in the early stages.

Scorers: U.C.C.—M. Twomey 2-2, G. Butler 2-0, N. Courtney 2-0, M. Walsh 1-0. Glen Rovers: C. Fitzgibbon 1-0, M. Mackey, C. Hackett and G. Murray 0-1 each.

SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart took their second Munster camogie title this season when they defeated St. Mary's, Limerick in the Intermediate "B" Colleges championship.

At half-time Sacred Heart led by six points to nil. Rose Desmond, Ger McCarthy, Carmel Daly and Deirdre Collins kept St. Mary's busy in defence.

MARYFIELD'S TITLE

Maryfield College 5-2:

Vocational School, Ballyhale 0-1.

Maryfield College, Dublin, became Leinster Colleges Senior "B" Champions for the first time when they defeated Ballyhale Vocational School, (Co. Kilkenny) at Navan Road, Dublin on Saturday.

The most significant factor in their

convincing victory was the work of their three midfielders, Nora Maguire, Miriam Kelly and Barbara Doyle.

Scorers: Maryfield Miriam Kelly (2-0), Barbara Doyle (1-2), Anne Gardiner and Jean Gormley (1-0 each); Ballyhale, Carmel Moran (0-1).

Monaghan County League — Inniskeen 3-0; Monaghan 1-1, Lattin 2-2; Castleblayney 1-1.

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Killeagh Will Be Hard To Beat

OLD Aloysians and South Presentation are making their first appearance in the senior county championship over the weekend. Both had byes in the first round so now Old Aloysians meet Killeagh on Saturday and South Presentation meet Muskerry on Sunday. The intermediate and junior championships also continue during the coming week and the senior club championship gets underway on Sunday.

ALL SET FOR A BUSY SUMMER!

THE COMPETITIVE Camogie is now getting set for a very busy summer season ahead. Already Ulster has led the way with the opening games in the first of its provincial competitions, the Maguire Cup, while Leinster will get the 1977 All-Ireland and provincial championships under way with the opening games in the minor and junior competitions on Sunday week.

Ulster, will, however, still have the competitive scene to itself on the inter-county fields on Sunday next when three more games in the McGuire Cup will be played. In the A section, Down will travel hopefully to take on their Armagh neighbours. In the B Division, Fermanagh will be at home to Tyrone, while Cavan entertain Derry.

Ulster start their minor championship on May 8, with a preliminary game between Fermanagh and Derry. The winners play Tyrone in the first round proper where the other pairings are, Antrim v Donegal, Armagh v Cavan and Down v Monaghan.

The draw for the Leinster minor and junior championships have also been made and have worked out as follows:

Lois v Gildare, Wicklow v Meath, Kilkenny v Dublin, Louth v Offaly. Wexford meet the winner of the Lois v Kildare clash for a place in the quarter-finals, a stage of the competition to which the other first-round winners advance straightaway.

Meanwhile, in Dublin, the County Board, very conscious of the amount of playing time lost since Christmas because of sodden pitches, are really getting down to the task of catching up on their schedules. There is a busy list of senior championship games of which the most attractive is the clash of Presentation and holders, Celtic, with Celtic favourites to take a successful first step in defence of their title.

In the other championship game in the top grade, Marino and Naomh Mhuire could prove to be closely matched. In the B competition, Naomh Aoife may have too much experience for Na Fianna. Eoghan Ruadh could be hard run by Austin Stacks second string, while Phoenix look likely to account for Naomh Padraig in the concluding game of the day.

On Sunday after Camogie will officially make its return to Tailteann competition, when the Association's officials take part in the opening ceremony of the Willwood Tailteann Festival at Croke Park.

TALENTED MEATH SHOULD MOVE ON

THE All-Ireland Camogie championships of 1977 open on Sunday next at two Leinster venues, Mountrath and Knockanna. The latter setting will see the more attractive programme as Meath and Wicklow have a dual commitment. The Under-16 teams of these two counties will meet at 2.30 in the very first game of the Willwood Tailteann All-Ireland and will be followed on the field by the junior sides at 3.30.

Wicklow, with a number of well organised and enthusiastic Colleges teams are more than hopeful of doing well in minor ranks, but, Meath, where Camogie is strong at juvenile level, will give the home youngsters plenty to worry about.

The Wicklow girls made a tremendous effort to take the Leinster junior title for the first time last season, and were only beaten in extra time by ultimate provincial champions Wexford. If they have retained that form, they must be in with a great chance now.

But Meath have a well balanced and more experienced side and should give a good account of themselves.

There will be only one game at Mountrath, a junior contest between Kildare and Laois as the home county's hopes of fielding a minor side did not materialise. Kildare have been very close to Leinster junior honours for several seasons past, and must get the vote to account for largely inexperienced Laois.

In the North, Tyrone entertain Cavan in the Maguire Cup, a competition that is now reaching the closing stages.

The finals of the Camogie Association's winter talent competition, Ceol, Caint agos Damhsa, will be staged in Castleconnell under the auspices of the Abane Club to-morrow night, and the provincial winners will be in opposition in seven events. Solo singing, ballad groups, ceilí dancing, recitation, instrumental music, variety act and question time.

The following panel of Dublin junior players meet tonight (6.30) at Camogie Ground, Phoenix Park, for trial match with Donboyne: B. Whistler, A. Moloney, C. Agnew, J. McMahon (Presentation); A. Martin, N. Meeson (Shabb Boono); S. Hallahan, A. Conway, B. Lee, E. Shannon (Na Flannak); D. Golden, E. Merriman (Cacullains); M. Dillon (A. Snacks); C. Ledwidge (Phoenix); S. Potter (Celtic); C. Greene (An Ceisleán); V. Carney (N. Walter); M. O'Reilly (N. Padriáin); E. Murphy, P. Murphy (Presentation); Collier S. Alward (U.C.D.).

Scoil Mhuire Too Strong

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel 5-5,
South Presentation, Cork 0-0.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, powered by most of the senior All-Ireland winning side proved too strong for a gallant South Presentation in the Munster Intermediate "A" camogie final at Cashel on Saturday. Teams:

Scoil Mhuire — N. Bonnar, M. Hayes, E. Brennan, C. Hennessy, E. Bonnar, C. Bargerly, M. Kelly, M. Hallinan, M. Luby (capt.), K. Ryan (H.), R. Mulligan, K. Ryan (B.).

South Presentation — K. Freyne, M. Murray, M. O'Sullivan, N. Harrington, B. Barrett, M. Christie, V. O'Mahony (capt.), K. O'Shea, A. Jennings, L. Zinkant, H. Canniffe, A. O'Leary, Svb.; G. O'Connor for N. Harrington; N. Murray for M. O'Sullivan.

KILLEAGH ARE THROUGH

KILLEAGH are through to the semi-final of the Cork County senior camogie championship, but Muskerry and South Presentation Past Pupils will have to meet again. In the second round ties played over the weekend Killeagh edged out Old Aloysians after a most exciting tussle at the Mardyke on Saturday evening, while Muskerry and South Presentation ended with four points each at the same venue yesterday.

Cloyne went out in their second senior championship of the season when they lost to U.C.C. in the first round of the senior club championship also at the Mardyke.

Killeagh 4-2;
Old Aloysians 2-5

Pick of the weekend games was the tremendous tie between Killeagh and Old Aloysians. This was vintage championship camogie with first one and then the other gaining the initiative. It was sporting, exciting and of a very high standard, and the only regret was that one side

had to lose as a second meeting between these sides would surely have been eagerly awaited.

But in a tension packed game Betty Joyce snatched the winning goal from all of 45 yards with only minutes remaining and Killeagh were through.

