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TOP: The Kilkenny Majorettes add colour to All-Ireland Camogie Final Day. Above and below: Action from the Final. Left (top) Helena O'Neill, Family Building Society Personality-of-the-Month for October. Left (bottom) Ann Carroll who received a special F.B.S. Award for her contribution to Camogie. Below: Ann Carroll in action against Cork.



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Pictured at the Eire Og Camogie Club victory dinner (back row, left to right): John Lyons, Rose O'Leary, Mary O'Sullivan, Mary O'Regan, Mary Heelan, treasurer of County Board; Ide Bean Uí She, president. Front row (left to right): Con Malone, Mary Lane, Marian Lucey, Breda O'Leary and Mary Moran, chairman of County Board.

CAMOGIE

The Fields Are Idle—But The Socials Go On

THE winter break is still in operation on the camogie fields so there are no Co. Board fixtures listed for the coming weekend.

So I will take this opportunity to get away from the playing of the game. The winter months are the months for social evenings in camogie and a number of clubs have held functions during recent weeks. Among these was Eire Og, the club who suffered so many disappointments before they won their first Junior Championship last season. Their victory dinner was a proud occasion held in Innishannon Hotel. There was a large attendance at the dinner including officers of the Board — Ide Bean Uí She (President), Miss Mary Moran (Chairman) and Miss Heelan (Treasurer).

As well as winning the coveted Championship title Eire Og also captured the Junior League, as well as six other tournaments they entered and played in during the 1974 season.

Sean O'Liathain, President

of the club presented a silver tray to the trainer of the team Mr. Con Malone while Ide Bean Uí She presented the medals to the successful players.

They were— Breda O'Leary, (Capt.), Nancy O'Driscoll; Noelle O'Driscoll; Margaret O'Driscoll; Mary O'Driscoll; Aileen O'Driscoll; Rose O'Leary; Marian McCarthy; Marian Lucey; Patsy Lucey; Teresa Lucey; Noreen Hallihan; Eileen Kavanagh; Margaret Murphy; Joan Dennehy; Eileen Dineen; Shelia O'Brien; Hilda Horgan, Frances Murray; Ann Brennan; Mary Lane; Anna Murphy; Patsy O'Reilly; Jackie Lane; Mary O'Sullivan; Mary O'Regan; Margaret O'Mahony; Carol Sweeney.

In all it was a great night for the dedicated Eire Og girls.

VICTORY SUPPER

The Cork Co. Board also held a victory supper at St. Finbarr's recently and again it was a most enjoyable evening with supporters paying deserved tribute to the Cork girls, who though they did not win an All-Ireland title took Munster titles in the Minor, Under-18 and Senior grades—not a bad record by any standards.

It is to be hoped that clubs are now busy with Ceol, Caint agus Damsha entries. This is certainly a new venture for the Cork girls but if it is entered into in the proper spirit it should give plenty of entertainment and pleasure to all involved.

Finally yet another word about the proposed history of camogie. I would be more than grateful for the loan of any

scrapbooks going back over the years as it is vital to get the Cork's part in the history as accurate as possible as when the job is finished the History will be kept in Croke Park.

Back To Business This Weekend

IT'S back to business in a big way for camogie followers this coming week. Senior intermediate and under-18 league games are listed for Sunday while the question time will get under way on Monday night.

In the only senior game of the weekend UCC meet Old Aloysians in the Senior League. Munster club champions UCC will have a busy time next month. The Ashbourne Cup will be held at Maynooth on the weekend of February 15-16 and on the following weekend they will be at home to Oranmore in the semi-final of the All-Ireland inter-club championship.

So Old Aloysians are not going to find the College girls easy opponents. Holders of the Ashbourne College are always determined to reach peak fitness for this university championship and so they have been training hard for the event. And with Old AIs without a game in the league and UCC having already gained two points at the expense of South Presentation Past Pupils the task facing Old AIs is indeed a very difficult one.

Then of course you have to consider the star-studded College line-up which includes such top players as Nuala Jennings Cally Riordan, Mary Roche, Val O'Dwyer and Ellen O'Hanlon. Old AIs have some grand players too in the persons of Anne Ryan, Gerarda Barry, Brid McAuliffe, Phil Walsh and Val Fitzpatrick but without match practice they can hardly be expected to hold the university girls.

The Intermediate League ties will once again have a vital bearing on the pennant's eventual destination. Cloyne have several matches in hand and are unbeaten. But their opponents on Sunday Glen Rovers already have a win over them in the championship and the Cloyne girls will need to be in top form to protect their unbeaten record when the sides clash at the Blackpool girls' venue.

Churchtown who have only dropped two points so far will be anxious to keep in touch when they take on Canovee in the same competition on Sunday. If Churchtown win and Cloyne falter then Canovee's opponents would be back in the running. And as Canovee rarely show their best form in the league a win for Churchtown looks on.

Under-18 competitions are never easy to judge as there are always new players being introduced. However, they are always exciting ties to watch as young players give so much to a game. So the clashes between Castleview and Ballinora at the latter's venue and the Ballyphehane meeting between Na Piarsaig and the home side will have plenty to offer.

QUESTION TIME

Away from the playing fields, the question time will get under way on Monday next. Two preliminary rounds will be held, with five clubs — Inniscarra, Old Aloysians, Eire Og, Churchtown and Erins Own — fighting it out for a place in the final.

The following Monday night Glen Rovers, St. Finbarr's, UCC, South Presentation Past Pupils

and Aghabullogue will be in opposition.

Also on the social side, the Cork finals of the Ceol, Caint and Damsha will take place on Friday, January 31, at a Cork City venue. Although this is the first year of the competition, the entries are still disappointing. Only one-third of the clubs in Cork have entered teams, which is a great pity as this particular venture is proving a great success elsewhere, particularly in Ulster. In any case the clubs who have entered deserve great praise and no doubt they will enjoy themselves immensely by taking part.

News of recent games is that Blarney had a big 5-1 to 1-1 win over Watergrasshill in their Intermediate League game at Blarney. The home side were far superior throughout and with the wind in their favour had a 4-1 to 0-1 lead at half-time. In the second half Watergrasshill only managed to score one goal, to which the winners went on to increase their tally to 8-1.

B. Mitchell 1-0, M. Humphries 1-1, R. Mullane 2-0, P. Mackey 2-0 and C. Humphries 2-0 were Blarney's scorers.

GONE ABROAD

Two of our most outstanding members have gone abroad recently. Liz Garvan, Munster, Cork and UCC star in recent years, has gone to Zambia to take up a teaching post for two years, while Aileen O'Driscoll, another UCC stalwart, is studying French in Brussels. We wish them both well in their travels.

FIXTURES

Sunday, January 19: Senior League at Mardyke, 11.30 — UCC v Old AIs (ref. South Pres); Intermediate League at Glen Rovers, 3.0 — Cloyne v Glen Rovers (ref Old AIs); Intermediate League at Cloughduv, 3.0 — Canovee v Churchtown (ref Eire Og); Under-18 League at Ballinora, 3.0 — Castleview v Ballinora (ref Inniscarra); Under-18 League at Ballyphehane, 12.0 — Na Piarsaig v Ballyphehane (ref St. Finbarr's).

10 YEARS AGO

IDE BEAN UÍ SHE presided at the annual convention of the Cork Camogie Board when the following officers were elected: Chairman, Lil Ni Ghrada (Old Aloysians); Vice-Chairman, Maire Ni Chruailai (South Pres. P.P.); Secretary, Sife Ni Shuilleabhain (South Pres. P.P.); Treasurer, Eilis Ni Dhala (Old Aloysians); Registrar, Deirdre Sutton (Glen Rovers); Press Officer, Siobhán Bean Uí Mhorlai (Old Aloysians).

Playing Fields Deserted For The Stage

IT'S away from the fields of play and on to the stage for many Cork camogie players and followers this evening. For this is the big night for all those clubs who entered teams in the Ceoil, Caint agus Damsha, the finals of which will be decided at Christ the King Girls School this evening (7 p.m.).

The playing fields will also be deserted on Sunday next with all clubs expected to have representatives at the Cork Co. Board Referees' Course which will be held at Deerpark, beginning at 1.30 p.m.

In fact there is only one game listed for the coming weekend and that is on tomorrow when St. Aloysius meet Causeway in the Munster Colleges senior championship.

Cecil, Caint agus Damsha began in Antrim, where it was inaugurated in an effort to keep camogie girls involved in the long winter months. It became a big success almost immediately and soon spread throughout the Northern province. Then at last year's Congress it was decided to get an All-Ireland C.C.D. organised and on tonight we will see the result of all the hard work which many Cork clubs have put into this initial venture in Cork. It is never easy to get something new off the ground and appearing on the stage is so different from camogie girls' usual performances that it will be interesting to see how the girls fare.

There will be plenty of variety in tonight's "show" with ballad singing, instrumental music, question time and comedy acts all listed. The only item of which prior information of the standard is available is the Question Time. Old Aloysians and U.C.C. had to qualify for the finals of this competition before tonight. Last week it was the College girls turn to qualify and now the three-girl team, Nuala Jennings, Cally Riordan and Aedin McCarthy face Old

Aloysians in the persons of Siobhan O'Sullivan, Carmel Desmond and Aedin McCarthy. The latter is daughter of U.C.C.'s Aedin and this family "rivalry" is bound to add spice to the keenness of both sides to come out on top.

The remainder of the competitions are "unknown quantities," but it is certain to be a good night's entertainment and well worth a visit.

COLLEGES GAME

In the only game listed for the weekend St. Aloysius are hosts to Causeway Comprehensive in the Munster Colleges senior championship. St. Aloysius already have a narrow but deserved win over St. Paul's of Kilfinane to their credit. But in turn St. Paul's defeated Causeway but with little to spare. St. Als have the ability to come through in this game but cannot afford to approach the game casually. But with a home venue and grand players in Ger Ring, Jacinta O'Brien, Ann O'Connor, Clare Kenny and Val Fitzpatrick they could gain vital points here.

REFEREES

Like every other game in every other part of the country, Cork camogie suffers from a shortage of good referees. All too often a club sends out a young girl to referee without any instruction in rules or procedure with the result that the girl stands on the pitch not knowing what to do or when to do it. She feels lost and decides that she hates refereeing and doesn't want to do it again. This is not a rare story and this kind of happening is fatal to the numbers of capable referees in camogie's ranks. So in an effort to prevent this sort of situation the Cork Co. Board is holding a special referees course at Deerpark beginning at 1.30 p.m. All clubs are asked to attend as referees are a vital part of the camogie scene and each club should have a panel of competent referees. At the course the Board hope to impart sufficient knowledge to those attending to enable them to start refereeing and so help to enlarge the small band of efficient referees available to officiate at the ever-growing number of Co. Board fixtures. So come on clubs, you asked for this at the Convention, so please give it your fullest support on Sunday.

FIXTURES

Friday, Jan. 31—At Christ the King Girls School at 7 p.m.: Cork finals of C.C.D. competitions.

Tomorrow—At St. Aloysius venue at 3 o'clock: Munster Colleges senior championship, Causeway Comprehensive v. St. Aloysius.

Sunday—At Deerpark starting at 1.30: Cork Co. Board referees' course.

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Callan make fine comeback

By TAOBH LINE

CALLAN was one of the earliest nurseries of Colleges' camogie in Leinster following the foundation of the provincial council in the early 1960s. Inspired by a player who has since become famous Ann Carroll, the girls

from the Callan Convent Mercy, became the first provincial school ever to win a Stuart Cup and Leinster senior colleges' championship.

In more recent years, Callan have more or less been ousted from the Leinster scene by other Leinster provincial schools, notably Presentation Mountmellick, Mercy, Eniscorthy, and their near neighbours and keen rivals, Presentation, Kilkenny.

But this year Callan are certainly back with a bang. Powered by Kilkenny's All-Ireland pair the Downey twins, Anne and Angela, who, as youngsters won a Leinster junior title with Presentation, Castlecomer, they have won through the toughest zone in the Leinster senior series and have already won their way through to the provincial final at Croke Park on March 1.

BYE TO FINAL

The Callan girls will not, however, know their final opponents for some weeks yet. They have a bye to the decider, and the winners of the other two zones, who meet in the semi-final, are not yet known. The Dublin competition has not yet concluded, while the final of the remaining zone, in which Baltinglass and Killocock have reached the decider, has yet to be played.

Only when the Dublin winners take on Baltinglass or Killocock on February 15 will the Callan girls discover who their Croke Park opponents will be.

The junior final will be played with the senior decider, and another Kilkenny school may also qualify to play in Croke Park that day. Thomastown have reached the semi-final in which they are to play the zone 3 winners, who look like to be Presentation, Clane, on February 22.

In the other end of the draw, Wicklow and Terenure meet in a quarter final on February 8, with the winners playing Kilmuckridge or Bridgetown in the second semi-final, also on February 22.

Congratulations to Ulster Council on their highly successful and well-run Administration Course at Carrickmacross last week-end. Let us hope the other Provinces quickly follow their example.

Camogie star for Bangladesh

Nuala Guilly the Cork, Imokilly and Cloyne camogie star, holder of four All-Ireland senior medals, two County Senior Championships and one Junior County is leaving her comfortable job with the E.S.B., Midleton, to go to Bangladesh to work for the people of that country. A native of Aberlona, Midleton, Miss Guilly is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Guilly.

Many tributes were paid to her at the annual general meeting of the Cloyne Camogie Club. Mrs. Betty Cronin, Chairman, said that Nuala's contribution to Cloyne's success in winning County honours in their second year of existence was a major one. Nuala is also former Secretary of the Cork Co. Camogie Board.

Sweeping changes at County Convention

The annual convention of the Limerick Camogie Board held in Limerick on Sunday only four of the outgoing officials were re-elected and one of the major changes was the election of Rev. Fr. Ryan, C.C., as chairman.

Rev. Fr. Ryan, C.C., Bruff, one of the leading G.A.A. administrators in the county, was nominated by Croagh and Ballygran and the other five nominations withdrawn and Father Ryan, a founder of the Ballygran Club, was unanimous elected to the chair. The outgoing chairman, Miss Chris Ni Chonnaill, did not seek re-election.

The 1975 officials are as follows: president, Miss Eithne Neville; vice-president, Miss Ann Doyle; chairman, Rev. H. GreenSmith; secretary, Mrs. Anne Meaney; asst. secretary, Miss Marie McGrath; treasurer, Miss Lizzie O'Dea; registrar, Miss Lizzie O'Dea; Central Council delegate, Peggy Duffy; Munster Council delegate, Ann Meaney.

MOTIONS

The following motions were passed:—

1. That the County Board enforce the bye-law regards fixtures.
 2. That the under 16, 18 and under 21 competitions be commenced as soon as competitions start.
 3. No players be on the county selection committee.
 4. That the bye-law which states that the senior championship be played during July/August be enforced.
 5. That the under 12 competition be completed by the end of June and start during Easter.
 6. That the 9-a-side teams in the under 14 and 16 competitions be made 12-a-side.
 7. That county trials be held for all group ages.
- A motion seeking the enlarge-

HOLDERS UCC a step nearer retaining title

Ashbourne Cup holders, U.C.C. took the first successful step in defence of their title at Belfield, Dublin on Saturday. Despite the loss of inter-county players Rosie Hennessy, Pat Moloney and Liz Garvan, they still managed to have a very easy victory over Queens University by 6-2 to 0-1.

In the other quarter-finals, also played over the weekend U.C.C. got the better of Trinity at Santry while U.C.D. were on top against the New University of Ulster (Coleraine). U.C.C. now go on to meet U.C.G. and U.C.D. and Maynooth University will be in opposition in the second semi-finals to be played at Maynooth on Saturday, 15th February, with the final to be decided on the following day, Maynooth, as the host club were exempt from taking part in the quarter-finals, going straight into the semi-finals.

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CAMOGIE CORNER

By
AGNES HOURIGAN

THE setting up of the new Primary Schools Committee gives Camogie an entirely new horizon in this year of 1975. It will understandably be a slow process to develop the game at this level, but Primary Schools competitions have already been in existence for several years in some counties, and in such areas as Galway, Louth, Kildare, Monaghan and Dublin, where there is already a very lively juvenile competition to build on, progress should be rapid.

What is more, the setting up of Primary Schools competitions should be facilitated in future by the fact that so many of the Teacher Training Colleges, including Carysfort and St. Patrick's in Dublin, Mary Immaculate in Limerick and St. Mary's in Belfast, are all fielding teams in the Higher Institutes League which means there will be a supply of teachers in the girls Primary Schools who are themselves experienced Camogie players and well fitted to teach the game to their pupils and will also one hopes be able to organise games at local level.

Moreover, it should be no undue difficulty to add on perhaps a Special Section, or at least special lectures for Primary School Teachers at the summer National Coaching Course in Gormanston.

The Special Coaching Film produced under the auspices of Central Council is now available. While it is unlikely that Primary Schools are as yet developed enough to avail of this aid, one feels that the new

Council should be able to use this film as a very valuable aid for the groups of teachers who can transmit the knowledge obtained back to their teams.

So it will be seen that the Higher Institutes League could have a big part to play in developing the game at the other end of the educational scale in the Primary Schools.

ASHBOURNE CUP

In the meantime we have once again the pipe-opener to the season proper—that Ashbourne Cup fought out between the seven Universities. But this time there will be a very unique situation as this time the host College will for the first time be St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Twenty years ago, even ten years ago, the very idea of Maynooth participating in an Ashbourne Cup series, not to say acting as hosts would have been looked upon as a joke, and a joke not possibly in the best of taste at that.

But changes have changed drastically and Maynooth students, female only of course, have been competing most enthusiastically in the Ashbourne series for some seasons past, and if one is to judge by the way in which their male counterparts so successfully staged the Sigeron Cup football series last year, the Maynooth Camogie people should make this an "Ashbourne" to remember.

Once again all seven Universities are competing, with Maynooth as the host College getting a bye into the semi-finals. The quarter final draw sees the

Northern students from Queen's and Coleraine taking on U.C.C. and U.C.D. respectively, while U.C.G. will oppose Dublin University.

The Cork students, as the holders will be best fancied to retain their title, but it remains to be seen if they can field some of their former All-Ireland stars who are still students.

U.C.D. who have the most Ashbourne victories to their credit are not the force they were, but can call on some talented newcomers and after all did reach last year's final. However, chief threat to Cork's supremacy is again likely to come from Galway, who have not however, been shaping too well in the H.E. League but are always able to produce an extra effort in the Ashbourne.

Maynooth will also be hopeful of reaching the final, but while victory for them would be a tremendous achievement, it does not seem to be on the cards at this stage.

Of course, Camogie has also been making progress on a different sector of the educational front. The Physical Education College in Limerick, competing seriously in the H.E. League for the first time are unbeaten in their section at the time of writing and may well prove an entirely new force in the game. Which when you come to think of it is the most hopeful sign of all for the future, as the Limerick College will be sending fully qualified P.E. teachers all over the country. And, if they are Camogie stars as well . . .!

MOUNT MERCY EDGE HOME IN THRILLER

Mount Mercy 1-1, St. Patrick's 1-0.

Amid a welter of excitement Mount Meecy edged their way into the Munster Junior Colleges camogie final when they defeated St. Patrick's by the narrowest of margins at Mount Mercy Grounds on Saturday.

St. Patrick's scored the only goal of the first half, a grand opportunist score by Majella Daly and it was not until the second period that Mount Mercy opened their account. Then it was Paula McNally who got both the winners' scores—a point after ten minutes and then the winning goal, which was deflected to the net from a grand long range free.

After this score it was excitement all the way with goalies Mary Kelleher (St. Patrick's) and the winners' Carmel Mulcahy being called on to bring off more than one fine save. But Mount Mercy, with Ann O'Sullivan, Susan Walsh, Paula McNally and Anne Moore all in top form managed to hold on to that one point lead to the finish.

Scorers Mount Mercy Paula McNally 1-1, while Majella Daly was on the mark for St. Patrick's.

Mount Mercy C. Mulcahy, S. Walsh, N. O'Leary, A. Moore, M. P. Ahern, A. O'Sullivan, P. McNally, M. Coughlan, M. Nolan, A. Desmond, A. Bowen, M. McCarthy.

St. Patrick's M. Kelleher, J. Russell, L. Twomey, V. Murphy, A. O'Sullivan, A. Delaney, A. Daly, A. Morley, C. Hackett, G. Crowley, M. Daly, A. O'Donnell.

Referee M. Moran (Old Aloysians).



CORK ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE STAR WEDS—Wed recently at the Church of the Assumption, Ballyphehane, were Betty Sugrue, 272, Connolly Road, Ballyphehane, and Tony McCarthy, 12, Windmill Road, Cork. Also included is Rev. Fr. O'Riordan, C.C. Betty was a member of the Cork senior team last year and played in the four-in-a-row side.

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Mount Mercy Should Have Slight Edge

CORK school, Mount Mercy have reached the final of the Munster Junior Colleges Championship and on tomorrow they take on Presentation College, Cashel in the decider, at Mount Mercy Grounds.

There are also a number of league ties listed for Sunday while on the same day Munster delegates will gather in Waterford for Munster Council Convention.

The first of the 1975 Colleges finals takes place tomorrow. This is the Junior championship which is confined to under-15 players. Cork are represented in the final by the gallant Mount Mercy girls who, on their own ground, will face the challenge of Presentation, Cashel.

On their journey to the final the Cork girls overcame St. Pauls, Colaiste Mhuire and St. Patrick's but had very little to spare over any of them. But in each case they showed tremendous fighting spirit which saw them through. Presentation, Cashel, who are certainly proving to be the surprise packet of the year, reached the final by means of victories over Shannon, Rosary Hill and Presentation, Bandon. But in their case their scoring totals are much more impressive than the Cork girls.

SAFE REARGUARD

Carmel Mulcahy is a good goalie for Mount Mercy, and she proved her worth when she held out against tremendous pressure in the closing ten minutes of their semi-final tie against St. Patrick's. Defenders Susan Walsh, Noreen O'Leary, Ann Moore and Mary Pat Aherne form a safe rearguard. Anne O'Sullivan at midfield is a fine striker and receives good support from Paula McNally and Mona Coughlan. But much will depend on the performance of the Mercy forwards. All four are capable of taking their chances, but they missed too many against St. Patrick's and against a side as strong as the Cashel girls they cannot afford so many misses. But Margaret Nolan, Audrey Desmond, Angela Bowen and Maeve McCarthy, are all very determined players and if the ground is better than it was in the semi-final they should get those vital scores.

But against the Cashel girls, who have shown their scoring abilities consistently this season, Mount Mercy will need to be in top form if they are to bring the first colleges trophy to the city.

The Bridge Hotel, Waterford, will be the venue for Munster Convention on Sunday. This convention will mark the retirement after an illustrious career in the administration side of the game of Mrs. Lil O'Neill. As Lil O'Grady she held many posts including Treasurer and Chairman of Cork County Board, Munster Chairman etc. The highlight of her career was, of

course, her election as President, which she held for three years. Lil was also a Cork selector and an All-Ireland referee.

DEDICATED

Lil, a member of Old Aloysians Club, won respect from camogie people all over the country through the gracious way she carried office. Always very conscious of the impression she created for camogie, Lil tackled her tasks in a dedicated way. She always dealt with problems in a conscientious and impartial manner and her departure from the administrative scene will be a sad occasion for camogie people all over the country. But Lil feels that the time has come to go and she will have the best wishes of all camogie followers going with her.

Lil's retirement leaves the post of Chairman of Munster Council vacant and there are two nominations for the post. Sr. Angela the current Vice-Chairman and also the Clare County Chairman will be one candidate while Cork have nominated their own Chairman, Mary Moran as their candidate.

Sr. Angela is also unopposed to retain her post as Vice-Chairman and in the event of her election to the Chair there could be some difficulty about the Vice-Chair. Mary Moran is outgoing Treasurer, but should she win the Chairmanship then she cannot go forward as Treasurer. But in this case there are three other nominees, Kitty Flaherty of Tipperary, Cork County Board Treasurer Mary Heelan and Anne-Marie O'Loughlin of Clare. So there won't be any problem there.

Limerick's Eithne Neville is unopposed as Secretary while there are three nominees for Registrar, with the outgoing Kitty O'Flaherty, having opposition from Anne-Marie O'Loughlin and Sr. Angela.

There are seven motions down for decision at Convention. These are mainly dealing with internal matters but all should prove interesting for delegates.

Back on the playing fields the 1974 Cork Leagues are nearing completion and the fixtures listed for Sunday will have a vital bearing on the outcome.

If Ballypheane, who are only one point down, beat Na Piarraig in their last game they will have won their section. Na Piarraig are unbeaten and could put paid to Ballypheane's chances if they should win.

The winners of the North Cork section of the junior league depends on the Buttevant - St. Fanahan's game, while Churchtown are league leaders in the East Cork under-18 competition and could make further progress at the expense of Sarsfields.

Cloyne, though they have a number of matches in hand, lead the intermediate league as

the only unbeaten side and will be anxious to collect a further brace of points from Watergrass-hill.

If Ballypheane win their tie then the game between Glen Rovers and Ballinlough will have no significance.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow - Munster Colleges Junior final at Mount Mercy Grounds, at 3 p.m. - Presentation, Cashel v Mount Mercy.

Sunday - Munster Convention at Bridge Hotel, Waterford, at 3.30 p.m.

Under-16 League at Fair Field, at 3 p.m. - Na Piarraig v Ballypheane (Ref. St. Finbarrs).

Junior League at Mitchelstown, at 3 p.m. - Buttevant v St. Fanahans (Ref. Glanworth).

Under-18 League at Riverstown, at 3 p.m. - Sarsfields v Churchtown. (Ref. Erins Own).

Inter-League at Watergrass-hill, at 3 p.m. - Cloyne v Watergrass-hill. (Ref. Carrigrohilly).

Under-16 League at Glen Rovers at 3 p.m. - Glen Rovers v Ballinlough 'A' (Ref. Douglas).

'ASHBOURNE' NEARS END

By TAOBH LINE

THE FAVOURABLE WEATHER last weekend enabled three Ashbourne Cup Camogie quarter-finals to be played successfully at Dublin venues. So the way is now clear to the semi-finals which will be played at Maynooth on Saturday, February 15, with the final also in the grounds of the County Kildare College on the following day.

In the semi-finals, U.C.D. will take on Maynooth, while holders, U.C.C., will be opposed by U.C.G. Maynooth, as the host college, were exempt from the quarter-finals, but the other three all had comfortable victories, and all seems set for another exciting weekend.

Incidentally, the new goalkeeper on the Irish intrnational

hockey side, Mary Geaney, was a well-known Ashbourne centre-forward with University College, Cork.

Chief interest this week-end will centre on two provincial Conventions, with Leinster holding their annual stocktaking tomorrow in Bru na nGael, North Great George's Street, and Munster getting together at the Bridge Hotel, Waterford on Sunday.

In Leinster, where the Officer Board will remain unchanged, it will be interesting to see what the reaction will be to the suggestion by the secretary, Mrs. Marie Mangan (Dublin), in her annual report, that an Administration Course be held within the province where nine of the 12 counties are affiliated, but Westmeath, Longford, and Carlow are still in the wilderness.

LEAVING OFFICE

In Munster, chairman Mrs. Lil O'Neill from Cork, better known probably to the majority of Camogie followers by her maiden name of Lil O'Grady, will be retiring from office after many years of service to the Association in many capacities, including the presidency. Cork County chairman, Miss Mary Moran, and Clare representative, Sr. Angela from Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, will be the candidates for the vacant Munster chair.

Playing activity this week-end will be on the colleges fields. In Cork tomorrow, the Munster junior final is between former title-holders, Mount Mercy from Cork, and outstanding newcomers Presentation Convent, Cashel. Home venue may prove decisive factor in favour of Mount Mercy.

In Leinster tomorrow, the first quarter-final of the junior championship for the Purcell Cup will bring Dublin zone winners, Presentation, Terenure, into opposition with Eastern zone representative, Wicklow Vocational School, at Wicklow.

UCD get to playoff

U.C.D. 5-2; St. Patrick's 1-0

U.C.D. qualified for playoff stages of Higher Institutes' Camogie league by defeating St. Patrick's Maynooth in the Eastern Zone final at Belfield yesterday.

The winners led by 1-1 to 1-0 at half-time, and the scorers for U.C.D. were M. Ryan (2-1), M. O'Sullivan (2-0), N. Delaney (1-0) and D. Walsh (0-1).

St. Patrick's scorers: M. McAtwee (1-0).

LEINSTER JUNIOR COLLEGES

Semi-final - Presentation College, Terenure, 6-0; Vocational School, Kilmuckcross 0-0.



Ballygran camogie captains (from left): B. O'Brien, under 16; E. Madigan, under 18; H. Butler, joint under 21; J. O'Brien, senior; C. Morrissey, joint under 21.

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CAMOGIE FINAL — Presentation, Cashel, (top) who had a big win over Mount Mercy (Below) in the Munster Junior Championship Final played in Mercy Grounds, Cork.

Cashel girls go on scoring spree

Presentation, Cashel 7-2
Mount Mercy, Cork 0-1

A brilliant display of attacking camogie gave Presentation, Cashel, their first ever Munster Junior Colleges Championship (Under-15) when they defeated Mount Mercy at the Cork girl's venue on Saturday. This is the third time that the Cork girls have been beaten in the final and, on Saturday, although they did stage a gallant comeback bid in the second half they had no answer to the lethal Cashel attack.

Mary Kelly, Regina Mulligan, Majella Hallinan and Kathleen Ryan gave a great display of forward play for the winners and they also had grand centres in Mary Luby and Kathleen Ryan. For Mount Mercy, Ann O'Sullivan, Anne Moore and Paula McNally worked tirelessly throughout but it was obvious from an early stage that they were fighting a losing battle. The winners were ahead by 3-1 to 0-1 at half-time and at the final whistle had added another 4-1.

The championship trophy was presented to Teresa Dwyer, the winning captain by Miss Mary Moran, chairman, Cork County Board.

Scorers for the winners — M. Hallinan (4-1), M. Kelly (2-1), R. Mulligan (1-0), while P. McNally got Mount Mercy's only point.

Presentation — N. Bonnar, M. Hayes, C. Hennessy, B. McDonald, S. Ryan, T. Dwyer (captain), M. Luby, K. Ryan, K. Ryan, R. Mulligan, M. Hallinan, M. Kelly.

Mount Mercy — C. Mulcahy, N. O'Leary, M. P. Aherne, A. Moore, A. O'Sullivan, P. McNally, M. Loughlan, M. Nolan, S. Walsh, R. Golden, M. McCarthy, A. Desmond. Sub: L. Leddia for M. P. Aherne.

New Munster chairman is Mary Moran

Cork Co. Board chairman, Mary Moran, is the new chairman of Munster Council. Mary takes over from Cork colleague Mrs. Lil O'Neill, who has resigned from the administrative side of camogie after many years of dedicated service. Sr. Angela of Clare who was listed as a nominee for the position withdrew at convention so Mary, the Cork chairman, was unopposed for the position. Mary Heelan, treasurer Cork Co. Board, was also elected as treasurer of Munster while Eithne Neville of Limerick retains her post as secretary and Anne Marie O'Loughlin of Clare is the new registrar. This was decided at the annual convention of Munster Council which was held in the Bridge Hotel, Waterford, on Sunday.

The Munster Championship draws were:
Senior: Limerick v Tipperary; Clare v Cork.

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

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

Under 16: A, Waterford v Kerry; B, Clare v Cork; C, Tipperary v winners of A; D, Limerick v winners of B.

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

The date for the Munster finals of Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa was also decided on. These will now be held in Limerick on Friday March 7.

Player of the Month Awards

TWO Kilkenny hurlers and two Kilkenny camogie players have won player of the month awards by the Family Building Society. Noel Skehan got the award for July and Pat Henderson for August. Helena O'Neill got the award for her outstanding game for Kilkenny in the Camogie all-Ireland final and her team colleague Ann Carroll got it for her contribution to camogie in Kilkenny.

(see special article on Ann Carroll on page 17).

Helena O'Neill: From Sheestown and employed in the laboratory in the flour mills of Messrs W. H. Mosse Ltd., Bennettsbridge, Helena O'Neill has rightly earned the reputation of Ireland's top sharp-shooting camogie player. She proved this in the drawn all-Ireland final between Kilkenny and Cork when she coolly sent the ball over for a point from a free from a not too easy angle.

Free taking in camogie is rather more difficult than in hurling as the space is more limited but on this occasion as on many others Helena showed remarkable accuracy.

She started her camogie career with the Presentation Convent seven years ago. Her ambition had always been to win an all-Ireland medal which meant she would be on a victorious Kilkenny team. She deservedly won this honour this year.

Helena has won three all-Ireland colleges medals and two Leinster championships and was on the Kilkenny team that lost to Cork in the 1970 and 1972 all-Ireland finals.

After leaving the Presentation convent she joined the St. Paul's club in Kilkenny and won six county championship medals with them.

She is completely dedicated to the game and loves every minute she spends on the hurling field.

Her sister, Teresa, who is employed in the laboratory at Mosse's mills also, plays goal for Kilkenny and captained the side that brought all-Ireland honours to Kilkenny this year.

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KILKENNY'S FIRST MAJOR CAMOGIE TRIUMPH

By Beatrice Treacy
Secretary, Kilkenny County Camogie Board, as told to the
Editor.

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THE team and officials knelt in a room in the hotel before going to Croke Park and recited a decade of the Rosary. After that I really felt confident about the outcome as we faced title holders, Cork in the replay of the All-Ireland senior camogie final. It was our third time of trying and our third time to clash with Cork in the final.

We led by 2-1 to 1-0 at half time and ended the game still four points clear, 3-3 to 1-5.

Though the scintillating display seen in the drawn game was not repeated, the replay was a gripping struggle and produced a very high standard. I think determination was the key factor in our triumph. Kilkenny knew they had it in them. Cork had beaten them in 1970 and 1972. The drawn game was a great achievement for Kilkenny and the girls felt that if they got a few quick scores in the early stages they would win. They did just that.

Kilkenny's success is all the more creditable when you realise that this team was chosen from three senior clubs - there are four junior and five minor teams - while there are about 30 teams in Cork.

The foundation for success was laid during the training sessions. Father Malone showed great patience and inexhaustible energy in ensuring not alone that the girls were fully fit but that they perfected their style and their tactics.

Eddie Keher and Noel Skehan who attended the training sessions and gave very valuable help. Noel Skehan coached Teresa O'Neill in the handling of difficult situations in the goal and Eddie Keher helped Helena O'Neill to perfect her free-taking, though her free-taking usually leaves little or no room for improvement.

More important than anything else the girls themselves showed the right spirit. I have never seen a more

determined Kilkenny team take the field. They knew they were capable of making this major break-through and nothing was going to stop them. And they played as a team and showed splendid team work.

I did have anxious moments when Teresa O'Neill got that nasty head injury. Despite the severe cut she continued to play. If she had gone off the consequences could have been disastrous. It would surely have effected Helena's play and the whole team would be thrown out of gear. She showed rare courage.

She gave a splendid display of goal keeping and there was the inspiring performance of Ann Carroll at full back. Liz Neary, Bridie Martin and Marie Kavanagh on the half line did a great job while Helena O'Neill, Mary Fennelly and Peggy Carey gave Kilkenny the advantage at centrefield.

THE Kilkenny senior camogie side won an All-Ireland title this year and they did it on what can best be described as a

Shoe-string budget camogie finances are almost non-existent and bad as they are this year they have been infinitely worse in the past.

Mr. John Fennelly, Co.C., chairman of the Board, and Mrs. Beatrice Treacy, secretary, say that without the generous help of the G.A.A. County Board they might have found it impossible to play the All-Ireland final.

"There has been an improvement in our finances, latterly", Mr. Fennelly said, "and we had a fairly good response to our appeal. We have also got generous help from firms in the form of track suits and spon-

The forwards excelled, too. Ursula Grace, Mary Conway, Angela Downey and Carmel Doyle took advantage of most of the chances offered and their excellent combination paid handsome dividends.

Cork had their stars too. Pat Moloney, Marie Costine, Bernie Costine and Marian Sweeney never gave up trying but for once they found opposition more than a match for their undisputed talents.

Every player on the Kilkenny team played a vital part in the victory and while it would be invidious to single out any individual special mention ought to be made of Teresa O'Neill for staying on despite her injury.

This is a young Kilkenny team and with Kilkenny winning the Leinster minor title - they lost to Down who easily beat Cork in the all-Ireland final - there are good prospects for the future.

The Kilkenny all-Ireland winning team: Teresa O'Neill (St. Paul's); Ann Carroll (St. Paul's); Liz Neary (St. Paul's); Bridie Martin (Lisdowney); Mary Kavanagh (St. Paul's); Helena O'Neill (St. Paul's); Mary Fennelly (Carrickshock); Peggy Carey (Gowran); Ursula Grace (St. Paul's); Mary Conway (St. Paul's). Mary Kennedy (Gowran) was off through injury, her place being taken by Marie Kavanagh. Other subs on the side were: M. Purcell for U. Grace; Mary Kennedy for M. Kavanagh; Ann Downey, Teresa Brennan and Ann Bowden.

Scorers: Kilkenny: Angela Downey (1-1); Helena O'Neill (1-1); the goal from a free and the point from a 30; Ursula Grace (1-0); Carmel Doyle (0-1); Bernie Costine (1-0); M. McCarthy (0-2); M. Sweeney (0-2); M. O'Driscoll (0-1) for Cork's scores.