Scorers: Killeagh — M. Sweeney 2-0, C. Griffin 1-0, B. Joyce 1-0, P. Moloney 0-2; Old Aloysians — V. Fitzpatrick 1-2, C. McCarthy 1-0, J. O'Brien 0-3.

South Pres. P.P. 0-4;
Muskerry 0-4

In this very low scoring game played at the Mardyke there were plenty of anxious moments for both sides with points only separating the sides at any stage. This was a dour struggle with Muskerry, the only divisional side remaining, gamely challenging the experienced South Presentation Past Pupils right to the finish. A draw was perhaps a fair result as the sides were so evenly matched and it will be interesting to see how the

Sunday, and Inniscarra meet Ballincollig at Inniscarra on Thursday next.

COLLEGES' FRONT

On the Colleges' front new All-Ireland champions Cashel will be firm favourites to add the Munster intermediate title to their list of trophies when they meet South Presentation in the Munster colleges intermediate A final at Cashel on Saturday.

Four colleges, including Scoil Mhuire, were allowed to play intermediate league and have a crack at the senior championship, without loss of status. This was to improve the entry in the senior championship. The result was that Cashel went on to win not only the Munster championship, but also the national title. It also means that Colaiste Mhuire can field their full side against South Presentation and while the Cork girls have a useful side they could find Cashel too much of a handful.

FIXTURES

Tonight (Friday): IC v Inniscarra, Inniscarra v Watergrasshill, 7.30 p.m. (ref. Blarney).

Saturday: At UCC grounds, Mardyke, SC, Killeagh v Old Aloysians, 7.30 p.m. (ref. Glen Rovers). At Cashel, intermediate A final, South Presentation v Scoil Mhuire, 3 p.m.

Sunday: At Mardyke, SC, Muskerry v SPPP, 2.15 p.m. (ref. J. Knowles). At Club C, UCC v Cloyne, 3.30 p.m. (ref. R. Riordan). At Ovens, JBC, Eire Og v Glen Rovers, 7.30 p.m. (ref. Old Aloysians).

Tuesday: JL, at Ballymartle, Ballymartle v Blackrock, 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday: At Killeagh, under-18, Cobh v Killeagh, at 7.30 p.m. At Fair Field, under-16, Bishopstown v Na Piarsaigh, 7.30 p.m. At Douglas, under-16, Douglas v Ballinlough, 7.30 p.m.

Thursday: At Inniscarra, JBC, Inniscarra v Ballincollig, 7.30 p.m.

Scorers: Muskerry, Gretta O'Sullivan 0-2, E. O'Shea 0-1, Mary Doherty 1; S.P.P.P. — Mary Wheel 0-1, Annette O'Donovan, Marion McCarthy 0-2.

U.C.C. 1-3; Cloyne 0-0.

Newly promoted Cloyne had to admit defeat for a second time in a senior championship this season. Defeated two weeks ago Killeagh in the Co. competition they went down U.C.C. in the first round of the Cork Club Championships at the Mardyke yesterday.

This was another closely contested affair but University girls made best use of their scoring chances and although the Cloyne defence was very solid, U.C.C. managed to get past them often enough to make a claim of a place in the second round and so become first Cork side to be into second rounds of the championship competition at this stage.

Scorers: U.C.C. — G. Bu 1-0, V. O'Dwyer 0-1.

DUBS END REIGN OF KILKENNY

PROVINCIAL Championships have got underway in all provinces in both Minor and Junior grades in recent weeks. Last weekend the focus was on Leinster where first round games in both grades were played.

Possibly the most remarkable result of the day was the victory of Dublin over Kilkenny in the Minor (Willwood Tailteann) Championship. Kilkenny have been Leinster champions in this grade since the championship was introduced four years ago, and this was their first ever defeat at provincial level. Dublin now face Wicklow in Dublin on May 15.

In the Junior Championship, the result was reversed. Kilkenny's fast and skilful team, largely the product of their successful minor teams of recent years, never looked in danger against a Dublin side which lacked strength in attack. Two other first round games were decided. Offaly accounting for Louth minors, while Louth juniors ended Offaly's hopes at this level.

Next Sunday sees last year's All-Ireland Junior finalists, Wexford, open their new season's campaign when they will be at home to Kildare. Wexford will be fielding most of last year's team, and with players such as Martina O'Leary, who played Senior League for the county during the winter, must be fancied. Kildare, no doubt, will have other ideas. It will be their first championship game of the season, but they would need to be at top form to advance further in the competition.

THE Willwood Tailteann Championship opens in Munster next Sunday, when Clare, at home, face Limerick, while Tipperary travel to Waterford. It is only a few weeks since Cashel took the All-Ireland Colleges title to Tipperary for the first time, and the strength of this team and enthusiasm of their Tipperary followers augur well for their minor side this year.

Little is known of the other counties this year, and it remains to be seen if any will be strong enough to take the Munster title from holders Cork.

At Navan Road, Dublin, on Saturday, the final of the Leinster Colleges Senior 'B' Championship takes place. This sees Maryfield College, Dublin, now reaching new heights after a lapse of several years, opposing Ballyhale Vocational School, who will be contesting their first ever Leinster final.

Leinster Colleges' Semi-final —
Senior B — Maryfield College, 4-1;
St. Mary's, Naas, 0-1.
Dublin Senior League — Assin
Colleges, 2-1; U.C.D., 2-1.

CAMOGIE

THOMASTOWN — All-Ireland
M.C. — Dublin 6-1, Kilkenny 1-3;
J.C. — Kilkenny 2-4, Dublin 0-1.
Leinster J.C. — Louth 4-4, Offaly
0-3; M.C. — Offaly 3-4, Louth 0-5.

Mixed luck for camogie girls

KILKENNY had mixed fortunes when they took on Dublin in the first round of the Leinster championships in Thomastown on Sunday last.

Minor

The Kilkenny minors, Leinster champions for the past three years, were down 2 goals in two minutes and even though they improved towards the end of the first half, they never looked like winning.

This Kilkenny team is very young and will be back again next year. With players from Shamrocks, Thomastown, Carrickshock, Young Irelands, and new clubs Callan and Mooncoin they gave a good account of themselves but were too young for the more experienced Dublin team. The score was 6-1 to 1-3.

Kilkenny: Mary Scriven (capt), Ann Dalton, Alice Holden, Brigid Kennedy, Margaret Farrell, Hazel Diamond, Anne Roche, Geraldine Moylan, Joan Lanigan, Oonagh O'Neill, Patricia Sheehan, Brid Farrell.
Subs: Helen Davis, Brid Carroll, Mary Mullally, Caitriona Moran, Helen Comerford, Paula McCarthy, Geraldine Corcoran, Joan Hanrahan, Anne Cuddihy, Ann Phelan, Bernadette Nolan.

Junior

The juniors who had lost in the first round of the competition for the past few years left no doubt as to their intentions this year as they crushed a good Dublin team. Giving a good display and being first to the ball, allied with crisp hitting and well taken points from play, they gave as good a display as any senior team.

The players are the product of the past three minor teams who had won the Leinster minor title three years in a row. With dedicated training this team will be hard to beat this year judging on their 2-7 to 0-1 victory.

Scorers

Kilkenny: Carmel Moran (1-2); Ann Dreefin (1-0); Josie O'Shea (0-3); Joan Holden (0-2).

Kilkenny: Anna Cahill, Anne Drea, Kay Dowling, Bernie Doyle, Majealla O'Neill, Anne Dreefin, Joan Holden, Mary O'Keefe, Carmel Moran (Capt.), Josie O'Shea, Betty Kennedy, Helena O'Dwyer. **Subs:** Margaret Farrell, Breda Coonan, Cathy Dalton, Bernie Cahill, Kathleen Drea, Aine Kirwan, Mary B. Lawlor, Brigid Duggan, Breda Giles, Marie Shore.

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Cork panel for National League tie

The intercounty season is only just around the corner and with Cork taking part in the National Camogie League for the first time, the selectors have just announced a panel of players for their first outing against Tipperary. It is:

Kathleen Costine, Orla Harrington, Mary Whelton, Marie Costine, Mary Roche, Kathleen Doherty, Margo Twomey, Betty Joyce, Nuala Jennings, Catherine Landers, Marion McCarthy, Pat Moloney, Val O'Dwyer, Cally Riordan, Claire Hackett, Mary O'Leary, Marion Sweeney, Jacinta O'Brien, Eileen Kavanagh, Claire Cronin, Nancy O'Driscoll and Rose Desmond.

The minor selectors have also been busy and they ask the following players to attend a trial game tomorrow at Mount Mercy Grounds at 7.30 p.m.

Martha Kearney, Mary Byrne, Imelda Cronin, Helen Fox (Na Piarasigh); Patricia Fitzgibbon, Sally O'Connor and Catherine Griffin (Killeagh); Ger Murray, Ger O'Donovan, Frances Hurley (Glen Rovers); Catherine Freyne, Mary Hourihan, Frances Hurley and Martha Flood (Ballyphehane); Catherine McCarthy, Mary Golding and Claire Madden (Old Als); Rose Desmond, Ger McCarthy and Dairde Collins (Nemo Rangers); Stephanie Curtin and Miriam Crowley (St. Finbarrs); Regina O'Brien and Claire Kelleher (Eire Og); Helen O'Hea and Una McCarthy (Bishopstown); Anne Delea (Douglas); Marie Power (Yougal); Geraldine Costine (Clonyne); Chris Furlong (Ballinabryde); Lilian Zineant (Sarsfield); Anne O'Shea (Redmonds).

MALLOW TOO GOOD FOR COBH

Mallow 3-2 : Cobh 0-2

Cobh, the holders, who represent Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final of the Vocational Schools Championship on Sunday next, were decisively beaten by Mallow in the final of the Cork Co. Championship at the Mardyke yesterday and they now face Thomastown (Kilkenny), knowing they are Corks' second best side.

The Cobh girls opened in fine style with a point, but once Mallow settled down they rocked the champions with two fast goals to leave them ahead at the interval by 2-0 to 0-1.

Piling on the pressure in the second half, Mallow added 1-2 while Cobh could muster only a point. Besides being outstanding for the winners, Geraldine Murphy (1-2), Joan Moylan (1-0) and Marie Owens (1-0) were their scorers.

Cobh's best were Carol Rowe, T. Crotty and G. Leahy who was also their only marksman with 0-2.

Referee, Mr. Twomey, U.C.C.

30 YEARS AGO



WHEN the U.C.C. camogie team defeated U.C.D. by 9-4 to no score in the final of the Ashbourne Cup (universities championship) at the U.C.C. Grounds, they completed a treble for the College, which had already won the Fitzgibbon Cup (hurling) & Sigerson Cup (football). For the record, U.C.C. defeated Queen's University in the semi-final by 12-3 to no score on the previous day, thus scoring a total of 21 goals 7 points, with no score against, in two successive days, which was a fantastic achievement. U.C.C. were represented by B. Golden, S. Lyons, T. Hyde, C. Coveney, M. Conlon, B. Irwin, B. O'Carroll, M. O'Connell, B. Mitchell (captain), G. Forrest, P. McHenry, N. McCarthy. (Picture shows U.C.C. team).

CAMOGIE

Wexford 2-4; Kildare 0-4

WEXFORD qualified to meet Louth in the semi-final of the Leinster Junior Championship in two weeks

time when they defeated Kildare at Naas yesterday.

SCORERS — Kildare: E. O'Reilly (0-3), G. Kane (0-1), Wexford: E. Keogh, A. Butler (1-2 each).

Wexford 2-4, Kildare 0-0

WEXFORD minors defeated Kildare in their quarter-final game in Naas yesterday. This was a one-sided game, in which Wexford were always in control.

SCORERS — Wexford: C. O'Leary (1-3), H. Donoghue (1-0), C. Higgins (0-1).

Leinster Colleges' Senior 'B' Final — Maryfield College 5-2, Ballyhale Vocational School 0-1.

Leinster Colleges' Minor semi-final — Vocational School, Thomastown 3-1, Assumption School, Walkinstown 0-0.

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Killeagh Have Proved Themselves

New Senior Club Killeagh have been having a busy time of it in recent weeks. They have already advanced to the semi-final of the Cork Senior County Championship by virtue of wins over Cloyne and Old Aloysians and on Sunday they will be in action again when they are at home to South Presentation Past Pupils in the Cork Senior Club Championship.

Sarsfields and Blarney will be in opposition in the only Intermediate Championship game listed, while there are two junior championship games down for decision during the coming week. The remaining fixtures are in the various league campaigns.

Killeagh, since their promotion, have more than proved themselves in the higher grade. They had a most impressive win over Cloyne and then went on to defeat Old Aloysians to put

them through to the semi final of the Co. Championship. On Sunday next they have an opportunity of advancing in another championship — this time the Senikor Club — when they meet South Presentation Past Pupils at Killeagh. Killeagh had to fight all the way against Old Aloysians but again showed that senior players such as Marion Sweeney, and Pat Moloney, can still prove matchwinners, despite being held for much of the game. Betty Joyce was another to shine for Killeagh last weekend, while they have an all round strength which will make them difficult to beat.

And of course a home venue is a big advantage so they will be fancied to eliminate the South Presentation girls. However, South Pres depend mainly on experience. Hanna Dineen and Betty Sugrue played on Sunday last and were both impressive against

Muskerry. Marion McCarthy is another very strong player while Eleanor Bohane, Annette O'Donovan, and Mary Whelton have all proved themselves in the past. So they should give the Killeagh girls a tough game in spite of the venue. South Pres. have always been a good championship side in the past and will be determined not to allow the "newcomers" to knock them out at this stage. But it will be a close tussle with very little in it at the finish.

On tomorrow, Sat., Riverstown will be the venue for the clash between Sarsfields and Blarney in the Intermediate championship. There is greater interest in the Intermediate championship this season with the changes brought about by re-grading. Three strong clubs, Killeagh, Cloyne and Eire Og, won senior promotion, and so the campaign now looks wide open for the others. Sarsfields and Blarney have

both impressed in the past and their clash should be an exciting one.

Ballyphehane, who have been most successful in under age camogie could have too much power for Buttevant when these sides meet at Mallow on Sunday in the Junior "A" Championship, while in the other tie in that campaign, the meeting between Eire Og and Nemo Rangers, on tonight (Friday) it is difficult to suggest likely winners.

There is a long list of league fixtures for the coming week, with two Intermediate, two Junior, one Under 18 and three Under 14 games listed.

In the Under 14 campaign Na Piarraigh and St. Fanahan's meet in the semi-final at Na Piarraigh grounds and this should be a game well worth watching.

FIXTURES

This evening (Fri) J.A.C. at Ovens: Eire Og v Nemo

Rangers 7.30, Ref Blarney. Saturday: I.C. at Riverstown: Sarsfields v Blarney 7.30 Ref. Watergrasshill, I.L. at Cloughduv: Canovee v Aghabullogue 7.30 Ref. Eire Og; At Douglas: J.L. Douglas v Ballinlough 7.30 Ref. Na Piarraigh.