Girls won title shoe-string budget

sorship of the St. Patrick's Band for the final - the drawn game and the replay.

"We are still far from being solvent but we are hoping our success will bring us greater public support".

Mayor thanked

Mrs. Treacy said they are hoping that for one thing there will be more clubs in the county which would bring more revenue in the form of affiliation fees.

"The Mayor, Alderman Martin and the Knights of Malta have been very good friends and we are grateful to them".

Mrs. Treacy also hopes that Kilkenny's All-Ireland victory

might mean better 'gates' for local games.

"We often have to travel at our own expenses and the players themselves often have to make sacrifices. This also applies to officials but we are lucky to have people like John Fennelly, Father Malone and Shem Doherty as well as many others who never fail to help out".

Mrs. Treacy says that relations between the County Board and the Camogie Board in Kilkenny are excellent and without the County G.A.A. Board they would not be able to carry on.

"This is as it should be, though it does not operate to the same extent in any other county. There is a fairly general belief now that the Camogie Boards should be subsidiaries of the County Boards.



ABOVE: The Cork keeper about to clear as four Kilkenny forwards rush in, in the All-Ireland Final Replay.
BELOW: Midfield action from the drawn game.

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ANN CARROLL CROWNS A GREAT CAREER

BORN in Hertfordshire in England she came to live in Mohober, Mullinahone when she was three. In nearby Ballintaggart her father sowed the seed of what has become a vibrant and viable Irish industry, Carrolls Systems Buildings, providing large scale employment in this county and elsewhere.

Ann Carroll is camogie's outstanding personality. Her academic attainments match her hurling genius. She has qualified as an architect; she spent a year in England where she won a Master's Degree in Recreation Management and she is at present studying for her Higher Diploma in Education in Trinity College, Dublin.

But it is for her hurling skill that Ann is best known in this county; not only for her hurling skill but for her dedication to the game and her genuine sense of sportsmanship. She plays the game for the game's sake.

To most people in this county, Ann Carroll is regarded as a 'veteran'. This mistaken impression is quite understandable. Ann started her inter-county camogie career at the tender age of 13 and she has been a top class player for a decade or more.

She waited a long time for the one honour that had eluded her - an all-Ireland senior medal. By a sad irony of fate it came not too long after her father, Mr. Bill Carroll had died. She would dearly have loved him to see her win this honour. Bill Carroll helped camogie when it had few friends; he helped it generously and never counted the cost.

She first played camogie with the Convent of Mercy, Callan and over five years she won three Leinster colleges senior titles, 1961, 1962 and 1964. Two of her colleagues in those days were Rose Vannard and Alice O'Neill both inter-county stars.

Living in Tipperary at this time she won Munster titles in 1964, 1965 and 1966 and captained the Tipperary side when they lost to Dublin in the 1965 all-Ireland final. She won senior

county championship medals with St. Patrick's (Drangan) in 1965 and 1966.

She came to Kilkenny in 1967 and joined the St. Paul's club in the city. St. Paul's won several all-Ireland club titles but Ann missed some because of an injury that kept her inactive for 13 months and then she spent a year in England.

Back in action again she was on the Kilkenny side that lost to Cork in two all-Ireland finals but her long cherished ambition was happily realised this year. And she played a significant part in the victory despite the fact that her time for training was limited.

"I did not feel perfectly fit", she told me, "and that is the reason why I opted for the full back position. My favourite position is midfield or on the half back line but in this final I did not quite feel up to it".

She did put in as much time as she could to training and she was certainly fit enough to keep the Cork forwards well in check particularly in the replay.

She attributes this year's success to the sheer determination of all the players.

"We worked very hard to perfect our combination and this was a vital factor in our success. Of course we owe a lot to our trainer, Father Malone, who was a marvellous coach; to John Fennelly our chairman; Beatrice Treacy our secretary and to Shem Downey. They all did everything they could to help us win".

Ann feels that more attention should be played to coaching. There are 19,000 camogie players in the country and without coaching the game cannot develop to the full.

She feels that Kilkenny deserves special praise for winning an all-Ireland title with only three senior clubs in the county whereas in Cork there are over 30 clubs. She thinks there is room for much greater development in the game in Kilkenny.

What of the future? Ann would like to play for another year at least. She would like to see this Kilkenny team win



Ann Carroll with the special award which she received from the Family Building Society for services to camogie.

another all-Ireland to really prove their worth.

The revival of camogie in Kilkenny came when they smashed Dublin's stranglehold in 1968, even though Kilkenny lost to Wexford in the Leinster final that year.

"We came back to win the Leinster title in 1970 and 1972", she said, "and from that point on we found ourselves in the top bracket".

Ann likes to spend her weekends with her mother at their

home on the Castlecomer Road. Mrs. Carroll is a keen camogie enthusiast and a good supporter. Though not born in this county Ann can claim Kilkenny 'citizenship' through her late father who was from Desart, Cuffesgrange.

However long she continues to play Ann will continue to have a valuable contribution to make to Kilkenny camogie and Kilkenny will be glad to accept it.

PETER HOLOHAN

KILKENNY CAMOGIE PERSONALITIES



JOHN FENNELLY
Cathaoirleach
Camogie Board.



BEATRICE TREACY
Runáí
Camogie Board.



HELENA O'NEILL
Camogie's
Top Scorer.

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Camogaiocht: The Champions of 1974

MINOR

First title goes North

Down became the first holders of the newly inaugurated Minor All-Ireland Championship when to the delight of their loyal band of supporters they had a convincing win over Cork. The high standard of play from both Sets of young girls augurs well for the future of this code and indeed many believe that this could well be the grade to bring back the long overdue public appreciation of the game.

This was a very well drilled Down team who used ground play to good advantage and could boast of one of the sweetest strikers on view in the person of Susan Lively. Indeed this youngster has all the qualities of a potential star and with players like Stephanie Kelly, Sheila McCartan, Margaret Montgomery, Rita Nesson and Mary McGrath the Down people must surely be looking to the future with more than a little hope. For the record incidentally Down are also the holders of the first Junior All-Ireland title and it will be little wonder if within a few years Down take over the provincial pride of place worthily enjoyed for so long by Antrim.

SENIOR

Kilkenny take senior title —at last

The long wait is over. Kilkenny, at their third attempt in five years, well and truly wrenched the All-Ireland and O'Duffy Cup from a gallant Cork team that was chasing its fifth title in a row. Furthermore when one considers Cork's great replay record it makes the Noresiders feat all the more praiseworthy and indeed no praise is too high for this Black and Amber brigade. Many supporters of the code felt that Kilkenny had let their chance slip when in the drawn game despite having the lions share of the play they were eventually lucky to be given the second bite of the cherry.

And indeed looking back on the drawn game the drama of the closing moments will long be remembered if only for three wonderful points, two from placed balls by Helena O'Neill under tremendous pressure and one from Bernie Costine from at least 40 yards out and virtually on the touchline. Considering that a point in camogie demands placing the ball between two crossbars such expertise is very commendable in-

deed. The high standard of play in the drawn game was maintained in the replay.

What an outstanding team performance and what a way to win a first All-Ireland. From Teresa O'Neill in goal to Carmel Doyle at full forward every player in this outfit proved herself worthy of the confidence placed in her, and in so doing gave a snappy decisive and coherent display of the many finer points of this splendid game. What a moment of triumph too for the long serving Ann Carroll who has given such sterling service to the Association both as player and administrator. Ann has now won every honour the game has to offer and indeed with stylists such as Liz Neary, Mary Fennelly, Angela Downey, Helena O'Neill and young Bridie Martin in the squad one expects Kilkenny to maintain proud prestige for some time.

This year too we had an extra bit of glamour on parade for Ladies Day. The gaily bedecked St. Patricks Band and Majorettes gave a tuneful and

colourful performance at half-time and later than evening went to the Clare Manor Hotel to give another recital in tribute to the newly crowned champions. A word of praise too for the "traditional" Artane Boys, without whom an All-Ireland would just not be the same. Well done then — both sexes.

Incidentally camogie fever really gripped the Marble City on their way to this historic final and what an example was set by the Lord Mayor, Mr. T. Martin, who not only cheered his heroines all the way but attended several training sessions as well. Most Rev. Dr. Birch has also for many years honoured the game with his support.

Finally a word of thanks to both teams for affording all present a most entertaining, sporting and exhilarating feast of top class camogie. The Cork team added to the occasion by forming a guard of honour for the victorious Kilkenny team, a gesture in keeping with Cork's sporting tradition.

JUNIOR

CLARE WIN IN FIRST FINAL

Croke Park was the mecca for all Clare camogie fans on Sunday 15th September where the Banner County representatives were bidding to capture their first ever All-Ireland title. As it was the first appearance of a Clare camogie team in an All-Ireland final it was little wonder that they came with more hope than confidence but heartened all the way by an enthusiastic band of supporters they fully justified the confidence placed in them by taking the honours from Dublin in a most exciting Junior final.

Exciting indeed it was as Clare, showing tremendous dash, found themselves in arrears at the interval mainly because of poor finishing by their forwards. Dublin, who have done exceptionally well in this grade were using more direct methods and, showing more combination throughout the field, looked poised for victory when they went five points clear midway through the second half. This however was not to be their day as Clare, urged on all the way by their vociferous following, regained the initiative and emerged vic-

torious on the score 3-2 to 3-0.

There's no doubting the maximum — nothing succeeds like success. What a welcome awaited the Clare girls on their return home. They were paraded through a number of towns before being given a tremendous public reception in O'Connell Square, Ennis. A huge celebration dance was then held at the Queens Hotel where a number of presentations were made to the victorious players. Furthermore we are told that never in the history of the Ballynacally area has there been as much excitement by young and old as that which greeted the arrival home of Margaret O'Toole, the local girl who captained the victorious team. Margaret has since been further honoured when with team mates Claire Harrington and Ann Marie O'Loughlin she gained inter-provincial recognition.

Clare as a result of their acquisition of the Junior crown are now eligible to take their place with Tipperary, Cork, Kilkenny, Wexford, Dublin, Antrim and Galway in the quest for senior honours. We wish you the best of luck.

Ballypnehane

WITH the commencement of the Bord na nOg season just around the corner, officials have been busy registering players, and it is hoped to grade and arrange the teams for the coming year at our next meeting.

There are four teams entered next year, Fe 16, 14, and two Fe 13 teams. The mentors for these teams are as follows:—

Fe 16—V Sullivan, R Kenny, M Harrington.

Fe 15—J Lonergan, J Glavin.

Fe 13—F McCarthy, S Quinlan, S Hourihan, T Brett, B Black, T Tobin.

Training for these teams continues each Monday night in the Community Centre, beginning at 6 p.m. It is hoped in the near future to organise a street league for our younger players, details of which will be available very shortly.

CAMOGIE

On Sunday last, in the Fair

Field, Ballypnehane completed the under 16 and 18 double, when they overcame the home club, Na Piarraig, in a game that was exciting from start to finish.

They had a tonic start when Chris McCarthy crashed home an early goal. They held this lead for 20 minutes, when on the stroke of half-time Na Piarraig scored a deserved equaliser. At this stage Piarraig seemed to gain a grip, but early in the second half Chris McCarthy added two goals in the space of a minute, without reply, to leave them leaders by three goals to one. Na Piarraig fired on all cylinders and reduced the arrears to a point with a goal and two points without reply.

Ballypnehane seemed in trouble until Cork inter-county player Gay Desmond, who played only in spasms, crashed home a vital goal to increase the lead. But Piarraig replied with another goal. Those final few minutes were hectic and one could not breathe easy until the referee Francis Barry-Murphy blew the final whistle and Ballypnehane held on to their slender lead.

The star of the game was undoubtedly Marion Cooke who played brilliantly at half-back; Clair Cronin was a revelation at centre-field; Chris McCarthy the best of the forwards; Nuala Trindles, Bernadette Byrne, Sheila Griffin and Ann Cotter were others to excel in this enthralling encounter.

U.C.C. And St. Als Face Big Tests This Weekend

U.C.C. and St. Aloysius School have big games ahead of them over the weekend. U.C.C. travel to Maynooth to defend their Ashbourne Cup while Cork school, St. Aloysius will be endeavouring to bring the first of the season's Munster Colleges titles to Cork.

Last week Cork had to accept defeat in the Junior Colleges when Mount Mercy had no answer to the brilliant forward play of Presentation, Cashel. Now on tomorrow (Saturday) it will be St. Aloysius' turn to try and take the senior championship, when they meet Rosary Hill in the final, in Cork.

Rosary Hill are the holders and travel to Cork full of confidence. Both sides had walk-overs in their last fixture although the Cork girls had a good win over St. Paul's in the first round.

St. Als have plenty of individual talent but will need to put this to best use against such formidable opponents as Rosary Hill, who won the title last season after a three-way play-off with St. Aloysius and Mount Mercy. Of course, a Cork venue is a big asset to St. Als and with such fine individuals as Ger Ring, Jacintha O'Brien, Ann O'Connor, Clare Kenny and Val Fitzpatrick, they must have a very good chance of bringing the senior title to Cork. But it will not be easy.

UNIVERSITIES TITLE

U.C.C. travel to Maynooth for the weekend to defend their Ashbourne Cup—inter-universities title. Two weeks ago the quarter finals were held and now the contestants are down to four with U.C.C., U.C.G., U.C.D. and Maynooth due to play in the semi-finals on tomorrow, with the final taking place on Sunday.

Of the four Maynooth have yet to play a game as they were given a free passage to the semi-finals as host university for the competition.

U.C.C. have a very tough semi-final clash against U.C.G. Galway is fast becoming a major camogie centre and the university there is no exception. They are a determined bunch of girls who are never easy to defeat. They have, in fact, already defeated U.C.C. this season in the C.C.I.A. League but in that competition college were only allowed to play four of their Ashbourne players so this may not be a good yardstick. However, they have fine players in Kathleen Delaney and Bridie Heneghan and built around these is a very competent side.

The Cork girls, however, have plenty of talent at their disposal. Cork senior inter-county players Nuala Jennings and Cally Riordan will be there again this season although they have lost the services of Cork inter-county players Pat Moloney and Rosie Hennessy, as well as Aileen O'Driscoll and Ann O'Dwyer. But against that they have promising newcomers in Mary Walsh from Mount Mercy and Kathleen Sheehan from Mitchelstown and their panel of 18 includes very many fine players. Sarah Forde, Mary Roche, Ellen O'Hanlon, Ger Butler, Val O'Dwyer and Colette Desmond have all proved themselves with college who have taken three Ashbourne Cup titles in a row and are now chasing their fourth successive victory.

The game against U.C.G. is likely to be the Cork girls' hardest—they themselves certainly fear them most—and if they get through to the final they must surely be installed as favourites to win.

The opponents in the other semi-final, U.C.D. and Maynooth, are hardly in the class of the

other pair but with two games in two days it may not be the stylish side—but the side with the greatest stamina—who will come out on top.

So whoever wins the first semi-final cannot ignore their opposition in the decider. U.C.D., once one of the big powers in the Ashbourne, have not been that good in recent years. But this season they are being coached by exKilkenny and Leinster star Jo Golden, and although they have not got any outstanding individuals they have been improving as a team all season. They must be fancied to advance to the final as Maynooth are rather new to the competition. They have fine players in Lynn Nolan and Bride Larkin, who were on the Combined Universities last season and with a home venue they might well cause a surprise.

The Duthracht Shield—for teams beaten in the quarter finals will also be contested over the weekend between Queens, Trinity and the New University of Ulster at Coleraine. Here Queens, although they were well beaten by U.C.C. are expected to take this consolation prize.

U.C.C. Panel: A. Hayes (St. Als); S. Forde (Presentation, Gort); M. Roche (Loretto, Fermoy); M. Lucey (Mt. Mercy); M. Murphy (South Presentation); N. Jennings (St. Als); M. Daly (Loretto, Killarney); V. O'Dwyer (St. Als); E. O'Hanlon (Portlaw); M. Walsh (Mount Mercy); C. Lucey (do.); C. Riordan (Presentation, Youghal); G. Butler (St. Als); K. Sheehan (Mitchelstown); C. Desmond (St. Als); J. Sutton (Thurles); A. McCarthy (Mount Mercy); M. Hanrahan (Carrick-on-Suir).

LEAGUE GAMES

On the home scene the leagues continue. Cloyne, who dropped two points against Watergrasshill last Sunday, may find themselves in further trouble against Blarney as it is doubtful whether they will have Marie Costine or Margaret McCoy available for the game. Whoever loses this game will be out of contention for the league while whoever wins will be joint leaders with Churchtown—so there should be no lack of excitement in this clash.

Castleview and Eire Og should provide a lively game when they meet while Churchtown should account for Youghal and win the East Cork section of the Under 16 League.

OFF TO BANGLADESH

On Monday next former Secretary of the Cork Co. Board and holder of four All-Ireland senior medals, Nuala Gully, sets out for Bangladesh. Nuala's decision to give up the comforts of Irish life to go to help the needy and dying of that country is very praiseworthy indeed. Every follower who remembers her very many great displays for Cloyne, Imokill and Cork will wish her well in this new life.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday), at Maynooth, Ashbourne Cup semi-finals: U.C.C. v U.C.G.; U.C.D. v Maynooth; at Mount Mercy Grounds (weather permitting), Munster Senior Colleges final at 3.0: Rosary Hill, Limerick v St. Aloysius).

Sunday, Feb. 16: Inter. League at Blarney, 3.00: Cloyne v Blarney (ref. Inniscarra).

Under 18 League at Castleview at 3.00: Castleview v Eire Og (ref. Canovee).

Under 16 League at Midleton at 3.00: Churchtown v Youghal (ref. Killeagh).

Ashbourne Cup final at Maynooth.

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60th birthday

By PADDY PURCELL

The most durable competition on the Gaelic sportsfields, the Ashbourne Cup, Inter-varsity Camogie series celebrates its sixtieth birthday this week-end, and, fittingly, does so by breaking new ground as the semi-finals and final are being played, for the first time, in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

It was back in 1915 that the first competition was played for a Cup presented by the kilted Gaelic-speaking peer Lord Ashbourne, MacGiolla Brighde, and ever since the tradition has been that come rain or sleet or hail or snow, come frost or fog, despite war, commotion or civil strife the Ashbourne Cup games go on.

Ashbourne Cup finals have been played on frozen pitches, on pitches from which tons of snow have been cleared by willing male helpers, on pitches which were little better than quagmires, and indeed, once, in the old Corrigan Park in Belfast, on a pitch so soft that the ball sank and was never found again.

But, true to the Ashbourne traditions, a new ball was thrown in on a drier patch of ground, and these dauntless girls played on. Originally only the University Colleges of Dublin, Cork and Galway took part.

Later Queen's from Belfast joined in, while in more recent years the remaining universities in the country Trinity, Coleraine and Maynooth have all participated.

Even ten years ago the idea of playing an Ashbourne series in Maynooth would have been beyond the wildest stretch of anybody's imagination, but that was before female students were admitted, and Maynooth have become very been competitors in recent years, although they have yet to inscribe the College name on the time-honoured trophy.

And time-honoured the trophy is, for it is far and away the oldest trophy in the game just as this inter-varsity competition is far and away the oldest competition in the Camogie world, and actually predates the senior All-Ireland championship by 17 years!

'Ashbourne' is at stake

By TAOBH LINE

THE Ashbourne Cup intervarsity competition, the oldest competitive series in the Camogie game, has a new setting in this its 60th year, for the semi-finals and final will be staged this weekend in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Maynooth, when it became co-educational some few years ago came into the Ashbourne championship for the first time together with the New University of Ulster in Coleraine and Dublin's Trinity College, and will be acting for the first time as host College.

Maynooth has never won the Cup, although a couple of years past they did win the Duthracht, the Shield competition which is competed for over the Ashbourne weekend by Colleges beaten in the first round of the competition.

The Duthracht semi-final between Trinity and Queens will be the opening game at Maynooth tomorrow (1.0). This will be followed by the first of the Ashbourne Cup semi-finals between U.C.D., Dublin, and Maynooth (2.0) and the concluding game of the day will be the second semi-final between holders U.C. Cork and U.C. Galway (3.0).

On Sunday, Coleraine will meet Queens or Trinity in the final of the Shield and the winners of Saturday's semi-finals will then do battle for possession of the Cup.

THREE MISSING

Though Cork will this time have to take the field without those famed stars of recent years, Pat Maloney, Liz Carvan and Rosie Hennessy, they still have All-Ireland players in Nuala Jennings and Cally Riordan and still look strong to retain the trophy. Their most likely final opponents should be Dublin, who, though not by any means the force they were four or five years ago, have been improving through the past couple of seasons.

Meanwhile, it will also be a busy weekend on the Colleges fields. Cork will have tomorrow the final of the Munster Senior Colleges championship in which holders Rosary Hill from Castle-

Connell, County Limerick, travel to Cork to take on their Cork predecessors, St. Aloysius.

There is not likely to be very much between them, but home venue may prove decisive in favour of St. Als.

Leinster will see its only semi-final in the senior series for the Stuart Cup tomorrow, as Mercy Convent, Callan, have a bye to the final.

INTERESTING

It will also be an interesting weekend on the Colleges fields. Cork will stage the Munster senior final, in which holders, Rosary Hill Castleconnell, will have their supremacy challenged by St. Aloysius of Cork. In Leinster, the senior semi-final brings two Presentation schools, Dublin zone winners Terenure and mid-Leinster zone winners Killocock into opposition tomorrow at Phoenix Park (2.0).

Highlight of last weekend was the Munster Junior Colleges final on Saturday in which Presentation, Cashel, with a sweeney victory over Cork's Mount Mercy, became the first Tipperary school ever to win a provincial Colleges title.

Officers elected at Conventions last weekend were:

LEINSTER

Chairman, Mrs. Timmons (Dublin). Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Treacy (Kilkenny). Secretary, Mrs. Mangan (Dublin). Treasurer, Miss O'Brien (Wexford). Registrar, Miss Brack (Dublin).

MUNSTER

Chairman, Miss M. Moran (Cork). Vice-Chairman, Sr. Angela (Clare). Secretary, Miss M. Heelan (Limerick). Treasurer, Mrs. M. Heelan (Cork). Registrar, Miss A. M. O'Loughlin (Clare).

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ASHBOURNE TROPHY REMAINS IN CORK

U.C.C. 2-3; U.C.D. 1-2

IN KEEPING with the best traditions of the competition, high excitement was the hallmark of the Ashbourne IntersVarsity Cup Camogie final at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, yesterday, with holders Cork staging a late rally to snatch victory in the last minutes of the second period of extra time.

But for a long time it had looked as though the unfancied outsiders U.C.D. were going to steal the honour. Dublin students played above all previous form on a heavy pitch and thanks to a heroic if sometimes lucky defence were ahead by 1-1 to nil at the interval.

It was late in the second half before Cork's captain Cally Riordan an all-Ireland player brought her team level and Dublin missed a good chance of a winning score just before the last whistle found the sides level at 1-1 each.

So, for the first time in more than a decade an Ashbourne final went into extra time. A long range point right on the second interval by Dublin's May Ryan gave Dublin back the lead, but Cally Riordan levelled again for Cork five minutes from the end and the holders finished strongly with winning scores, a goal by Kathleen Sheehan and a clinching point by Val O'Dwyer.

Outstanding for the winners were: Cally Riordan, Nuala Jennings, Mary Roche, Collette Desmond and Val O'Dwyer. Best for U.C.D. were: Marie Varley, Dorothy Walsh, May Ryan, Carrol Prendergast.

Scorers—U.C.C.: C. Riordan (1-2), K. Sheehan (1-0), V. O'Dwyer (0-1). U.C.D.: M. O'Sullivan (1-0), M. Ryan (0-2).

CORK—A. Hayes, M. Roche, S. Forde, M. Lucy, V. O'Dwyer, C. Desmond, G. Butler, C. Riordan (capt.), E. O'Hanlon, N. Jennings, M. Walsh, C. Lucy, K. Sheehan. Subs—A. McCarthy for K. Sheehan.

DUBLIN—M. Nic Raxis, M. Varley, C. Prendergast (capt.), D. Walsh, S. Casey, N. Delaney, M. Nic Lochlainn, M. Geoghegan, A. Spratt, M. O'Sullivan, M. Ryan and S. Alyward.

Referee—Miss Phyllis Breslin (Dublin).



Nuala Jennings, a key player for U.C.C. this weekend.

ASHBOURNE CUP CHAMPIONS AGAIN

U.C.C., 1-0; U.C.G., 0-2.

UCC retained the Ashbourne Cup in two hard-fought matches at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, during the weekend.

In the semi-final on Saturday, UCC found their Galway opponents extremely formidable. UCG scored first with a well-taken point, but shortly afterwards UCC penetrated an excellent Galway defence when Collette Desmond finished the ball to the net to give them the lead with a half-time score of 1-0 to 0-1.

Despite the fact that both teams conceded a number of frees in the second half, the only score from these was a Galway point. A gallant UCC backline did very well in holding the UCG forwards, conceding no goal. And so, with the final score of 1-0 to 0-2 in their favour, Cork were through to the Ashbourne final.

UCC 2-3; UCD 1-2

High excitement was the hallmark of the final on Sunday, with Cork staging a late rally to snatch victory in the second period of extra time. UCD, playing very well in the first half, were ahead by 1-1 to nil at half-time.

On the changeover, however, the UCC team looked more determined and the UCD back

line was under constant pressure. Eventually, late in this half, Cork's captain Cally Riordan was rewarded for her efforts, scoring 1-1 to level the score. The final whistle, therefore, saw both teams level, and so for the first time in more than a decade it was necessary to play extra time.

In the first ten minutes, Dublin again drew ahead with a point from May Ryan. But Val O'Dwyer levelled again for UCC in the second period of extra time. A goal shortly after from Kath Sheehan put UCC in a very favourable position, and Cally Riordan put the issue beyond doubt with a fine point. And so UCC were tired but worthy winners of their fourth Ashbourne in a row.

All members of the UCC team

showed great determination all through and all contributed to this victory, but especially impressive for them were Mary Walsh, Mary Roche, Cally Riordan, Nuala Jennings, Marion Lucey and Val O'Dwyer.

UCC Panel — A Hayes, M Roche, S Forde, M Lucey, N Jennings, V O'Dwyer, M Walsh, E O'Hanlon, C Riordan, K Sheehan, G Butler, C Desmond, A McCarthy, C Lucey, M Murphy, M Daly, M Hanrahan, J Sutton.

U.C.D. U.C.C. in Camogie final

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Cork, the holders, and University College, Dublin, qualified for the final of the Ashbourne Cup, the inter-varsity camogie championship, when they reached today's final in contrasting fashion against University College, Galway, and Maynooth College at Maynooth yesterday.

U.C.C. 1-0
U.C.G. 0-2

University College, Cork, were well held by University College, Galway, in this game. Cork were on the offensive for most of the second half, but they could not get past a close marking Galway defence sparked by a brilliant goalie in Kathleen Delaney.

Scorers—U.C.C.: C. Desmond (1-0). U.C.G.: K. Tynan, M. K. Donnellan (0-1 each).

U.C.D. 4-4
MAYNOOTH 2-0

After surviving heavy Maynooth pressure for three-quarters of the game, U.C.D. availed of their greater experience to drive home the decisive scores in the closing stages.

Scorers—U.C.D.: M. Ryan (2-4); A. Spratt, M. O'Sullivan (1-0 each); Maynooth: L. Nolan (2-0).

Semi-final An Duthacht—Q.U.B., 4-2; T.C.D., 0-0.



A Rosary Hill (Castleconnell) forward having a go at the St. Als goal during the Munster Colleges camogie final at Model Farm Road.—("Echo")

Busy week-end on Camogie fields

By TAOBH LINE

THIS will be a very busy week-end on the Camogie fields, with all provinces in action and public interest whetted by the tremendously exciting Ashbourne series at Maynooth last week-end, from which University College Cork emerged with the trophy and the intervarsity title for the fourth successive year.

On Sunday next, the U.C.C. girls will be back in action again, this time on home soil when they take on all-Ireland club champions, Oranmore, in the semi-final of that competition at the Mardyke in a game that provides the curtain-raiser to the all-Ireland football semi-final between Nemo Rangers and Clanna Gael.

The fitness and stamina that stood them in such good stead in the Ashbourne should leave the Cork students the sharper side now, if they are not leg-weary from a hard and extended series of games in the heavy ground at Maynooth.

U.C.C. will now have the assistance of Ann O'Dwyer and all-Ireland star Pat Moloney, who were not eligible for the Ashbourne, and with Mary Roche, Nuala Jennings, Val O'Dwyer, Kathleen Sheehan and captain Caly Riordan all in such fine form last week-end, they must, on home ground now, be in with a chance, even against the champions.

However, Oranmore are, if they muster at full strength, are still a powerful force and they must still be favoured to win.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL

If the other semi-final, St. Paul's, Kilkenny, beaten by Oranmore in last year's final, will be at home to Antrim's Portlennone. The Ulster champions, led by Mairead McAtamney are always a useful side, but the power packed St. Paul's with a bevy of all-Ireland stars led by Teresa and Helena O'Neill, Ann Carroll, Liz Neary and the Downey twins must get the vote to advance to their fifth final in seven seasons.

There are vital matches also in the Colleges field, with the provincial finals listed in the North and West.

In Ulster, St. Louis, Kilkeel, the senior holders, will be favourites to retain their title at Lurgan against St. Mary's, Magherafelt, despite a very close call in their semi-final against Virginia Tech. In the junior decider, another Kilkeel school, St. Columbans may, however, have to give best to Derry's Thoruhill.

In the West, Presentation, Athenry, the Connacht and all-Ireland champions defend their titles against St. Mary's, Gort, while the same two schools meet in the junior semi-final, with Athenry awaiting the winners in the final.

In Leinster, Presentation, Terenure, have won their way into the senior final in which

they meet Mercy, Callan, on March 1. This game may be played in conjunction with the junior final if Presentation, Terenure, who are also in contention in the junior title, face Kilmuckridge in the semi-final this week-end while Presentation, Clane, play Thomastown Vocational in the other semi-final at Naas on Saturday.

Two other sides from last week's Ashbourne series, Maynooth and U.C.D. meet tomorrow at Belfield in what looks the decisive game in the Eastern zone of the Higher Institutes League.

U.C.D. are unbeaten, while Maynooth have dropped two points to Carysfort, who in turn have lost to U.C.D. If Maynooth win at Belfield, all three Colleges will be level, and will have to play-off for the lone honour.

For the first time Cork will not be represented in the All-Ireland Colleges series. Rosary Hill from Castleconell retained the provincial senior title with a clear-cut win over St. Aloysius last Sunday, and Presentation, Cashel, have already captured the junior crown.

The Combined Universities Camogie team to play the all-Ireland Club champions next month is: K. Delaney (U.C.G.); M. Roche (U.C.C.), N. Jennings (U.C.C.), D. Walsh (U.C.D.), M. Varley (U.C.D.); L. Nolan (Maynooth), K. Tynan (U.C.G.), N. McHugh (Queens); V. O'Dwyer (U.C.C.), C. O'Riordan (U.C.C.) Captain, M. Ryan (U.C.D.); E. Cunningham (Queens). Reserves — M. Nic Raois (U.C.D.), B. Larkin (Maynooth), D. McEvoy (T.C.D.), P. Raftery (N.U.U.).

St. Brigids in semi-final

St. Bridg's Convent Callan 2-5; Presentation Convent Terenure 1-1.

ST. BRIGID'S Convent, Callan qualified for the All-Ireland Colleges camogie semi-final against St. Louis Convent, Kilkeel when they won the Stuart Cup and the Leinster title for the fourth time, defeating Terenure at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny yesterday.

The winners led 2-1, to 1-1 at half time and the scorers were: For Callan—A. Downey (1-4), M. Carroll (1-1); Terenure: H. O'Donohoe (1-0) and M. Murphy (0-1).

Junior Leinster Final: Presentation, Terenure 4-1, (G. Moran, E. Murphy, M. Murray and R. O'Connor—1 goal each, F. Murphy 1 point). Vocational School Thomastown 0.

At Belfield: U.C.D. 2-1; (M. O'Sullivan 1-0, S. Aylward 1-0, M. Ryan 0-1, St. Mary's 1-0; (R. McAteer).

U.C.C. Now Tackle Oranmore In Club Semi-final

CALLY RIORDAN and her successful band of U.C.C. colleagues go back into action this weekend after their highly successful trip to Maynooth over last weekend, when they won the Ashbourne Cup for the fourth successive year.

On Sunday the University girls take the field in the Mardyke in the All-Ireland semi-final of the Inter-club Championship against Oranmore.

Last weekend College had two narrow but well deserved wins in the Ashbourne Cup and in the final against U.C.D. they had to go to extra time but they showed their tremendous staying power and their undoubted ability in coming out on top in the Universities once again.

For this game College may call on the services of Cork inter-county star Pat Maloney and one of their star forwards of last season, Ann O'Dwyer. These girls are now qualified for College but were not on the Ashbourne panel. On the other hand, first year students, like Mary Walsh, who played so well in the Ashbourne side, are not eligible for Sunday. But overall

College will be able to field a very strong side.

Oranmore will be tougher opponents than either U.C.G. or U.C.D. They are the All-Ireland Inter-club champions and their side contained several Connacht interprovincial players, including Nono McHugh, Margaret Murphy, Pat Feeney, Rosemary Divilly and Jossie Kelly.

An indication of their standard lies in the fact that they beat St. Paul's of Kilkenny in last year's final in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny, St. Paul's of course contain 11 of the Kilkenny panel which won the All-Ireland senior championship against Cork in September.

The inter club trophy has never come to Cork, in spite of the success of the county teams over the last number of years. Glen Rovers and South Presentation Past Pupils previously participated unsuccessfully in semi-finals. Now it is U.C.C.'s turn to try and go one better. This is their first appearance in the competition and what a tremendous double it would be for them in two weeks — an Ashbourne Cup trophy and qualification for the final of the inter-club championship — but it will not be easy.

SENIOR LEAGUE

The other big game on the local scene is the senior league tie between Old Aloysians and South Presentation Past Pupils. South Pres. already down two points (they lost to U.C.C.) could take the points here as Old Als are short of match practice at present. But with senior championship time approaching both will be anxious to do well so it could go either way.

There is one intermediate league tie listed for Sunday at Coachford where Churchtown and Aghabullogue do battle or vital league points. Churchtown, down two points, will be hoping for a win here and consequently, at least, a play-off for the intermediate league title.

There are two junior league ties listed. In the first of these Eire Og and Castleview clash for a very valuable set of points while Ballinlough should wrap up the city section of the campaign in the other tie. Having already defeated St. Finbarrs 'A' they should be capable of accounting for their second string on Sunday and just two points will give them the city section.

The intermediate and junior championship draws have now been made and are as follows:

Intermediate — Blarney v. Cloyne. Glanworth v. Water-

grasshill. Eire Og v. Aghabullogue. Canovee v. Sarsfields. Churchtown a bye.

Junior — Kilmichael v. Ballinora. Youghal v. Erin's Own. Blackwater v. Killeagh. South Pres. v. Douglas. Castleview v. St. Fanahans. Churchtown v. Gortroe. Eire Og v. Buttevant. Inniscarra v. St. Finbarrs. U.C.C. v. Ballinlough. Old Als. v. Na Piarasigh. Nemo Rangers v. Carrigtwohill.

Tomorrow (Saturday) will be a busy time for the schools players with all the first round ties of the intermediate and junior championship games down for decision.

St. Patricks and South Presentation will clash in both competitions at St. Patricks grounds, which should prove an exciting afternoon for followers of both schools.

At St. Aloysius Grounds both that school's teams will be in action. In the intermediate they meet Fermoy while their opponents in the junior will be newcomers Clonakilty.

The Green, Ballyphehane, will be the scene of three of these games. At 12 noon Immaculate Heart will meet Blarney in the junior campaign while in the afternoon North Presentation meet Immaculate Heart (intermediate) and Mount Mercy in the junior.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday) all schools championships

The Green, Ballyphehane — Junior, Blarney v. Immaculate Heart, 12 noon. North Presentation v. Mount Mercy, 2 p.m. Intermediate, North Presentation v. Immaculate Heart, 3 p.m.

At Patricks Grounds — junior, St. Patrick's v. South Presentation, 2 p.m. Intermediate, St. Patricks v. South Presentation, 3 p.m.

At St. Aloysius Grounds Junior, St. Als. v. Clonakilty Intermediate, St. Als v. Fermoy.

SUNDAY

At the Mardyke — 1.45 p.m. All-Ireland inter-club semi-final Oranmore (Co. Galway) v. U.C.C. (Ref. Pat Rafferty, Dublin).

Senior League at Ballyphehane at 3.30 South Pres. v. Old Als (Ref. Glen Rovers).

Intermediate league at Coachford at 3 p.m. Churchtown v. Aghabullogue (Ref. Carrigtwohill).

Junior league at Ovens at 3 p.m. Castleview v. Eire Og (Ref. Blarney).

Junior League at St. Finbarrs at 3 p.m. Ballinlough v. St. Finbarrs 'B' (Ref. Na Piarasigh).

FACILE WIN FOR OLD ALOYSIANS

Old Aloysians 8-1, South Presentation Past Pupils 0-1.

Old Aloysians had a devastating win over SPPP in the senior league yesterday. Both sides were without regulars for this game which was dominated throughout by the winners. They led at half time by 5-1 to 0-1 and added three more goals in the second half, to leave them 8-1 to 0-1 winners at the end.