Sunday J.A.C. at Mallow: Ballyphehane v Buttevant 3.30 p.m. Ref. U.C.C. U14 semi final at Na Piarraigh: Na Piarraigh v St. Fanahan's 3.30 p.m. Ref. Glen Rovers. At Killeagh: S. Club C. Killeagh v S.P.P.P. 3.30 p.m. Ref. Old Aloysians; At Glanworth: J.A.L. Glanworth v Youghal 3.30 p.m. Ref. Sarsfields; At Middleton: I.L. Churchtown v Inniscarra 3.30 p.m. Ref. Cloyne; At Ballincollig: U14 Ballincollig v Eire Og 12.00 Ref. Ballinora.

Tuesday: U18L (76) At Na Piarraigh: Na Piarraigh v St. Finbarr's 7.30 p.m. Ref. Douglas.

Wednesday: At Nemo Rangers: U14 Nemo Rangers v Old Aloysians 7.30 p.m.

Killeagh well in command

Killeagh 6-9
South Pres. P.P.U. 0-2

Killeagh had little difficulty in disposing of South Pres. P.P. in the opening round of the Cork Senior Club Championship at their own venue near Burgess yesterday. They gave South Pres a lesson in the finer points of the game in the opening half where they led by 6-6 to nil.

Inside ten minutes they were 3-3 ahead and only for the good goalkeeping of Eleanor Clinton in this period they could have well been further ahead. Eleanor, however, like most of her colleagues found the pressure of this young Killeagh side, where eight were under 18 years, too much.

Scorers for the winners: Marian Sweeney 2-4, Mary Walsh 2-0, Katherine Griffin 2-0, P. Moloney 0-4, Mary Murnohv 0-1. South Pres.: Annette O'Donovan and Mary Whelton 0-1 each.

DECISIVE DEFEAT FOR COBH

Thomastown V.S. 12-4;
Cobh V.S. 1-0.

Cobh, feeling the effects of having lost the Cork Vocational Schools' Camogie Championship of which they were holders, suffered a decisive defeat by Thomastown (holders) in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Vocational School Championship at Cobh yesterday.

Cobh, with a young team, could never match the experience of the Kilkenny girls whose delightful play was a treat. In the first half they ran up 7-4 without reply, but Cobh to their credit never gave up trying.

Another Camogie Title For Cashel

Scoil Mhuire (Cashel) 5-5
South Presentation (Cork) ... Nil

Scoil Mhuire (Cashel) powered by most of their senior All-Ireland winning side proved too strong for a gallant South Presentation side in the Munster Intermediate A League final at Leahy Park, Cashel, on Saturday. Although the final score would suggest a one-sided game it was far from the case, as the losers always looked dangerous.

Both teams played determinedly, and indeed the Cork girls were worthy of a few scores, at least.

Cashel scorers were: R. Mulligan, 3-1; K. Ryan (B) 2-0; M. Kelly, 0-3 and M. Hallinan, 0-1. Ref: Miss Mary Moran (Munster branch).

Limerick just fail to Galway

Galway, 4-7; Limerick, 5-2

Limerick made an impressive debut in the national camogie league at Ballindareen, County Galway, on Sunday last. Although finishing on the wrong end, they went very near causing an upset, with the home side grabbing victory with the last puck of the game.

Galway were well ahead at half-time, but Limerick rallied and were in front by a point with time running out. Luck deserted them, however, and a late goal deprived them of a win.

Galway scorers: C. Ward, 4-0; T. Dunne, 0-6; A. Burke, 0-1. Limerick scorers: B. Stokes, 2-0; C. Clancy, 1-1; N. Mackey, B. O'Brien, 1-0 each; B. Darcy, 0-1.

Galway—M. Killeen, K. Quin, A. Dwane, B. Larkin, B. Glynn, A. Delaney, A. Bourke, B. Linnane, T. Dwane, K. Ward, A. Morris, M. Fannagher.

Limerick—H. Butler, M. Neville, A. Meaney, P. Mann, G. O'Brien, M. Doyle, V. Mackey, L. Hayes, B. Darcy, C. Clancy, B. O'Brien, B. Stokes.
Ref. H. Mulcair.
Ref. P. Breslin, Dublin.

PLANNING PAYS OFF

LAST SEASON saw the inauguration of the National Camogie League, a competition that naturally enough had its teething troubles. The competition was held up and slowed down for various reasons, principally because teams were also involved first in the All-Ireland championship and then in the club championship.

This year, the fixtures Committee of Central Council got to work immediately after congress, and drew up a correlated list of fixtures in League Championships, inter-provincials and club championships. So it has ensured that clashes will be avoided. As a result of its advance planning the League was scheduled to get off to an earlier start this season.

Indeed the competition got away in great style on Sunday last, when three matches were staged. The most interesting of these was at Boherlahan where the first winners of the title, Tipperary, entertained Cork, the only senior county that did not compete in last year's inaugural competition.

Tipperary were unbeaten when winning through in 1976-877, but they failed to match the Cork girls last Sunday, and have a hard battle ahead if they are to stay in contention.

The other newcomers to the League's Eastern zone, Limerick, is the only county graded junior that has entered. The Limerick girls proved, however, that they are well worthy of membership by travelling to Ballinacorney on Sunday last and there only having victory snatched away from them by a late Galway goal.

There was only one game in the Eastern section where All-Ireland junior champions Down, also making their League debut, had to give best to Antrim. All-Ireland champions Kilkenny will play their first game in the current League on Sunday next when they come up to play Dublin.

These counties met three times in different competitions last season, the Leinster final, the All-Ireland final, and the League and Kilkenny won all three.

PRES. RETAIN O'DUFFY CUP

Presentation Terenure 2-2
Assumption School, Walkinstown 1-0
PRESENTATION Terenure retained the O'Duffy Cup when they defeated Walkinstown at Croke Park. Terenure were on top in the first half, but led by only 1-2 to 0-0 at half-time. Their first score, a point, came from a Joan McMahon free half-way through. A few minutes later, Joan scored from a free, and this led to a period of dominance. Their only score came when Walkinstown goalie Brona McAteer deflected a good shot from Edel Murphy over the bar.

The second half was more evenly contested. Walkinstown started well when substitute Anne Heavey goal.

For a while it looked as if Terenure were losing their grip on the game, but good deliveries upfield from Anne Moloney in particular led to a Grainne Burke goal. This was the last score of the game.

Best for the winners were Anne Moloney and Frances Murphy (in defence). Joan McMahon is the centre, Edel Murphy and Grainne Burke in attack. Walkinstown were best served by Anne Heavey, Dolores Carroll and Brona McAteer.

Scorers: Presentation—J. McMahon (1-1), G. Burke (1-0), E. Murphy (0-1). Walkinstown—Anne Heavey (1-0). Junior—Walkinstown, 2-2; Clontarf, 1-0.

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Lady Luck Plays A Hand In Galway Camogie Victory

Galway 4-7
Limerick 5-2
Lady Luck, so often the fickle defeater of good County Galway teams, gave of her best at Ballindereen on Sunday in the All-Ireland senior camogie league when she gave Galway a turn for victory over a determined Limerick squad.

Limerick were all set to win this game. They had the winning at a crucial stage, when it looked curtains for the locals, but a stroke of good fortune favoured the gallant Galway girls. Galway have often had more talented teams and have often been beaten by inferior teams, but Sunday's game is one Limerick will want to forget. Galway were played by examination studies which kept back on the sideline a big

proportion of the regulars. Nevertheless, with three under-16 girls, Anne Burke, Anne Delaney and Anne Morris (all of Athenry), they took on the might of Limerick, which included many of the Croagh/Kilfinny 1976 championship team.

This was a first round game in the series for which the Allied Irish Banks Cup was presented last year for the first time. Tipperary were the winners then but if Galway's luck is in from now on they could be the second holders. They play Clare at a Clare venue on June 5.

Galway had the breeze at the outset and before long Katherine Ward, the centre forward, had hammered in a goal. She changed positions with Marian Farragher when it became clear outfield

superiority required great finish up front.

Brid Stokes and Vera Mackey brought Limerick into the picture with a goal apiece but with Teresa Duane in brilliant form, Galway led by 2-6 to 2-0 at the interval.

Immediately after the break Catherine Ward put Galway further ahead with a great goal but Limerick were in no mood to concede further. They hit back with two points and at the twentieth minute picked off two quick goals, putting them one point ahead.

Something told the Galway team that they were trailing by two points and consequently they sought another goal. Two frees were struck low and blocked out and Limerick appeared to have weathered the storm. All seemed lost for Galway as the time of the final whistle approached. With only seconds remaining a 40 yard free was sent to Katherine Ward and the Glenamaddy girl crashed home a great goal. Limerick were shattered and disconsolate. Galway were now two points ahead and immediately afterwards the match was over.

For Galway the best players were Anne Duane, Bernie Larkin, Brid Glynn, Ann Delaney, Anne Burke, Teresa Duane, Katherine Ward, Anne Morris, Marian Farragher. Subs. Mary Kilkenny for B. Glynn and Marian Freeney for Marian Farragher.

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By TAOBH LINE

ALL PROVINCIAL Camogie Councils are busy at the moment seeking to get the Willwood Tailteann Minor All-Ireland (under 16) to the semi-final stages before examination time intervenes early next month.

Thus far most progress has been made in Leinster where the Eastern final will be staged next Sunday between Wexford and Dublin. Dublin will be entitled to start favourites, as they eliminated Kilkenny who had never previously been beaten in the province in the under-age competition!

FORM CONFIRMED

The Dublin girls confirmed that form with a good win over the surprise team of the competition, Offaly, last Sunday. With such rising stars as Aileen Redmond, Ann Heavy, Deirdre Hogan and Edel Murphy in their ranks they are likely to create problems for Wexford.

As Wexford have only been pipped narrowly by a single score by Kilkenny, they are due a turn of luck, and with a backbone of good Colleges players may find their turn has come now.

This year new All-Ireland champions will have to be found in this minor grade as Cork, holders of the title for the past two seasons, went down to Limerick after an exciting match.

At the end of the normal fifty minutes the counties were level with three points each. In extra time Limerick went ahead by a goal. They were again hauled back to level pegging. But Limerick pulled away in the closing minutes to win deservedly by 2-4 to 1-3.

In the North, where Derry have accounted for Fermanagh, and Monaghan overcame Down, two further first round matches are due for decision next Sunday with Donegal travelling to take on Antrim, and Cavan facing Armagh. In Ulster, however, the provincial semi-finals will not be played until the school examinations conclude at the end of June.

CHAMPIONS FALL

Dublin finally avenged a whole series of 1976 defeats by Kilkenny at Russell Park, Blanchardstown last Sunday when they defeated the All-Ireland champions in the opening round of the National League. The faster and fitter side, Dublin, were well deserving of this victory, although their winning margin would not have been quite so convincing were it not for some magnificent goalkeeping by Sheila Murray.

Cork begin defence

By JOAN MORLEY

ALL-IRELAND champions Cork begin their campaign in defence of the Munster and All-Ireland titles when they travel to Adare on Sunday to meet Limerick in the Munster minor championship.

In Cork, Killeagh meet UCC in the senior club championship, Old Aloysians and Carrigtwohill meet in the junior B championship, and there are under-16 and under-14 league games listed for the coming week.

Cork are holders of the minor All-Ireland for the past two years and the Munster crown for three years. So the girls wearing the county colours on Sunday have a lot to live up to. Only four of last year's side are under age this time: Ger Murray (who captains the side), Martha Kearney, Catherine McCarthy and Rose Desmond. But the newcomers coming in look very promising and, on paper at least, this looks like yet another good minor side from the Lee.

Still, Limerick have been fielding good minor sides in recent years and this time they have the advantage of playing a game before meeting Cork. In this they had a decisive win over Clare and on that occasion the Croagh-Kilfinny player Sheila Mulcare proved a match-winner for Limerick.

And, of course, Limerick have the advantage of a home venue, a vital factor in this age group. But even so Cork have the players to get them through, although it won't be easy.

There are four under-14 and two under-16 league games listed for the coming week.

Sunday at Adare, MMC. Limerick v Cork, 3.00.

Mary Is A 'Dual Star'

Eire Og 4-6 Killeagh 4-3

Current Irish hockey international Mary Geaney proved a match winner in a different code

when she slammed home two late goals to ensure Eire Og's first appearance in the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship final. In last night's semi-final at the Mardyke they defeated the fancied Killeagh side by 4-6 to 4-3 in a most exciting tie.

Victory was at all times in the balance in this game with a tension packed climax between these old rivals from their intermediate days.

At half-time Killeagh were ahead by a goal 3-1 to 1-4 but in the finish the better balanced Eire Og side just about deserved to win. Eileen Kavanagh, Nancy O'Driscoll and Regina O'Brien, in addition to Mary Geaney, shone for Eire Og, while for Killeagh, Betty Joyce, Pat Moloney, Catherine Landers and Patricia Fitzgibbon were in top form. Teams:

Eire Og—R. O'Leary, B. O'Leary, E. Dineen, M. McCarthy, R. O'Brien, A. O'Driscoll, M. O'Driscoll, E. Kavanagh, G. Mackey, N. O'Driscoll, Noelle O'Driscoll, M. Geaney.

Killeagh—P. Fitzgibbon, B. Murphy, M. Foley, B. Joyce, C. Landers, S. O'Connor, P. Moloney, B. Landers, M. Murphy, M. Sweeney, C. Griffin, M. Walsh.

Ref.: M. Nott (Glen Rovers).

SOUTH PRES FOR THE SEMI-FINAL

South Pres PP 4-4
Muskerry 1-0

South Presentation Past Pupils are through to the semi-final of the Cork Senior Co. Camogie Championship. But their second round replay against Muskerry at Inniscarra on Saturday evening proved a damp squib.

A late change in the venue — it was originally fixed for Coachford — saw a depleted Muskerry side take the field. They were without four of their regulars and had to line out with a number of inexperienced players.

However, South Pres did gain from this game. They won their place in the semi-final and with Mary Whelton, Betty McCarthy, Hannah Cotter and Marion McCarthy looking very good they had a most impressive victory. But it was a great pity that Muskerry were not at full strength when supporters would surely have seen a more exciting game.

South Pres now go on to meet UCC in the semi-final.

Scorers: South Presentation PP: M Whelton 3-1, R McCarthy 1-0, M McCarthy 0-2, A O'Donovan 0-1. Muskerry: C O'Driscoll 1-0.

South Presentation PP: M O'Leary, M Whelton, M Bohane, E Bohane, H Cotter, B McCarthy, Marion McCarthy, A O'Neill, A O'Donovan, M Breen, R McCarthy, B Lyne.

Muskerry: R Casey, E Ring, K Doherty, N O'Brien, M Doherty, A Healy, P Mackey, C Humphries, G Barry, N Morrissey, C O'Driscoll, M E O'Shea, Subs: G O'Sullivan for C Humphries, M Carroll for G Barry.

Referee: M Moran (Old Aloysians).

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'New Look' Cork Face Tough Task

CORK have entered the National Camogie League for the first time this season and on Sunday they make their debut at Boherlahan when they meet holders Tipperary in the first round. On this evening (Friday) the eagerly awaited senior intercounty clash between Eire Og and Killeagh will be played at the Mardyke.