Scorers for Old Aloysians, V Fitzpatrick (4-1), C Kenny (2-0), A O'Brien (2-0), while Marion McCarthy scored 0-1 for SPPP.

OTHER RESULTS

J.L., Eire Og 6-4, Castleview nil. Schools Intermediate Championship, St. Patrick's 2-1, South Presentation 0-0. Junior, St. Patrick's 2-0, South Presentation 1-0.

Dolores the star for Rosary Hill

Rosary Hill (Limerick) 4-3 St. Aloysius (Cork) 1-3

Dolores O'Brien was the heroine of her school friends on Saturday when she led Rosary Hill to an impressive win over St. Aloysius in the final of the Munster Colleges Senior Championship at Mount Mercy Grounds, Cork. Dolores not only captained her side but was also chief scorer with 2-3 to her credit.

In the first half this game was very close with Rosary Hill leading by two points for some time. Then St. Als snapped two similar scores and just on half-time scored a wonderful lead goal, which Patricia Mackey doubled into the net from a Val Fitzpatrick free, to leave them ahead by 1-2 to 0-2.

But after the resumption the winners came into their own. They wasted no time in snapping up the equaliser and then went on to score 5-1 more to leave them deserving winners.

Rosary Hill were the more disciplined side combining well throughout and particularly in the forward line. Dolores O'Brien, Bernadette O'Brien, Margaret O'Connor Barbara Mackey and Noreen Ryan were top players for them and though Val Fitzpatrick Clare Kenny and Patricia Mackey tried desperately to save the game they failed in the face of very good opposition.

After the game the championship trophy was presented to the winning captain by Miss Mary Moran, secretary. Munster Colleges' Council.

Scorers for the winners were: D. O'Brien 2-3, M. O'Connor 1-0, B. O'Brien 1-0, while P. Mackey 1-0 C. Kenny 0-2 and V. Fitzpatrick 0-1 scored for the losers.

Rosary Hill; M. O'Connor N. Ryan, E. Murphy, M. O'Connor B. Mackey D. O'Brien M. Begley M. O'Donnell, B. Conva, A. Quane, B. O'Brien, B. O'Dea.

St. Aloysius: E. Hackett, B. Foley, G. Ring N. Morrissey M. Murphy V. Fitzpatrick C. Kerney C. Cronin, A. O'Connor J. O'Brien M. Barry, P. Mackey.

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Oranmore defenders clear the ball away during a U.C.C. attack in the All-Ireland camogie Club Championship semi-final at the Mardyke, Cork, yesterday

ST. PAULS IN CAMOGIE FINAL

St. Paul's (Kilkenny) 6-6; Portlennone (Antrim) 1-3

ST. PAUL'S qualified for their fourth All-Ireland Club Championship Camogie final in eight years when they coasted to an easy victory over Portlennone at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny, yesterday.

St. Paul's, with eleven of the Kilkenny panel, were the stronger all-round side, had a better understanding and looked the fitter side, though the visitors, led by Mairead McAtamney and saved on many occasions by Sue McLarnon in goal, put up a good show, especially through the first half.

The home side were 1-2 in front before Portlennone goaled midway through the first half and though there were other chances for the Northern girls, it was St. Paul's who added two more goals to leave the half-time score 3-2 to 1-0.

The Kilkenny girls held the upper hand right through the second half and added 3-4 to 0-3 for the visitors.

The winners had outstanding players in Angela Downey, Ann Carroll, Helena O'Neill, Mary Fennelly and Carmel Doyle.

Best for Portlennone were Mairead McAtamney, Sue McLarnon, Ann Kelly and Deirdre Webb.

Scorers: St. Paul's—A. Downey (4-3), M. Conroy (1-0), M. Fennelly (0-2), H. O'Neill (0-1), C. Mulvanne (1-0), M. McAtamney (0-3).

Referee—Miss J. Murphy (Galway).

CAMOGIE CORNER

By
AGNES HOURIGAN

AT the end of this month history will be made when the annual Camogie Congress will, for the first time, be held in Limerick. But it will also be an occasion of regret, for Sheila McAnulty, the efficient Secretary of Cumann Camoguidheachta na nGael for more than 20 years, is retiring.

She notified the Congress gathering a year ago that 1974 would be her last year of office, and, despite pleas to change her mind, she has adhered to that decision.

The departure of Sheila will be a loss to the Camogie Association greater than many people may well realise. Ever since her childhood in Warrenpoint she has devoted a lifetime of selfless work in every spare moment not alone to Camogie but to every thing Gaelic and national. Of her it can be truly said that she has served the Association at top level in an absolutely unique fashion.

When she finished her term as President in the early 1950s, nobody was eager to take up the post of General Secretary which had become vacant. Sheila, always willing to serve Camogie where the need was greatest,

took over the post temporarily, and has been Secretary ever since.

It was a very different Camogie Association to which she succeeded as Secretary, with no recognised competition at Central Council level except the senior All-Ireland championship. Now as she retires there are All-Ireland championships in five grades; senior, junior, minor and Colleges senior and junior. Then there was only Central Council, now there is an All-Ireland Colleges' Council and a Higher Institutes' Council as well. In addition there is the well-established Interprovincial championship for the Gael-Linn Cup, plus the All-Ireland club championship.

In all these developments and advances Sheila McAnulty played a prominent part, but still found time to be active in many other spheres. She has long been a member of the Downmen's Association in Dublin and, needless to say, had some of the happiest moments of her life when the Mournemen came storming south to their first All-Ireland victories in the early 1960s. Sheila is still an avid Down fan and, camogie duties permitting,

ports them whenever the Reds and Blacks come south.

In recent years, however spare time for Sheila McAnulty has become progressively less because she also has a very successful business career which has led to her becoming Irish Area manager of an International Engineering Company.

But although Sheila McAnulty is retiring as Secretary, one sincerely hopes that Congress will see to it that her experience and expertise is not lost to the Association and that she remains on Central Council, perhaps as representative of the Primary Schools Committee of which she is also chairman.

There are at the moment two certain candidates for the vacant post of Treasurer, Miss Pat Rafferty, who in the past has served as Secretary of Leinster Council, and the Association's Public Relations Officer, Miss Jo Golden, who is also a member of the Activities Committee of the G.A.A., the only woman on any G.A.A. Central Council Committee. Both have been distinguished players, Miss Rafferty with Dublin and Miss Golden

Oranmore too talented for Cork girls

Oranmore 6-5; U.C.C. 2-2.
All Ireland Club champions, Oranmore, are through to the final of the Club championship once again. At the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, yesterday, they had an impressive win over U.C.C. in the semi-final, winning by 6-5 to 2-2. The U.C.C. girls, who took their fourth successive Ashbourne Cup last weekend were obviously suffering from the exertions of that success, but even if they were at their best it is doubtful if they would have held the talented Oranmore side.

The Co. Galway girls were stronger in all sectors and their strong, crisp hurling, talented midfielders and the scoring ability of their attack had the Cork girls on the defensive for most of the game.

After trailing by 5-3 to 1-0 at the interval U.C.C. made a gallant effort to get back in the game in the second period, but although they did come within 1-2 of the winners, Oranmore struck back with three goals which put the result beyond doubt.

Nono McHugh, Margaret Murphy, Marion Forde and Teresa Carroll, who came on as a sub in the second half, were in brilliant form for the winners while Mary Roche, Ellen O'Hanlon and Ger Butler tried hardest for U.C.C.

Oranmore: M. Burke, R. Jordan, M. Cosgrove, R. Divilly, A. Dilleen, J. Kelly, G. Divilly, N. McHugh, M. Forde, M. Murphy, A. Finn, P. Feeney, Sub: T. Carroll for P. Feeney.

U.C.C.: A. Hayes, M. Roche, S. Forde, N. Jennings, M. Lucey, V. O'Dwyer, P. Moloney, E. O'Hanlon, A. O'Dwyer, C. Roridan, G. Butler, C. Desmond.

Four Schools Chase To Titles Tomorrow

TOMORROW (Saturday) is a big game in the Cork schools season with four schools chasing two titles at Mount Mercy Grounds.

There should be plenty of excitement here with North and South Presentations battling for the Cork Intermediate League title and St. Aloysians and Mount Mercy meeting to decide the Senior League.

Presentation, Cashel, who were so impressive against Mount in the Munster Colleges final will also be in action tomorrow when they meet All-Ireland champions Presentation, Athenry in the All-Ireland semi-final.

On Sunday league games again dominate the fixture list. Mount Mercy's senior eleven will be playing their first game of the season on tomorrow. There are only two senior schools sides at the moment in the county and as Mount Mercy did not take part in the Munster Colleges they are without a game so far. St. Aloysius reached the final of the Colleges competition, and although they were beaten rather easily by Rosary Hill, they still have the match practice behind them. This season St. Als. have had top players in Val Fitzpatrick, Clare Kenny and Ann O'Connor and if these girls can get the side playing as a team then they must have a good chance of taking the league title. Against Rosary Hill, St. Als. showed plenty of individual talent but their performance was crying out for discipline and if they can put their talents together then they would be a very good side indeed.

It is difficult to know Mount Mercy's strength at this stage. But in recent years they have been very strong challengers in schools and colleges and tomorrow they are likely to be strong opponents indeed.

Last season St. Als., Mount Mercy and Rosary Hill finished on level terms in the Colleges Championship and there was a tremendous three-way battle with the Limerick girls finally emerging as victors. Mount Mercy have already taken the League and championship titles in their short history, and so St. Als. will not have things all their own way. The Model Farm road girls have grand players in Ann O'Sullivan, Cork minor Cecilia Aberse and Mary Butler and with the advantage of a home venue they will take a lot of beating.

Certainly there will be plenty of vocal support for both teams as there is tremendous rivalry between the two schools.

Munster minor champions of last season, North Presentation will be hoping for their first title of the new year when they meet South Presentation in the final of the Intermediate campaign.

Division I - L.P.Y.M.A. II v. Belvedere II - L.P.Y.M.A. v. Belvedere

Division II - L.P.Y.M.A. II v. Belvedere II - L.P.Y.M.A. v. Belvedere

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Division IV - L.P.Y.M.A. II v. Belvedere II - L.P.Y.M.A. v. Belvedere

Division V - L.P.Y.M.A. II v. Belvedere II - L.P.Y.M.A. v. Belvedere

Division VI - L.P.Y.M.A. II v. Belvedere II - L.P.Y.M.A. v. Belvedere

Division VII - L.P.Y.M.A. II v. Belvedere II - L.P.Y.M.A. v. Belvedere

Munster decider that must have a very real chance of reaching the final. The Cashel girls have shown what can be done by real hard work, always playing to instructions and always keen to chase even the most unlikely looking chance. They are a credit to the province and deserve the best of luck tomorrow.

On to Sunday games, which are all league ties. In the junior campaign Eire Og should be too strong for Ballinora in the last match of the 1974 league. Gortroe and Youghal will also be in opposition in the junior 1975—and though the seaside girls are not the force they were a few years ago they should still account for relative newcomers Gortroe.

Some of the best young players in the city will be in action in the Glen Rovers-Na Piarasigh clash in the Under-18 competition. The good work for the game in North Presentation is now showing in the standard of the under age teams of these clubs. Na Piarasigh got the better of Glen recently in the under-16 level and, no doubt, the Blackpool girls will be very anxious to reverse that decision.

Nemo Rangers played their first game a fortnight ago when their inexperienced caused them to drop two points to Douglas. They should find their own level on Sunday as Blackrock will be playing their first game since returning to camogie. Blackrock, who produced many outstanding players some years back, were very prominent in the fifties. It may take them a little while to get their team in shape though and the points could go to Nemo on this occasion.

Both playing their first game in 1975 under-16 league, it is hard to know what kind of talent Inniscarra and Ballincollog will have on show. Again in the Erin's Own v Watergrasshill clash in the same competition on Monday, it is difficult to suggest likely winners.

On Friday night last the successful entrants in the Cork Ceoil Caint agus Damhsa competition travelled to Herbertstown in Co. Limerick for the Munster finals. The Cork girls proved top of the list coming away with three of the seven titles, Clare, and Limerick taking two each. So heartiest congratulations to Norma Ryan, Mary Nott and Eire Og on the victories. The full results were:—Figure Dancing: Abane of Limerick; Recitation Norma Ryan (Blackwater Club, Cork); Comedy Act Eire Og; Question Time: Kilkishen, Clare; Solo Singing: Mary Nott (Glen Rovers, Cork); Instrumental Music: Anita O'Toole of Clare and

Belvedere II - L.P.Y.M.A. v. Belvedere

Belvedere I (from) J. Kennedy, R. O'Shea, P. Noonan

Belvedere II - L.P.Y.M.A. v. Belvedere

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Mercy Convent Seek Glory

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By AGNES HOURIGAN

The Colleges Camogie season is now reaching its climax. Already three of the provincial senior championships have been decided, and tomorrow at Nowlan Park in Kilkenny we shall have the remaining senior provincial final, and possibly the most intriguing of all with the first school ever to bring the title out of Dublin, Mercy Convent, Callan, seeking to recapture former glories when they take on Presentation Convent, Terenure, chasing their first such victory at top level.

To make the occasion even more exciting Terenure are also in the junior final against another County Kilkenny side, Vocational School, Thomastown, who have done remarkably well in reaching this final after only a very short apprenticeship in competitive camogie.

Callan, after fading out of the limelight for some considerable time, have certainly come back this season, led by the remarkable Downey twins, Anne and Angela, who first came to prominence with the junior side from Presentation Convent, Castlecomer, as did Claire White, while Bernadette Cahill has played for the Kilkenny minors.

SHAPED WELL

Last September, Angela Downey was one of Kilkenny's most impressive forwards in her county's first All-Ireland senior victory, while sister Anne was among the reserves.

On Sunday last both were on the St. Paul's team that qualified for the All-Ireland senior club final by defeating Portlennone, the Antrim and Ulster champions.

Callan shaped well in their earlier games, but have been out of action for some time due to having a bye from their zone to the final, whereas Terenure have been busier in recent weeks, and were very impressive in their semi-final victory over Kilkenny. They have very talented players in Margaret McMahon, Catherine Agnew, Helen O'Donoghue and Gene Prendergast, all of whom have starred on the junior or minor Dublin county teams.

Terenure may, however, suffer slightly from the very success of their own efforts and several of their players find themselves involved in both finals. To date, the juniors have, if anything, been more impressive than the

seniors and will probably start favourites against Thomastown who are very much of an unknown quantity as far as Dublin teams are concerned. However, these Kilkenny girls have come through one of the strongest zones in the competition, and may well continue their great run.

BATTLE HARD

The senior All-Ireland Colleges champions, Presentation Athenry, will again be a force to reckon with as they proved on Sunday last when retaining their Connacht title but they had to battle hard all the way, before shaking off the challenge of Our Lady's Gort, 2-4 to 1-1.

The Ulster champions, St. Louis, Kilkenny, also retained their provincial title with a clear-cut victory over St. Mary's Magherafelt, while the junior title also went to Kilkenny, but to a different school, St. Columbans, who, however, had a harder battle before overcoming Thornhill from Derry.

The All-Ireland club final will be a "replay" of last year's decided between the holders, Oranmore, from Galway and St. Paul's, Kilkenny. Both had comfortable victories on Sunday last with Oranmore cruising past U.C.C. at Cork, and St. Paul's much too good for Antrim's Portlennone.

U.C.D., by defeating Maynooth in the Higher Institute's League, qualified for one semi-final of that competition in which they are scheduled to meet St. Mary's Training College, Belfast, at Belfield tomorrow. Another Training College, Carysfort, await the Southern zone winners in the other semi-final.

Athenry, who hold both Colleges All-Ireland Camogie titles, will be favourites to complete the Connacht double for the second successive year when their juniors take on Loughrea in the provincial final of that grade at Ballinasloe tomorrow at 3.0.

Miss Mary Moran (Cork) and Miss Lily Spence (Antrim) will be in charge of a Referees and Administration Course being run by Clare County Board over the weekend.

The Munster finals of the Ceoil, Caint agus Damhsa competition will be held at Herbertstown, Co. Limerick, on Friday, March 7. Three counties, Cork, Limerick and Clare are competing.

Callan best

ST. BRIGID'S CALLAN) 2-5
ST. LOUIS (KILKEEL) 2-4

ST. BRIGID'S Convent (Callan) reached the All-Ireland Senior Colleges' camogie final for the first time when they defeated St. Louis Convent (Kilkeel) by 2-5 to 2-4 at Kilkeel yesterday.

SCORERS — Callan — M. Barry (2-1), A. Downey (0-4), Kilkeel — R. Neeson (1-0), L. Hines (1-0), B. Murphy (0-4).

Presentation Coll., Athenry, 3-8; Rosary Hill School, Castlecomer, Limerick, 0-0.

Presentation College, Athenry, had an easy entry to the All-Ireland Colleges' Senior Camogie final when they routed Munster champions, Rosary Hill, Castlecomer, in the semi-final at Athenry yesterday.

Athenry, who led by 1-5 to 0-0 at half-time, had their scores from Bernadette Ponnard (2-0), Theresa Duane (1-5), Midge Ponnard, Eileen Hynes and Olive Goidy (0-1 each).

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ORANMORE DEFEND TITLE

Downey Twins Star

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By AGNES HOURIGAN

LAST weekend on the Camogie fields was surely the weekend of the Downey twins. On Friday night they travelled to Killeel, County Down, from County Kilkenny for Saturday's All-Ireland Colleges semi-final. Because a cross-country team from St. Brigid's, Callan, was competing in the schools' championship the bus travelled via Monaghan, with the result that the Camogie side did not reach Killeel until late in the evening.

On Saturday the Downey pair, Anne and Angela, played a major part in Callan's one-point victory over St. Louis, Killeel, and then set out for Ballinderrin, near Croaghwell in Co. Galway to play with their club, St. Paul's, in the final of the All-Ireland club championship. And again the twins played an important part in their team's victory.

They have yet another big day to come. On April 19 at Croke Park, Callan have qualified to play holders Presentation, Athenry, in the All-Ireland Colleges final. The Downey sisters have already won All-Ireland senior medals with Kilkenny last Autumn. Angela on the field, Anne as a reserve.

Remarkable

They won All-Ireland club medals together on Sunday last. Can they complete a remarkable hat-trick next month by winning a third pair of All-Ireland medals in the Colleges final?

As far as All-Ireland club championship medals are concerned, two players before last Sunday's final shared the remarkable record of having won four such titles each, Ann Carroll and Liz Neary. They still shant that record but they now have five such awards as both were on the victorious St. Paul's side against Oranmore on Sunday last. Ann has won three titles with St. Paul's and two with St. Patrick's of Gleege-Ballingarry in her Tipperary days.

Liz has won five titles, four with St. Paul's and one with Austin Stacks with whom she played during her years as a student-nurse in Dublin.

Presentation Athenry, who set a remarkable record of their own by winning both senior and junior All-Ireland Colleges titles on the same day at Croke Park last Spring are already through to the senior final, and will be hoping to reach both finals for the second successive year when their junior string take on newcomers Presentation Cashel in the semi-final of that grade at Cashel tomorrow.

In the other semi-final, which will be played at the Phoenix Park grounds, Leinster champions, Presentation Terenure, will have no easy task in trying to thwart the ambitions of newly arisen St. Columban's of Killeel.

Also on the agenda tomorrow is the final of the South-West zone of the Higher Institutes League in which University College Cork take on University College Galway.

The annual congress of the Camogie Association will be held in Limerick on March 22 and 23. The president Mrs. Nan Murray (Antrim), treasurer Miss Lily Spence (Antrim), trustees, Sean O'Duffy and Mrs. Inex Leonard, and organiser Sean O'Duffy will all be returned unopposed, but secretary Miss Sheila McAnulty is definitely retiring after more than 20 years of devoted service

BY TAQBH LINE
ORANMORE—the Galway champions won the All-Ireland Club Camogie title for the first time a year ago when they somewhat unexpectedly beat the specialists in this competition, St. Paul's from Kilkenny, in the final at Nowlan Park.

On Sunday next, at Ballinderrin near Croaghwell, the same two clubs meet again in this year's final and there is hardly likely to be any more between them now than the two points that divided them a year ago.

Oranmore will have most of last year's winners on duty again, and led by such accomplished players as Nono McHugh, Josie Kelly and Pat Feeney will on home ground, be very hopeful of retaining their title.

On the other hand, St. Paul's appearing in their sixth All-Ireland final in this grade will be very intent on avenging last year's defeat.

They will have in their ranks the two players who hold a joint record in this competition, Ann Carroll and Liz Neary, both of whom have helped win four All-Ireland club titles already, not

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all with the same club, and will also have several other Kilkenny All-Ireland stars.

These include the O'Neill sisters, Helena and Teresa, Ursula Grace, Carmel Doyle and the remarkable Downey twins Anne and Angela who will have to cross the country to play at Ballinderrin as tomorrow they will be engaged with their school, St. Brigid's, Callan, against St. Louis, Killeel in the All-Ireland Colleges semi-final at Killeel.

Callan after nine years in the wilderness came back with a bang last weekend when they recaptured the Leinster title and

Stuart Cup by defeating Presentation, Terenure, and travel North hopefully this ing.

But the Killeel girls only rowly beaten in last year's Ireland final, showed fine in retaining their Northern and will not be easily accounted for on home ground.

In the other semi-final scheduled for tomorrow, holders, Presentation Cor Athenry are at home to R Hill, Castleconnell, and will firm favourites to reach the once again.

But the Limerick representatives who showed plenty power when retaining the Munster title against Cork Aloysius will have profited last season's experience might spring a surprise.

MARY PUTS PAULS ON WAY TO TITLE

St. Pauls (Kilkenny), 3-3; Oranmore (Galway), 1-1. ST. PAULS (KILKENNY), Leinster camogie champions, won fourth All-Ireland club championship at Ballinderrin when comfortably defeated the holders, Oranmore (Galway), the nacht champions.

The game started at cracking pace which was maintained throughout the first half. The holders, who had a strong behind them, were not well placed at half time being only two points ahead. St. Pauls were first to score—a well-worked goal by Mary Fennelly in the first five minutes. The home side attacked again but they did not manage to draw level until the 20th minute of this half when Pat Feeney goalied a pass from Josie Kelly.

St. Pauls were clearly the better balanced side and restart and added a goal and a point; wide on a free. V. O'Connell and the longer strikers, dominated the closing stages to further goal an dtwo points to win convincingly.

S. Pauls had outstanding players in Helena O'Neill, Conway, Ann Carroll, Mary Fennelly, and the Downey twins. McHugh, Josie Kelly, Rose Divilly and Mandy Cosgrave best for the losers.

Scorers: St. Pauls—M. Conway (2-0), H. O'Neill (0-3), E. Downey (1-0), P. Feeney (1-0), N. McHugh (0-1).

ST. PAULS—T. O'Neill; A. Carroll, L. Neary, Ann Downey, M. Kelly, H. O'Neill, M. Fogarty, M. Fennelly, U. Grace, M. Conway, Angela Doyle, C. Doyle.

ORANMORE—M. Burke; R. Jordan, M. Cosgrave, A. Dilleen, R. D. G. Divilly, J. Kelly, N. McHugh, M. Ford, A. Finn, M. Murphy, Carroll. Sub.—P. Feeney for G. Divilly. Referee—Mrs. Lynch (Monaghan).

ST ALOYSIUS, MOUNT MERCY FINISH LEVEL

St. Aloysius 3-2; Mount Mercy 3-2
North Presentation 5-3; South Presentation 0-2.

Old rivals St. Aloysius and Mount Mercy finished on level terms in the final of the Cork Schools Senior league at Mount Mercy grounds on Saturday. In the Intermediate final North Presentation took the title at the expense of South Presentation by 5-3 to 0-2.

A draw was surely the fairest result in the senior final as both teams turned in grand performances and with the lead constantly changing hands they kept their supporters in suspense right up to the final whistle.

Scorers: St. Ais' — P. Mackey (3-0); V. Fitzpatrick (0-1) and A. O'Connor (0-1). Mt. Mercy — L. O'Sullivan (2-0), H. Collins (1-0), M. Bowen (0-1), M. Butler (0-1). St. Aloysius: G. Ring, B. Foley, V. Cronin, E. Hackett, M. Murphy, J. O'Brien, C. Cronin, A. O'Connor, V. Fitzpatrick, C. Kenny, M. Barry, P. Mackey.

Mount Mercy: L. Cosgrave, C. Aherne, M. Hoey, A. Carey, G. Coffey, M. Butler, A. O'Sullivan, H. Collins, M. Bowen, P. McCarthy, F. Walsh, L. O'Sullivan.

North Pres.: L. Murphy, M. Twomey, M. Cronin, B. Owens, M. Kelly, M. Coughlan, B. Newman, M. Heffernan, C. Harris, M. O'Connell, M. O'Brien, A. Connolly.

+South Pres.: D. O'Connell, B. Bell, H. Murphy, H. McDonald, G. Mackey, L. Walsh, V. O'Mahony, B. Lyne, Y. Cotter, H. O'Mahony, E. Kavanagh, P. Kelly, Subs., C. Holmes for Y. Cotter; J. Mulroy for C. Holmes, Y. Cotter for L. Walsh.

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PRESENTATION CONVENT
TERENURE 3-2
ST. COLUMBAN'S,
KILLEEL 1-0

Presentation Convent reached the All-Ireland junior colleges camogie final at Phoenix Park yesterday after extra time in a very good game. Terenure led 2-0 to 1-0 at half time and at full time the scores were 2-0 each.

Scorers Terenure — F. Murphy (1-2), H. O'Connor (2-0). St. Columban's (A. McComb (2-0), M. McVeigh (1-0).

PRESENTATION CONVENT,
CASHEL 4-4
PRESENTATION CONVENT,
ATHENRY 0-0

Presentation Convent Cashel, qualified for their first ever All-Ireland colleges junior camogie final with this decisive win over the holders Presentation Convent, Athenry, at Cashel, yesterday. The marking was too close at the opening half and deprived the name of any real spectacular play.

The winners, playing against the breeze, led by a point at the interval.

The scorers were — M. Robinson (2-2), M. Kelly (1-2), E. McKiernan (1-0).

CALLAN'S TWIN MENACE

Meet the Downey twins, Angela, left, and Ann, right, who played for Schoil Bhride, Callan, in the colleges camogie semi-final against Killeel at Killeel yesterday and today make the long journey to Ballinderrin in Galway to help St. Pauls in the All-Ireland Club final against Oranmore.



Congress want tickets for All-Irelands

The Irish Camogie Association is to request that the G.A.A. grant them an allocation of tickets for the All-Ireland hurling and football finals. A motion to this effect by the Colleges, was passed yesterday by delegates attending the National Congress at the Limerick Ryan Hotel.

It was just one of 34 motions discussed at the Congress which began on Saturday.

An attempt to bring in a resolution that a chairman on a Provincial Council can only hold office for three years, was defeated. Many of the delegates aired their views and the motion came before congress. It was felt that if the motion was passed it might stir up interest in younger people to go forward for election.

One delegate, speaking for the motion said that when young people see a particular person in office for so long, they lose interest. In contrast to that, however, it was stated that should such a motion be carried, it would damage the prospects of the weaker and smaller counties who might not have anyone else to fill the office.

It was decided to hold the All-Ireland minor final at Croke Park

where possible, and the delegates passed a motion asking RTE to show the All-Ireland finals live.

The following are the officers elected—President, Neamhán Uí Mhuiri (Antrim); Secretary, Seosamhín Nic Ualladaigh (Kilkenny); Treasurer, Eilís Ní Spealain (Antrim); National Organiser, Seán Ua Dubhthaigh (Dublin); Trustees: Seán Ua Dubhthaigh and Iní Bhean Uí Lionaird (Dublin).

Miss Sheila McAnulty of Co. Down retired from the office of General Secretary, which she held for the last 21 years. Many tributes were paid to her from Central Council members and delegates.

One motion passed by Congress which is bound to prove controversial is the decision to continue the Gael Linn Cup Interprovincial Championships to junior team players for a trial period of three years. This, of course, means that top senior players may never get the chance of representing their province and surely this must reduce the status of the Gael Linn Cup.

Better news for University players comes in the passing of a motion which allows players attending University to play all the year round for their home teams, as well as the University in question.

The draw for the All-Ireland championship required as follows:—A: Clare v Wexford B: Tipperary v Dublin. C: Cork v Antrim. D: Kilkenny v Galway. Semi-finals: D v C, and A v B.

Congress In Limerick This Weekend

CAMOGIE people from all the country will gather in Limerick over the weekend for Congress. This is the time of year when the administrators get together to streamline the game and delegates from all interested counties gather to air their views.

Then, of course, there is the draw for the All-Ireland championship and with the open system continuing Cork will be waiting with interest to hear the name of their first-round opponents. Cork lost the title last season after a successful run of four wins and their pairing in the draw could have a vital bearing on their chances of a comeback in 1975.

But back to Congress. One of the most significant aspects of this year's meeting will be the retirement of Sheila McAnulty as general secretary. A native of Co. Down, Sheila has given untold service to camogie. While never a great player—which she freely admits—Sheila certainly has been the leading light in the administrative side of the game for the past 25 years. A former chairman of Ulster Council, Sheila then became president of the Association and was the only president to exceed the limit of three years. A most articulate person in every way Sheila could always command an audience when she rose to speak. Always dedicated to everything Irish and always calling on camogie followers to keep the true Irish traditions alive, Sheila will be missed by every camogie player, official and follower in the game. It is impossible to imagine the camogie scene without her, and we can only hope that when she has been relieved of the burdens of general secretary, that she will find time to take an interest in the game and give advice and help to all those who might need it.

TWO CANDIDATES

There are two candidates for the vacant post of general secretary. Jo Golden, the present national P.R.O., and Pat Rafferty, former secretary of Leinster Council. This is the only post in which there will be an election. All the other officers are returned unopposed.

There will be plenty to talk about in the long list of motions for the weekend. These include calls for a Fixtures Committee, a Finance Committee and a Coaching Committee. An administrative officer is also sought as well as a call for the televising of the All-Ireland finals. There is also a complete set of new rules to govern the inter-club competition down for discussion while at the same time there is a motion which calls for the abolishment of this competition

as well as the Gael Linn Cup (interprovincial).

Other motions include a suggested reduction in the number attending Central Council. This does not include the provincial chairman but the number of delegates from each county. Again there is the suggested elimination of the top crossbar. This would surely be welcomed in Cork, as well as many more counties, where the top crossbar is rarely used and it means that Cork girls playing outside have the rather daunting task of placing points between two bars when they play in other parts of the country.

The new Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa competition is also mentioned in motions with changes in the rules suggested and there is also a call for a Youth Convention.

Congress will take up two days but no doubt after the weekend camogie will be that little bit better for all the discussions and decisions taken by the delegates.

The under 16, 18 and junior leagues will make further progress on Sunday with a number of ties in these campaigns listed.

Eire Og won the Co. Junior Championship in 1974 and will have to field a completely new team for the 1975 season. But even so, they may still be too experienced for Kilmichael when these sides meet at Ovens in the Junior league.

Cloyne and Killeagh should produce a good game when they clash in the Under 18 campaign while Castleview should prove too good for Ballinora at Ovens in the same competition.

Old Aloysians are entering the Under 16 league for the first time, and will be making their first appearance on Sunday when they meet Bishopstown at the latter's grounds. As Old Als. will have mainly schools players and Bishopstown have a number of Mount Mercy players the rivalry between the two schools could be in evidence again in this clash. In the other game in the Under 16's, Ballyphehane should be too strong for Douglas.

FIXTURES

Saturday and Sunday at Limerick, Annual Congress.

SUNDAY

J.L. at Ovens, Eire Og v Kilmichael at 12 noon (ref. Inniscarra).

U. 18 at Ballinora, Ballinora v Castleview at 3.30 (ref. Eire Og).

U. 16 at Bishopstown, Bishopstown v Old Aloysians at 3.30 (ref. St. Finbarr's).

U. 16 at Ballyphehane, Douglas v Ballyphehane at 3.30 (ref. Na Piarraig).

U. 18 at Killeagh, Cloyne v Killeagh at 3.30 (ref. Youghal).

Cashel girls reach first All-Ireland

Presentation Convent, Cashel 4-4
Presentation Convent Athenry 0-0

Presentation Convent Cashel qualified for their first ever All-Ireland Colleges junior camogie championship final by a decisive win over the holders Pres. Athenry at Cashel on Saturday. The game was keenly contested and while the marking was very close for the greater part of the opening half it rather spoiled the encounter as a spectacle.

The standard of camogie however improved considerably as the game progressed and the large attendance was treated to a thrilling and exciting second half. The Minster champions playing against a stiff breeze led by a point at the interval scored by Mary Kelly.

Scorers — Cashel — M. Halpinan, 2-2, M. Kelly 1-2, R. Mulligan 1-0.

Camogie congress



ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE CONGRESS — Delegates attending the annual Camogie Congress at Ryans Hotel, Limerick. Included are officers: Mrs. N. Murray, Antrim, President; Miss Sheila McAnulty, Down, Secretary; Miss Lily Spence, Antrim, Treasurer; Sean O'Duffy, Dublin, National Organiser; Mrs. Leonard, Dublin, Trustee.



SCHOOLS LEAGUE FINAL — Mrs. Kay Dunne, the donor, presenting the shield to Bernadette Owens, captain of the North Presentation Convent team, which defeated South Presentation Convent in the final of the Cork Schools Camogie Intermediate League at Model Farm Road, Cork, on Saturday.

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Home Draw For Cork This Year

BIG news from Congress, held last weekend, is that for the third year running Cork have got a home venue in the first round of the All-Ireland Championship. As the open draw continues to be a big success the draw has greater interest than ever. Cork's opponents this year will be Antrim, who will be meeting Cork for the third successive year—but at different stages of the competition.

draw that Cork are in the most difficult half as three top teams in the country at the moment are all in these two games. But more about that later.

STRANGE DECISION

A rather strange decision was made at Congress when a motion to have the Gael Linn Cup confined to junior players was passed. This means that a chance of winning a Gael Linn Cup medal and of representing the province has vanished for the more senior members of the Cork team, as well, of course, the top stars in the other counties. This new Gael Linn is for a trial period of three years—in my opinion far too long—as it seems ludicrous to have top players unable to represent their province—surely one of the ambitions of any player. But it was passed at Congress and so has to be accepted.

U.C.C., as well as many junior clubs around the county, will be glad of the new rule concerning players attending University. For some seasons now both the Universities and the clubs have been looking for permission to play with their home clubs as well as the university. At first a rule was passed to allow University girls to play for the summer months but this, of course, often meant that girls figured with their clubs during competitions which they were

unable to complete. A case in point was that of Cork star, Pat Moloney, who helped in no small way to bring Killeagh to the Junior Championship final, but because the final was not played until the autumn, Pat had to step down in the decider—which Killeagh lost to Eire Og.

Now the players can play with the University and their home club all the year round, the only restriction being that they cannot play for both club and University in the same competition.

Other news to come out of Congress includes the allocation of some of the work of Central Council to the new Fixtures and Finance committees; the All-Ireland minor final will be played in Croke Park—if available; and the All-Ireland Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa finals will take place in Scoil Cairliona, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin, on Sunday, April 13, at 2.30 p.m.

The U.C.C. seven-a-side, which had to be postponed some weeks ago has now been refixed for Sunday, April 6, while the Senior Championship will begin on the weekend April 19/20.

Four camogie clubs have entered for Felle na nGael: Na Piarasigh, Old Aiosians, Blackrock and Ballyphehane. One visiting team will be invited from each province to which the Cork

clubs will act as hosts. Feile will be in Cork this year on July 19/20.

Finally, a word about our new general secretary, Jo Golden. A native of Kilkenny, Jo has played in goal for Kilkenny seniors and on many occasions for Leinster. A fluent Irish speaker, she graduated from U.C.D. with whom she won a number of Ashbourne Cup medals. She is a teacher by profession and was instrumental in starting "Camogie" magazine. She is a member of the G.A.A. Communications Committee and the first P.R.O. of the Camogie Association. In the latter capacity, she made quite an impact. She has started to collect the history of the Association and has produced Camogie's first Year Book. Incidentally, this Year Book is now available from the Co. Board at 40p. It is well worth buying as it has a number of very interesting articles as well as being packed with pictures in colour and black and white. Cork, as All-Ireland finalists, are prominently featured throughout as well as appearing in colour pictures at the back and front of the magazine. So come on followers, give this worthwhile Year Book your support and make it possible to continue with its publication.

CONGRESS MARKS A NEW ERA

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The annual Camogie Congress in Limerick marked in more respects than one the start of a new era in the history of the Association. In the first place it saw the retirement, after more than 20 years of efficient and dedicated service to the game, the Association and its ideals, of Miss Sighle MacAnulty.

Yet, judging by the worth and emphasis of her Report of a year's work just past as the Association's first National P.R.O., Miss Jo Golden, who will succeed Miss MacAnulty as General Secretary, will with experience prove a very worthy successor.

Secondly the decisions taken by Congress to set up new Committees to deal with fixtures and finance should smooth considerably the work of Central Council by whom of course these new bodies will be appointed and to whom they will be subject and responsible.