Cork are using the league to give up and coming players a chance to show their ability and no less than five newcomers will be in action against Tipperary. Kathleen Costine, who has proved herself between the posts at minor, under 18 and junior level, now gets her chance as senior goalie. Betty Joyce, who is in tremendous form with Killeagh, Margo Twomey who is already established as a U.C.C. player, Claire Hackett now senior with Glen Rovers, and Claire Cronin have all come up through the underage ranks and were all top minors who with Kathleen Costine, helped to bring the All Ireland title to Cork for the first time in 1975. Now they get their chance in the top grade and it will be interesting to see if they will fulfill the promise shown at such an early age.

Some of last year's seniors were not available for Sunday, while others are out of favour at the moment so it

is very much a "new look" side for Sunday.

On paper the side looks young but impressive and with so many players challenging for places on the championship side they should all be in top gear on Sunday.

And they will need to be at their best as Tipperary, recent winners of the 1976 campaign, are determined to keep up the revival of camogie in that county and with Deirdre Lane, Libby Howard, Siobhan Tynan, Marion Troy and Mary O'Brien in the line up they will take a lot of holding, especially on home soil.

TOUGH TIE

Since the new senior county championship got underway Killeagh have emerged as the side most likely to go the whole way. In the intermediate ranks last season, they have yet to be beaten in the higher grade, with impressive wins over Cloyne, Old Aloysians, and South Presentation to their credit. Now they are through to the semi-final of the championship this evening and they face what is perhaps their toughest tie to date when they take on Eire Og.

Eire Og, also won promotion this season and in their only senior championship game so far, against Imokilly, they were impressive defeating a very strong East Cork selection. Now

these two ex intermediate sides clash and many feel that the winners here will go on to take the title. In any event it should be a game well worth seeing.

On tomorrow, Muskerry and South Presentation Past Pupils, who played a drawn game two weeks ago, meet again at Coachford and with only eight points, four each, scored in their last encounter there should be plenty of close camogie in this game.

There are two junior championship games also listed for the coming week, where the remaining games are all in the league campaigns.

Cork team, K Costine, M Costine, B Joyce, M Twomey, K Doherty, C Landers, P Moloney, C Hackett, C Cronin, C Riordan, N O'Driscoll, M McCarthy, Subs., M Whelton, O Harrington, N Jennings, M Roche, V O'Dwyer, J O'Brien, E Kavanagh, R Desmond.

Decisive victory for Cork

CORK 4-6 TIPPERARY 1-4

Cork gained a decisive win over Tipperary in their National League at Boherlahan yesterday. The Tipperary girls never settled down and could not match the speed and determination of the winners whose teamwork and excellent ground hurling contributed largely to victory. Tipperary were always floundering against a fitter Cork team, who led 2-5 to 0-4 at the interval.

The losers, however, played better after the resumption and came somewhat more into the game. Geraldine Feehan, who came on as a sub played very well and scored a great goal. Cork forwards, however, were in top gear throughout and kept the Tipperary defence under constant pressure.

Scorers: Cork: Cronin 3-0, McCarthy 1-4, C. Riordan and P. Moloney 0-1 each. Tipperary: G. Feehan 1-0, D. Lane 0-2, M. Tynan 0-2. Referee, E. Fitzgibbon (Clare).

CAMOGIE

In the first round of the senior camogie league, Cork defeated Tipperary by ten points at Boherlahan on Sunday.

In the first half, Tipperary playing against the wind, hurried in a ragged, unorganised way, and Cork, a much better team, ran up a big score.

In the second half, Tipperary seemed to regain a measure of their old fire and determination that won them the 1976 league title.

Tipperary face Clare (June 19th provisionally) in the next round of the league, and in the meantime they will need to do some determined training. It was obvious that there was no serious preparation for last Sunday's match.

Refs: Mary O'Halloran (Clare). Tipperary team: Nuasa Bonner, Monica Butler, Mary O'Brien, Siobhan Tynan, Bernadette Feehan, Sheila Delaney, Marion

Troy, Deirdre Lane, Maoimhuire Tynan, Maura Hogan, Josephine Quigley, Mary Kelly.

Subs: Geraldine Feehan, Margaret Hayes, Patricia Quigley, Maureen Maher, Catherine Young and A. Quinlan.

Tipperary under 16 team travel to Waterford this weekend to play Waterford.

SCORE DIRECT FROM CLEARANCE

Dublin 5-2, Kilkenny 0-5

THERE was a mild surprise at Russell Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin, yesterday, when Kilkenny, the All-Ireland camogie champions, had a heavy defeat inflicted on them by Dublin, who won by 5-2 to 0-5 in the National League. One of Dublin's goals came direct from a clearance.

An early goal by captain Noreen Flemming got Dublin off to a good start, and the same player added another point soon afterwards. Kilkenny's scoring was opened when Mary Fennelly pointed, and Angela Downing added two points before half-time. Just before the interval, Helen Darling goalied for Dublin, while only a superb save by their goalie, Sheila Murray, prevented Angela Downey from goaling for Kilkenny.

Kilkenny tried hard to get into the game during the first ten minutes of the second half, but again superb goalkeeping by Sheila Murray foiled Angela Downey of goals. Then, a remarkable clearance by Bernie Conway from the Dublin back-line overshot the backs and forwards at the other end, and entered the Kilkenny net.

From this point on, Dublin were in control. Angela Downey added three points for Kilkenny, but they failed to goal, while Anna McManus and Anne Byrne each goalied to increase Dublin's lead still further.

In addition to goalie Sheila Murray, Sheila Wallace and Bernie Conway were sound in defence for Dublin; Anna McManus was effective on the wing, while Noreen Flemming played a captain's part at centre-forward. Best for Kilkenny were full-back Liz Neary, Bridie Martin at centre-back, and Angela Downey among the forwards.

Scorers for Dublin were: N. Fleming (1-2), and goals each from H. Darling, A. Byrne, A. McManus and B. Conway. Kilkenny's points were scored by A. Dowling (4) and M. Fennelly.

Wicklow Vocational Schools' Junior Final—Wicklow, 1-2; Blessington, 1-0.

Dublin—Inter "A" League—Presentation, 1-0; St. Vincents, 0-0. Clonsilla, 1-0; Civil Service, 0-0. Kilmacud Crokes, 11-4; St. Anne's, 0-0.

Dublin Junior "B" Championship Semi-final—Presentation, 5-0; Ballymun, 1-2.

Killeagh's dramatic winner

Killeagh 4-8; UCC 5-4

Killeagh grabbed a dramatic winning goal in the last minute to rob UCC of a victory which seemed assured for long periods of this Cork senior club championship played at the Mardyke last evening.

UCC looked very good in the first half of this exciting struggle and were ahead at the interval by 4-2 to 1-6. However, after the interval, Killeagh came more into the game and gradually whittled down the lead to two points. Then came Sally O'Connor's dramatic goal, which stunned the students.

CORK STOP THE CHAMPS

Cork 4-6; Tipperary 1-4

CORK WHO ARE competing in the National Camogie League for the first time, collected two points at the expense of champions Tipperary, at Boherlahan yesterday. Except for a short period early in the second half Cork were always in control. They led by 2-5 to 0-4 at half-time.

Scorers — Cork — C. Cronin (3-0), M. McCarthy (1-4), C. Riordan, P. Moloney (0-1 each). Tipperary — D. Lane (0-4), G. Feehan (1-0).

Galway 4-7; Limerick 5-2

The match in Balindareen, Co. Galway, yesterday, got off to an exciting start when Galway had to rely on a last minute goal to defeat Limerick Junior team, who fully justified their participation for the first time in senior competition.

This was a fast, well contested game of a very high standard, in which Galway were ahead by nine points just after half-time and found themselves 1 point in arrears almost on the stroke of time.

Scorers — Galway: C. Ward (4-0), T. Dunne (0-6), A. Burke (0-1). Limerick: B. Stokes (2-0), C. Clancy (1-1), V. Mackey, B. O'Brien (1-0) each; B. Darcy (0-1).

Referee: P. Breslin.

Mercy, Ennisecorthy 3-3

Assumption, Thomastown 1-0

ENNISECORTHY became Leinster Minor Champions yesterday when they defeated Thomastown at Ennisecorthy. In a good game, Ennisecorthy were always slightly better than their opponents and were leading by 2-1 to 1-1 at half-time. Scorers: Ennisecorthy: P. Nolan (3-0), C. Higgins (0-2), R. Brown (0-1), Thomastown: J. Kelly (1-0).

KILKENNY 4-3

WICKLOW 3-4

In the semi-final of the Leinster Junior Championship at Navan Road yesterday, Kilkenny scored a narrow victory over Wicklow. Scorers — Kilkenny: J. O'Shea (4-2), C. Moran (0-1).

DUBLIN 8-5

WICKLOW 1-6

MONAGHAN CAMOGIE — In-Progress — Carrickmacross 6-0, Clonsilla 4-3, Clonsilla 2-0, Aughnacrow 0-2, Clonsilla 2-1.

'New Look' Cork Side On The Cards

JUNE 1977

THE Cork senior camogie team which had such an encouraging win over Tipperary in their first appearance in the National League, play their second game in the competition on Thursday next (2nd June) at Mallow when they meet Limerick.

The home fixtures have been hit somewhat by forthcoming examinations and only one championship game has been arranged for the coming week, with the remaining games all in the Under-14 League.

With Cork minors out of the Munster Championship, Cork's main hope of taking an All-Ireland title now lies with the seniors. In their first outing of the season against Tipperary the Cork side was an experimental one and is likely to be the same again on Thursday next. There is a 22-strong panel of players for the senior side and on Thursday followers can expect some new faces wearing the county colours. The senior selectors are obviously using the National League in their efforts to find a new formula for success. After winning the All-Ireland for four seasons in a row they have been off the winners' list for two years now, so it is felt that a "new look" side is essential for future success.

Their win against Tipperary, holders of the National League, was a good beginning to the season and it is hoped that they can gain two further points against Limerick. But they will need to treat the Limerick girls with respect as they have already been most impressive against Galway, who only emerged as one point victors. And Cork have always found Galway a difficult nut to crack. So Limerick will need careful handling.

JUNIOR GRADE

Limerick have been graded junior in recent years for the championship but they have a very experienced side who have been playing together for some years. Margie Neville, Marion Doyle, Brid Stokes and Brigid Darcy are

good enough to be on any senior side and with a resurgence of camogie in Limerick in recent years Cork will need to be on the alert.

And of course it was Limerick who knocked Cork — kingpins of minor camogie since the inception of the minor All-Ireland three years ago — out of the Munster Championship last weekend. So no doubt they will be determined to repeat their win against the seniors and deprive Cork of two vital points.

Cork's exit from the minor All-Ireland was a big surprise. They were level with Limerick at half-time and again at the finish when the sides met in the first round of the Munster Championship at Adare last Sunday. But in extra time Limerick grabbed the vital scores to win. Cork had practically all the play in the first half, but many, many lost chances in this period cost them the match.

In the only county championship listed Eire Og meet Youghal in the Junior 'A' campaign, and here Cork senior Cally Riordan could swing things in Youghal's favour.

The remaining fixtures are all under 14 with league ties on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

FIXTURES

Sunday — At Ovens, J 'A' C.: Eire Og v. Youghal, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Old Aloysians).
Tuesday — At Killeagh, U-14: Killeagh v. Fr. O'Neills, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Youghal).
At Ballinure: U-14, Blackrock v. Nemo Rangers, 7.30 (Ref. Ballinlough).

Wednesday — At Na Piar-saigh: U-14, Na Piar-saigh v. Glen Rovers, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Blarney).

At Watergrasshill — U-14, Watergrasshill v. Sarsfields.



A dream come true for Noeleen McGahon, captain of the Intisheen camogie team, as she holds high the Brother Gregory Cup after the Co. Monaghan Minor Championship final in which her team beat Cremartin at Carrickmacross last Sunday.



PRIMARY SCHOOLS' CAMOGIE PRESENTATION — Cllr. Mrs. C. Aherne presenting her trophy to Frances Deasy, captain of the Blackrock girls' primary school winners of the Primary Schools' County Camogie Championships. (Liam Mulcahy)

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Cork are facing a tough task

CORK make their second appearance in the National Camogie League on tomorrow evening at Mallow where they meet Limerick at 8 p.m. With a win against holders Tipperary already to their credit, Cork will be determined to retain their full points position but they will be up against a very useful side in Limerick.

Cork selectors recently announced their team for the game but since then Betty Joyce, selected at half-back, had to cry off because of an injured hand, while another defender Sheila Roche is a doubtful starter, as she is involved in University examinations at the present time.

The selectors have not yet named a replacement for Betty, or a possible replacement for Sheila, but the original team selection is as follows: Kathleen Costine, Marie Costine, Mary Roche, Betty Joyce, Nuala Jennings, Val O'Dwyer, Pat Moloney, Capt. Jas O'Brien, Clare Cronin, Cally Riordan, Mary O'Leary, Marion McCarthy. Subs: Mary Whelton, Orla Harrington, Kathleen Doherty, Clare Hackett, Rose Desmond, Marion Sweeney, Margo Twomey, Eileen Kavanagh, Nancy O'Driscoll and Catherine Landers.

With so many players sitting for examinations at present and the Whit weekend coming up there is a very short fixtures list with only four under-14 game down for decision. The weekend is a blank one with the first of the week's games taking place on Tuesday next when Bishopstown meet Nemo Rangers at the latter's grounds, in the under-14 league.

On Wednesday the same League continues with Glen Rovers at home to Douglas and Ballyphehane as hosts to Blackrock. And on Thursday Churchtown meet Killeagh at Midleton.

Finally any club wishing to enter for Feile na nGael should send their names to Rev. Fr. Cooney, St. Joseph's Presbytery, 29, Newtown, Waterford before June 20.

Fixtures — Tomorrow N.C.L. Cork v Limerick at Mallow 8 p.m.

Tuesday (7th) U. 14 at Nemo Rangers: Bishopstown v Nemo Rangers 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday Under-14 at Glen Rovers: Glen Rovers v Douglas 7.30 p.m. Under-14 at Ballyphehane: Ballyphehane v Blackrock 7.30 p.m.

Thursday (June 9) Under-14 at Midleton: Churchtown v Killeagh 7.30 p.m.

All In Vain

WEXFORD 5-3
ANTRIM 2-4

Wexford ran out easy winners of their National League camogie tie with Antrim at Clonroche yesterday, but not before the visitors had turned in a fine performance.

Though trailing 2-3 to 1-2 at half-time Antrim started smartly after the interval and came within two points of Wexford midway through the second half. A hat trick of goals from the home side in the last quarter made the issue safe, though Antrim tried hard to the end.

The winners, who were the more experienced side, were best served by Margaret Lacey, Elsie Walsh, and Bridie Doran. The mainstay of the Antrim team were midfielders Mairead McAtamney, Rita McAteer, and Ann McAllister.

Scorers—Wexford—B. Doran (3-1); K. Codd, A. Kenney (1-0 each); M. Heron (0-2). Antrim—M. McAtamney (1-4); N. McHugh (1-0).

Kilkenny crush Down's hopes

Kilkenny 8-3; Down 0-2

KILKENNY collected their first points in the National Camogie League when they overwhelmed by 8-3 to 0-2 at James Stevens Grounds, Kilkenny, yesterday.

Led by Captain Angela Downing, who scored 5-1, Kilkenny were never in danger. Carmel Moran opened their scoring with a goal to which they added three goals and one point before half-time. While Down tried hard they managed only two points in the first half.