The task of the Fixtures Committee will be to make the arrangements well in advance for all games under Central Council auspices, to appoint the

Antrim played a great game with Cork in the 1973 All-Ireland final, failing by only a single point after a ding-dong struggle. Last season Cork had to make the very long journey to Glenarriffe and though Antrim held them in the first half, Cork emerged as easy winners at the end. Now it is Antrim's turn to come to Cork and it will be interesting to see how things turn out on this occasion.

Cork, of course, lost the All-Ireland last season after a tremendous winning run of "four in a row." This year they are likely to be without a number of that successful side, but Cork's attitude to this will be that it is time to re-build.

All-Ireland champions, Kilkenny, are at home to Galway in a very attractive first round game and if Cork can advance they will meet the winners here. So it would appear from the

Special Appeal Of Seven-A-Side

SEVEN-A-SIDE competitions and minor teams also to be have always had a special appeal selected players have a wonder-

Noreen Bailey



The U.C.C. team, winners over U.C.D. in the final of the Inter-Universities Camogie League at the Mardyke. —("Examining")

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THE CAMOGIE SCENE

By AGNES HOURIGAN

ALL who participated in this year's Ashbourne Inter-University Cup, the oldest competition in Camogie, will, in future years, look back with pleasure on the 1975 series, the first in which St. Patrick's, Maynooth, was ever the home college. Not alone was the welcome for all the participating teams of the warmest, not alone were the arrangements very satisfactory despite necessarily heavy pitches, but the standard of play was remarkably even.

Congratulations, too, to the Ulster Bank, who sponsored this year's "Ashbourne"—would that more Irish companies would follow the example of the Ulster Bank in helping to promote our Irish games.

University College, Cork, retained the Cup and the title, but look at how hard they had to battle for victory! In their semi-final they only defeated Galway by a point in a remarkably low-scoring game, 1-0 to 0-2, while in the final the winners and U.C.D. finished level, and it was only late in the second period of extra time that the Cork girls snatched the scores that gave them hard-earned success. And it must be remembered, too, that in the other semi-final, Dublin had to give of their best all the way before overcoming Maynooth.

Yes! this was a memorable Ashbourne, and the remaining three Colleges, Queen's who won the Duthracht event, Trinity and a cheerful side from Coleraine, deserve full credit for helping make it so.

Moreover, while rivalry is as keen as ever, there is a far greater degree of friendship and comradeship between the teams than used to be the case years

ago, when the respective teams were inclined to keep strictly to themselves. Now, possibly because of the greater number of Universities competing, the Ashbourne week-end is becoming something of a social get-together and re-union as well.

There are also far closer ties between the officials and players from the various centres, as they are meeting far more often because of the institution a couple of years ago of the Higher Institute Council. This means the officials of the University Clubs have got to know one another personally, each realises the other's problems, and a far greater spirit of unity and co-operation prevails. In addition the players through the Higher Institutes League, meet one another much more often than once was the case, and this has led to a greater comradeship all round.

Meanwhile, with Congress already over, the sights of all concerned are now set on the All-Ireland championships, an intriguing prospect in all grades.

One question, of course, that everyone will be asking is, when are we going to see Dublin return to the forefront? It is, on the face of it, extraordinary, that a county which won 19 titles in senior ranks during the 20 years ending in 1966 has not been able to reach a final since 1967, and not even come out of Leinster since then. But I feel it will not be long until we see Dublin Camogie sides back in the Big Time.

The number of clubs and players is still remarkably high, the enthusiasm undiminished, although competition at top senior level is very restricted at the moment. However, in all other grades, the local competitions

were never keener or more interesting, there is plenty of help and encouragement for the enthusiastic juvenile teams, and there has been a marked improvement in Colleges standards.

Dublin dominated the Leinster Colleges competitions in the earliest years but, for a long time past, these have been dominated by the provincial schools. However it was good recently to see Presentation, Terenure, in both senior and junior finals, and if they had to give best to Callan in senior, they did secure the junior trophy.

Granted that Dublin's record on the senior inter-county fields has been surprisingly dismal since the end of the '60s but it must not be forgotten that the county has won two junior All-Irelands and must be counted unlucky to have been narrowly defeated in last year's decider of this grade. As well as that, the county minor side failed in the Leinster final to Kilkenny after one of the best games in the entire championship, and Kilkenny, be it remembered, were only beaten on a replay by ultimate winners, Down.

Have no fears at all for the future of Dublin Camogie on the inter-county fields. There is a world of youthful talent available, and the fact that their long run of senior All-Ireland victories has been ended does not mean that the standard in Dublin has drastically declined. What it does mean is that the standard in many other counties has been raised to the standards Dublin set in the Golden Days.

And surely that is all for the good of the game?

Ger Butler goals clinch UCC victory

U.C.C., 2-2; U.C.D., 1-2.

Two dramatic goals by Ger Butler gave U.C.C. their second successive Higher Institutes of Education League at the Mardyke on Saturday when they defeated U.C.D. by 2-2 to 1-2.

But for most of this game U.C.C. were up against it in a dour struggle between two very evenly matched sides. Only two points were scored in the first half—one each—and when the Dublin girls took a one point lead midway through the second half it looked as if that single point could win the game.

But U.C.C. suddenly burst into life and the forwards, who had missed many scoring chances, particularly from frees, suddenly found their form, and Ger Butler snatched those vital goals. U.C.D. did reply with a goal from Mary O'Sullivan but it was too late to deprive the Cork girls of their Ashbourne-League double.

Nuala Jennings, Val O'Dwyer and Ger Butler were best for the winners while May Ryan, Dorothy Walsh and Schira Casey worked hardest for U.C.D.

Scores: U.C.C.: Butler 2-0, V. O'Dwyer 0-2. U.C.D.: M. Ryan 0-2, M. O'Sullivan 1-0.

After the game the trophy was presented to U.C.C. captain Cally Riordan by Mrs. A. Purcell, President of the Council of Higher Institutes of Education.

U.C.C.—A. Hayes, N. Jennings, M. Kearney, M. Houlahan, M. Lucey, C. Lucey, C. Desmond, V. O'Dwyer, C. Riordan, G. Butler, A. McCarthy, M. Daly. Sub: M. Walsh for M. Daly.

U.C.D.—M. Nic Bais, M. Varley, D. Walsh, M. Ni Cheallaigh, M. Moore, S. Casey, C. Prendergast, M. Rooney, M. Ryan, M. O'Sullivan, N. Delaney, S. Alyward.

CAMOGIE ROUND-UP

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There is plenty of activity on and off the field at present. The All-Ireland Club Championship which always arouses great interest has reached the final stages. St. Pauls, holders of a fine record in this competition had a well merited win over a Portlennone side built around that great Antrim stylist Mairéad McAtamney. St. Paul's can of course call on several of the Kilkenny All-Ireland side, and indeed that great stalwart Ann Carroll was the mainstay of the defence in their semi-final success. Incidentally, Angela and Ann Downey, twin daughters of former All-Ireland hurler Shem Downey, are not only members of the St. Paul's side but are also largely responsible for bringing their school, Scoil Bhríde, Callan, into the final stages of the All-Ireland Colleges competition. Should they continue on the winning trail these youngsters will be committed to playing on both Saturdays and Sundays over the next couple of weeks.

The Galway champions, Oranmore, had a relatively easy passage in disposing of a U.C.C. side that was obviously still suffering from the effects of the previous week end when they successfully retained the Ashbourne Cup. This Galway side, like their Kilkenny counterparts, have several inter-county stars, and they do not readily admit to defeat. It is little wonder then that many followers of the game anticipate the match of the year in the St. Paul's v. Oranmore clash.

The Ashbourne competition is always one of the glamour events of the camogie calendar. This year Maynooth hosted the various Universities and once again the series was a great success. One of the amazing features of this competition is the uncertainty of the outcome. Cork arrived wearing the well deserved tag of favourites but they had to give of their best in extra time to get past an eager-beaver U.C.D. side. Q.U.B. beat the Trinity team in the



Pictured above are the members of the first Primary Colleges Council.

Duthracht competition and the Sunday night celebrations marked the conclusion of another very enjoyable camogie week end.

The All-Ireland final of Ceol Caint agus Damhsa will be held on April 13th in Dublin. The standard throughout the country has been very high, which is most encouraging, when one considers the amount of hard work which the running of such a competition at club, county and provincial level involves.

The Association's P.R.O., Miss Jo Golden, is as we all expected filling her post with distinction. Jo, still one of the finest players in the game, has met the various county P.R.O.s and is presently working with them in

the drawing up of a History of the Association. Each County P.R.O. will be expected to undertake the necessary research to trace the development of camogie from its beginnings within the County. The findings will of course form a very important and vital part of the proposed Camogie Library which will possibly be sited in a Dublin headquarters. A Camogie Year Book is expected to be published shortly - this will for the moment replace the very popular magazine "Camogie".

Mrs. Lil O'Neill (nee O'Grady) did not go forward as Chairman of Munster Council. Lil has given great administrative service to the game,

and her successor Miss Mary Moran has been closely linked with successful Cork teams in latter years. The vice-chairman is Sr. Angela from Clare, who works tirelessly in the best interests of the game.

Ulster held a very successful administration course recently. The programme included lectures on duties of officers, communication and publicity and development of and from the club. The structure of the Association was discussed with emphasis on the important role of the colleges. Closer cooperation with the G.A.A. was advocated and incidentally the Chairman of the Down G.A.A. Board, was present.

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Over 50 years service

closer co-operation with the G.A.A., with perhaps a possibility of partaking in the Ciste na Banban scheme. Details and information on the instructional film will also be available and the General Secretary will be glad on request to supply information on its availability. The film is of course invaluable for coaching purposes.

A Primary Colleges Council has been set up to foster the game in the primary schools. A decision was taken at its inaugural meeting in Croke Park on 14/12/74 to request each Co. Board to set up a sub-committee which would be responsible for organising the game in primary schools.

Emphasis will be on "friendlies" rather than on the more serious competitions. The Chairman of this Council is Sighle Nic An Ultaigh and she has accepted the appointment from Central Council for one year.

Sighle is not going forward this year as General Secretary of the Association, an office she has held since 1953. Indeed she has been an administrator for fifty years, having taken her first appointment as Secretary of the Betsy Gray Club in Warrenpoint, Co. Down, in 1925. The Association has been enriched by the ability, foresight, tireless work, kindness and graciousness of this remarkable person and she will be sorely missed. *Gara gada buan í.*



Sighle Nic An Ultaigh (above) who is Chairman of the Primary Colleges Council for one year, plans to retire after more than 50 years service to Camogie.

Schools League Final Replay Tomorrow

Schools League Final replay between arch rivals Mount Mercy and St. Aloysius will take place tomorrow at Mount Mercy Grounds. The Intermediate League final will be staged tomorrow evening (7.30 p.m.) at Middleton when Churchtown take on Blarney.

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HARD-TO-BEAT

Val Fitzpatrick, Clare Kenny, ... St. Aloysius will consider themselves unlucky not to have won the title that day. In spite of being led by 2-1 to 1-0 at half time, they got more on top in the second half with Patricia Mackey notching two great goals. But they were never that ahead and with Mount Mercy never admitting defeat a draw was the fairest result for both sides' efforts.

But Mount Mercy had the time to improve too and with the first game to sharpen them and the advantage of a home game they could make it this time. At any rate it will be a game well worth seeing.

As a curtain raiser St. Patrick's and Mount Mercy will meet in the final of the Intermediate League and here again there will be plenty of excitement. Churchtown had a very impressive win in the U.C.C. seven a side tournament on Sunday last. Their greater fitness and speed left all the others standing and it will surely give them a great boost for their clash with Blarney in the decider of the Intermediate League at Middleton tomorrow evening.

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BEST WISHES

Norma Ryan, Mary Nott and the Eire Og Comedy Group (Rose O'Leary, Marion Lucey and Kitty Sheehan) carry Cork's colours to the All-Ireland Ceilidh, Caint agus Dasmha Finals. This is the first of the All-Ireland series and the best wishes of Cork followers will go with the talented Cork girls to Glasnevin. This is a big step for them as Ulster have had many years of this competition and must surely be more confident with their greater knowledge of the competitions. But the Cork girls have already won the County and then the provincial finals in their respective group and so should not be overawed in Dublin.

The remaining figures for the weekend include an under 16 League game at St. Finbarr's in which the Barrs take on Ballinlough and a Junior League game at Inniscarra where the local girls meet Kilmichael. And on Saturday Carrigrohilly meet Killeagh at Carrigrohilly in the under 18 league.

VICTURES

Saturday, 12th April. Intermediate League final at Middleton at 7.00: Churchtown v. Blarney. (Referee Old Als). Under 16 league at Carrigrohilly at 3.30: Carrigrohilly v. Killeagh. At Mount Mercy v. St. Patrick's, 2.30 p.m.

Final: Mount Mercy v. St. Aloysius, 3.30 p.m.; JL. Mt. Mercy v. St. Patrick's, 2.30 p.m.

All-Ireland C.C.D. Finals at 2.50. Scoil Caltriona, Glasnevin, Dublin, at 2.50.

St. Aloysius had it easy

St. Aloysius 6-5, Mount Mercy 2-2.
St. Patrick's 2-6, Mount Mercy 1-1.

Val Fitzpatrick was the toast of the St. Aloysius School on Saturday when she inspired her school to a fine 6-5 to 2-2 win over old rivals and holders Mount Mercy in the replay of the final of the Cork Senior Schools League at Mount Mercy Grounds.

Val turned in a wonderful performance scoring 4-4 of her side's tally. Patricia Mackey, Clare Cronin, Clare Kenny, Ger Ring and Ber Foley were others to shine for the winners. Mount Mercy had their best players in Louise Cosgrave, Mary Butler and Frances Walsh.

Scorers for the winners—V Fitzpatrick 4-4, C Cronin 1-0, P Mackey 1-0, H Collins 1-0, and O'Sullivan 1-0, H. Collins 1-0, and M Butler 0-2 were on the mark for Mount Mercy.

St Aloysius—G Ring, B Foley, E Hackett, N Morrissey, V Cronin, C Cronin, J O'Brien, M Murphy, A O'Connor, V Fitzpatrick, C Kenny and P Mackey.

Mount Mercy—L Cosgrave, C Aherne, A Carey, M Hoey, A O'Sullivan, G Coffey, H Collins, M Butler, I O'Sullivan, P McCarthy, C Moore and P Walsh.

ANOTHER DEFEAT

Mount Mercy were at the receiving end of another defeat in the intermediate final at the same venue on Saturday. In this St. Patrick's won the Gaelic League trophy for the first time with a convincing 2-6 to 1-1 win.

CHURCHTOWN'S FACILE WIN

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Stable winners in the '974 County Intermediate Camogie League at Blarney on Saturday night last. At no stage did the visitors look like winning and when Geraldine Horgan slammed home a great goal in the 12th minute, the writing was on the wall for Blarney. Churchtown moved like well oiled machinery and firing on all cylinders, they sounded a warning that this year they will not fail at the final hurdle as in the past two years. Their fitness, positional play and team work, showed how they annexed the Senior Seven-a-Side Tournament a fortnight ago and with no weakness in their armour, especially their defence and midfield; Blarney failed to find any gap and the few shots that came the way of their 'keeper could be counted on one hand. Geraldine Horgan lining out at centre forward was quick to open the scoring when a loose ball crossed her path and she quickly slammed it over the bar. Nine minutes later the same player left Nora O'Shea helpless in goal when from twenty yards she blazed a shot to the back of the Blarney net.

Three minutes later Josie Knowles who had a great tussle with Mary O'Leary, passed to Majella Horgan and the well-known athlete was on hand to put Churchtown further ahead. In the 17th minute Susan Burke was on target when she pointed a 25 yards free and following a bad puck out Josie Knowles nipped in and goaled. In the 21st minute Susan Burke pointed a "30" to leave the East Cork side 3-2 to nil ahead at the interval.

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Blarney: Nora O'Shea, Nora O'Sullivan, Pauline Hegarty, Mary O'Leary, Kathleen Doherty, Mary O'Connell, Mary Doherty, Marie Crowley, Shelia Collins, Cora Humphries, Rita Mullane, Patricia Mackey.

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IMOKILLY TO TAKE COUNTY CAMOGIE AGAIN

On Saturday night next Imokilly County Champions for the past three years, start their campaign for their four in a row and unless something unforeseen occurs we tip them now to win it again.

The opposition is formidable in South Pres. who have a number of Inter County players on their line out. Imokilly this year will be led by former U.C.C. and Cork star Pat Maloney now playing with her home club Killeagh. The side will also have Cork Junior Mary O'Leary who played with Glanworth and Avondhu. Mary now lives in Middleton, but plays with Watergrasshill. The team will be without Nuala Guillely who is in Bangladesh doing volunteer work for those in this unfortunate country. While the final team has not been selected the panel of players is as follows. Pat Moloney, Captain; Betty Joyce, Catherine Landers and Marion Sweeney (Captain of the Cork Senior team last year) all of Killeagh; Marie Costine, Mary O'Donoghue and Bernade; Costine, Cloyne; Noreen Bailey, Mary Salter, Josie Knowles, Rosie Condon, Churchtown North, Mary Canavan, Sarsfields; Kay Spillane and Shelia Horgan, Carrigrohilly; Elizabeth Higgins, Angela Higgins and Mary O'Leary, Watergrasshill.

While we have not the South Pres. side Marion O'Leary and Kay Buckley (nee Dunne) will be names to watch out for.

On Sunday night last the Imokilly Club held a most successful social at Vienna Woods. This is to help run the team for the championship.

KERRY
CLARE

Clare Junior Camogie Team surprisingly beaten by Kerry Tralee on Sunday last in opening round of the Munster game.

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The strength and experience of the Kerry side was apparent.



Cork Sportstar For Bangladesh

A CORK sports star has joined the "Concern" team for the relief of suffering in Bangladesh. She is Nuala Gully from Middleton, Co. Cork. She won four All-Ireland camogie medals with her native county. Now she has joined a new team — a team fighting desperately against hunger, malnutrition and disease.

Already she has made a great start. Working out of headquarters in Dacca, she has already made friends amongst the street urchins and beggars who crowd the city. This photo shows her with some of her admirers around her, interested in the fame and fortune of Cork Hibs.

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Mary Moran, Chairman, Cork Camogie Munster Council handled the game excellently and at the conclusion presented the Cup to Mary Salter, skipper of the winning side.

For Churchtown it was a memorable occasion as in a few weeks time they celebrate their 10th year in camogie. Of the team that played the first game was Noreen Bailey (nee O'Reilly), Josie Knowles (nee Murphy) and Mary Salter were members. To give out any Churchtown player would be an injustice to her teammates, suffice to say that all players' hearts out.

Blarney were best served by Kathleen Doherty, Mary O'Connell, Mary O'Leary, Mary Doherty and Cora Humphries. Churchtown North: Mary Salter, Captain, Joan Murphy, Jane O'Brien, Antoinette Houlihan, Rosie Condon, Susan Burke, Mairead Condon, Geraldine Horgan, Majella Horgan, Noreen Bailey, Josie Knowles.

Blarney: Nora O'Shea, Nora O'Sullivan, Pauline Hegarty, Mary O'Leary, Kathleen Doherty, Mary O'Connell, Mary Doherty, Mairead Condon, Shelia Collins, Cora Humphries, Rita Mullane, Patricia Mackey.

Referee: Mary Moran. Old



**Cork
 Sportstar
 For
 Bangladesh**

A CORK sports star has joined the "Concern" team for the relief of suffering in Bangladesh. She is Nuala Gully from Midleton, Co. Cork. She won four All-Ireland camogie medals with her native county. Now she has joined a new team — a team fighting desperately against hunger, malnutrition and disease.

Already she has made a great start. Working out of headquarters in Dacca, she has already made friends amongst the street urchins and beggars who crowd the city. This photo shows her with some of her admirers around her, interested in the fame and fortune of Cork Hibs.



**Go Under To More
 Experienced Kerry**

**KERRY 3-1
 CLARE 1-1**

Clare Junior Camogie Team was surprisingly beaten by Kerry in Tralee on Sunday last in the opening round of the Munster League.

The winners played the more constructive camogie, where as the losers inexperienced side tried hard but failed against a strong and more seasoned Kerry team. The midfield trio of Joan Tuohy, Kitty Hayes, and Eileen O'Sullivan, were dominant in this sector in the opening half, and were well supported by packs. Ann Fahy, Nessa Hanley, Bridie McGil and Marian Duggan, while Brid Naughton had an outstanding game in goals holding the winners to 1-1 to 1 point lead at the interval.

The strength and experience of the Kerry side was apparent in

second half and went on to win by 3-1 to 1-1. Margaret Glynn in the forward line was the most effective for Clare scoring their only goal with Ann Harrington taking the point. Despite this defeat and having watched this young team in training there is no doubt but that with a bit more determined effort they can yet make their mark.

COMPETITIONS COMMENCE

Saturday next sees the opening of the seasons competitions when in the Junior League, Ruan are at home at Clooney and Kildysart oppose Cranny in their home ground. While on Sunday at senior level Eire Og "A" team oppose St. Bridgets and Eire Og "B" team oppose Delgany. Eire Og B. team newcomers to this competition will be anxious to prove themselves. Likewise Mullagh fielding for the first time in this section oppose Shannon at home.

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**Athenry
 Girls
 Favoured**

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Tomorrow is one of the most exciting days in the camogie calendar, the day of the All-Ireland Colleges finals at Croke Park.

With all four provinces represented at G.A.A. Headquarters, interest in the outcome will be countrywide, and particularly so in the senior final in which the holders, Presentation Athenry take on St. Brigid's Callan led by the Downey twins, Angela and Anne of Kilkenny's senior All-Ireland champion team.

The Downey sisters have between them won every honour in the game, except a Colleges All-Ireland medal. Angela, a star forward with Kilkenny, has also played for Leinster. Anne, who captains the Callan side, was also a member of the Kilkenny All-Ireland panel, and both girls were on the St. Paul's team which recently captured the All-Ireland club championship.

In addition Callan have other talented players in goalkeeper Bernadette Cahill, full-back Bernadette Larkin and forwards Aine Molloy and Mary Lawlor.

EXPERIENCED

But not alone have Athenry a number of inter-county players on their line-out, they also are far more experienced at All-Ireland level.

Eleven of tomorrow's side were on the team that brought home the title and the trophy, An Corn Seelge, a year ago, and five of these including the Ponard sisters, Anne Duffy, Sarita Coady and Teresa Duane were also on the Athenry team that lost narrowly to Mountmellick in the All-Ireland senior final of 1973.

Captain Midge Ponard has played in all inter-county grades for Galway, and has won two inter-provincial championships with Connacht. Teresa Duane has also played in all grades for Galway and is captain of the Athenry senior club. Gretta O'Brien and Olive Coady have played junior for Galway, while Breda and Sarita Coady and Bernadette Duffy have all played minor for their county.

With so many experienced young stars involved this should prove to be a truly memorable game, and although Callan will be all out for their first All-Ireland victory, Athenry's greater experience and all-round power must make the Galway girls favourites.

INTRIGUING

The junior final between the Presentation Convents of Cashel and Turenure is scarcely less intriguing. Neither school has previously won a provincial championship, and in fact Cashel are the first Tipperary school ever to come out of Munster.

The versatile Cashel girls, on the strength of sweeping victories in their home province and over Athenry, who were the holders in the semi-final, will start strong favourites. They number in their ranks well-known athletes Teresa O'Dwyer, Mary Luby and Mary Kelly. Nuala Buniar and Regina Mulligan, while Majella Hallinan is a talented basketball player as is Mary Kelly.

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Imokilly Look To Have The Beating Of South Pres.

MUNSTER Colleges, All-Ireland Colleges, and Senior Co. Championship games head the list of fixtures for a busy weekend on the camogie scene. Imokilly — holders of the Senior County Championship for the last three seasons — set out in defence of their title on Saturday evening (7 p.m.) at the Mardyke. Their opponents will be South Presentation Past Pupils, who held the title for a number of years before Imokilly hit the high spots.

But it is difficult to vote against Imokilly for this championship. On paper they look very formidable indeed. They have gained Cork and Munster midfielder Pat Moloney and 1973 All-Ireland junior Mary O'Leary. Gone, however from their line-out is Nuala Guilly, who is now a Concern volunteer in Dacca. But though Nuala will be a loss they have such a wealth of talent at their disposal that it is difficult to see them being beaten. From Elizabeth Higgins in goal to Noreen Bailey at full-forward the Imokilly side reads like a Cork line-out, containing inter-county seniors, juniors and minors.

NOT IMPRESSIVE

So it is a difficult task indeed which faces South Pres in their first round tie. But of course there is nothing sure in sport, especially in knock-out competition and dead-certs have fallen more than once. South Presentation Past Pupils were not impressive in the league but looked better in the seven a side, two weeks ago, when they reached the final. Cork inter-county forward Anne Phelan is back in action and looks as good as ever. And with Mary Whelton, Marion McCarthy, Annette O'Donovan and Kay Dunne to help them they will be striving hard to cause a surprise. But it will not be easy.

The first of the Sunday games will have Muskerry and Old Aloysians in opposition and this should be an interesting game. The mid-Cork girls can call on Nancy O'Driscoll and Sheila Dunne, two interprovincial players, while Marion McCarthy, Mary Mahon, Margo Twomey and Kathleen Doherty have all played for Cork and should make up a strong Muskerry side. Anne Ryan, who is not playing at the moment, is a big loss to Old Aloysians. However, Ann O'Dwyer, who was a member of the highly successful U.C.C. team in recent years, is now back with her old club and must be a big asset. Val Fitzpatrick was in brilliant form for St. Aloysius School on Saturday last, as well as being Old Als' top player in the "Seven a Side Tournament". Val will have strong partners in Gerarda Barry, Brid McAuliffe, Marion O'Leary and Ann O'Sullivan, who will all be trying hard to bring Old Aloysians to the second round.

Avondhu's record in the senior

championship is not impressive, and they will be hoping to do better this time. On Sunday they meet U.C.C., and they will need to be very good to call a halt to the College girls. Anne Keane, Sheila Harrington, Ann Kirby and Liz Manley should feature in the Avondhu selection but against U.C.C.'s Caly Riordan-Nuala Jennings, Mary Roche, Ellen O'Hanlon and Val O'Dwyer, they will hardly be good enough to lead Avondhu to the second round. U.C.C. are, of course, Munster Inter-Club, Ashbourne and C.C.I.A. champions, and to this they would dearly love to add the senior co-title. They are studying for examinations at the moment, but as the C.C.I.A. League only finished two weeks ago, they should carry too much power for Avondhu.

Glen Rovers, who won seven Co. Titles in a row from 1962 to 67, return to the senior arena after a few seasons in the intermediate ranks. Glen won the Intermediate title last season and their return to the senior grade must be welcomed. They have Cork goalie Deirdre Sutton as well as grand players in Mary Nott, Marie Mackey and Maura Walsh. Opposing them on Sunday will be Naomh Gobnait, another selected side, who will be fielding a number of very promising young players including Frances Barry-Murphy, a sister of All-Star Jimmy, Claire Harris, Patricia Riordan, Josephine Hallahan and Marie Coughlan.

To-morrow Saturday is All-Ireland Colleges Day in Croke Park. Unfortunately this season there is no Cork College in the finals. However, it will be interesting to see how Presentation Cashel fare in the Junior final. The Cashel girls looked a marvellous combination when they had a big win over Mount Mercy in the Munster Championship and en route to the final they have scored a staggering 26 goals and 13 points — with an equally impressive defensive record of only two points being scored against them. This is only their first season in competitive camogie and if they are not overawed by the occasion I cannot see them being beaten by Presentation, Terenure, also newcomers to the Finals.

Presentation, Athenry, the holders will meet Mercy Callan in the senior final. North Presentation, who contested the Junior Final last season will be in action on Saturday also, but in Buttevant where they meet St. Patrick's Shannon, in the final of the Munster Intermediate "A" League. At times this season North Presentation have looked impressive but had an unexpected lapse in the Cork Intermediate Championship. Shannon have wins over St. Patrick's, Cork, and Immaculate Heart to their credit so North Presentation will want to be at their best to win this title.

The Junior Championship also

gets under way next week with games on Wednesday and Thursday and in addition the Under-16 league also continues.

Last Sunday, three Cork entries in the Ceol Caint agus Damhsa All-Ireland Finals in Dublin, were placed second in their events. Mary Nott was most unlucky to be beaten by a single point in the high scoring solo singing competition. Ulster swept the boards in the Finals with the standard of most of their entries being very high. But well done Cork for such an impressive performance in their first ever participation in the competition.

The Camogie Year Book is still available and camogie followers should not miss the opportunity of supporting this very worthwhile venture by the Camogie Association. Priced at 40p it is a beautifully produced book with many interesting articles and pictures, both in black and white and colour.

Fixtures:

Fri. 18th April: Under 16 league at Ballyphehane at 7.00; Old Als v Ballyphehane (Ref. St. Finbarrs)

Saturday, 19th April: All-Ireland Colleges Finals in Croke Park) Senior - Pres. Athenry v Mercy, Callan) Junior - Pres. Cashel v Pres. Terenure.

Munster Colleges Intermediate A Final at Buttevant: North Pres. v St. Patricks, Shannon (Ref. R. Riordan)

Cork Co. Championship at Mardyke at 7.00; Imokilly v South Pres. (Ref. M. Lucey)

Sunday, 20th April: Cork Co. Championship at Mardyke; 2. Old Als v Muskerry (Ref. Josie Knowles); 3.15 U.C.C. v Avondhu (Ref. Kay Dunne); 4.30 Glen Rovers v N. Gobnait (Ref. Mary Moran).

Tue. 22nd April: Under 16 league at Riverstown at 7.0; Watergrasshill v Sarsfields (Ref. Erin's Own)

Wed. 23rd April: Jun. Champ. at Ballinora at 7.00; Kilmichael v Ballinora (Referee, Aghabullogue); Jun. Champ. at Middleton at 7.00; Gortroe v Churchtown (Ref. Kil-leagh)

Thurs. 24th April: Jun. Champ. at Ballyphehane at 7.00; South Pres. v Douglas.

Jun. Champ. at U.C.C. Grounds at 7.00; U.C.C. v Ballinlough.

Exciting Victory For Athenry

Lasting the 20-minutes extra time far better, holders Presentation Convent Athenry retained their All-Ireland Senior Colleges Camogie title at Croke Park yesterday after a very exciting decider against St. Brigid's Callan.

In the junior final Presentation Cashel, in their first season in competitive Camogie took the junior title with a convincing victory over Presentation Terenure. Because of illness Camogie President Mrs. Nancy Murray had to cry off as referee of the senior game.

ATHENRY 7-4
ST. BRIGID'S CALLAN 2-4

The five-goal margin favour of holders Athenry gives a completely false impression of the high excitement engendered by this senior final, as scores were level 2-4 each at the end of normal time, and Callan might well have won.

Their Ikenny All-Ireland star Angela Downey who had scored three great points earlier sent narrowly wide, just before the end from a 30 when a point would have given her side victory. To brim her cup of sorrow she put out a knee shortly after the start of the twenty minutes extra time and, after going into goal for a brief spell had to retire, and with her departure Callan collapsed.

Still this was a well-merited victory for Athenry whose captain Midge Poniard gave them a wonderful lead, scoring 2-3 from placed balls to keep them going during the hectic first 50 minutes and a vital goal afterwards. Teresa Duane, goalkeeper Breda Coady, Bernadette Duffy, Gretta O'Brien and substitute Una Jordan were also outstanding for the winners. Callan captain, Anne Downey, Angela's twin sister, played her heart out for the losers aided most by Bernadette Larkin, Breda Coonan and Kathleen Murphy.

Scorers: Athenry — M. Poniard (3-3), U. Jordan (2-0), T. Duane (1-1), E. Hynes (1-0). Callan — M. Carroll (2-0), Angela Downey (0-3), B. Coonan (1-0).
CALLAN — B. Cahill; B. Larkin; M. Walsh, Anne Downey (Captain), K. Murphy; M. Cahill, Angela Downey, B. Barry; M. Lawlor, Subs. — Y. Mullen for M. Walsh, E. Harkin for Angela Downey.
ATHENRY — B. Coady; B. Duffy; G. Healy; G. O'Brien, N. Treacy; M. Coen, M. Poniard (Captain), S. Coady; B. Poniard, E. Hynes, O. Coady; T. Duane, Sub. — U. Jordan for M. Coen.
Referee — Miss P. Breath (Dublin).



Brid McAuliffe, Glanmire, at the Mid Cork Drama Festival.

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Presentation Terenure 1-0

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TERENURE — A. O'Brien; U. Clancy; A. Prendergast; F. Murphy; B. Feeney; J. McMahon; F. Clancy; M. McMahon; G. Moran; E. Murphy; M. Hayes; B. O'Connor.
Referee — Miss J. Murphy (Glenties).



CLASH OF THE ASH.—Tess Dwane, Avondhu (left) stops U.C.C. forward Mary Walsh during the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship at the Mardyke, Cork, yesterday.

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Brid McAuliffe, Glanmire, at the Old Cork Drama Festival.

GUMANN CAMOGAIOCHTA na GCOLAISTI

FINALS: - 19 AIBREAN 1975

1.45 p.m. SOISEAR

CLOCHAR na TOIRBHUTE V CLOCHAR na TOIRBHIAITE
CAISEAL TIR an IUIR

REITEOIR: SINEAD NI MHURCHU

3.00 p.m. SINSEAR

CLOCHAR na TOIRBHIRTE V CLOCHAR na TROCAIRE
ATH AN RI CALAINN

REITEOIR: MEANS UJ MHIULPE

LUAC 2p

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Referee — Miss J. Murphy



WON CAMOGIE TIE.—The Muskerry team which defeated Old Aloysians in the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship at the Mardyke, Cork, yesterday. ("Examiner")

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Imokilly looked very impressive

Naomh Gobnait 3-2, Glen Rovers 2-1

Glen Rovers made their return to senior ranks yesterday, but after the most exciting of the first round games they had to admit defeat against Naomh Gobnait (City Junior clubs selection). All credit is due to the young Naomh Gobnait side who fought back from 2-1 to 1-1 down at the interval to emerge worthy 3-2 to 2-1 winners.

Scorers: Naomh Gobnait: M. Bowen (2-0), F. Walsh (1-1) P. O'Riordan (0-1). Glen Rovers: P. Dorgan (1-1), M. Mackey (1-0).

Naomh Gobnait: O. Harrington, R. O'Riordan, C. Harris, J. Hallahan, C. Hackett, P. Riordan, M. Coughlan, F. Barry-Murphy, M. Butler, F. Walsh, A. Healy, M. Bowen. Sub. M. Kelly for M. Butler.

Glen Rovers: D. Sutton, N. O'Mahony, B. Owens, M. Nott, M. Walsh, A. Connolly, M. Bickerstaff, C. Fitzgibbon, M. Mackey, C. Murray, P. Dorgan, T. Kelly. Subs. M. O'Brien for C. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Connell for T. Kelly.

Muskerry 7-0, Old Aloysians 3-1
Mid-Cork selection, Muskerry, had too much power for Old Aloysians in their clash on Sunday. All four Muskerry forwards scored in this game and, although Old Aloysians did put up a good performance in the opening 20 minutes, Muskerry were ahead by 4-1 to 1-1 at half time and dominated the game after the resumption.

Scorers, Muskerry: N. O'Driscoll (2-0), M. Doherty (2-0), E. Kavanagh (2-0), N. O'Brien (1-0) while V. Fitzpatrick (1-1) and C. Kenny (2-0) were on the mark for Old Aloysians.

Muskerry: R. O'Leary, B. O'Leary, M. McCarthy, N. M. Lynch, K. Doherty, M. Twomey, S. Dunne, M. Mahon, N. O'Brien, E. Kavanagh, N. O'Driscoll, M. Doherty.

Old Aloysians: M. Morgan, M. O'Leary, M. Kidney, R. McAuliffe, M. Garvan, G. Barry, J. Walsh, A. O'Sullivan, C. Kenny, V. Fitzpatrick, A. O'Connor, A. O'Dwyer.

U.C.C. 2-3, Avonduh 0-1

U.C.C. are through to yet another senior championship semi-final. Last season they were the only club left at this stage and they are in the same position again this season. Winning their first round tie with Avonduh yesterday they automatically qualify as Cork representatives in the Inter-Club championship.

Scorers, U.C.C.: C. Riordan 1-0, M. Walsh 1-0, G. Butler 0-1, V. Dwyer 0-2. Avonduh: S. Harrington 0-1.

U.C.C.: A. Hayes, M. Roche, S. Forde, M. Lucey, N. Jennings, V. O'Dwyer, C. Lucey, E. O'Hanlon, C. Riordan, M. Walsh, G. Butler, M. Hanrahan.

Avonduh: K. O'Donnell, D. Quinlan, T. Dwane, A. Keane, G. Lee, G. Scannell, N. Smith, L. Manley, E. Boyd, M. Twomey, M. Sheehan, Sub. M. Bradshaw for E. Boyd.

Imokilly 11-11, South Pres PP 0-1

Imokilly turned in a devastating performance when they set out in defence of their title against South Presentation Past Pupils in the only game played on Saturday evening. Seven goals from Cork star Marion Sweeney proved the highlight of this clash in which a youthful South Presentation side never really had a chance.

Scorers, Imokilly: M. Sweeney 7-0, M. O'Leary 1-5, P. Moloney 1-3, J. Knowles 1-3, M. Canavan 1-0, while A. O'Donovan 0-1 scored for South Presentation.

Imokilly: E. Higgins, M. Costine, K. Spillane, R. Sullivan, B. Costine, C. Landers, P. Moloney, A. Higgins, M. O'Leary, M. Canavan, M. Sweeney, J. Knowles. Sub. M. Salter for R. Sullivan, N. Bailey for M. Sweeney.

S.P.P.P.: K. Dunne, H. O'Mahony, M. Whelton, M. Bohane, B. Lyne, P. McNally, A. Flood, A. O'Donovan, A. Mooney, A. Phelan, M. Breen, E. Bohane. Sub. I. Halloran for A. Mooney.

CASHEL GIRLS WIN AT FIRST ATTEMPT

Presentation, Athenry, 7-4; St. Brigid's, Callan, 2-4. Presentation, Cashel, 4-0; Presentation, Terenure, 1-0.

In the All-Ireland Colleges finals at Croke Park on Saturday, Presentation, Cashel, in their first year in competitive camogie, won the junior title, with an impressive 4-0 to 1-0 win over Presentation, Terenure. This was Munster's first ever Colleges title. In the senior final, holders, Athenry, had to go to extra time before retaining their title.

Scorers: Junior, Cashel: R. Mulligan 3-0, M. Hallinan 1-0. Terenure: E. Murphy 1-0.

Senior: Athenry: M. Ponlard 3-3, U. Jordan 2-0, T. Duane 1-1, E. Hynes 1-0. Callan: M. Carroll 2-0, A. Downey 0-3, B. Coonan 0-1.

Cashel — N. Bonnar, M. Hayes, S. Ryan, B. McDonnell, C. Hennessy, T. O'Dwyer, M. Luby, K. H. Ryan, M. Hallinan, K. Ryan, R. Mulligan, M. Kelly.

Terenure — A. O'Brien, U. Clancy, A. Prendergast, F. Murphy, B. Feeney, J. McMahon, F. Clancy, M. McMahon, G. Moran, E. Murphy, M. Murray, R. O'Connor.

Athenry — B. Coady, B. Duffy, G. Healy, G. O'Brien, N. Treacy, M. Coen, M. Ponlard, S. Coady, B. Ponlard, E. Hynes, O. Coady, T. Duane, Sub.: U. Jordan for M. Coen.

Callan — B. Cahill, B. Larkin, M. Walsh, A. Downey, B. Coonan, M. Carroll, A. Molloy, M. Barry, M. Lawlor, K. Murphy, M. Cahill, A. Downey, Downey. Subs.: T. Mullen for M. Walsh, E. Barden for A. Downey.

NORTH PRESENTATION BETTER BALANCED

North Presentation (Cork) 4-1; Shannon Comprehensive School 0-0

At Buttevant on Saturday, following a delightful hour of fast camogie, North Presentation won the Munster Colleges Intermediate "A" league final. Despite the margin the game proved most entertaining with the victors' better balance and class proving too decisive for a young and promising opposition.

At the interval, the Cork girls led 2-1 to 0-0 and their total tally was recorded by Mary O'Connell, who along with Marian Kelly, Irene Murphy, Marian Twomey and Anne Connolly were prominent. Best on the losing side were Elizabeth Condron, Rose Kelleher, Veronica Devaney and Eileen Carey.

North Presentation — I. Murphy, B. Owens, M. Twomey, M. Cronin, M. Kelly, A. Connolly, M. Coughlan, B. Newman, C. Harris, M. O'Connell, M. Heffernan, M. O'Brien.

Shannon — E. Condron, R. Kelleher, M. Lynch, R. Carroll, V. Devaney, K. Hayes, G. Fahy, J. Tuohy, M. O'Donoghue, M. Murphy, T. O'Shaughnessy, E. Casey.

Cashel's First All-Ireland

GREAT WELCOME FOR UNDER 15 CAMOGIE PLAYERS

IT was not easy to drive a car through Cashel's main street last Saturday night, as upwards of 1,000 jubilant townspeople gathered to welcome back the Scoil Muire Presentation Convent camogie team which earlier that day in Croke Park had won the All-Ireland Junior U/15 Schools and Colleges Championship.

As soon as it became known that Cashel had won, arrangements were set in hand to give the team and its six bus loads of supporters a civic welcome. By 9 p.m. a huge concourse of well-wishers, together with the Dermot O'Hurley Pipe Band had gathered on the Dublin Road at Lady's Well, and when the team arrived, they were greeted with great scenes of enthusiasm, and were invited to lead the procession, aboard an open lorry, with the Corn Naomh Gobnait held aloft for all to see.

To the tunes of the pipe band, and amidst prolonged cheering, the parade then moved off, through the main street, and back again to the convent.

Along the route, every doorway and vantage point were crowded with onlookers who gave the All-Ireland champions a most enthusiastic reception.

A PROUD MOMENT

In Friar Street, Rev. Fr. John Joe Ryan, C.C., mounted the platform and addressing the assembly, said it was a very proud moment for the people of Cashel to welcome back the All-Ireland champions, who deserved everyone's congratulations, and their sincere thanks must go to the team trainer, Kevin Prendergast, for turning out such a well-trained and disciplined team.

Associating himself with Fr. Ryan's remarks, the Chairman of Cashel UDC, Mr Joe Byrne, said that he was very proud on behalf of the people of Cashel to welcome back the team, which had won for the Royal City of the Kings, its first ever All-Ireland championship. Everyone had been behind the team from the word "go", and it had shown what a community effort could do, properly organised.

THREE CHEERS

Calling for three cheers for the trainer, Fr. Ryan then invited him to address the crowd.

Kevin then assured his hearers that it was the proudest moment of his life to bring back to Cashel its first All-Ireland championship, and for that, he must sincerely thank the team, which had approached the task in hand with great spirit. The girls had given him their fullest co-operation. He felt that he must also single out for special mention Sr. Mary Brennan who had given him every possible help, and who

had introduced camogie to Scoil Muire, having learned its skills in her native Drom-Inch, where there was always a vigorous club.

CAMOGIE ON CREST OF THE WAVE

Having won the cup for the first time, they will be back again next year to defend it against all comers. In the meantime, their senior team had qualified for the Munster final against Cork or Kerry, and they would make a bold bid to get this game for Cashel, where camogie was now on the crest of the wave.

The proceedings then came to a close, but the jubilant supporters remained around the streets cheering the success of their team until a late hour, whilst the team dispersed to their homes to proudly display the cup winners' medals to their families and friends.

Earlier in the evening, the teams were guests of honour at a banquet organised for them by the Schools and Colleges Central Council in a Dublin hotel.

THE GAME

Looking resplendent in their new rig out of yellow blouses and blue skirts, the Cashel team emerged from the dressingroom at the Railway end of the Cusack Stand, and their arrival on the green sward of Croke Park was met with a terrific outburst of cheering and singing of the school songs capably organised by the Scoil Muire Cheer Leader, Christine Daly.

As if in response to their supporters, the Cashel team quickly settled down when the game got under way, and were a goal up within three minutes when Regina Mulligan ran in to drive a dropping ball to the Terenure net.

Eight minutes later, Majella Hallinan made it two up for the winners, by flashing another ball to the net.

THE TWO CROSS BARS

Then the winners had their first experience of the two cross-bars when two shots, which looked legitimate points, were disallowed because they sailed over the top crossbar instead of underneath it. This is something that only Dublin teams meet, since provincial sides only use one crossbar, as in GAA games, and the quicker this rule is eliminated the better. Half-time ar-

rived with no further score the Cashel team retired to dressingroom, while the girls remained on the pitch the cold breeze.

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THE annual Camogie Congress at Limerick towards the end of March gave the administrative end of the Association an entirely new dimension with the decision to set up Fixtures and Finances Committees, a very important step forward in the administration of the Association.

Heretofore, Central Council has had full responsibility for both Fixtures and Finance. Now the new Committees which will be appointed by Central Council itself at its next meeting will take over the responsibility of these aspects of the Council's work.

The Fixtures Committee's function will be to draw up, well in advance, a complete list of fixtures for all competitions under Central Council auspices, decide on dates and venues, appoint referees and consider the reports from these referees. Their rulings will, of course, be subject to appeal to Central Council.

The Finance Committee will have a kind of dual role. It will, in the first place, help and advise, in conjunction with the Treasurer, on the best way of utilising State Grants.

In addition, the Finance Committee will devise ways and means of improving the Association's financial position. Like those of the Fixtures Committee, its decisions will be subject to approval by Central Council. In view of the great progress that has been made in the colleges and schools, and the present drive to popularise the game among juveniles, it was rather surprising that Congress came down so decisively against the

proposal to hold a Youth Convention. The general reaction seemed to be that young people just would not be interested. But surely the idea would have been worth a trial? Remarkably, when the Dublin Board of the G.A.A. held a Youth Conference in mid-March, Camogie Clubs were strongly represented, and indeed a Camogie player was one of the two delegates selected to attend the forthcoming National Youth Congress.

Congress did, however, decide that the interprovincial competi-

tion for the Gael-Linn Cup would in future be confined to junior players, a move which will lead to far greater involvement in all provinces, but does seem to deprive senior stars of any chance of representing a province.

Meanwhile, of course, the Camogie Association has a new Secretary, Miss Jo Golden, who last year was appointed the Association's first National P.R.O. and was very successful in that post. Now she takes on a very daunting task indeed in taking over the mantle of Miss Sheila McAnulty.

However, Jo Golden has plenty of experience at many levels within the Association. A native of Kilkenny City, she was at school in Ennis, came to U.C.D. as an Arts Student and quickly won her place on the Belfield side with which she starred in the Ashbourne Cup competition. Though she began as a forward, she won her greatest renown as a goalkeeper, winning a Leinster championship with Kilkenny, playing for her county in an All-Ireland final, and winning two All-Ireland club medals with St. Paul's as well as captaining her province, Leinster, to Gael-Linn Cup victory.

She still plays at full-forward for the U.C.D. club side in Dublin competitions and has, for the past couple of seasons, been coach and trainer to the U.C.D. teams.

A secondary teacher in Scoil Caitriona, Miss Golden was one of the founders and Editor of Camogie magazine, and more recently Editor of the Camogie Annual.



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Dates for Camogie

DATES FOR the first round of the Open Draw Senior Camogie Championship were decided at yesterday's meeting of Ard Coiste in Croke Park.

Venue for game will be at first mentioned county in all cases: July 6—Cork v Antrim; Kilkenny v Galway, July 13—Clare v Wexford, July 20—Tipperary v Dublin.

Miss Kitty Murphy was appointed public relations officer to replace Miss Joe Golden, who was elected general secretary at the Annual Congress.

Miss Murphy, who plays camogie with Celtic Club, Dublin, has played for her native Clare and Munster and is a holder of All-Ireland medals and Leinster Gael Linn medals as a member of Dublin and Leinster teams. She also won Ashbourne Cup medal with University College, Dublin, while she was attending a degree course and graduated as a bachelor of arts from that college. She is at present employed in the Dublin Corporation.

Camogie dates

Draws and fixtures for the Leinster Senior, Junior and Minor competitions on July 13 were decided at yesterday's meeting of Leinster Camogie Council.

To facilitate County Boards and the Council, it was agreed to play junior and minor games for the two counties drawn in the Junior Championship on the same day and at the same venue.

1st round, May 18—Minor—Wicklow v. Laois (A), 1-6; Junior—Wicklow v. Laois, 4-0.

Quarter Finals, May 25—Minor—Meath v. Louth, 3-0; Junior—Meath v. Louth (B), 4-0; Minor—Dublin v. Kilkenny, 3-0; Junior—Dublin v. Kilkenny (C), 4-0.

June 6-8—Minor—Offaly v. Kildare 3-0; Junior—Offaly v. Kildare (D), 4-0.

June 1—Minor—Wexford v. Wicklow or Laois, 3-0 (E); Junior—Wexford v. Wicklow or Laois, 4-0 (E).

Semi-finals—June 22—Senior—Wexford v. Kilkenny, Junior—D v. C; Minor—June 29—B v. E.

St Paul's team-work proves decisive

St. Pauls (Kilkenny) 3-7;

Combined Universities, 1-6

ST. PAULS, the all-Ireland club champions, proved too experienced for the Combined Universities' side in the annual challenge game at St. Kierans College, Kilkenny, yesterday.

The champions, who led 1-5 to 0-4 at half time, were well matched by the students throughout, but the greater experience and combination of the home side was the decisive factor in their victory.

Scorers — St. Pauls — C. Doyle (2-0), H. O'Neill (0-2), K. Conroy (0-2), A. Downey (0-2), U. Grace (0-1). Combined Universities — K. Tynan (0-4), M. Ryan (1-0), C. Riordan (0-2).



Committee of Ballyphehane Camogie Club who held a very successful social recently.

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Imokilly Remain Hot Favourites For Title

THREE selected and one club will contest the semi-finals of the Cork Senior County Championship at the Mardyke on Sunday next. Three in a row champions Imokilly must still be "not favourites" for the title, even before the competition began they were installed in this position and their devastation of youth Presentation Past Pupils' underlined their great power.

Their strength can be assessed by the fact that they have Cork minors listed among their subs. Imokilly have strength right through their side with such names as Marie and Bernice Costine, Pat Moloney and Marion Sweeney, all Cork juniors; Mary O'Leary, Mary Canavan, Josie Knowles and the Higgins sisters Eileen and Angela, who have played on the Cork junior side. In fact right through their team they have players who have represented their county in some grade.

Muskerry, who have the unenviable task of trying to put a stop to the Imokilly success story, had a good win over Old Aloysians in the first round. Their biggest asset must surely be their forward line. All four—Nancy O'Driscoll, Mary Doherty, Eileen Kavanagh and Nora O'Brien—scored against Old Alys.

But Imokilly will be very different opposition from the youthful Old Alys side and will take a first-class performance indeed from Muskerry to get them through.

In the other semi-final, Naomh Gobnait meet U.C.C. The former, who are drawn from the county junior clubs, had a narrow but deserved win over Glen Rovers in the first round. Many consider they did not hold much hope for Naomh Gobnait against U.C.C. but they advanced on their own merit against a tough side. They field some very

young players in Claire Harris, Claire Hackett, Marie Coughlan, Orla Harrington, Patricia Riordan and Frances Walsh, whose performances must have attracted the attention of the Cork under-age selectors in their previous outing. Another good display on Sunday could write their names on team lists. So they have a double reason for winning.

But U.C.C., holders of the Ashbourne for the last four years and the Higher Education League for two, will not be easy to dispose of. However, this is a bad time of the year for the University girls with examinations so close at hand. Against Avondhu in their first round tie they showed the signs of studying but they carry plenty of ability in their line-out and even without full fitness they will still be formidable. Ann Hayes keeps a steady goal with good cover from Mary Roche and Nuala Jennings. Val O'Dwyer, Ellen O'Hanlon, Cally Riordan, Ger Butler and Collette Desmond are all dangerous around goal and will take a good deal of "marking." A good start in this game is all-important and with both sides doing well in the first round this game must be wide open.

With the inter-county season just around the corner the Cork minor selectors are arranging a trial match for next Tuesday night at Na Piaras Grounds (7.50 p.m.), in which Na Piaras juniors will take on the pick of the county's under-16 players. With nine of the team which reached the All-Ireland final still eligible for selection,

together with the new stars who have come on the scene, rivalry for places will be very keen. Cork travel to Clare in the first round on 11th May.

The following is the panel of players for the trial:

Kathleen Costine (Cloyne), Rose Desmond (Nemo Rangers), Betty Joyce (Killeagh), Claire Hackett (Ballinlough), Jane O'Brien (Churchtown), Gay Desmond (Ballyphehane), Ann Delaney (Glen Rovers), Catherine Landers (Killeagh), Claire Cronin (Ballyphehane), Eileen Kavanagh (Eire Og), Margo Sugrue (Ballyphehane), Ann O'Sullivan (St. Finbarrs), Breda Landers (Killeagh), Helen Callaghan (Watergrasshill), Regina O'Brien (Churchtown), Ann Connolly (Glen Rovers), Breda Fenton (Watergrasshill), Geraldine Murray (Glen Rovers).

On tonight (Friday) Glen Rovers meet Old Aloysians in the senior league at Distillery Field and Blarney meet Ballincollig at the latter's grounds in the under-16 league.

FIXTURES

Friday, May 2—Senior League at Distillery Field at 7: Glen Rovers v. Old Alys (ref. Ballinlough); Under-16 League at Ballincollig at 7.50: Blarney v. Ballincollig (ref. Inniscarra).

Sunday 4th—County Championship semi-finals at Mardyke; 3.00, Naomh Gobnait v. U.C.C. (ref. Marie Mackey); 4.15, Muskerry v. Imokilly (ref. Mary Moran).

Friday 9th—Inter-Champ., at Ovens at 7.50: Aghabillogue v. Eire Og (ref. Sheila Dunne).

Imokilly 5-9; Muskerry nil

THE Cork County camogie champions Imokilly gave an impressive show of strength when they qualified for the senior final at Muskerry's expense at the Mardyke yesterday. Imokilly were in devastating form and against a disappointing Muskerry they showed just why they are favourites to retain their title.

Muskerry were never in the game with a chance despite a number of spirited individual performances. Mary Mahon, Nancy O'Driscoll, Kathleen Doherty and Margaret Twomey were overwhelmed by the overall strength and balance of Imokilly. The winners were led in inspiring fashion by their captain and Cork midfield player, Pat Maloney. She scored 2-4 of their total and found a ready response from all of her teammates and, in particular, from Mary O'Leary a sister of Cork

hurler Seanie O'Leary, Mary Canavan and Marie Costine.

The scorers were: M. Canavan (3-0) P. Maloney (2-4); M. O'Leary (0-5), M. Sweeney (0-2)

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30 YEARS AGO

OLD ALOYSIANS (the holders) advanced to the second round of the Cork County Senior Camogie championship when they defeated Lee Hosiery 4-1 to 1-0. E. Brady had all the winners' scores and also prominent were E. Horgan and M. Fitzgerald, while E. Lyons, M. Cashman and M. Tuohy were the pick of Lee Hosiery.



MEET IN SENIOR SEMI-FINAL.—The Naomh Gobnait

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U.C.C. keeper Anne Hayes looks at the ball as she fails to stop a goal for Naomh Gobnait during the semi-final of the Senior camogie championship at the Mardyke on Sunday.

Holdings Cork In Strength

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Following on the opening games in the junior series a week ago, the Munster championships continue on Sunday with the first match in the minor championship of the province when holders Cork take on Clare at Shannon.

In the corresponding game a year ago, Cork had six goals to spare over the Clare girls at Cork, and will have several of last year's team on duty again, assisted by some promising newcomers. Outstanding players are likely to include Catherine Landers, Claire Harris, Eileen Kavanagh and Kathleen Costine.

Clare have not yet announced their side, but on home ground and with a backbone of talented College players, they are bound to give a very good account of themselves.

Tomorrow at Adare, Cloghane Secondary School from Kerry meet Presentation Cashel in the replay of the Munster Colleges Intermediate final. These teams played a draw last Saturday and the result now must still be regarded as open.

Last week also Waterford gained a well-merited victory over Tipperary in the opening game of the Munster junior championship after an entertaining game.

The Leinster Colleges competitions have also reached the concluding stages and the minor and senior B finals are both down for decision tomorrow.

In the senior game the contestants will be Ballyhale Vocational School and Our Lady of Victories Walkinstown. Both teams had good semi-final wins last week-end, Ballyhale over Neas, and Walkinstown over Darrow, and there is not likely to be much between them now either way.

In the minor final, Terenure, who have already won the provincial junior title in this grade, take on Thomastown Vocational School. As two of the teams in the finals are from County Kilkenny, both finals are being played on the excellent Thomastown pitch at Grennan Park.

Meanwhile the way is clear to both the Cork and Dublin senior finals. In Dublin the final will be a repeat of last year's decider in which Austin Stacks defeated Celtic, while in Cork holders Imokilly will be firm favourites to account for U.C.C. In last Sunday's semi-finals Imokilly had an easy victory over another Divisional side, Muskerry, while the Students had in the end a pretty close run from Naomh Gobnait. In Dublin Celtic in their semi-final were too good for Presentation and Austin Stacks defeated Cuchulainn. Both finals will be played on May 18.

In the Dublin B championship final the outcome rests between U.C.C. and Naomh Gobnait.

Cork Minors Face Clare At Shannon

leton. Castleview defeated St. Fanahan's easily, while Churchtown accounted for Gortroe in the first round. But this is Churchtown's second string and they may find Castleview's Joan Shannon, Eileen Walsh and Margaret Collins too experienced. On the other hand all Churchtown teams are superbly fit and could use this to overcome their lack of experience.

Closest of the weekend's league games should be that between St. Finbarr's and Douglas, while in the others Glen Nemo Rangers and Na Piaraisaig are likely to take the points against Douglas, Blackrock and Ballyphehane respectively.

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FIXTURES

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Sunday, May 11 — Munster Minor Championship at Churchfield, Shannon at 3.30: Clare v Cork. Intermediate League at Riverstown at 3.30: Sarsfield v Glanworth (Ref. Watergrasshill). Junior Championship at Youghal at 2.30: Buttevant v Inniscarra (Ref. St. Fanahan's). Junior Championship at Youghal at 2.30: Erins Own v Youghal (Ref. Killeagh). Under-18 League at St. Finbarrs at 3.30: St. Finbarrs v Douglas (Ref. Ballyphehane). Junior Championship at Midleton at 3.30: Castleview v Churchtown (Ref. Carrigtwohill).

Tuesday — Under-16 League at Douglas at 7.30: Glen Rovers v Douglas.

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at this level. On to the side come grand newcomers in the persons of Claire Hackett, Claire Cronin, Ann Delaney, Janet Davis, and Ann Connolly. So in all there is plenty of talent and Cork followers will be looking to them to continue Cork's proud camogie tradition — beginning with a win on Sunday.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

On tonight (Friday) Aghabullogue meet Eire Og in the intermediate championship. Playing side by side for Muskerry on Sunday last, many players from these clubs now find themselves in opposition. Eire Og will be playing their first intermediate championship game — they won the 1974 junior title. They will be without their usual goalie Rose O'Leary, who has a leg injury but will field Marion McCarthy, Annie Brennan, Nancy O'Driscoll and Eileen Kavanagh. In opposition Aghabullogue will have Mary Mahon, Nora May Lynch, Sheila Roche and Eileen Noonan.

In the intermediate league Sarsfields meet Glanworth at Riverstown on Sunday. The latter suffered a heavy defeat in the championship recently while Sarsfields have their championship game with Canovee coming up and are likely to be at their best this encounter.

There are three junior championship games listed for Sunday.

Buttevant defeated Eire Og and Inniscarra accounted for St. Finbarr's in the opening round of the campaign. Now these sides meet at Buttevant in what should be a very interesting clash. Buttevant have Anne Keane, Liz Manley while Inniscarra will look to Nora O'Brien and Geraldine Ring for their inspiration.

Erins Own and Youghal will be making their first appearance in the championship this season. Neither side has been impressive this year and they will be anxious to have a good run in the championship.

In the final junior championship game of the day Castleview meet Churchtown at Mid-

Imokilly Should Make It Four In A Row

WATERFORD MAY TOPPLE TIPP

By TAOBH LINE

ONLY Glen Rovers and Old Aloysians have won more than three county championships in a row. Now it looks likely that Imokilly will add their name to that exclusive list when they meet U.C.C. on tomorrow (Saturday) in the final of this season's campaign. They completed their hat-trick last season.

The Cork Colleges have their championship finals on tomorrow also with North Presentation and St. Aloysius clashing at Na Piarsaig Grounds in the senior decider and Macroom and Clonakilty due to meet in the junior at Macroom.

East Cork has produced many fine camogie players. People like that brilliant stylist Noreen Duggan come immediately to mind. But surely Imokilly's present crop of players must be the best which the division has ever produced. Marie Costine, Pat Moloney and Marion Sweeney all hold senior All-Ireland medals. Elizabeth Higgins, Rosie Condon, Bernie Costine, Angela Higgins, Mary Canavan and Mary O'Leary are all junior All-Ireland medal holders. And even the three remaining players on the side — Kay Spillane, Josie Knowles and Catherine Landers have all played junior inter-county. In fact, even their four subs, Mary Salter, Noreen Bailey, Kathleen Costine and Betty Joyce have all worn Cork colours. Surely this talent amongst their subs must be the clearest indication of all of their great strength.

Imokilly began the championship as "red hot" favourites to get that elusive "fourth" and their performances so far have done nothing to change that tag. In two games they have scored a stunning total of 16 goals and 20 points, with the equally impressive defensive record of only a single point being scored against them. So who can see them beaten?

INTER-COUNTY PLAYERS

But what makes sport really interesting is its uncertainty. "Dead Certs" have been stopped before and U.C.C. must go into this game with this knowledge clear in their minds. Imokilly have never had to fight back in the championship and who knows what might happen should U.C.C. go into an early lead. They, too, have their senior inter-county talent in the persons of Cally Riordan and Nuala Jennings, while Ger Butler and Mary Roche have played for Cork juniors. Ellen O'Hanlon from Waterford and Sarah Forde from Galway are two other fine players for the College, while they can also call on the services of ex-College stars Val O'Dwyer, Mary Walsh and Collette Desmond. These students are all dedicated to their team and they will give of their best for College. But though they will make Imokilly fight hard for their title, it is difficult to see how they can stop this star-studded East Cork selection.

THEIR FIRST?

Three members of Cork's minor team will be in action in

the Cork senior schools final also on tomorrow (Saturday). They are Claire Harris, Janet Davis and Ann Connolly, and following fine performances in the Cork colours last Sunday they will be hoping to help their school, North Presentation, to their first Cork senior schools championship title.

In addition to the three inter-county stars, North Presentation have other very promising young players in Marian Kelly, Marian Twomey, Ann Goggins and Marie Coughlan.

Their opponents, St. Aloysius, have already won the Cork senior schools league title and will be determined to complete the "double." They have their top performers in Val Fitzpatrick, who was in such devastating form against Mount Mercy in the league final; Anne O'Connor, Claire Kenny, Ger Ring and Patricia Mackey, all players with senior club experience.

North Presentation played in the intermediate grade all this season but entered the senior championship. They were due to meet Mount Mercy in the semi-final but the Model Farm Road girls withdrew from the competition which put North Presentation through to the final.

It is difficult to know how they will fare against the experienced St. Als side, but when one considers that they got to the junior All-Ireland final last season they must be there with a chance. But St. Als are likely to start as favourites.

MACROOM FANCIED

Macroom, spearheaded by Margo Twomey, must be fancied to take the junior title against Clonakilty, who will be putting most of her hopes on the shoulders of Eileen Walsh.

On Sunday Castleview meet Churchtown at Ballyphehane. The former got the better of Churchtown in the junior championship last Sunday, but Churchtown may reverse that decision when the sides meet in the under-18 league semi-final tie. Jane O'Brien, Elizabeth Cahy, Majella Horgan and Regina O'Brien are goal young players in the Churchtown line-out and may prove too much for Eileen Walsh and her companions.

At the same venue Buttevant and Ballinlough clash in the junior league semi-final. Buttevant finished two points behind Inniscarra in their championship outing on Sunday last and will be hoping to make amends by qualifying for the league final on Sunday. Anne Keane, Liz Manley, Sheila Harrington will be in the Buttevant colours and facing them will be Patricia and Rosari Riordan, Anne Healy and Claire Hackett in what should be a very exciting buckle.

In the final match of the coming week Churchtown meet Sarsfields in the intermediate league at Riverstown. Here the superbly fit Churchtown are likely to take the points.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow at Na Piarsaig Grounds — Senior Cork Schools

S.C. final: St. Aloysius v. North Presentation, 3 p.m. (Referee: K Dunne)

At Macroom — Cork Schools JC. final: Macroom v. Clonakilty, 3 p.m. (Referee: M. McCarthy.)

Co Championship final at Mardyke at 7.30: Imokilly (holders) v. U.C.C. (Referee: Marie Mackey.)

Sunday — Under-18 league semi-final at Ballyphehane at 2.15: Castleview v. Churchtown (Referee: Ballyphehane.)

Junior League semi-final at Ballyphehane at 3.50: Buttevant v. Ballinlough (St. Finbarrs). Wednesday, ay 21 — Inter.

League at Riverstown at 7.30: Churchtown v. Sarsfields.

MAY
1975

THE ALL-IRELAND Camogie Championships for 1975 start on Sunday next, with the opening games in the Munster series, Tipperary travelling to play Waterford, and Clare at home to Kerry.

Waterford have not been so prominent on the inter-county scene in recent years, but they have very active competitions within the county, and should be able to put an enthusiastic team in the field. Tipperary have rarely managed to field an outstanding junior side, and a Waterford victory may well be on the cards.

A year ago Clare took the Munster title for the first time and later went on to take the All-Ireland crown. But none of that side are eligible to compete in this grade now. Still the uplift that 1974 victory has given to camogie in Clare has been so considerable that even on Kerry ground they must get the vote to end the ambitions of the girls from the Kingdom.

COLLEGES' TESTS

Colleges competitions are now drawing to a close and the semi-finals of the two remaining championships in Leinster will be played this weekend.

In the minor series, the first semi-final takes place today at Athy, where the local Mercy Convent, entertain Thomastown, from Co. Kilkenny. Another Kildare school will be engaged in the other semi-final of this grade to-morrow when Presentation, Killeock, are at home to their sister convent from Terenure.

In the senior B semi-final both tomorrow, Mercy Convent, Naas, have a home venue against Ballyhale Vocational School, while Walkinstown have to

travel to play Presentation, Durrow.

Both finals are scheduled for tomorrow week May 10.

HOLDERS FANCIED

Sunday next will see the Cork Championship semi-finals, both at The Mardyke, where holders, Imokilly will be strongly fancied to get the better of Muskerry, while U.C.C. on what is for them home ground will be hopeful of getting the better of the city junior selection, Naomh Gobnait.

With holders, Austin Stacks, comfortably through to the final, Celtic beaten by Stacks in the opening round, but now back in contention, will be favourites to reach the final once again.

Celtic now face Presentation, over whom they scored a good victory in mid-week, and there seems every reason to anticipate a repeat of that performance on Sunday.

Leinster Council at its meeting last weekend was the first provincial body to face up to the fact that in future the Gael-Linn Cup competition will be confined to junior players. The Council set up a selection committee of three who will run the rule over all players eligible within the province during the forthcoming championship campaign.

The three entrusted with the task are chairman Mrs. Timmons (Dublin), Mrs. Purcell (Leinster Colleges) and Miss Mary Fennelly (Kilkenny).

Waterford in final

Waterford, 2-6; Tipperary, 1-2
In the semi-final of the Munster Junior Camogie Championship at Waterford yesterday the home county beat Tipperary by 2-6 to 1-2, having led at half-time by 1-4 to 1-0. Stars of the Waterford side were R. Fleming, M. Kiely and C. Conroy, while best for Tipperary were K. Harvey, A. McCartney, P. Quigley and J. Carroll.

Cork too strong in camogie test

CORK proved too strong for Clare in the opening round of the U/16 camogie championship at Shannon on Sunday last where the visitors scored a comfortable 6-1 to 4-1 win.

The winners settled down quickly and dominated most sectors and at half-time led by a margin of five points.

On the resumption the losers came more into the picture and cut the deficit but it was the stronger and fitter Cork girls who lasted the pace better, to run out worthy winners.

Best for Clare were Ann-Marie Russell, Ann Fahy, Ann Day and Elizabeth Condon.

second half to which the opposition had no answer.

Despite this win the Clare girls looked very unfit and lacked coordination in their play, something that will no doubt be righted in the hard training schedule ahead. Trainer Ml. Brennan faces some problems in the forward line while the team is strong and capable of holding any opposition the back line and at mid-field there is room for improvement in the forward line and if the problem is overcome then the senior team could well make the presence felt in the higher grades.

DEATH

All members of the Clare camogie Board were very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Harrington of Peakle. The late Mrs. Harrington who died on Monday was mother of Ann, Claire, and Sheila, all of whom have played on Clare camogie teams and are members of this year's Clare panel. The Board was represented at the funeral on Tuesday and Wednesday.

PREPARING

In preparation for their senior championship fixture with Wexford on July 13, Clare were rarely extended in defeating Tipperary in a challenge played at Shannon on Sunday. Having led by 1-3 to nil at half-time, the winners, though short four of their regular side, turned in a more determined

CORK MINORS WERE GIVEN TOUGH FIGHT

Cork, 6-1; Clare 4-1.
Cork had to fight all the way in their first round Munster minor championship tie against Clare at Shannon yesterday. Clare opened the scoring with a goal in the first seconds but Cork regained the initiative and led for most of the game.

But even though the Leesiders looked likely winners all through they gave their supporters a number of uneasy moments and missed a number of good chances in the second half. But they did enough to win in spite of strong Clare pressure. Scorers: Cork, J. Davis, 3-0, C. Cronin 1-1, C. Landers 1-0, M. Sugrue 1-0. Clare, M. Cassidy 2-0, A. M. Russell 1-1, I. Shanahan 1-0.

Cork: C. Costine, C. Harris, B. Joyce, C. Hackett, J. O'Brien, C. Landers, A. Delaney, C. Cronin, E. Kavanagh, G. Desmond, a connolly J. Davis Sub M Sugrue for G. Desmond
Clare: C. O'Gorman, M. Lynch, A. Fahy, A. Daly, R. Carroll, J. Twohy, A. Russell, P. Commane, A. M. Russell, M. Cassidy, E. Condon, I. Shanahan.

Imokilly's fourth successive title

Imokilly 7-13; U.C.C. 1-2

Ex-U.C.C. star Pat Moloney captained Imokilly to their fourth successive Cork County senior camogie championship title and was one of the chief architects of her ex-colleagues downfall when the East Cork girls defeated U.C.C. by 7-13 to 1-2 in the final at the U.C.C. Grounds on Saturday evening.

In winning this elusive fourth successive title—only Glen Rovers and Old Aloysians have done it before Imokilly notched up the staggering total of 23 goals and 33 points with only 1-3 being scored against them, all this in three games.

There was a shock opening to the final as a gallant U.C.C. side rushed into the lead with a picture goal from Ger Butler. Almost immediately Val O'Dwyer added a point to leave Imokilly trailing for the first time in the championship. But though U.C.C. fought gallantly to stay in this game they were up against a truly superb side. The champions were never flustered by the early setback and proceeded to get right back on top with a point from Mary O'Leary and then two quick goals from that fine opportunist Marion Sweeney.

The first half was fast, skilful and exciting and although it always looked like an Imokilly victory U.C.C. deserve praise for the determined way they took on the champions. At half-time Imokilly were ahead by 2-6 to 1-1. But in the second half the champions were the ones to get down to business early and after only ten minutes had the game practically wrapped up, leading by 4-8 to 1-1.

After the game the trophy was presented to Pat Moloney by Miss Mary Moran, Chairman, Cork Co. Board.

Scorers for the winners: M. Sweeney 4-2, P. Moloney 1-7, M. O'Leary 1-2, A. Higgins 1-0, J. Knowles and M. Canavan 0-1 each. U.C.C. G. Butler 1-0 and V. O'Dwyer 0-2.

Imokilly—E. Higgins, M. Costine, K. Spillane, B. Costine, Rose Condon, C. Landers, P. Moloney, A. Higgins, J. Knowles, M. O'Leary, M. Canavan, M. Sweeney.

U.C.C.—A. Hayes, N. Jennings, M. Lucey, M. Roche, S. Ford, V. O'Dwyer, C. Lucey, M. Walsh, G. Butler, C. Riordan, C. Desmond, E. O'Hanlon.

Ref: Marie Mackey (Glen Rovers)

North Pres. are deserving new champions

North Presentation 9-1; St. Aloysius 7-3.

In a game of contrasting halves, North Presentation captured the Cork Schools senior camogie championship for the first time at Na Piarasigh Grounds on Saturday. Quickly into their stride, the new champions took advantage of a disorganised St. Aloysius side and went into a four goal lead. Faster to the ball and crisper strikers, North Pres. deserved to be in front by 6-0 to 1-2 at half-time.

St. Als playing without star forward Val Fitzpatrick resumed in more determined mood, however. Slowly they edged their way back into the game. And with time running out they launched an all-out attack which brought them close to their opponents, but time ran out before they could get on terms.

Scorers: North Pres.—J. Davis 5-0, C. Harris, B. Newman, M. O'Connell, M. O'Brien 1-0 each; M. Twomey 0-1. St. Als—M. Barry 3-0, P. Mackey 2-0, J. O'Brien 1-1, C. Cronin 1-1 and C. Kenny 0-1.

North Pres: I. Murphy, M. Twomey, M. Kelly, B. Owens (capt.), M. Cronin, M. Coughan, B. Newman, A. Connolly, C. Harris, M. O'Brien, M. O'Connell, J. Davis. Sub: M. Heffernan for M. O'Brien.

St. Als: G. Ring, B. Foley, M. Morrissey, V. Cronin, C. Coomey, C. Cronin, A. O'Connor (capt.), J. O'Brien, C. Kenny, P. Mackey, E. Hackett, M. Barry.

Champions Imokilly Take On Rest Of Cork

FOUR-IN-A-ROW Cork County champions Imokilly will be in action again next week. They will take on the Rest of Cork in a challenge game on Wednesday night in Middleton where they should get a warm welcome from their followers.

The Senior League continues tonight and intermediate championship games will be played tomorrow and Sunday. On Tuesday next the intermediate champions Glen Rovers will meet a junior selection in a junior trial game.

Congratulations to Imokilly who joined the elite last Saturday night with a most impressive championship victory. Aided by Pat Moloney, the East Cork girls obviously worked very hard to produce such a fine side.

Now with the championship over, focus turns to Cork teams and the selectors have organised two very interesting games. The first on Tuesday features a junior selection against intermediate champions Glen Rovers and in the second on the following night Imokilly take on the Rest of Cork.

The champions were so good in the campaign this season that many of their players must be in line for senior county places. Now it will be up to the "Rest" to prove themselves and good performances in this challenge will be vital to all. Deirdre Sutton, Nuala Jennings, Sheila Dunne, Mary Whelton, Marion McCarthy, Nancy O'Driscoll and Cally Riordan, all wore the Cork senior colours last season and they will line out with the "Rest."

PROMISING STARS

There are also a number of very promising stars included in the line out and good performances could put them in line for places. They include Margo Twomey, Marie Mackey and Val Fitzpatrick, all playing very well this season. Of course Imokilly's Marie and Bernie Costine, Mary Canavan, Pat Moloney and Marian Sweeney are just a few of the players who are in the running for Cork places. So it will be a star-studded game indeed with plenty of top class camogie likely.

deirdre Sutton will, of course, be in goal in the second trial against the junior selection. Here again there will be plenty of talent on view with so many players fighting for positions on Cork's second string. The junior selection includes Orla Harrington of Nemo Rangers, Kay Spillane of Carrigtwohill, Mary Salter (Churchtown), Ann O'Sullivan (Old Aloysians), and Noreen Bailey of Churchtown.

TEAMS

"Rest of Cork"—D Sutton (Glen Rovers), N. Jennings (U.C.C.), B. McAuliffe (Old Aloysians), S. Dunne (Canovee), M. Whelton (S.P.P.P.), M. Twomey (Canovee), A. Keane (Buttevant), M. McCarthy (S.P.P.P.), M. Mackey (Glen Rovers), V. Fitzpatrick (Old Aloysians), N. O'Driscoll (Eire Og), C. Riordan (U.C.C.). Subs: K. Doherty (Blarney), M. McCarthy (Eire Og) and G. Butler (U.C.C.).

Junior Selection—O Harrington (Nemo Rangers), K. Spillane (Carrigtwohill), M. Walsh (U.C.C.), M. Salter (Churchtown), K. Doherty (Blarney), H. Horgan (Eire Og), A. O'Sullivan (Old Aloysians), C. Landers (Kilbeagh), J. Knowles (Churchtown), S. Burke (do.), N. Bailey (do.), A. O'Donovan (S.P.P.P.). Subs to attend—F. Barry-Murphy (St. Finbarrs) and G. Barry (Old Aloysians).

Old Aloysians who picked up two senior league points at the expense of Glen Rovers last time out, will try to make further progress tonight when they meet South Presentation Past Pupils. Both sides made early exits from the championship and will be anxious to do well in the league. South Pres. can call on Mary Whelton, Anne Phelan, Annette O'Donovan and Kay Dunne to help them while Old Aloysians will be pinning their hopes on Val Fitzpatrick, Gerarda Barry, Ann O'Sullivan and Brid McAuliffe.

On tomorrow at 7.30 p.m. Blarney meet Cloyne in the intermediate championship. Blarney got the better of things when these sides clashed in the league but on that occasion

Cloyne were without Cork star Marie Costine. Marie will be back on Saturday night to assist her sisters Bernie and Kathleen. Mary O'Donoghue and Margaret McCoy. Blarney did well up to the final of the league but were well beaten by Churchtown. Now with the help of Kathleen and Mary Doherty, Patricia Mackey, Cora and Mary Humphries they will be hoping to repeat their league win over Cloyne and so make amends for their league final defeat.

Sarsfields, 1975 junior champions, have not been spectacular in the intermediate grade. They will make a strong bid to assert themselves, however, when they tackle Canovee on Sunday morning in the second intermediate championship tie of the weekend. Mary Canavan, Kay Kenneally and Rose Flynn are all top players for the junior champions while Canovee have their best players in Sheila Dunne, Margo Twomey and Teresa Lucey.

CONGRATULATIONS

Finally, congratulations to North Presentation and Macroom for their wins in the senior and junior schools championships on Saturday last. Both deserve great credit for their achievements. Macroom, under the guidance of Cork star Sheila Dunne, had a convincing win over Clonakilty in their decider while North Pres. defeated St. Aloysius.

North Presentation have been very prominent in recent years. They reached the final of the minor colleges All-Ireland last season. This year they were not in the senior grade at the start of the season but did so well in the lower grade that they entered the senior championship. They got a walk over from Mount Mercy in the semi-final and then went on to defeat league holders St. Aloysius on Saturday last in convincing style. They must surely feel very satisfied with this victory—the first senior championship for the school and surely a just reward for the hard work they have put into the game.

Macroom girl's sparkling win

Macroom Convent Of Mercy 7-3 Clonakilty Convent of Mercy 0-1

Macroom had a convincing win over Clonakilty in the final of the Cork Co. junior schools camogie championship played at Macroom. A cracking pace was maintained throughout the game and while not taking from the merits of the Macroom victory, the final score does not truly reflect the share of the game which Clonakilty enjoyed. Having taken an early lead with a goal, Macroom continued to kick off the scores and led 4 goals to nil at the interval.

After the interval, Clonakilty dived on the pressure and their captain, Eileen Walsh, who was the best of their forwards, had two excellent shots which went narrowly wide of the upright. Macroom continued to maintain their grip on the game and added 3-5 to their half-time tally, before the final whistle.

Scorers: Macroom — Margo Twomey 2-2, Elma O'Connell 2-1 Mary O'Leary. Clonakilty: E. Walsh 0-1.

Macroom — B. O'Connell, E. Eileen, J. Twomey, K. Callaghan, M. Twomey, B. McSweeney, E. Burton, J. Flynn, L. Leary, M. Hourihan, M. Barry, E. O'Connell.

Clonakilty—C. Walsh, D. Crowley, K. Kearney, E. Murphy, K. Kingston, J. Walsh, Cullinane, A. Ryan, E. Walsh, M. Crowley, C. Flynn. Ref: Miss M. McCarthy (Eire Og).

IMOKILLY DEFEAT CORK SELECTION

Imokilly 3-4 Cork County 1-3

Imokilly had a decisive victory over the Cork selection in a senior camogie tournament at Middleton last night.

The power of Pat Maloney, captain of Imokilly, aided by Angela Higgins dominated at Midfield and gave their forwards an ample supply of the ball. However, Cork keeper Deirdre Sutton was in magnificent form and had a blinder.

Imokilly led at the interval by 2-1 to 0-2; both the Cork selec-

tion scores coming from place balls. Maria Costine, Bernadette Costine, Angela Higgins, Pat Maloney, Marian Sweeney and Josie Knowles impressed for Imokilly, while Deirdre Sutton, Mary Whelton, Kay Doherty, Sheila Dunne, Marian McCarthy and Mary Mackay were most prominent for Cork.

Scorers for the winners: Sweeney 2-0; Moloney 1-1; Knowles 0-2; Canavan 0-1. For Cork: Val Fitzpatrick 1-0; Marian McCarthy 0-3.

Referee: Mary Knott, Glen Rovers.

40 YEARS AGO

CORK camogie team, the All-Ireland champions, scored ten goals to Clare's one when they met in the first round of the Munster Championship at the Tivoli Sportsfield. The teams were: **Cork** — Misses P. Hogg (St. Aloysius), K. McCarthy (Lee Hosiery), L. Delaney (Hillside), E. Stanton (Muskerry), D. Quirke (Lee Hosiery), M. McCarthy (do.), M. Cotter (Mayfield), L. Kirby (U.C.C.), S. Brennan (do.), K. Buckley (St. Aloysius), M. Kenneally (Hillside). **Clare** — Misses B. Hogan, M. Hill, N. McWiney, C. Healy, M. Griffin, L. Higgins, C. Markham, B. Layden, R. Quillinan, F. O'Neill, B. Clune, L. McMahon.

JUNE 1975

Only One Fixture Listed

BECAUSE of the Whit weekend there is only one fixture listed. This is the Under-18 League final at the Castleview Grounds where the Castleview girls take on Ballyphehane. Castleview, who defeated Churchtown in the semi-final last Sunday week, will be striving to win their first County Board competition against a Ballyphehane side who specialise in young players and have many good prospects in their ranks.

Big dates coming up are: June 29, Cork Juniors meet Waterford, in Waterford, in the semi-final of the Munster Junior Championship; Saturday, July 5, Cork minors at home day, Limerick in the semi-final of the Munster Minor Championship and on the following day Cork seniors take on Antrim, at the U.C.C. Grounds, in the first round of the senior All-Ireland.

So with these games ahead of them the Cork minors began training last evening and the seniors and juniors will join them on Tuesday next. Fitness is vital at the present time, so the preparation for inter-county has to begin early.

On Wednesday last Imokilly defeated the Rest of Cork in a challenge game at Middleton and after this game a panel of 16 players was chosen to go into senior training. The panel is: Deirdre Sutton (Glen Rovers), Marie Costine (Clovne), Bernie Costine (do.), Sheila Dunne (Canovee), Marion McCarthy (S.P.P.P.), M. Whelton (do.), N. Jennings (U.C.C.), P. Moloney (Killeagh), M. O'Leary (Glanworth), M. Sweeney (Killeagh), C. Riordan (U.C.C.), M. Twomey (Canovee), M. Canavan (Sarsfields), A. Keane (Buttevan), N. O'Driscoll (Eire Og), V. Fitzpatrick (Old Aloysians).

JUNIOR TRIAL

There was also a junior trial held on Tuesday night between Glen Rovers and a junior selection, following which a junior panel was chosen as follows: Orla Harrington (Nemo Rangers), Kay Sullane (Carrigtwohill), Mary Salter (Churchtown), Mary Walsh (U.C.C.), Gerard Barry (Old Aloysians), Kathleen Doherty (Blarney), Cella Fitzgibbon (Glen Rovers), Catherine Landers (Killeagh), Susan Burke (Churchtown), Hilda Horgan (Eire Og), Frances Barry-Murphy (St. Finbarrs), Noreen Bailey (Churchtown), Josie Knowles (do.), Annette O'Donovan (S.P.P.P.).

Camogie in the primary schools took another step forward last week with the election of officers to Cork Primary Schools' Committee. Mrs. Carmel Desmond of Old Aloysians, who is experienced in all schools' matters, will chair the new committee. County Board secretary, Rose O'Leary, from Eire Og, will act as secretary and Ide Ni She from Nemo was elected treasurer. These girls will, undoubtedly put the primary schools on a sound footing. A number of fixtures were made at their meeting as some schools were ready for matches.

The Cork Board plan to hold a holiday coaching course for players

at the national school in Blarney on June 21 and June 22. The course will be geared to young players. It is intended to go through all the basic skills of the game with them and to explain the duties of the various positions, etc. The course will be given by Cork personnel who have attended national coaching courses. Clubs, in their own interests, are requested to send their young players along.

While on the subject of coaching, the whole concept is changing within the Association. Two girls, who gave the last two national coaching courses, Ann Carroll of Kilkenny and Cork chairman, Mary Moran, have been appointed as national coaches and they will now be in charge of this section for the whole country. They will formulate a coaching plan following an assessment of the coaching needs of all clubs in the country. They will gear future national coaching courses to cover an examination syllabus for the various grades of coaches which they propose to introduce.

At this stage it is envisaged to have three grades: Grade 'A' (coaches who would be capable of coaching at any level and of giving coaching courses); Grade 'B' (coaches who would be capable of coaching players up to inter-county level); Grade 'C' (coaches who would be capable of coaching clubs and colleges players). They are drawing up a system of examination in conjunction with some experts in this field and hope to commence with this year's course. The national coaching course will, therefore, cater only for prospective coaches. It is felt that players should be coached at local level and not brought to places like Gormanston. The merits of coaching are clearly evident in colleges camogie where schools in areas where camogie was previously unknown have made tremendous progress with proper coaching. Misses Carroll and Moran have been interested in this side of the game for many years now, and in addition to all their other work they also intend to bring out a handbook on coaching. Good wishes to them both on this tremendous undertaking.

FIXTURE

Tomorrow (Saturday): Under-18 League final at Castleview at 7.30 p.m.: Ballyphehane v Castleview. Ref. Eire Og.

Sarsfields-

PRIDE of place this week must go to the gallant performance of our camogie side, who caused a major surprise when they proved too strong for a fancied Canovee side in the first round of the Intermediate Championship at Cloughduv on Sunday last.

Entering the fray as underdogs, the ladies set about their task in a determined fashion. However, aided by the strong breeze in the first half, they trailed by the odd goal in three at the interval.

From the re-start, the home side quickly went into attack, and added two points to their tally. Rising to the occasion in tremendous fashion, our side thundered back, and in an inspired last quarter notched the all-important winning scores.

The defence was solid and unyielding, with fine performances from Catherine Daly, Lourdes O'Riordan and Kay Kenneally. Mary Canavan, who recently captured her third Senior Championship medal in-a-row, had a starring game in the middle of the field, ably assisted by Martina Murphy, who thwarted the best efforts of inter-county star Sheila Dunne. The attack, which foraged well throughout, had their performers in Catherine Kenneally and Ellen McCarthy.

Shared Honours At Raheny

Dublin, the holders of the Leinster Junior Camogie title, and Kilkenny the Leinster minor champions shared the honours at St. Vincent's grounds, Raheny, yesterday. When Dublin won the Junior game and Kilkenny the minor game in the opening rounds of the Leinster Camogie Championships.

DUBLIN 3-1
KILKENNY 0-0

Dublin, backed by a strong breeze, gained great confidence when they landed two quick goals in the opening minutes of this game and were nicely placed leading 3-1 to nil at half time.

Though Kilkenny tightened up considerably after the

interval, Dublin still continued to have the better of the play territorially, but they failed to find the range on many occasions or were foiled by the fine defensive work of the visitors' backline and goalie.

Best for the winners were Maura Sutton, Bernie Conway, Mary Mernagh and Aileen Gleeson. For Kilkenny, goalie Bernie Cahill (who played in both games, Bernie Larkin, Ann Dreeelin and Carol Prendergast were best.

SCORERS: Dublin — M. Sutton (2-0), H. Roche (1-0), M. Mernagh (0-1).

KILKENNY 1-2
DUBLIN 0-0

Though Dublin, who had wind advantage, pressed for the

greater part of the opening half they failed to raise a flag and the only score was a point for Kilkenny from a thirty to leave the visitors ahead 0-1 to nil at half time.

Kilkenny took their chances well after the interval to add a goal and a point while Dublin had two great shots saved by Kilkenny goalie, Bernie Cahill, who was outstanding all through.

Others to impress for the winners were Mary O'Keefe, Ann Gahan and Josie O'Shea who got all their scores.

For Dublin, Mary Divane, Brid Feeney, Maeve Dillon and Joan McMahon did best.

SCORER: Kilkenny — J. O'Shea (1-2).

Wexford To Meet Wicklow

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Although in many areas activities are at a minimum because of the holiday weekend, Leinster on Sunday will stage the second round of the minor and senior camogie championships when Wexford entertain neighbours Wicklow in both grades.

For both counties, this will be their first appearance in the current series however. Wicklow had a first-round walk-over from Laois while Wexford had a bye.

On past form, Wexford must be favoured to advance. Yet the game has made remarkably rapid progress in Wicklow through the past 12 months, especially on the schools and colleges fields.

So while victory in the junior grade may be beyond their capacity, I expect the Wicklow minors to give a particularly good account of themselves and perhaps spring a surprise.

At the St. Vincent's ground last Sunday, Dublin holders of the provincial junior title and minor Leinster champions Kilkenny each won, with a little to spare.

SURPRISE

In the other Leinster first round games, Louth recorded a double over Meath and thus advance to the next stages. In the North, there were three games in the junior championship last weekend.

Antrim had a surprisingly easy win over Cavan, Down got the better of Tyrone in a high-scoring game, while Derry sprang the real surprise of the round when they accounted for Armagh.

The Kilmacud-Crokes seven-a-side championship at Glenalbyn last weekend presented camogie at its best. Austin Stacks (Dublin), St. Pauls (Kilkenny), Oranmore (Galway) and holders Buffer's Alley (Wexford) won their way through to the semi-finals.

St. Paul's got the better of Stacks in a very entertaining semi-final, while Buffer's Alley and Oranmore had a real battle royal in the other, before the Wexford girls achieved a hard-earned victory.

The final was a miniature classic, productive of some wonderful play. At the end St. Paul's thanks to some great goals by captain Ursula Grace and superb defence by Ann Carroll and goal-keeper Teresa O'Neill won through.

So St. Paul's added the seven-a-side to the club championship but Elsie Walsh from Buffer's Alley deservedly gained the honour as the player of the tournament.

Wexford make it a double over Wicklow

WEXFORD ADVANCED to the semi-final of the Leinster Junior and Minor Camogie Championships when they scored a double over Wicklow at Wexford Park yesterday.

Wexford 3-8; Wicklow 1-4

Wexford, who were backed by a fresh breeze, had the better of the exchanges in the first half and deservedly led 2-5 to 0-2 at half-time.

The visitors who had some fine individual players put up a better show after the interval but the all-round strength of the Wexford attack was the deciding factor in this game.

Best for Wexford were B. McCleane, M. Furlong and G. Duggan. For Wicklow P. Kelly, who had played in defence in the minor game, did well in goal. M. O'Loughlin and K. O'Neill were also prominent.

Scorers: Wexford — B. McCleane (0-5), M. Furlong (1-2), B. Higgins and M. O'Connor (1-0 each) and M. O'Leary (0-1). Wicklow — M. O'Loughlin (0-3), B. Kelly (1-0) and G. Collins (0-1).

Wexford 7-4; Wicklow 1-4

Wexford, drawn mainly from the Rathnure 1973 Community Games champion side and 1974 Feile na nGael winners, proved too experienced for Wicklow in the minor game.

K. Tonks, B. O'Connor and C. O'Leary impressed for Wexford and P. Kelly, B. Whelan and K. Barry for Wicklow.

A. Butler (3-0), C. O'Leary (2-1), K. Tonks (0-3), M. Barron (2-0), scored for Wexford, who led by 4-1 to 0-3 at half-time, and B. Whelan (1-2), K. Barry and B. Doran (0-1 each) for Wicklow.

10 YEARS AGO

GLEN ROVERS won the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship title for the fourth successive year when they defeated U.C.C. by 5-4 to 1-2 at the U.C.C. Grounds, their all-round teamwork and an ability to take their scores being the deciding factors in their victory. The teams were:—Glen Rovers — D. Sutton, C. Buckley, N. O'Callaghan, P. Deane, P. Dorgan, T. Murphy, N. Mahony, M. Buckley, S. O'Connell, A. Crotty, K. Browne, M. Browne. U.C.C. — P. Devlin, C. Mullane, H. Dineen, S. Dunne, A. Hennerty, E. O'Keefe, E. Hurley, M. Furlong, A. Geaney, M. O'Dea, M. Fitzgerald, M. Buckley.

Championship Prospects

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WITH no fixtures listed for the coming weekend this is a good time to look ahead to the inter-county season. Nineteen seventy-four came to a close with three of the four Munster inter-county championship cups resting in Cork. But, of course, the Junior and Senior All-Irelands held by Cork in 1973, went to Clare and Kilkenny respectively last season.

Now with the 1975 panels announced, one might ask what lies ahead. Let us start with the seniors. Missing from last year's side will be Hannah Cotter, Ann Ryan, Betty McCarthy (nee Sugrue) and Nuala Guilly, and maybe Nuala Jennings. The first four gave sterling service to Cork in recent years and their ability and experience will not be easily replaced. Nuala Jennings joined the senior panel last season and may be away for the summer.

Their loss has forced the selectors to call up new talent. The new girls are Mary O'Leary, a member of Cork's All-Ireland

winning junior squad in 1973, who is showing fine form with Imokilly. Cally Riordan, another College girl who missed the 1974 campaign as she was on a working holiday abroad. Cally did return late in the season to play for Cork against Clare in the Munster final. Margo Twomey the third newcomer was last year's minor captain who showed that she has what it takes when things are not going Cork's way. Val Fitzpatrick has been a prominent member of Cork's under-18 side for the past few seasons and she is the fourth newcomer to join the panel. It is sad to see players retiring from the game but it is also heartening to see new talent getting a chance and now with so many Cork seniors leaving the scene it is time to move forward once again.

Some of last season's team members are showing grand form at the moment. Pat Moloney, fatigued from studying for her finals last summer, is playing great stuff at the moment. Bernie Costine has developed into a fine striker and

Marion Sweeney is adapting nicely to her new position. Given a few weeks training and being relieved of the burden of championships — they lost last year after holding the All-Ireland title for four successive seasons — Cork should field a handy side again this year. Their opponents in the first round will be Antrim, whom they meet at the Mardyke on July 6. The effects of the continued troubles in the North are having a telling result on camogie in that province. When the sides met at Glengarriffe last year, Antrim matched Cork for more than half the game and then fell away — obviously suffering from lack of training. But Antrim possess great spirit and no mean ability and if they can manage to get in that vital training they could give Cork a very difficult game this season. So Cork will need to be at their best, and have already got down to training for this game.

Davis' ability to notch scores but it also highlighted some weaknesses which will have to be repaired if Cork are to make progress on the hard road back to Croke Park.

At this early stage it is a season full of possibilities. Cork has its share of talent, its desire for further success and a willingness to work for it but, as the past has proved, luck must be there too to see them through to a satisfactory conclusion.

Kildare hope for 'double'

By TAOBH LINE

KILDARE have been out of the Leinster Camogie honours for some considerable time past but Lopes are high within the county this season, and supporters will hope to see two teams qualify for the semi-finals of the junior and minor provincial competitions when they take on Offaly at Tullamore.

Since Kildare is camogie wise, one of the best organised counties in the country, with many adult teams, and a large number of schools playing the game at all levels, it is surprising that inter-county success has proved so elusive.

But the amount of Camogie being played within the county is bound to be reflected sooner or later farther afield, and certainly one expects the Kildare girls to advance on Sunday next as their opponents, Offaly, though eager and enthusiastic have very little experience at inter-county level.

However, it is a grand thing for the game to see Offaly back in competitive camogie and, back-boned by players from Tullamore and Kilcormack, I expect to see them give a good account of themselves.

Tomorrow's games will conclude the preliminary stages of the Leinster competitions in the lesser grades. In junior, holders Dublin, Louth and Wexford are already through to the semi-finals. Minor title holders, Kilkenny have also reached the semi-finals of that grade together with Louth and Wexford.

Wexford were impressive in both grades against Wicklow last Sunday. The losers fielded two very promising teams, but had to give best to the craft and stick work of Wexford, who will be hard to beat, especially in the minor series.

Kilkenny have followed the example of Cork and Dublin by completing their local championships very early in the season. All three finals were decided on Sunday last. All-Ireland club champions St. Pauls, will once again represent the county in the senior grade in their home final they had a very easy victory over Young Ireland of Gowran.

Emphasis On Coaching This Weekend

THERE are no fixtures again this weekend on the camogie scene but the County Board are holding their own coaching course for young players on tomorrow (Saturday) and Sunday next. Mary Moran, who was recently appointed one of two national coaches, will be in charge of the course.

Mary, who is the Cork County chairman, has always taken a great interest in the coaching side of the game and together with Anne Carroll — the second national coach — has been one of those in charge of the national coaching courses in recent years.

Mary will have top-class helpers in Kay Dunne, another devotee of the national coaching courses, and inter-county star Sheila Dunne, while the Cork senior, junior and minor panels will also be on hand to demonstrate and help in any way they can.

Coaching is now more important than ever in any game and camogie is no exception so all clubs should not waste this opportunity of giving their young players a valuable weekend of coaching.

ABUNDANCE OF TALENT

Cork at the moment is in a very healthy position as regards young players. There is an abundance of talent coming on the scene. This is largely due to the great success of the colleges' competitions and with the primary schools now due to start their own competitions camogie players will be coming on the scene at an even younger age.

But it is so important to put these girls on the right course from the beginning. Club officials have a great responsibility when dealing with youth. A good grounding in the game is

vital from an early age and players and officials alike have nothing but good to gain from attending the coaching course. So come on clubs — get all your young players to Blarney over the weekend.

POISED FOR ACTION

The Cork panels continue to train at the Mardyke. The examination girls should be able to join them for final preparation next week. The juniors will be first in action when they travel to Waterford on June 29 then we have a very busy weekend at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, where on the Saturday the minors take on Limerick while on the Sunday the seniors meet Antrim in the first round of the senior All-Ireland.

Antrim are always a very attractive side to watch, and with goal ace Lily Scullion and Kathleen Kelly, who missed last year's campaign, back in action this time, Cork could meet a very different Antrim team from the side which they defeated so heavily last year. In any event Cork are taking no chances and following a number of trial games panels for all three county teams have been in training for the last few weeks.

HISTORY

Finally, another word about the proposed history of the game which is being compiled by our national P.R.O., Jo Golden. Following my appeal of last week, two further clubs Bishopstown and Na Piarsaigh have now returned their questionnaires. But very many are still outstanding, and as the closing date for information is drawing very close, I would greatly appreciate your co-operation in returning the information on your club.

Modernising Camogie Rule Book

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Central Council of the Camogie Association, at its meeting in Dublin last weekend, set up a small committee to entirely revise, rewrite where necessary and generally bring up to date and modernise the Rule Book and Official Guide.

This is a step long overdue, as, though the Rule Book has been revised more than once

in recent years, many of the amendments were grafted on to the original, resulting in the end as something that is not entirely satisfactory.

The committee will consist of Sheila McAnulty, until last congress the Association's general secretary; her successor, Jo Golden; Marie Mangan, secretary of Leinster Council, and Una Bean Uí Phuirseal, chairman of the C.C.I.A. The revision of the Rule Book in its entirety was undertaken as a result of a motion from Galway at the 1974 congress, and a deal of preliminary

work has been done during the past year by a committee of Munster Council.

Central Council also approved of final arrangements for the annual National Coaching Course which will be held as usual next month at Franciscan College, Gormanston.

Because so many players are engaged at examinations at so many levels, competitive Camogie will be at an absolute minimum this week — end throughout the country.

Leinster Council, however, must be very pleased with

themselves in having cleared off the preliminary stages of their lesser competitions in such good time. Both the minor and junior championships have reached the semi-final stage. In junior grade the four counties still standing are holders Dublin, Kildare, Wexford and Louth. In minor the holders, Kilkenny are still in contention, together with Louth, Wexford and surprise packets Offaly who had something of a surprise win at Tullamore on Sunday last over a much more fancied Kildare side,

STIFF TEST FOR KILKENNY GIRLS

By AGNES HOURIGAN

All-Ireland senior Camogie champions, Kilkenny make their competitive debut for this season on Sunday next when they line out against Wexford in the Leinster semi-final. But the odd situation is that it is Wexford and not Kilkenny who are the holders of the Eastern Provincial Crown.

Since the All-Ireland senior championship changed over to the "Open Draw" system a few seasons ago, the Leinster senior championship has been played as a completely separate competition. A year ago, Wexford beat Kilkenny in the provincial semi-final and then went on to rout Dublin in the final. So it is Wexford and not Kilkenny who will be defending a senior crown on Sunday next.

It is early in the year to be assessing senior form, but St. Paul's of Kilkenny and Buffers Alley of Wexford, with the

players who form the backbone of both county sides were both in top gear when they met a few weeks ago in the final of the Kilmacud-Crokes Sevens at Glenalbyn.

St. Paul's narrowly won a great game, so there should not be that showing, be much between them now. Kilkenny, however, are likely to be short at least two of their All-Ireland panel. Ann Carroll is out of the country on holiday, while at least one of their younger stars, Ann Downey may be tied down by examinations.

However the champions should be able to put a very useful team in the field, but they will have to work hard to prevent Wexford advancing in defence of that Leinster title. The opening game will see

the holders Kilkenny take on Offaly in the semi-final of the Leinster minor series. Kilkenny were impressive when ousting Dublin in the opening round, but Offaly gave an extremely good account of themselves when eliminating Kildare. However, on home ground the Kilkenny girls must get the vote to advance to the final. Tomorrow will be a historic day in Dublin when there will be Camogie competition for primary schools, under the auspices of the Dublin Board in Phoenix Park.

To allow all the players equal opportunity, this competition will be a one-day "blitz" tournament and plenty of excitement and enthusiasm is certain before the eventual winners are known.

The youngsters will have another day out on Sunday when the Dublin Board holds a juvenile seven-a-side, also in the Phoenix Park grounds, and a multitude of entries has already been received.

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KILKENNY (Minor) — B. Meegan, C. Moran, M. O'Keeffe, J. O'Shea, K. Butler, B. Cahill, B. Cuddihy, A. Drea, K. Dowling, B. Delahunty, C. Dalton, H. Diamond, A. Gannon, B. Giles, C. Hennessy, A. Holden, J. Holden.

WEXFORD (Senior) — G. Kehoe (Capt.), K. Tonks, E. Foley, B. Doran, B. Doyle, B. Murphy, E. Walsh, E. O'Gorman, M. Lacey, M. Hearne, M. Furlong, M. D'Arcy, B. Murphy, T. Sheil, B. Tobin, M. Shannon.

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KILKENNY ARE CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS

Kilkenny 2-6; Wexford 1-4

KILKENNY, the All-Ireland Senior Camogie champions, beat Wexford, the Leinster champions, in a hard-fought Leinster Senior championship final at Gowran yesterday.

The sides shared six points in the first half, but then Kilkenny got on top at midfield and went a goal and a point ahead. The Wexford girls rallied to draw level again but the home side lasted the pace better and added 1-2 to win by five points.

Celina O'Neill, Mary Fennelly, Ursula Grace and Kay Connery impressed for the winners and Margaret Lacey, Elsie Walsh and Brigid Doyle did well for Wexford.

Scorers: Kilkenny — K. Connery (1-4), A. Downey (1-0), U. Grace (0-2), M. Fennelly and M. Conway (0-1 each), Wexford — M. Lacey (1-0), B. Fox, M. Hearne, M. Furlong, E. Walsh (0-1 each).

Kilkenny 5-5; Offaly 1-2
Kilkenny, the holders, quali-

fied for the Leinster Minor Camogie Championship when they proved too clever for gallant Offaly at Gowran yesterday.

Brigid Delahunty, Josie O'Shea and Bernie Cahill in goal starred for Kilkenny and Martina Elliott, Anne Molloy and Brigid Reynolds tried hard for the losers.

Scorers: Kilkenny — B. Delahunty (3-5), M. O'Neil (2-0), Offaly — A. Molloy (0-2) B. Reynolds (1-0).

Wexford march into decider

Wexford, 2-2; Louth, 0-0.

Wexford qualified for the Leinster Junior Camogie final at Knockbridge yesterday when they were hard pressed to defeat the home side Louth. They led 1-2 to nil at half time.

Best for the winners were Geraldine Duggan, Dorothy Walsh and goalie Margaret Kelly, and for Louth, Rose Murtagh and Colette Tumelty.

Scorers: Wexford — B. Higgins (2-0), G. Duggan (0-1), B. McClean (0-1).

Wexford, 4-2; Louth, 2-1.

Wexford qualified for the Leinster Minor Camogie final against Kilkenny when they defeated Louth at Knockbridge yesterday. Wexford, who won by double scores, led 3-2 to 0-0 at half time.

Best fort ewinners were Brigid O'Connor, Kathleen Tonks and Breda Carr. For Louth goalie Ethna Stamill, and the Lennon sisters were the most prominent.

Scorers: Wexford — B. O'Connor (2-2), C. O'Leary (1-0), A. Butler (1-0); Louth — V. Kelly (1-1), A. Watters (1-0).

LEINSTER CAMOGIE — Minor Championship — Wexford 4-2, Louth 2-1; Junior Championship — Wexford 2-2, Louth 0-0.

Offaly and Kildare share spoils

OFFALY and Kildare divided the spoils in the Leinster Camogie Championships at Tullamore, yesterday. Offaly minors advanced to the semi-final against Kilkenny and Kildare qualified to play Dublin in the junior semi-final.

Offaly, 1-6; Kildare, 4-0

Kildare, who had the advantage of a fresh breeze in the opening half, led 4-0 to 2-0 at half-time.

The home side, however, made better use of the advantage after the interval and ran out deserving winners.

The winners were best served by Brigid Reynolds who was a star midfielder, Ann Molloy and Kay Corrigan. For Kildare, Mary Birmingham, Kay Elliot and goalie Geraldine Lanzan were best.

Scorers: Offaly — A. Molloy (2-1), K. Corrigan (2-0), T. Casey (1-0), B. Reynolds (1-0); Kildare — L. Dunne (2-0), S. Byrne (1-0), M. Dunne (1-0).

Kildare, 6-6; Offaly, 0-1

Kildare scored an easy victory over the Offaly junior side in this game. The visitors proved far too experienced for the home side and led 4-4 to nil at half-time.

Best for the winners were the Reilly sisters, Gay Dowling and Kay O'Brien. For Offaly, Miriam Casey, Brigid Reynolds and Ann Molloy were best.

Scorers: Kildare — G. Derrling (4-0), M. Ryan (0-5), G. Dowling (1-0), M. Malone (1-1); Offaly — B. Reynolds (0-1).

Cork easily account for Waterford

Waterford 0-0 Cork 5-6

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The 20 years old South Pres. girl opened the tally after eight minutes. Josie Knowles pointed in the 14th minute and Miss O'Donovan goaled immediately from the puck out. Further points by Annette O'Donovan, Susan Burke, Noreen Bailey and a goal by Annette O'Donovan left the half-time tally at 3-4 to nil.

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Churchtown Celebrate Ten Years' Success



The Junior Championship team of 1966, taken at Ballinlough.

To celebrate their tenth anniversary, the Churchtown North Camogie Club are holding a function at the Two Mile Inn, Churchtown. This is a function with a difference as the club intends to invite all past members who have played with them to be present.

Formed on April 21, 1965, the first committee elected were: Chairman, Miss Jo O'Brien, now Mrs. Tom Savage; Hon. Secretary, Mary Salter; Treasurer, Miss Josie Murphy, now Mrs. Dick Knowles, who also captained the team and still plays with her club and division.

Their first game was played in May, against Whitegate, who at that time had an excellent side, which included Marie Costine (Cloyne), the current Cork, Munster and Imokilly full-back, who must be one of the few Cork camogie players who hold four All-Ireland senior medals and four county senior ones. Whitegate won by ten goals and one point to one goal.

It is worth mentioning the first team as only three of the side still participate: Mary Salter, Mary Wall, now Mrs. Willie Cotter, and Josie Knowles. The others were Julianne O'Brien, Jo O'Brien, Rita Coleman, N. Barry, V. Barry, P. Moreen, K. Cashman, M. Cashman, N. Connolly.

At this period, St. Mary's High School, Middleton, had a successful school team and the Churchtown girls enrolled Noreen O'Reilly (Bailey), Mary Barry, Collette Walsh (Leahy), Phil O'Brien (Butler), Pexie Cooney, now in London, Rita Coleman, holder of a Cork senior medal, won with Imokilly in 1947. With these training and organised coaching, it was not long until the side learned the art of the game. The year of their foundation they entered for the Cork Junior Championship and on May Sunday, 1966, won the 1965 Championship, beating Bandon in the final.

In October of the same year, the 1966 intermediate title was won by the Middleton based club. They equalled the record of another East Cork club in winning two championships in two successive years, only Churchtown did it in 18 months. Not strong enough for senior, they had a lean period and were relegated in 1969. The same year they put forward a motion at the County Convention that an Imokilly team be allowed to enter the Senior Championship. This team went on to win the

senior title in '72, '73, '74 and '75.

Since that, Churchtown never looked back. They won the Intermediate League in 1970, a feat they repeated, some weeks back, when they won the Intermediate League of 1974. They reached the County Intermediate final in 1973, only to be beaten by Canovee. The same fate

befell them last year when they bowed out to Glen Rovers.

In a senior seven-a-side, Churchtown caused a major surprise some weeks back when they won the competition, beating South Pres in the final. The club now fields five teams and have over 80 playing members, a fantastic number for such a small club of a few years ago.

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OPEN DRAW WORKS WELL

THE Open Draw has worked extremely well to date in the senior All-Ireland Camogie championship, and once again will provide very varied fare when the competition opens next month. Holders Kilkenny will be at home to Galway in the opening round. Antrim have to travel to face former champions Cork, newly arisen Clare entertain Wexford while Dublin have to visit Tipperary.

Remarkably, even on an open draw it will be noted that in this opening round no county faces a county from its own province which adds all the more interest to the entire set-up. Galway who have in recent years won every honour the game has to offer, except the All-Ireland senior title again have to travel to meet the champions in the first round, nevertheless they were very unlucky when losing narrowly to Cork.

This time they will travel hopefully to Kilkenny well aware of the fact that in the inter-provincial final last Autumn an all-Galway team representing Connacht had a clearcut victory over a Leinster side powered largely by Kilkenny players. Since then however, St. Paul's from Kilkenny beat Galway's Oranmore the holders in the All-Ireland club final, and that could be an important pointer to this championship encounter. Both sides will of course be able to call on players who were not in action in the club final, and Galway may

have the greater help in this regard.

The addition of such as Midge Poniard and Teresa Duane will be a big boost and even though Kilkenny are champions and are on home ground, the issue may well be open enough.

Cork on home ground, will be well fancied against Antrim as the Northern team are very much in the course of transition, but the team that gave Cork those four titles in a row will not be seen together again, and it remains to be seen what replacements will be found for some of those great stars.

Clare will face a stiff test when Wexford visit them, but in the past season or two the dedication that marked Wexford's march to two successive All-Ireland titles in successive years has not been conspicuous of late.

Clare on the other hand are afire with enthusiasm after last year's junior championship victory, and it would not be such a surprise to see them advance to the semi-final.

The Dublin/Tipperary tie will be harder to forecast. Dublin have never recaptured the winning vein that marked their 19 titles in 20 years from 1947 to 1966. Yet there is a tremendous amount of talent within the county, and they will surely come again. Tipperary have not made the impression they should have in recent times, and they suffer from the fact that they seem to take insufficient interest in the junior grade with the result that

they have not the replacements coming up that are available to other counties. Still they have some great stalwarts still and before the home supporters could give Dublin plenty to think about.

Still it looks like Kilkenny, Cork, Clare and Dublin for the semi-finals and these four could provide some intriguing pairings.

Meanwhile congratulations to Presentation Convent Athenry on taking the senior Colleges All-Ireland for the second successive year. Although St. Brigid's Callan all but snatched victory during the final proper a strong all-round Athenry side foiled them and in the end Midge Poniard and Teresa Duane led the holders to victory despite the best efforts of the Downey twins, Anne and Angela.

A very versatile team from Presentation Cashel brought the junior crown to Munster and to Tipperary for the first time, and at their very first appearance in the competition. But all praise to a gallant Presentation Tere-nure side that battled so gallantly against adversity. Once again the Colleges final presented a very exhilarating Croke Park occasion, and the screening of the games afterwards, in colour by Telefis Eireann must give a further boost to the competitions.

And one thing I like. The organisers bring the losers as well as the winners to the Croke Park rostrum, and allow the losing captain as well as the winners a chance to thank their players and supporters.

Cork To Regain All-Ireland Championship

CAN Cork regain the All-Ireland Championship which they lost to Kilkenny in a replay last season? This is a question which all Cork camogie followers are asking and on Sunday they will have a chance to see the county in action for the first time this season when they meet old rivals Antrim in the first round of the 1975 campaign at the Mardyke.

Cork minors will also be in action this weekend when they meet Limerick in the semi-final of the Munster Championship at St. Finbarr's Grounds on tomorrow (Saturday) evening.

The open draw has proved a big success in the senior campaign and so continues this year. This time Cork were lucky with a home venue but Antrim are anything but easy opponents. Always an exciting side to watch they are all great competitors. There is tremendous credit due to the Northern girls to keep camogie going in the province at the present time. But Antrim have never failed to field a side and this year are more determined than ever to do well. Two years ago Cork beat Antrim by a single point in the All-Ireland final after a cracking game. Then last season Cork made the tough journey to Glenarriffe in Co. Antrim, where they had an easier than expected win. However the final score in that game in no way reflected the actual game.

Antrim were on top in the first quarter, then Cork broke even and gradually got on top but it was only in the last quarter that they dominated the game. It was, of course, a tremendous victory for the Cork girls, but they would not want to be complacent about the strength of Antrim because of that success.

Lily Scullion and Kathleen Kelly two top players who were missing from the line out last season will be in action in the Mardyke. In addition Antrim have top class performers in Mairead McAtamney, Sue

McLernon, Mairead Diamond and Bernie Dixon.

In addition to all this Antrim always seem to play well in the Mardyke so even though it is an away venue for them it should not upset them too much.

NEW TALENT

What of Cork? Holders of the title for four successive seasons they had to relinquish their title to Kilkenny last season after a replay. Both games were marvellous affairs but in the end Cork had to admit defeat to a superior Kilkenny side. Since then Cork have made a number of changes. Gone from the side are Betty McCarthy, Hannah Cotter, Ann Ryan and Nuala Guilly all of whom have not played camogie for several months and were therefore not eligible for selection. Mary Canavan is another member of the panel of last season who is not available as she cried off this year.

But there is new talent added to side, and with Cork's young players now coming up through the ranks of Colleges, Minor, underage and Junior grades, the new recruits are quite experienced in inter-county fare. Bernie Costine who will be remembered for her fine point in the drawn final of last season, is now an established senior player.

She was in great form with county champions Imokilly, all the season and showed in the All-Ireland final, in which she came in as a sub in the closing stages, that she is not overawed by the big occasion. Bernie fills a vital role in the rather "new look" Cork side playing at half back in front of sister Marie in the full position. Mary Whelton, who lost her place to Nuala Jennings last season returns at left half back with Nuala filling the other half back position.

Last season centre half back Sheila Dunne moves to wing centre where she has the unenviable task of marking Antrim's Mairead McAtamney. The second newcomer to the side is Mary O'Leary, the 1975 junior

captain. Mary was another who struck top form with Imokilly this season and she will be in the wing forward position. Her Imokilly colleague Marion Sweeney, who was in such marvellous scoring form in the Co. Championship is at full forward where she should upset the Antrim defence.

On the other wing is the hard-working Nancy O'Driscoll, while Cally Riordan, winner of senior and junior All-Ireland medals on the same day in 1973, returns to the side at half forward. Cally missed the 1974 campaign as she was on a working holiday in America during her holidays from U.C.C.

Pat Moloney, for so long the stalwart of the U.C.C. as well as the Cork team, will be at full centre where her tremendous hurling ability could dominate that sector. Pat's partners are Marion McCarthy, that powerful centre-fielder and Sheila Dunne.

Anne Keane, Margo Twomey, Val Fitzpatrick and Catherine Landers are the four promising substitutes.

On paper Cork have a very strong side with plenty of hurling ability and lots of determination. And the home venue will be a help. But it will be a tough battle against an exciting side.

Cork minors have been in action already this season when they made hard work of defeating Clare by two goals in the first round of the Munster championship. On that occasion the Cork defence was not impressive and the selectors have made changes to strengthen this sector. Betty Joyce has been moved to centre back with Marie Coughlan coming in at right back. Kathleen Costine is again in goal and the defence is completed by Jane O'Brien and Claire Harris.

Senior sub Catherine Landers plays at wing centre with Claire Hackett at full and Ann Delaney on the other wing. For this game Claire Cronin takes over the centre-forward berth with Janet Davis at full and the wing positions going to Anne Connolly and Eileen Kavanagh.

STRONG SIDE

Limerick had a particularly strong side in this grade last year and ran Cork very close indeed. They have not played in the current championship so far but with strong colleges camogie in the county they are bound to field a very good side.

But Cork again have the advantage of a home venue and if they can harness their undoubted ability into a more direct game, tighten up their defence and shapen up at midfield then they must have a good chance of reaching the Munster final.

Seniors: Deirdre Sutton, Marie Costine, Nuala Jennings, Bernie Costine, Mary Whelton, Sheila Dunne, Pat Moloney, Marion McCarthy, Mary O'Leary, Cally Riordan, N. O'Driscoll, Marion Sweeney. Subs. Ann Keane, Margo Twomey, Val Fitzpatrick and Catherine Landers.

Minors: Kathleen Costine, Claire Harris, Marie Coughlan, Betty Joyce, Jane O'Brien, Catherine Landers, Claire Hackett, Ann Delaney, Anne Connolly, Claire Cronin, Eileen Kavanagh, Janet Davis. Subs. Ann Goggins, Orla Harrington, Gay Desmond and Margo Sugrue.

In the only other game of the weekend St. Fanahan's meet Blackwater in the Junior League at Mitchelstown.

Fixtures

Tomorrow, Saturday at St. Finbarr's Grounds: M.C. semi-final, Limerick v. Cork, 7.15 p.m.
Sunday at U.C.C. Grounds (Mardyke): All-Ireland Senior Championship first round: Cork v. Antrim, 3.00 p.m. Ref. Ann

Cork advance to meet Kilkenny

Cork 6-3, Antrim 0-4

Cork had a surprisingly easy win over Antrim in the first round of the All-Ireland senior championship at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, yesterday. Antrim were a big disappointment as they never got into this game and Cork had little trouble in disposing of their challenge.

From the opening minute when Pat Moloney sent a sideline free straight to the net Cork were always on top. Their forwards Marion Sweeney, Cally Riordan, Nancy O'Driscoll and newcomer Mary O'Leary gave the Antrim defence a busy afternoon while at the other end the Costine sisters, Marie and Kathleen dominated in Cork's defence.

For Antrim only Mairead McAtamney and Kathleen Kelly showed anything like championship form, while Sue Dillon in the Northern goal brought off some good saves behind a struggling defence.

Cork now face Kilkenny in the next round.

Scorers for Cork were: M.O'Leary 3-0, C. Riordan 1-2, P. Moloney and M. Sweeney 1-0 each, M. McCarthy 0-1. For Antrim: M. McAtamney 0-4.

Cork: D. Sutton, M. Costine, M. Whelton, B. Costine, N. Jennings, S. Dunne, P. Moloney, M. McCarthy, N. O'Driscoll, C. Riordan, M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney.

Antrim: S. Dillon, K. Kelly, F. Brady, J. McClements, N. McAllister, R. McAteer, M. McAtamney, E. McGrillen, M. Lundy, A. Marrion, K. McGowan, N. Havlin. Subs. M. Fryars for N. McAllister.

Referee: A. Ashton, Dublin.

Kilkenny 4-8, Galway 1-5

Kilkenny pulled out in the last quarter for a decisive victory over Galway at Gowran, Co. Kilkenny yesterday. At the interval, Kilkenny were in front 2-2 to 1-5.

Scorers. Kilkenny — U. Grace 3-1, H. O'Neill 1-3, A. Downey 0-2, C. Doyle 0-1. Galway — N. McHugh 1-3, T. Foy, T. Ward 0-1 each.

Kilkenny girls over

first fence

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GALWAY 1-5

KILKENNY, the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Champions, are safely over the first hurdle in defence of their crown after defeating Galway at Gowran yesterday.

The game was not as one-sided as the score suggests, and indeed Kilkenny goalie Teresa O'Neill made three great saves for her side while they were still striving to shake off the Galway girls' challenge.

In addition, Kilkenny went into a strong position when at the start of the game they scored two quick goals in the third and fourth minutes.

Hard though the visitors tried they had only two points registered, both from frees, after ten minutes play.

HARD SHOT

Helena O'Neill laddered a point from a free for Kilkenny and Angela Donney scored a point from play to put the champions six points in front.

Midway through this half Galway brought the play into the Kilkenny goal, had a hard shot saved by goalie Teresa O'Neill before Nono McHugh captured the clearance and netted to cut the champions' lead to three points.

This was further diminished when Phil Kaye added a point to leave the half-time score 2-2 to 1-3 in Kilkenny's favour.

Two points from frees on the restart for Kilkenny and a point for Galway also from a free left Galway still in contention, but after Angela Donney, Kilkenny, added another point and the visitors had a goal disallowed for a square infringement, the home side got on top and

dominated the closing stages, adding 2-3 to one point for Galway.

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GALWAY — M. Killeen, M. Kilkenny, C. Collins, R. Jordan, M. Poole, N. McHugh, J. Kelly, C. Waide, A. Donoghue, P. Foye, J. Murphy, M. Murphy. Sub.—T. Durne for J. Murphy.

Referee—Miss P. Rafferty (Dublin).

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DUBLIN'S HARD EARNED WIN

Dublin, 3-2; Kildare, 2-3

DUBLIN reached the Leinster Junior Camogie final when they scored a hard earned victory over Kildare, at Naas last evening. The visitors, who led 1-2 to 0-1 at half time had the better of the first half but failed to turn their chances into scores.

The home side called the tune on the re-start wiped out the arrears and went a point ahead. Dublin, however, added two quick scores to take the lead again and though Kildare tried hard to gain the upper hand, the winners held out to qualify for the final against Wexford.

Scorers — Dublin — M. Sutton (2-0), M. McMahon (1-0), M. Mernagh (0-2). Kildare — G. Dowling (2-0), N. Malone, E. O'Reilly, M. Ryan (0-1 each).

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The Cork team (above) which defeated Antrim 6-3 to 4 points in the opening round of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship at the Mardyke, Cork.

CAMOGIE
By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE OPEN DRAW IS A WINNER

SO successful has the open draw proved in the senior All-Ireland Camogie championship, that I do not think a situation will ever arise, at least in the immediate future that will bring about a return to the old system based on the provincial championships.

However, this year we will again see a very restricted senior provincial championship at least in Munster and Leinster. Leinster as was the case a year ago aim to play their championship off early but with the All-Ireland series starting in the first week in July the time position could be a bit acute.

However again the senior championship draw is most intriguing with holders Kilkenny and Galway, acknowledged as the best team that has never won an All-Ireland at senior level, meeting at Kilkenny on the first Sunday in July. Galway it will be remembered, beat the pick of Leinster, including Kilkenny's stars in the interprovincial series last Autumn. However, Kilkenny squared that account when their club champions St. Paul's beat Galway's Oranmore in the All-Ireland club final in the Spring.

That the top players of both counties are already in top form was shown in the Kilmacud All-Ireland Sevens at Glanabyn at the end of May when St. Paul's won through, defeating holders Buffer's Alley from Wexford in a thrilling final. Oranmore, however, had reached the semi-final in which they gave Buffer's Alley a great run.

So we should see the best

game of the opening round at Kilkenny, and believe me it will take the champions all their time to come through.

On the same day, Cork foiled of their fifth All-Ireland in a row when beaten on a replay by Kilkenny last Autumn will be all out to get back into contention when they oppose Antrim at Cork. Cork, one feels are not the force they were a couple of years ago, but they have good material coming up and even despite Antrim's good showing in the Maguire Cup in the North, I think Cork will advance.

Another intriguing first-round game will bring Wexford to Clare on July 13. Clare, last year's All-Ireland junior champions will be making their debut in the senior series, but may be very hard to beat on home ground.

But the form of the Wexford clubs we saw in that recent Seven-Aside was so good that I will not be surprised if they survive the cross-country trip to Clare ground.

The remaining first-round game will bring Tipperary and Dublin into opposition on July 20 at a Tipperary venue. Dublin, who dominated the senior championship so completely for almost 20 years have had a complete blank in the senior grade since 1967.

Since the installation of the Open Draw, Dublin have never yet survived the opening round, but they must be favoured to win this time, as Tipperary have been very disappointing in recent years. However, they usually reserve their best efforts of the

season for the senior series, and indeed, as of now, this is the only team from the county that still retains an interest in these 1975 championships. So they could give an unexpectedly good account of themselves. But my vote goes to Dublin.

Also ahead is the National Coaching Course which will be run on a very different system this year.

Those who pass the course examination in the various levels will be rated by the Association as Camogie Coaches, fully qualified to give instruction on the game in their various grades. And that is the object of the exercise and the reason for the very comprehensive programme devised by the talented and experienced pair who will be in charge, the so successful Cork trainer, Mary Moran and Ann Carroll from Kilkenny, whose practical qualifications are only equalled by her many and varied Academic distinctions.

The Course, which is confined to Coaches, will be held in Gormanston College from July 25 to July 27.

The new Committees sanctioned by the recent Congress for Finance, Coaching and Fixtures have already set up, and also active is the new Primary Schools Council.

I am reminded by Ard Rúnai Jo Golden that the Instructional film may be hired by members of the Association from the National Film Institute of Ireland, 65 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2.

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The 'Dub' Girls Are Back

By AGNES HOURIGAN

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Kilkenny fail to win Leinster title

DUBLIN 3-1
KILKENNY 1-4

DUBLIN had a surprised and well deserved victory over Kilkenny in the Leinster final at Gowran on Sunday. This was a triumphant victory for the Dublin girls, who last held this title in 1967, and it is interesting to note that it was Kilkenny who ended Dublin's long reign as Leinster champions in 1968.

Kilkenny fielded without three of their key players, Ann Carroll, Angela Downey and Marie Kavanagh. However, despite the fact that the Noreiders were understrength they dominated throughout the first half but missed many scoring opportunities and only registered 0-3 on the scoreboard at the interval. Midway through the same half Dublin's, Libby Howard evaded the Kilkenny defence and sent the ball to the net, which left both teams on level terms.

On the restart Dublin dominated with their clever ground play. Unlike Kilkenny they took advantage of their chances and scored two opportune goals which put them in a very strong position.

However, in the last quarter Kilkenny made a comeback with a goal from Carmel Doyle and a point from Ursula Grace, but they missed many chances and

Dublin went on to be worthy winners.

Best for Kilkenny were, Ann Downey, H. O'Neill, P. Carey, M. Fennelly and U. Grace.

Scorers: Kilkenny - C. Doyle (1-0); H. O'Neill (0-2); M. Conway (0-1); U. Grace (0-1); Dublin - L. Howard (1-0); N. Fleming (2-0); O. Ni Shiochain (0-1).

Kilkenny - T. O'Neill, L. Neary, Ann Downey, B. Martin, M. Kennedy, M. Fennelly, H. O'Neill, P. Carey, M. Purcell, M. Conway, U. Grace, C. Doyle. Sub - C. Connery for M. Purcell.

Munster Minor Final On Sunday

CORK appear in their first Munster final on Sunday next when the minors travel to Tipperary to meet the local county in the Munster Minor (Under 16) Championship final.

There are no home fixtures on Sunday but there are games listed for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Cork minors have been the busiest of the Cork sides so far this season. A few weeks ago they defeated Clare in the first round of the present campaign. Then on Saturday last they defeated Limerick at the Mardyke in an action-packed encounter and now on Sunday they play in the final.

In last Saturday's tie, Cork were on top in the first half and at the interval were ahead by 1-4 to nil. But in the second period they had to withstand a gallant comeback bid by Limerick which saw them gradually narrow the gap. And it was only in the closing minutes when Ann Connolly snatched a great goal that the issue was put beyond doubt.

So Cork have had to fight all the way to the final. This must be good for them giving them valuable experience which they will need against Tipperary.

At one time Tipperary was one of the strongholds of camogie in the country and many tremendous games were held between themselves and Cork. In recent years Tipperary have been in the doldrums but the success of Presentation, Cashel, in the Munster Colleges Junior All-Ireland could signal the revival of camogie in that county.

Presentation, Cashel, were one of the strongholds of camogie in teams ever and anyone who saw their devastating defeat of Mount Mercy (Cork) in the Munster Colleges final will endorse that. No doubt a number of the Cashel girls will be in the Tipperary team on Sunday. In fact, they are likely to form the nucleus of the side and if they can inspire Tipperary to the heights they reached for their school then Cork could be really up against it.

But Cork have been strong in colleges camogie also—although they have yet to win an All-Ireland title. But even the experience of playing in colleges competitions all over the country has given these young girls a maturity far beyond their tender years and they are able to face inter-county competition without too much difficulty.

On Saturday last Kathleen Costine in the Cork goal was again in top form, while Marie Coughlan and Jane O'Brien were very solid in defence. Catherine Lander again showed why she is included in the senior panel with a great game at wing-centre.

The Cork forwards had some difficulty in scoring, so the selectors have again made some changes. Margo Sugrue returns to the attack at the expense of Eileen Kavanagh and it is hoped that she will give added scoring power to the line which is completed by Clare Cronin, Ann Connolly and Janet Davis.

Cork, of course, have to face the journey to Tipperary, but if they can show the determination and spirit which has typified Cork teams in recent years then they must have a very good

chance of bringing the first Munster trophy of the season to Cork.

Cork minors — K. Costine, C. Harris, M. Coughlan, B. Joyce, J. O'Brien, C. Landers, A. Delaney, C. Hackett, A. Connolly, C. Cronin, M. Sugrue, J. Davis. Subs.: E. Kavanagh, O. Harrington, A. Goggins, G. Desmond.

Sunday is a blank day locally but on Tuesday next Eire Og meet Ballinora in the Under 16 League. On the same evening Ballyphehane meet St. Finbarr's at the latter's grounds in the Junior League.

There are two games listed on Wednesday evening also with Inniscarra meeting Canovee in the Under 18 League and Youghal and Erin's Own in opposition in the junior campaign.

In the same campaign on Thursday Gortroe meet Killeagh at Gortroe while on the same evening Canovee meet Blarney at Cloughduv in the Under 18 League.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY
At Tipperary — Munster Minor (Under 16) Championship final
Tipperary v Cork, 3.30 p.m.

Wexford and Clare meet at Ennis

By TAOBH LINE.

WITH Kilkenny, the holders, and Cork, last year's beaten finalists, already through to one semi-final of the All-Ireland senior Camogie championship, the third quarter-final on Sunday next brings unusual rivals, Clare and Wexford, into opposition at Ennis.

This, as far as can be ascertained, is the first competitive clash of the counties, and, indeed, Sunday's game marks the debut in the senior All-Ireland championship of the Clare girls, who won the junior title last September.

With outstanding players in Margaret O'Toole, Ann Marie O'Loughlin, Claire Harrington and Maureen Davoren, Clare, on home ground, will be very hopeful of making their mark in the top grade, but they face a strong Wexford side that had a lively limb-loosener against Kilkenny in the Leinster semi-final, and only lost by a relatively narrow margin.

They are bound to have benefited from that outing, and Maggie Hearne, Margaret Lacey, Bridie Jacob, Elsie Walsh, Gretha Kehoe and Bridget Doyle may have too much experience for Clare.

FAVOURITES

The Leinster senior championship nowadays is a completely "independent" competition, and the final between Kilkenny and Dublin will be played at Gowran next Sunday evening. Kilkenny having beaten holders Wexford in the semi-final, and shown their power when defeating Galway at the same venue, will start favourites to regain the Leinster crown they last held in 1972.

They will have all their stars available, except Ann Carroll, who though she managed to fly home from the Continent for

the Galway game last week-end, has had to go abroad again and cannot get back this time.

Dublin selectors have dropped something of a bombshell by recalling Una O'Connor at full forward. Una won the first of her 13 All-Ireland medals as a schoolgirl in 1953, and although still very effective at club level has not figured on the inter-county scene in recent seasons.

With other experienced players in Sheila Murry, Rita White, Mary Ryan and Dymna Caldwell and Libby Howard, Dublin will travel hopefully.

VERY KEEN

But the odds must be on Kilkenny, who are very keen on adding the Leinster honours to their 1974 All-Ireland title.

In the South, Munster minor champions Cork defend their title against Tipperary at a Tipperary venue. The Cork girls were hard-pressed to account for Limerick in an exciting semi-final a week ago, whereas Tipperary had a resounding victory over Kerry.

With several of the Presentation Cashel side that won the junior All-Ireland Colleges final in their line-out, Tipperary will be fancied to take this title for the first time, but Cork will not easily yield up their title.

Cork minors win title

Cork 2-2, Tipperary 1-3

Cork minors (under 16) retained their Munster Minor Camogie Championship with a narrow win over Tipperary at Boherlahan, yesterday.

Cork had to fight all the way for this title. They were a shade better than Tipperary in the first half and led by 1-2 to 0-2 at the interval but on the resumption Tipperary came more into the game and Cork had to withstand strong pressure, but their defence held out in brilliant style.

Captain, Clare Harris, Marie Coughlan, Catherine Landers, Anne Delaney, Margo Sugrue and Ann Connolly were in top form for Cork while Tipperary had their best players in Kathleen Ryan, Mary O'Brien and Majella Hallinan.

Scorers—Cork: C. Landers 1-2, A. Connolly 1-0, Tipperary: K. Ryan 1-0, M. Hallinan 0-3.

Cork: K. Costine, C. Harris, M. Coughlan, B. Joyce, J. O'Brien, C. Landers, A. Delaney, C. Hackett, A. Connolly, C. Cronin, M. Sugrue, J. Davis. Sub: E. Kavanagh for J. Davis.

Tipperary: N. Bonner, M. O'Brien, L. Doyle, G. Feehan, N. Harkins, J. Corcoran, E. Cunningham, K. Ryan, P. McMahon, M. Kelly, M. Halloran, U. Hickey.

Referee: M. Tierney, Limerick.

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Juniors Face Tough Task Against Limerick In Munster Decider

CORK minors won the Munster Minor Championship on Sunday last. This weekend, the juniors have an opportunity of taking the county's second Munster title when they meet Limerick in the junior final at the Mardyke on tomorrow (Saturday) evening.

Féile na nGael is also on this weekend, with four Cork clubs entertaining four visiting teams, and with an Intermediate Cham-

ampionship tie, an under 16 semi-final and a number of other games also down for decision, camogie girls are going to have a busy weekend ahead of them.

Limerick will be very tough opposition for the juniors. Last year they had a very easy win over the Cork girls in the semi-final at Adare, and already this season they have trounced Kerry and have run away with the Munster Junior League. (Cork do not take part in the League).

Limerick juniors are the top side in the county, as they have no senior status, so Cork will be up against a very experienced team. Limerick, too, have a number of really outstanding players, including Brid Stokes, who played senior for Munster last year. Other top players include Noreen Ryan, Geraldine and Delores O'Brien, Phil and Bridget Darcy, Cary Clancy, Anne Meaney and Kitty Ryan.

In their semi-final, Cork juniors had a good win over Waterford. In that game the Cork girls scored 5-6 without reply from the losers, but for tomorrow's game, Cork will be without two of the side — Frances Barry-Murphy and Kathleen Doherty, both of whom will be on holidays on the Continent. A full Cork side would find it difficult enough to take the Munster title from the elders, but the loss of two regulars will make it more difficult still. However, Cecilia Fitzgibbon and Hilda Horgan, who come on as replacements, are fine players who should do well.

THE CORK SIDE

Orla Harrington is again in goal for Cork, while the defence of Kay Spillane, Gerada Barry, Mary Salter and Mary Walsh, who kept Waterford scoreless, again make up the defence. Cecilia Fitzgibbon comes in at full centre, where she will be partnered by the stylish Catherine Landers and Susan Burke. Hilda Horgan joins the Churchtown duo, Noreen Bailey and Josie Knowles, in the half-forward line, while top scorer Annette O'Donovan is again at full. A home venue should help Cork in this game, but it will not be easy, and they will have to fight all the way to bring that second Munster title to the Lee.

Féile na nGael is also being held over the weekend, and it will mean a very busy time for

four Cork clubs. They are Na Piarasigh, Old Aloysians, Douglas and Blackrock, and they will be entertaining visitors Kilkeel from Co. Down, Mervue (Co. Galway), Croagh (Co. Limerick) and Knockananna (Co. Wicklow).

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Wexford Lucky to Draw

WEXFORD 4-0 (12), CLARE 3-3 (12)

Wexford came within a hairsbreadth of the ignominy of a first round exit at the hands of newly-promoted Clare when they clashed in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship (open draw) at Ennis on Sunday last, surviving a frenzied performance by the home county to hold on to draw, writes "SETANTA."

Wexford, in the end, were more lucky than unlucky to share the spoils. How they were rescued from a defeat that often looked more probable than possible is something of a mystery, the only likely answer being that they possessed the greater experience than the home side.

Believe me, it was nothing else, for in a good deal of other aspects — principally regarding fighting spirit and sheer determination—they were outpointed by Clare, the 1974 Junior All-Ireland champions.

An unbelievably poor playing surface on the pitch neutralised whatever advantage the Wexford girls may have had in skill or ability, though here they were obviously in a different class to Clare.

But what Wexford sadly lacked in comparison to their opponents was commitment—a willingness to run, chase, and harry until they had run themselves to a standstill.

And, until they get around to introducing this into their game, I'm afraid all the skill and talent in the world will not do them a great deal of good.

If this team seriously intends to win the All-Ireland title, it's time to forget about everything else and to instil more spirit and determination in their approach. Clare threw themselves wholeheartedly into the fray from the start, and were even more on top in the exchanges in the closing stages.

The same cannot be said of Wexford: their casual approach suggested they believed they could play it they really wanted to, as indeed they did when the 'chips were down' and they were staring defeat in those hectic last few minutes.

But this type of "superior attitude" almost met its just deserts from a hard-trying but moderate Clare side. From now on, it's up to the Wexford players themselves.

INTERVAL LEAD

Wexford had an early goal by Kit Codd disallowed for a square infringement but they weathered this and some no-nonsense Clare play to lead by 3-0 to 0-2 at the interval, Kit Codd finding the net twice and Mary Furlong adding the third.

But Clare were undaunted and, after five minutes of the last half, forced a long-threatening goal. But worse followed five minutes later when a Wexford defender, in a bid to clear, knocked the sliothar into her own net past a helpless goalie and, when the Banner County girls added a neat point, it was level pegging (Clare 2-3, Wexford 3-0).

Mary Furlong was unfortunate with a palmed effort from point-blank range, but the Coughbawn flyer became a real heroine when her long-range shot, from a combined Bridie Doran-Bridie Doyle clearance, went all the way to the net.

But this late lead was short-lived and, in one last mighty raid, Clare broke through for a disputed goal, in which young culbairé Kathleen Tonks seemed to be impeded if indeed not fouled outright in her brave bid to save. She was injured in the process, and was detained in the local hospital with suspected concussion.

It would be correct to say that in the main, it would be hard to pick out a Wexford player for her ability—they were uniformly unsure and uncertain in their game. However, Margaret Leacy (nee O'Leary) was a powerhouse when she came back to the full-back berth and, in the end, it was this move that almost certainly prevented defeat.

Gretta Kehoe was a new player when moved to corner back, and brought stability, but I felt it an injustice to Mairead Darcy to be substituted, for she was more alert than some others. Midfield was almost totally ineffective, with only Elsie Walsh coming into the picture in the second half, while substitute Bernie Murphy did well enough in the time she was on. The called Kit Codd also showed neat touches.

Wexford—K. Tonks (B. Alley); G. Kehoe (C'bawn / A'town); captain: M. Darcy (St. Mary's); B. Doyle (C'bawn); B. Doran (B. Alley); Breda Murphy (C'bawn); E. Walsh (B. Alley); E. O'Gorman (St. Mary's); K. Codd (C'bawn); M. Leacy (B. Alley); M. Furlong (C'bawn); P. Moore (St. Brigid's); subs., B. Murphy (St. John's) for M. Darcy; M. Hearne (B. Alley) for K. Tonks; B. Fox (St. Brigid's); M. Shannon (St. Patrick's).

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The Limerick team (top), which defeated Cork (below), in the Munster Junior Camogie final at the Mardyke, Cork.

Limerick juniors have fine win

Limerick 5-2; Cork 2-5

Limerick are the new Munster Junior champions. In a most exciting final they defeated Cork at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, on Saturday evening.

Limerick were a most experienced side in which the craft of Marian Doyle, Cery Clancy and Bridget Darcy always had the Cork girls worried.

After trailing 3-1 to 0-1 at the interval, Cork made a gallant come-back and on the resumption Orla Harrington, Catherine Launders, Mary Walsh, Gerarda Barry and Josie Knowles tried their hearts out and Cork reduced the Limerick lead to two points. But back came the winners and in true championship form put the issue beyond doubt in the closing minutes.

Scorers: Limerick — M. Doyle (5-1), M. Darcy (1-0), C. Clancy (1-0), B. Stokes (0-1). Cork: C. Launders (1-3), H. Horgan (1-0), S. Burke (0-2).

Limerick: H. Butler, A. Meaney, M. Neville, G. O'Brien, K. Ryan, A. Sheehy, M. Doyle, D. O'Brien, B. Darcy, C. Clancy, B. O'Brien, B. Stokes.

Cork: O. Harrington, K. Spillane, M. Salter, G. Barry, M. Walsh, C. Launders, C. Fitzgibbon, S. Burke, J. Knowles, H. Horgan, N. Bailey, A. O'Donovan.

Sub: A. Connolly for N. Bailey.

LIMERICK TAKE THEIR SECOND JUNIOR TITLE

Limerick 5-2;

Cork 2-5

LIMERICK, WHO won their first Munster junior title in 1972, made it number two on Saturday evening when they defeated Cork by a two-goal margin in an exciting final at the Mardyke.

Limerick, who made the journey to Cork, more hopeful than confident, were in great form and fully deserved their win.

Cork were first to score, when Catherine Launders pointed in the opening minutes, but this was the only occasion Limerick were headed, Marion Doyle, the County Carlow girl now domiciled in Limerick, equalised for Limerick, and before the end of the first quarter, she sent her side ahead with a fine goal. Limerick led by four points at the interval, but Cork fought much harder in the second half, and with Catherine Launders playing very well at mid-field, the Limerick defence had some testing moments.

Limerick, who now meet the Leinster champions in the All-Ireland semi-final, were best served by Marian Doyle, Kitty Ryan, Geraldine O'Brien, Cery Clancy, Brid Stokes, Brigid Darcy and Ann Meaney.

Cork had their stars in Catherine Launders, Mary Walsh, Orla Harrington, Noreen Bailey and Hilda Horgan.

Limerick scorers: Marian Doyle, 3-1; Brigid Darcy, Cery Clancy, 1-0 each; Brid Stokes, 0-1.

Cork scorers — Catherine Launders, 1-3; Hilda Horgan, 1-0; Susan Bourke, 0-2.

Limerick — Helen Butler, Ann Meaney, Margie Neville, Geraldine O'Brien, Kitty Ryan, Ann Sheehy, Marion Doyle, Dolores O'Brien, Brigid Darcy, Cery Clancy, Bernadette O'Brien, Brid Stokes.

Cork — Orla Harrington, Kay

Spillane, Gerarda Barry, Mary Sadlier, Mary Walsh, Catherine Launders, Cecile Fitzgibbon, Susan Bourke, Noreen Bailey, Josie Knowles, Hilda Horgan, Annette O'Donovan.

FEILE NA nGAEL

Croagh, the Limerick representatives in Feile na nGael, defeated their hosts, St. Aloysians, in the opening round of the camogie competition on Saturday morning and continued their good run right through the afternoon and evening to qualify for the final on Sunday.

In this game they displayed tremendous spirit and courage, before going under to Knockananna of Wicklow on the score of four goals to one.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Bruff and St. Patrick's met in the opening round of the junior championship at Mennus on Thursday evening, and after a thrilling game, Bruff were somewhat lucky to score a two point win. The final score read, Bruff 3-2, St. Patrick's 2-3.

Noreen O'Connor, Eithne Hehir, Nuala Hourigan, Margaret Corbett and Ann Ryan were outstanding for Bruff.

Dolores O'Brien, Jo Cross, Mary Cusack, Mary O'Sullivan and Mary Connolly tried hard for St. Patrick's.

UNDER 18

Limerick and Tipperary met in the Munster under 18 championship at Newport on Saturday evening.

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Inter-County game at Thurles

Dublin 3-6; Tipperary 4-2

At Semple Stadium, Thurles, on Sunday afternoon in brilliant sunshine, Dublin defeated Tipperary by a controversial point in the first round of the all-Ireland open draw, thus repeating a similar victory over the same opponents at Cahir Park ten years ago.

With the wind and sun in their favour, Tipperary, in the unusual colours of red and blue, played delightful camogie in the opening half and built up an early lead of 3-2, to which Dublin could only reply with one goal and a point. There were two contrasting styles, Tipperary relying on the pick-up, and this paid dividends on hard ground and a closely cropped sod, while Dublin on the other hand played ground camogie. And while this was effective, Tipperary covered more ground with overhead play.

DRAMA

All the drama was reserved for the second half, when Dublin, with wind and sun behind them, reorganised their team and began to whittle down Tipperary's seven point lead. The home county could do little right in this half but defend desperately against score hungry opponents. Here mention must be made of the Tipperary custodian, 14 years old Mary O'Brien from Portroe who kept a marvellous goal, and could not be blamed for the shots which beat her. She received very good cover from Bernie Dowd at full back who played her usual sound game. Eventually when Dublin led by three points, Tipperary made one of their rare sorties upfield, and scored a good goal by Marion Troy to put them on level terms once again.

At the other end Dublin pointed a 30 to regain the lead once more and Tipperary with only minutes remaining before the final whistle brought play upfield and were awarded a close up free. Intense excitement, Deirdre Lane obviously looking for a goal, shot low into a crowded goalmouth, but the ball was quickly cleared upfield. When all seemed lost Tipp were awarded another close in free and this time Marion Troy shot for a balancing point. From where I sat on the stand the ball appeared to sail between the posts and this view seemed to be shared, by the referee, Mrs. Mary Lynch for Mona-

ghan, who questioned the umpires "wide" signals before resuming the game.

ANGRY

The full time whistle sounded shortly afterwards and immediately the referee was surrounded by angry players, officials and supporters from the Tipperary camp, who insisted that Tipperary had scored a legitimate point and that the game should have ended in a draw. Despite repeated protests the referee was escorted from the pitch tight lipped Executive Council officials looked on in stony silence.

No doubt the whole affair will be discussed at the next Executive meeting and the Tipperary Co. Board will be asked for an explanation, and thus history repeated itself following a similar incident in Cahir Park, ten years ago. However, Chairman Paddy Corrigan was not too despondent and said the Co. Board was building on youth and had 72 registered juveniles playing in a league of two sections. Next Sunday Tipp meet Limerick away in an u-18 game.

THE STAR

As for Sunday's game, Monica Butler (nee Ryan) of Drom/Inch was the star of the Tipp team, with Marion Troy, Deirdre Lane, Maolmhuire Tynan, Bernie Dowd, not far behind.

Tipp scorers were Monica Butler 1-1, Bgt. Phillips 1-0, Marion Troy 1-1, M. Tynan 1-0.

Best for Dublin were Sheila Murray, Mary Ryan, Orla Ni Siochain, Marion Sweeney, Evelyn Sweeney. Their scorers were: Orla Ni Siochain 0-1, Pauline Brennan 2-0, Noreen Fleming 1-0, Maureen Brennan 0-1, Evelyn Sweeney 0-3.

Tipperary: Bernie Dowd (Thurles); Mary O'Brien (Portroe); Breda Loughnane (Thurles); Kit Boland (do.); B. Lawrence (do.); Biddy Phillips (Drom/Inch); Monica Butler (do.); Maolmhuire Tynan (do.); Kathleen Tynan (do.); Deirdre Lane (do.); Marion Troy (Thurles); Siobhain Tynan (Drom/Inch). Subs: M. Maher, M. Hayes, A. Ralph, M. Barrett, A. O'Rourke.
Dublin: Sheila Murray, Rita White, Sheila Wallace, Dymphna Cauldwell, Mary Ryan, Anna McManus, Evelyn McSweeney, Orla Ni Siochain, Noreen Fleming, Libby Howard, Kitty Murphy, Pauline Brennan.

Dublin masters by a 'point'

Dublin 3-6; Tipperary 4-2

DUBLIN, who dominated the Camogie scene in the 50's and 60's, qualified for the all-Ireland Camogie Senior Championship semi-final after a lapse of seven years when they defeated Tipperary by a single point at Semple Stadium, Thurles, yesterday.

With both sides level Dublin earned a free which Marian Sweeney pointed as the game went into lost time. Tipperary kept on pressing and earned a free which both umpires signalled wide though the Tipperary mentors were adamant that this ball was between the posts.

Tipperary backed by a fresh breeze were first to score a point by Marian Troy in the fifth minute. Play swung to the other end where Dublin's Noreen Fleming put her side ahead with a well taken goal.

Tipperary gradually got on top and scored 2-1 without a reply to lead 2-2 to 1-0 in the sixteenth minute of the first half. A point for Dublin and another goal for Tipperary left the home side leading 3-2 to 1-1 at half time.

Dublin, aided by the breeze, got quickly into their stride and from a succession of placed balls scored first a point from a free, then a goal from a 30 and a point from a free. This was followed by a thirty which the goalie saved but was finished to the net by the incoming Pauline Brennan to put Dublin one point ahead.

Points by Pauline Brennan and Orla Ni Siochain gave the winners a clear goal lead after 12 minutes of the second half. A Tipperary rally engineered by B. Lawrence and Maol Muire Tynan beat the Dublin defence and Marian Troy goaled to leave the sides level with ten minutes left to play.

Both sides had their chances of clinching the issue but it was the Dublin girls who pointed in the closing minutes to advance to the semi-final.

Scorers — Dublin — E. Sweeney (1-4), P. Brennan (1-1), N. Fleming (1-0), O. Ni Siochain (0-1). Tipperary — M. Butler (1-1), M. Troy (1-1), B. Phillips (1-0), M. Tynan (1-0).

Dublin — S. Murray, R. White, S. Wallace, D. Caldwell, M. Ryan, A. McManus, E. Sweeney, O. Ni Siochain, N. Fleming, L. Howard, K. Murphy, P. Brennan. Sub: A. Redmond for A. McManus.

Tipperary — M. O'Brien, B. O'Dowd, B. Loughnane, S. Tynan, K. Butler, D. Lane, B. Lawrence, K. Tynan, B. Phillips, M. Tynan, M. Troy, M. Butler.

Referee — Mrs. M. Lynch (Monaghan).

Wexford 3-7; Clare 3-3

WEXFORD also qualified for the semifinal when they scored a

thrilling two points win over Clare (3-7, 3-5) in a replay at Enniscorthy. The home county led by 1-3 to 0-3 at the interval but had to survive heavy Clare pressure in an exciting second half.

Clare took a point lead midway through the period but they were unable to hold out in the face of a determined Wexford finish. There was never more than three points between the teams.

Wexford were best served by Ellen O'Gorman at midfield, and Margaret Leacy at centre half back. Bridget Doyle and Kit Codd also starred. Clare's best were Rose Kelleher, Maureen Devoren, Clare Harrington, and Margaret O'Toole.

Scorers — Wexford: E. O'Gorman (0-5), K. Codd (1-1), M. Hearne and P. Moore (1-0 each), F. Walsh (0-1). Clare: M. Devoren (1-4), E. Fitzgibbon (1-1), A. Harrington (1-0).

1,700 young people in parade

THOUSANDS of people lined the streets of Cork City yesterday as a parade of contestants in the fifth annual Feile na gGael competition made its way from St. Patrick's Church to the Courthouse.

One thousand seven hundred people took part in the parade which was led by boys in the colours of the winners for the last two years, Cork club, Na Piarsaigh. Included in the marchers were the members of the teams which participated in the competitions and four bands.

The Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Gus Healy, T.D., was joined on the reviewing stand by the President of the G.A.A., Dr. Donal Keenan, Sean O'Siochain, Director General of the G.A.A.; Rev. Fr. Troy, Feile Chairman; Mr. Pat Fanning, former G.A.A. president; Mr. Donal O'Sullivan, Vice-Chairman, Cork County Board; Mr. John Neenan, Vice-Chairman St. Finbarr's (host of the finals); Miss Mary Moran, Chairman, Cork County Camogie Board, and Mr. John O'Donnell, Managing Director of the sponsors, the Irish bottlers of Coca Cola.

For the fourth time in the five year history of this under 14 competition a Cork team came out on top of the premier section. Glen Rovers, followed the example given by Blackrock (1971), and Na Piarsaigh (1973 and 1974) when they defeated St. John's from Kilkenny by a single point 1-2 to 0-4 in a closely contested game.



The Camogie Champions were Co. Wicklow, seen here receiving their winners medals from Fr. Bertie Troy in the presence of John O'Connell, Irish Bottlers of Coca-Cola and Pat Fanning.

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Clare Defeated

Cork At Home To Clare In Under 18 Grade

YET another Cork inter-county team will be in action this week-end. This time it's the Under-18 and they play Clare in the Under-18 Munster Championship at St. Finbarr's Grounds on tomorrow (Saturday) evening. The first All-Ireland senior semi-final will be played on Sunday.

There are no local fixtures on Sunday but during the coming week there is an intermediate championship tie on Wednesday and Under-18 League ties on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of next week.

Cork followers still hold their breath when they consider how close Cork were to losing the Munster Under-18 Championship to Clare last year. Played on the same day as the Munster-Ulster inter-provincial at Shannon, Cork scraped home by a single point thanks to a goal in the last minute.

Clare camogie has improved out of all recognition in the past few seasons. Last year they took the All-Ireland junior championship for the first time and this has proved a great inspiration to camogie players all over the county. So Cork can be prepared to have a fight on their hands if they are to reach the decider again this season.

Seven of last year's winning side will be in action for the Leesiders. Missing will be last year's captain, Ann Keane, who is in England at the moment.

Two of the Costine sisters will figure in the Cork defence. Kathleen, already a member of the minor side, will be in goal on Saturday, while Bernie, now established on the senior 12 will be at half back. That grand defender, Claire Harris, is at full back while the sector is completed by another fine back Cecilia Aherne and newcomer Marion Twomey.

Marion plays her first ever game for Cork tomorrow. She is a fine strong player, however, and should fit the bill at corner back.

Senior substitute Catherine Landers will be at wing centre, Patsy Lucey at full and the hard-working Margo Twomey on the other wing.

Cork minor Ann Connolly who has been doing well for the Under-16s takes one of the wing forward positions, from where she will captain the side. Club-mate Mary O'Connell takes the other wing forward spot. Cecilia Fitzgibbon will be at half forward and the attack will be completed by sharpshooter Val Fitzpatrick.

Most of the Cork girls have come up through schools, Colleges and minor camogie and although they are still young inter-county camogie is not new to most of them. So they should not have any qualms about that aspect of the game and the home venue should be a big asset to them. However, they are bound to have to fight all they way for their place in the final.

CORK TEAM

K. Costine, C. Harris, M.

Twomey; A. Connolly (capt.); C. C. Landers, P. Lucey, M. Twomey; A. Connolly (capt.), C. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Connell, V. Fitzpatrick. Subs.: O. Harrington, D. Quinlan, P. Riordan.

The intermediate and junior championships are making good progress. And on Wednesday Watergrasshill will be at home to Eire Og in the intermediate campaign. Eire Og won the junior championship last season and they call on the services of Rose O'Leary, Marion McCarthy, Patsy Lucey and Noelle O'Driscoll as well as Cork senior Nancy O'Driscoll.

But Watergrasshill have the Higgins sisters and the acquisition of Cork senior captain Mary O'Leary this season has made them a very formidable side indeed. So it is difficult to know how this one might go.

In next week's Under-18 Games Blarney meet Inniscarra on Tuesday, Douglas play Nemo Rangers on Thursday and on Friday (8th) Carrigtwohill and Sarsfields will be in opposition.

CLARE'S under 18 players were too inexperienced for a very talented Cork minor side in the semi-final of the Munster Minor championship played in St. Finbarr's ground on Saturday last. A quick burst of scoring despite some brilliant early saves by Clare's goalie Maureen Kelly got the Rebels Co. off to an ideal start and before the Clare girls had found their feet the game was as good as over. A talented mid-field trio for Cork laid the foundation for this victory and despite Joan Touhy's best efforts in this area for Clare the Cork girls edged their way to superiority in the area. Ann Fahy and latterly Ann Considine at wing back for Clare showed most in the backline and Ann O'Connor when switched to centre forward got through a lot of work but like the rest of the forward line lacked finish. All in all this defeat whilst expected will be a disappointment by the wide margin of Cork's victory at the finish.

The final score was Cork 6-7, Clare 0-0.

WEXFORD QUALIFY FOR FINAL

Wexford's winning margin of 3-4 to 0-2 over Dublin on Sunday last in the All-Ireland Senior Semi-Final will put in true perspective Clare's fine performance just two weeks ago against the Model Co. girls. Defeat then whilst a disappointment, should whet the appetite of the team for a crack at Cork in the Munster Championship, which is yet to be fixed.

In preparation for this game Clare will line out on Saturday evening at 8 p.m. in the Fair Green, Ennis, against Limerick, who have requested the game in preparation for their All-Ireland Junior semi-final tilt with Dublin on the 24th of this month. The Clare side will field minus some of their regulars due to holidays but still should have the backbone of the side which played against Wexford.

AT COACHING COURSE

Anne Marie O'Loughlin, Dal gCais and Eileece Fitzgibbon, Shannon, were Clare's representatives at this year's coaching course in Gormanstown. These girls are now available to clubs for coaching sessions and their experience should be availed of by any club ambitious to improve on their skill and knowledge of the game. Clubs should contact County Secretary, Mary Griffin, Parnell St., Ennis, if they wish to avail of these girls' help.

Cork stroll to under 18 decider

Cork 6-7; Clare nil

Cork strolled into the Munster Under-18 Championship final at St. Finbarr's Grounds on Saturday evening, when they had an easy win over Clare in the semi-final.

Cork were always on top in this game in which Clare were a big disappointment. The losers had no answer to the scoring power of the Cork attack in which captain Ann Connolly and Val Fitzpatrick were outstanding. Bernie Costine, before going off injured, Catherine Landers, Claire Harris and Margo Twomey were others to shine for the winners. Bridie McGill, Anne Fahy and Ane O'Connor tried hardest for Clare.

Scorers: Cork—A. Connolly (5-1), V. Fitzpatrick (2-2), M. Twomey (1-2), C. Landers (0-1) and M. O'Connell (0-1).

Cork — K. Costine, C. Harris, M. Twomey, B. Costine, C. Aherne, C. Landers, P. Lucey, M. Twomey, A. Connolly, C. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Connell, V. Fitzpatrick. Subs: D. Quinlan for B. Costine, P. Riordan for M. Twomey. Clare—M. Kelly, B. McGill, A. Russell, A. Considine, A. Fahy, J. Touhy, C. Hayes, A. O'Connor, P. O'Grady, T. Brazil, I. Shanahan, M. O'Brien. Subs: M. Murphy for I. Shanahan, A. O'Toole for T. Brazil, E. Condron for M. O'Brien.

Open Draw is justified

A SEMI-FINAL clash between last year's finalists Kilkenny and Cork will provide a most entertaining Camogie highlight mid-way through this month of August, and also tends to prove once again how much the senior All-Ireland competition has benefited from the introduction of the Open Draw system.

However, the Open Draw has not been kind to Galway. Since the girls from the West won the junior championship in 1972 they have had the bad luck in each successive year to come up against the reigning champions early in the senior competition. In 1973 and 1974 they found themselves opposed by Cork, and lost narrowly and perhaps unluckily on each occasion. This year they had to travel to play Kilkenny, who had the added advantage of having already had an outing against Wexford in the separate Leinster series.

This time I did not think that Galway were as fit, or played with quite the same enthusiasm as in some other recent years. They certainly fell away badly in the last quarter.

On the other hand, Kilkenny were at full strength and it is indicative of the dedication still animating the girls who wear the black and amber that full-back Ann Carroll had flown in from Italy on the previous night to take her customary place.

Cork, beaten by Kilkenny in the replay of last year's All-Ireland final will now be seeking revenge for that defeat which

foiled them of their fifth O'Duffy Cup in a row. They, too, scored an impressive victory in their first-round game over Antrim, but, for a variety of reasons, the Northern county found it difficult to muster full forces for the long trip South and only the great Mairead McAtamney of their champion 1967 side was on duty. Cork, though short four of last year's stalwarts, gave a very competent display, however, and that game against Kilkenny will be eagerly anticipated by all followers of the game in the East and South.

Meanwhile, the championships in the lesser grades have been proceeding apace in all provinces, and it is encouraging to see what used to be reckoned as weaker counties gathering strength.

In Leinster, for instance, though the minor and junior finals rested between the respective holders, Kilkenny, Dublin and Wexford, there have been very encouraging performances from other counties. Wicklow and Offaly both had very promising minor teams, while in junior ranks Kildare were very unlucky to lose to Dublin at the semi-final stage.

And there is further good news in Leinster. The Westmeath Camogie Board is being reformed after many years of inactivity and anybody interested should get in touch with Mrs. Mary Martin, Markethill, Ballymore.

South Kerry's win over holders

Clare in the opening round of the Munster junior series must have given a much-needed fillip to the game in the Kingdom, and will do no great harm to the ambitions of Clare, while Waterford and Limerick have also been making considerable progress, especially at local level. One would, however, like to see greater dedication and better organisation in Tipperary. Perhaps that junior All-Ireland Colleges victory by Presentation Cashel will provide the necessary spark.

In the North, the fall of reigning champions Antrim (junior) and Down (minor) shows that the other counties are levelling up in standard. Monaghan would now seem to be reaping the benefit of good work at local level, while the win of the Antrim minors over the All-Ireland champions Down would lead one to believe that a revival there cannot be too far away.

The West, however, remains dark. And that is surprising considering the wonderful success of Galway teams on the Colleges fields in recent seasons, and Connacht's success in the last two senior interprovincial competitions.

But the sad fact remains that outside County Galway, Camogie activity in the West seems at a very low ebb, and that is an area to which Central Council could direct its energies, now that the sub-committees have taken over some at least of its routine work.

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DUBLIN VICTORY MARCH TO END

CAMOGIE by TAOBH LINE

THE FIRST of the All-Ireland senior Camogie semi-finals, should provide plenty of entertainment at Na Fianna Grounds on Sunday next where Wexford and Dublin will be in opposition at the somewhat unusual time of one o'clock.

The match had been arranged for the early forenoon in order to facilitate Wexford folk who wish to attend the Leinster

hurling finals later in the day at Croke Park.

Though Wexford and Dublin have met many times in recent years in the Leinster championship, this is the first meeting of the counties in the All-Ireland series.

Strictly on the form book, the advantage would seem to rest with Dublin. In the recent Leinster championship, Wexford were beaten in the semi-final by All-Ireland champions Kilkenny who in turn were defeated in the subsequent provincial final by the Dublin girls.

NARROW WIN

Since then Dublin achieved a very narrow victory over Tipperary at Thurles, winning by a point in an exciting finish, but Wexford have had an even closer call.

In their first round game of the current competition they were held to a draw by Clare at Ennis, and in the replay at Enniscorthy had a shade of luck on their side when winning by a two-point margin.

On those recent displays, Dublin are coming back at last to something like the winning form that made them unbeatable on the senior fields seven or eight years ago, and with Sheila Murray in goal, Rita White,

Dympna Caldwell, Shiochain and Evelyn playing extremely well, are entitled to treasure the prospect of reaching the All-Ireland for the first time since 1968.

However, those two against Clare may well have proved as good as a hard training to Wexford with Margaret Lacey, O'Connor, Gretta Keog Walsh and Kit Codd, best could be capable of Dublin's victory march.

The National Coachin at Gormanston last proved an outstanding expertly conducted by Moran (Cork) and Ann (Kilkenny) and should be reaching effects on the standard of coaching with Association.

Wexford hit top form in second half

Wexford, 3-4; Dublin, 0-2.

WEXFORD, WHO made a weak start to the 1975 Camogie campaign, sprang right up to the top yesterday when they qualified for the All-Ireland Senior final by beating the Leinster champions, Dublin, at Na Fianna Grounds, Dublin.

Wexford, who won their first all-Ireland in 1968 and retained it in 1969, and were beaten in the final by Cork in 1971, were knocked out of the Leinster Championship in the first game by Kilkenny. Later they drew with Clare at Ennis, and were hard pressed to win in Enniscorthy, by a two point margin.

Though the Dublin girls started with a slight breeze in their favour, it was Wexford who got away for the first

scores and went two points ahead in the first few minutes, Dublin, however, drew level after as many more minutes and though there was some fine play, it was dominated by both sets of defences, who never gave the forwards any easy chances and so the score remained until half-time — two points each.

Dublin won the ball from the throw-in but their attack ended with a wide. Wexford fought back quickly and drove home two goals in quick succession. Although Dublin rallied, a mixture of ill-luck and inaccuracy in front of goal, cost them scores, accepting all their chances, the Wexford forwards proceeded to build up a commanding lead.

Scorers—Wexford: B Doran (2-0), E O'Gorman (1-2), M Hearne (1-0), B Murphy (0-1), M Furlong (0-1). Dublin: L Howard (0-1), O N-Shiochain (0-1).

Wexford — K Tonks, M Lacey, G Kehoe, B Doyle, D Walsh, B Murphy, E O'Gorman, E Walsh, K Codd, B Doran, M Furlong; P Moore, Sub—M Hearne for P Moore.

Dublin—S Murray; S Wallace, D Caldwell, M Ryan; A McManus, E Sweeney, O N-Shiochain; K Murphy, L Howard, N Fleming; P Brennan. Sub—U O'Connor for Brennan.

Referee—Miss M Moran (Cork).

CLOYNE'S CLOSE WIN IN CAMOGIE CLASH

In one of the greatest and most exciting Camogie games played in East Cork, Cloyne upset the odds when they had the narrowest of margins to spare over Churchtown North, in this, their first clash in a Championship event, at Cloyne.

Cloyne, aided by a strong breeze, got away to a great start when a side-line cut from Maria Costine finished just inside the goal in the 5th minute. She added a minor two minutes later from a long ranged free, before Susan Burke pointed a free for the visitors. Geraldine Horgan reduced the leeway with another point.

Geraldine Costine (nee Costine) evaded the Churchtown defence and goaled, following a tremendous save by Mary Roche from Bernadette Costine. This gave Cloyne a tonic start and with their young players going from strength to strength, the Middleton girls were made fight all the way. This was a tough exciting game with fortunes swaying throughout.

Churchtown reduced Cloyne's lead score by score, and with five minutes to go the sides were on level terms. Awarded a close in from Susan Burke, who had a tremendous game for Churchtown, was wide with a shot which normally she would have little difficulty with.

With time ticking away it was anyone's game, when Bernadette Costine lashed over a long ranged free to put her side in front. Awarded another close-in free Susan Burke sent it wide and Cloyne emerged victorious.

Besides Maria, Bernadette and Kathleen Costine, Valerie O'Sullivan, Anne O'Shea were best. For Churchtown, Josie Knowles, Susan Burke, Noreen Bailey, Antoinette Houlihan and Rosie Condon played best.

Cloyne: Kathleen Costine, Bonnie Costine, Rita Costine, Maria Costine, Anne O'Shea, Geraldine O'Sullivan, Olive O'Sullivan, Mary O'Donoghue. Sub. Doreen Costine for Bonnie Costine (injured).

Churchtown: Mary Roche, Noreen Bailey, Mary Cotter, Jane O'Brien, Rosie Condon, Susan Burke, Antoinette Houlihan, Mairead Condon, Joan Murphy, Maella Hogan, Josie Knowles, Geraldine Horgan.

Referee: Mary Moran (Old Aloys).



A Wexford defender in action during the All-Ireland Camogie semi-final with Dublin at Na Fianna's ground, yesterday.

ANNA McMANUS (LEFT) & DOROTHY WALSH (RIGHT)

CAMOGIE GIRLS HAD REALLY FINE WIN

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By "SETANT"

"We have to win to-day — don't let it go to 'extra time,'" were the parting words of team trainer Pat O'Gorman to his charges during interval break in the All-Ireland senior camogie championship semi-final on Sunday last at Dublin's Moibhi Road Grounds, as Wexford and Dublin remained deadlocked at two points each.

But, the New Ross-based ship-builder need not have worried on that score, for only in the second half did the very best of Wexford emerge as they went on to hold the Metropolitan's scores and add three goals

and two points themselves, thus qualifying for their first senior final since 1971 on a 3-4 to 0-2 scoreline.

LONG WAY

It would be grand to be able now to state that Wexford must be tipped for the title against either Kilkenny (holders) or Cork on the third Sunday in September, but Wexford have still a long way to travel on the road before they begin to ever think in these terms.

If any thing, this game only served to emphasise that there are still some shortcomings in the side which must be effectively repaired before Sept 21.

On the credit side, however, there is a good deal to enthuse about. A shrewd switch by the Model County mentors brought left half back Bridie Doran (nee Jacob) up to the centre-half forward position, where the industrious Buffers Alley star certainly added "bite"—something lacking previously — to the team's attack. The move made way for the debut of her club-mate ex-County Junior Dorothy Walsh, to senior inter-county fare, and she quickly settled to give a display that suggests she must warrant a permanent place.

LENGTHY PUCKS

Another invaluable asset to Wexford's cause was the lengthy puck-outs of full-back Margt. Leacy (nee O'Leary), her tremendous drives of 60 yards and more sending the team racing into attack within yards of the Dublin posts. Special mention must also be made of the Slaneysider's centre-back Brigid Doyle possibly the finest all-round Camogie artist in the county today. In this game, many claim she had her best outing in the Purple and Gold of Wexford.

Wexford had other outstanding performers, Elsie Walsh and Breda Murphy (midfield), Kathleen Tonks (goal) and Kit Codd. Breda Murphy and Mary Furlong opened Wexford's account with good points, before Dublin

drew level per Libby Howard and Orla Shiochain, and this score stood til half-time. Wexford missed at least two gilt-edged chances for goals, but, to balance the issue, only a number of superb saves by Wexford's young netminder Kathleen Tonks kept the 'Dubs' at bay.

SWELTERING HEAT

Playing in sweltering heat and on a rock-hard surface, the players were glad of the interval break. It was Wexford who did their "half-time homework" best, for they tore into the 2nd half with renewed vigour, the rewards following.

First a long puck-out from M. Leacy was repulsed, but only as far as Brigid Doyle (Wexford), whose long, lobbing clearance was picked-up by B. Doran, and bounding two defenders she lashed to the net.

The cheers had barely subsided when Wexford had another major. Brigid Doyle sent B. Murphy racing on the right and when Peg Moore flicked the ball across the goalmouth, there was B. Doran to slam home again (2-2 to 0-2)

Dublin were reeling at this sudden turn of events, for when the issue seemed to be so delicately in the balance, suddenly Wexford had shot in front by six points.

SAFE

Wexford's cause was made with a point from a '30' by E. O'Gorman after P. Moore's shot was deflected, and with ten minutes left, substitute Maggie Hearne added goal number 3 when she pulled overhead on a free by E. O'Gorman and flashed it to the net. Wexford had the last say with another well-placed free-stroke by Eileen O'Gorman (3-4 to 0-2).

Congratulations to the Wexford girls on this great, so-badly needed win — a loss on Sunday would surely have done untold

damage to the dwindling prestige of the game by Slaneyside.

PRAISE

A word of praise is also due to the team selectors — Messrs Martin Lancaster, Willy Corcoran, and Pat O'Gorman—who must realise only too well the hard 'slog' that still lies ahead.

There are 18 players bidding for 12 places on the team, but with this type of spirit and team work on everyone's part, that elusive All-Ireland could well come back to Slaneyside next month.

Scorers for winners: B. Doran (2-0); M. Hearne (1-0); Eileen O'Gorman (0-2); B. Murphy

and M. Furlong (0-1 each). For losers: L. Howard, O. Shiochain (0-1 each).

THE TEAM

Wexford — K. Tonks (Buffers Alley); M. Leacy (do.); Greta Kehoe, captain (Cloughawn), B. Doyle (do.), D. Walsh (B. Alley); Breda Murphy (Cloughawn), E. O'Gorman (St. Mary's Enniscorthy), E. Walsh (Buffers Alley); K. Codd (Cloughawn), B. Doran (B. Alley), M. Furlong (Cloughawn); Peg Moore (St. Brigid's). Subs. M. Hearne (B. Alley) for P. Moore; J. Murphy (St. Mary's), M. Darcy (do.), B. Murphy (St. John's), B. Fox (St. Brigid's), M. Shannon (St. Patrick's).

Kilkenny fail at Ballinasloe

Galway 3-8 Holden, J. Holden, P.
Kilkenny 1-1 McGrath.

GALWAY had a clear-cut and well deserved win over Kilkenny in the minor All-Ireland semi-final on Sunday at Ballinasloe. The winners showed their superiority from the start and their well balanced team never let us and Kilkenny were out of the race.

The Noresiders did play as good as they were able but it was not enough. They lacked the dash of their opponents. Of course the losers are a very young side and the majority of the team will be eligible to play again next year.

For Kilkenny J. O'Shea, M. O'Keeffe, K. Dowling, B. Giles and C. Hennessy lost no face. They were the losers best players.

Kilkenny's scorer was J. O'Shea with 1-1.

Kilkenny — B. Meegan, C. Moran, M. O'Keeffe, J. O'Shea, K. Butler, B. Cahill, B. Cuddihy, A. Drea, K. Dowling, B. Delahunty, C. Dalton, H. Diamond, A. Gannon, B. Giles, C. Hennessy, A.

Galway For Camogie Final

Galway 3-7
Kilkenny 1-1

Galway reached the minor All-Ireland final by defeating Kilkenny in Duggan Park on Sunday. The small attendance was treated to a really first class display of camogie by two very good sides.

Galway went ahead after five minutes and were never overtaken and ran out comfortable winners in the end. They had best players in Mary Daly and Anne Burke. Others to play well were N. Tracey, O. Cody, A. Broderick, A. Haverly, B. Murphy, M. Kelly.

Scorers, Galway: M. Daly 1-6, M. Kelly 1-1, K. Connell 1-0. Kilkenny: J. O'Shea 1-1.

Galway: A. Haverly, B. Murphy, B. Bracken, N. Tracey, M. Hynes, A. Broderick, A. Burke, O. Cody, M. Kelly, M. Daly, U. Jordan, K. Connell, P. Creaven, B. Glynn, M. Coen, K. Cannon, C. Forde.

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Ulster Minor Camogie

Championship

Cavan unlucky losers to Monaghan



Monaghan players, Deirdre Finnegan and Mary Shevlin race for the ball along with Cavan player, Marie McDermott, during one of the many exciting incidents.

CAVAN'S hopes of winning the Ulster minor camogie title for the first time and to bring a trophy to Cavan after a lapse of 34 years were foiled, when they went under to Monaghan by 3-2 to 2-3 in an entertaining minor final at Emmett Park, Carrickmacross, on Sunday last. Cavan had the title within their grasp at half-time when they led by four points, but their grasp at half-time when they led by four points, but scored the winning goal minutes from the final whistle to end an exciting and absorbing contest.

This was a game that the Cavan side never looked like losing as they were the dominant team for

most of the game, but they failed to show their superiority on the scoreboard, and this is what counts in the end. Great credit is due to the Monaghan team for their great fighting spirit, which they had in abundance. They proved the old maxim that a game is never lost until the final whistle. They were the fitter team on view, and were able to take advantage of slack marking by the Cavan players towards the end of the game. In E. Hughes at centrefield they had the most accomplished player on the field, and her brilliant stickwork was a feature of the game.

The standard of play by both sides never reached the same heights as in previous games due to the tension among the players. The importance of the tie seemed to put a damper on more skilful play. However, the game was most interesting and enjoyable for the spectators. In the opening minutes the ball swung from end to end with both sets of backs very much in command. Cavan were soon in their stride and Lucia Shalvey scored a free which was followed by a good goal from Mary McCabe.

At this stage, Cavan missed some great scoring opportunities as they held sway at centrefield. Towards the end of the half, the Monaghan team came more into the picture and Eleanor Hughes scored a glorious point under pressure after she gained possession from a close-in free. The half-time score then was 1-1 to 0-1 in favour of Cavan.

GREAT GOAL

The second period started with Cavan very much on the attack, but the Monaghan backs were equal to their task. However, R. Galligan who was the most ambitious of the Cavan forwards scored a wonderful goal after ten minutes to seemingly put Cavan in a commanding position. However, Monaghan had different ideas and soon replied with a goal from Deirdre Finnegan. Cavan came back very strongly and Lucia Shalvey scored a fine point from a difficult angle.

At this stage, Cavan faded in the centre of the field and Monaghan took full advantage. With 7 minutes remaining, Anne McGahon scored a Monaghan goal which left them only a point in arrears. The Cavan side again had a few fruitless attacks and with time running out, Monaghan took the lead for the first time when Deirdre Finnegan took her chance to score the winning goal. Cavan came back but didn't take their chances and failed by only two points.

Monaghan are through to the All-Ireland semi-final against Cork, and this game will be played at Emmett Park, Carrickmacross, on Sunday, August 31st. It must be admitted that the Monaghan girls were lucky to win, as Cavan were the better team on the hours play. Their backs were strong and very steady, while their forwards played with skill and confidence. However,



Picture shows Rev. Fr. Davies, Chairman of the Ulster Camogie Council presenting the Father Davies Cup to Noeleen McMahon, captain of the Monaghan team who defeated Cavan in the Ulster Minor Camogie Final at Carrickmacross. Also in picture are Mr. Sean O'Duffy, Camogie Organiser at Croke Park and Mary Moran, Camogie P.R.O.

40 YEARS AGO

CORK won the Munster Camogie Championship by defeating Tipperary 8-5 to 4-0 in a rather disappointing game at Tipperary Sportsfield.

20 YEARS AGO

IN a high scoring game that thrilled 4,192 spectators at Croke Park, Dublin, the holders, retained their All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship title with a hard-earned 9-2 to 5-6 win over Cork, who were represented by J. Cahill, B. Walsh, B. Lucey, M. Murphy, J. Clancy, A. Crotty, L. McKay, P. Lucey, A. Lane, N. Duggan, M. Joyce, M. Hayes. Sub—M. O'Connell.

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Picture shows the Monaghan Camogie team and subs which defeated Cavan in the Ulster Minor Camogie Championship at Carrickmacross on Sunday. Front row (left to right)—E. Hughes, G. Fox, M. Shevlin, A. McGahon, F. Byrne, N. McMahon, M. Gartlan and P. Duffy. Back row (left to right)—P. Flanagan, D. Finnegan, R. Finn, A. Finnegan, S. McMahon, U. Markey, S. Howard and M. Lynch.



Picture shows Cavan Minor Camogie team. Front row (l. to r.)—P. Smith, M. Martin (capt.), I. Cusack, M. McCabe, P. O'Reilly, M. McDermott and R. M. Galligan. Back row (left to right)—M. Clarke, M. Tully, L. Shalvey, M. McCabe, M. McGorry, H. Reilly, R. M. Traynor, M. Cooney and N. Farrelly.

Cork Seek Revenge Against Kilkenny

IN a repeat of last year's All-Ireland final Cork and Kilkenny meet again on Sunday next — this time in the semi-final at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny. And what a game that is likely to be. There are no local fixtures that day but there are league games on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Sunday's big game must overshadow everything else in camogie this weekend. This eagerly awaited clash has all the ingredients of a thriller with two top class teams eager to return to Croke Park—which they graced so brilliantly last season—for this year's final. But, of course, only one of them will be there this time.

Last season Cork were chasing their fifth successive title when Kilkenny put an end to their highly successful run. After drawing with Cork in the final, Kilkenny had four points to spare in the replay. This season the champions have beaten Galway by 4-8 to 1-5 in the first round. This is no mean feat when one considers the so narrow Cork victories over Galway in recent years. But they also showed that they are not super human when they lost to Dublin in the Leinster championship this season. And when one considers that Dublin

many other fine players. Ann Carroll, for so long the inspiration of Kilkenny teams is again at full back in front of that fine goalie Teresa O'Neill. Liz Neary is another grand Kilkenny player who graduated from the colleges and she will be partnered in the half-back line by Bridie Martin (centre) and Mary Kavanagh on the opposite wing from Liz.

With Helena in the centre-field, Kilkenny have two stylish performers in Mary Fennelly and Peggy Carey. Angela Downey, who devastated the Cork defence last year is at wing forward with Ursula Grace on the other side, Mary Conway at centre half forward and that grand opportunist Carmel Doyle at full forward.

SUPERBLY FIT

Kilkenny are good, in fact very good, there is no doubt about that. They are a well drilled and superbly fit side and it will take everything Cork have got to beat them. But Cork have learned from last year's defeat and with so much success behind them in recent years they should not allow that one defeat in almost five years to upset them too much.

Cork, of course, will be underdogs on this occasion and this is

0-4) as Antrim fielded their weakest side in years. However all the Cork players played well in the county championships with many of them playing better than ever. Pat Moloney, who was studying very hard before last year's final, is back to her very best and was superb for Imokilly throughout the championship. Bernie Costine, who came on as a sub in the drawn game last season has really established herself in the Cork side and is playing better than ever. Deirdre Sutton in goal needs no introduction to Cork followers while Marie Costine is regarded as one of the finest full backs in the country. Sister Bernie fills centre-back berth where she will be flanked by the reliable Nuala Jennings and Mary Whelton. Pat Moloney is at full centre with the powerful Marion McCarthy on her left and the tenacious Sheila Morgan on her right.

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CLINCHED ISSUE

Kilkenny reappeared with seven positional changes and after missing a 15 yards free Cork added a point from Marion Sweeney and another from Pat Maloney in the eight and ninth minutes.

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MARIE COSTINE (Cork)



Kilkenny forwards Ursula Grace, Angela Downey and Mary Conway in action.



Helena O'Neill breaks away on a solo run for Kilkenny.

CORK
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Liz Neary in a tussle for the ball with a Cork forward.
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The Kilkenny camogie team who were defeated by Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final at Nowlan Park on Sunday.

Cork girls too strong for Kilkenny camogie team



Kilkenny defenders Ann Carroll and Marie Kavanagh under pressure.
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Girls fall to Cork

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The Leesiders had four changes from the side which went under to Kilkenny last year and they made just enough difference to send the home side packing from the competition at the second last hurdle.

Into the side came Mary O'Leary, Cally Riordan, Nuala Jennings and Bernie Costine. They replaced Ann McAuliffe, Nuala Guilly, Hannah Dineen and Betty Sugrue.

The Kilkenny side showed only one alteration. Mary Downey came into the reckoning in place of Mary Conway.

Kilkenny went out of the title race but not before they

put up a great struggle and in the end Cork were fighting tooth and nail to hold on to their slender lead.

Cork were 2-1 ahead when Kilkenny hit to the net and then with excitement building up they put everything into attack. Urged on the vociferous home support they threw everything at Cork but although they forced two 30s they made no real impression on a stubborn well marshalled rearguard.

Heroine of the day for the winners was their goalkeeper who gave a marvellous display between the posts. Deirdre Sutton never put a foot wrong and in fact it was she who broke the hearts of the Kilkenny girls with some great saves in the first half.

In the first moiety Kilkenny played with the stiff enough wind in their favour and it certainly didn't look too bright for them when they turned over 1-2 to 3-1 in arrears.

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Although at times the Cork attacks often only came sporadically they put every opportunity to full use. O'Driscoll hit two fine goals and also added a point to the Cork tally.

Cork opened the second half again in fine style and it seemed all over as they tacked on two points. Kilkenny broke the Cork scoring sequence with a goal but the Leesiders put the final nails in the Kilkenny coffin with a goal and a point in quick succession.

The losers got another goal back but although they tried hard to get on terms they just hadn't enough power to halt the march of the Munster champions.

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Not that Cork did not thoroughly deserve their victory. Indeed they were the sharper and more effective side right through, but neither side produced anything like the sparkling play that characterised the draw game and replay between them for the title last season.

Kilkenny, although they had practically the same team on duty as won through a year ago, looked sluggish through

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THRILLING

So Cork, on the third Sunday in September will now be seeking their fifth All-Ireland title in six seasons, but the decider between Wexford and themselves looks likely to be a close and thrilling clash.

Meantime on Sunday we have both semi-finals in the junior grade with Dublin entertaining Limerick at