The strength of half-backs Ann Downey, Bridie Martin and Mzy Canavan assured Kilkenny of supremacy.

Throughout the second half Kilkenny maintained their control with Helena O'Neill on the wing particularly effective, Joan Hamilton, Ann Rooney and Kathleen King were best for Down.

Scorers — Kilkenny — Angela Downey (5-1), Carmel Moran, Majella O'Neill and Ursula Mulcahy (1-0 each), Helena O'Neill (0-2). Down — Joan Hamilton and Ann Rooney (0-1 each).

Results — J. C. Finals — Junior 'A' — Sivee Bloom 4-1; S. Brendan 2-0. Junior 'B' — Naomh Mhuire 1-1; Presentation 1-0. Junior 'C' 1 — St. Brendan 3-2; Woodville 1-0; Junior 'C' 2 — Robert Emmets 1-0; Celtic 0-0.

Easy For Tipp

TIPPERARY 4-9
CLARE 2-3

National Camogie League holders, Tipperary, stayed in contention for this year's crown when they defeated Clare in Roscrea.

A goal from Sheila Delaney in the second minute set the trend for the game and try as they did the inexperienced Clare side never really looked like causing an upset. Tipp led by 4-3 to 2-1 at half-time.

Scorers: Tipperary — S. Delaney (2-0), D. Lone (0-6), M. Tynan (1-1), L. Howard (1-0), M. Troy (0-2). Clare — M. Davoren (1-2), E. Condon (1-1).

Antrim and Clare tipped

THE NATIONAL Camogie League, already off to a very encouraging start this season, has two intriguing games down for decision tomorrow when Antrim travel to Wexford and Clare are at home to Galway.

Both Clare and Wexford will be making their debut in the current competition, but their rivals have both collected two points already. Galway just got the better of Munster junior champions Limerick, newcomers to the League competition, and Antrim confirmed their good form in recent Maguire Cup matches by beating Down, who are also competing in the League for the first time this season.

ANTRIM REVIVAL

Considering the tremendous difficulties which they face, the Antrim girls must be congratulated on maintaining so good a standard down the years, and in fact they have even shown plenty signs of revival already this season. In the circumstances, the visitors may well have the better of the arguments with the Wexford girls who are usually not into their full stride at this stage of the season.

In the other match, Clare will need to be in top form to hold Galway, who with that victory over Limerick to sharpen them up, are likely to be the fitter side. However, the Clare girls have plenty of talent, and on home ground could have a surprise in store for their visitors.

The early League ties have already produced some surprises with Tipperary the holders, somewhat unexpectedly beaten by Cork in their first match and

All-Ireland champions Kilkenny having dropped two points to Dublin whom they had beaten in the championship final last September.

DUBLIN'S FEAT

Congratulations to Dublin on taking the first provincial title of 1977, a feat they achieved when defeating Wexford in the Leinster minor decider at Russell Park on Sunday last. By doing so they become the first county to qualify for the semi-finals of the Willwood Tailteann All-Ireland.

Dublin in this victory were most impressive, and will, one imagines, make a brave attempt to bring this title to the Capital for the first time. Because of the holiday week-end, club activity will be at a low level, but there will be an interesting event at Carlow, a county in which efforts are under way to revive the game.

All-Ireland club champions St. Paul's from Kilkenny will meet their Leinster final rivals, Celtic of Dublin, in an exhibition game tomorrow evening that is bound to arouse widespread interest among would-be Camogie players in the Carlow area.

Kilkenny Fancied

ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE champions Kilkenny got off to a bad start in the National League a couple of weeks ago when they came to Dublin and were decisively beaten by the home county in their opening game, their first loss to Dublin in a long time.

By AGNES HOURIGAN

That day Kilkenny were far short of the fitness shown by their opponents, but on Sunday last the Kilkenny champions St Paul's, who included most of the county players, seemed to have sharpened up a great deal when defeating Dublin champions Celtic, who may of course, have been suffering from reaction over their clear-cut victory over Austin Stacks in the mid-week county final.

However, such as the Downey twins, Mary Fennelly and Helena O'Neill all seemed in top form in that exhibition game last Sunday in the Carlow village of Rathoe, an event which incidentally must give a further boost to the revival of the game in County Carlow.

Certainly on this display the Kilkenny girls must be ranked as favourites to collect their first points in the current League when they entertain Down at Kilkenny on Sunday.

Down, the 1976 Junior All-Ireland champions, making their debut in the League this season, lost to neighbours Antrim in their opening game, but, led by their great star Marion McGarvey, will make Kilkenny battle hard for victory.

Antrim came south on Sunday last, and although losing to Wexford in a most entertaining game at Clonroche, gave further proof that the revival up there has actually arrived. The Wexford girls deserved their victory, but it took a three-goal salvo in the last quarter to see them through.

If Antrim could muster a little more power forward, to avail of the great outfield work of Mairead McAtamney, they would be a very difficult team to beat.

Unluckiest team in the Wes-

tern zone of the League are undoubtedly Limerick. Pipped in the closing minutes by Galway on their first appearance, Limerick travelled to Millstreet last week, and were beaten again but only by a Cork goal in the last minute. So that instead of being pointless, the Limerick girls with a bit of luck could now be at the top of the Western section.

However, the experience gained in this League competition must give the Limerick side a great chance not alone of retaining their Munster junior title, but of going on to take All-Ireland honours for the first time. They are now scheduled in the provincial junior semi-final to meet Waterford who, very unexpectedly, got a walk-over from Tipperary, while Cork oppose Clare.

With all teams having already played at least one game the League positions are:

EASTERN ZONE

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Dublin	1	1	1	0	2
Wexford	1	1	0	0	2
Antrim	2	1	0	1	2
Kilkenny	1	0	0	1	0
Down	1	0	0	1	0

In the Western zone, Cork, who did not compete last season have got off to a great start, defeating holders, Tipperary in their opening game, and then snatching two further points from Limerick. They share the lead however with Galway who defeated Clare 0-8 to 0-4 last Sunday.

WESTERN ZONE

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Cork	2	2	0	0	4
Galway	2	2	0	0	4
Tipperary	1	0	0	1	0
Clare	1	0	0	1	0
Limerick	2	0	0	2	0

SINCE the inauguration of the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Championship in 1968 - 1969, the game has made remarkable progress in each of the four provinces. In fact, Corn Sceilg, the Senior Championship Trophy, has gone to each of the four Provinces in the intervening years. Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, who won in '69 and '70 have not been a force since then. The following year, St Clare's, Newry brought the Cup north while Presentation, Oranmore took the trophy across the Shannon in the next year. Back to Leinster again when Presentation, Mountmellick, who had reached the finals of '72 and '73 were third time lucky. Presentation, Athenry, who made history in the following season - the first year of the Junior All-Ireland Championship when they won the double and in which four of their players set up a record all their own, when they played and won Senior and Junior All-Ireland medals on the same day.

Though Munster sides had always given a good account of themselves it was not until last season that St. Aloysius, Cork, who had contested the first final against Kilkenny, took the senior Cup to Munster for the first time, although, Presentation, Cashel, had won the Junior title in 1975, the first year in which they competed.

In the current season up to one hundred and fifty Colleges competed in the All-Ireland Championships. With so many colleges involved, it's not surprising that many brilliant players have emerged along the way.

The present Kilkenny All-Ireland Champion side is almost completely comprised of past colleges players and the new Leinster Colleges Champions, Vocational, Thomastown has two All-Ireland medal holders on their side. Frances and



The winners of the camogie titles - TOP: Presentation, Cashel (Senior); and, BOTTOM: Presentation, Athenry (Junior).

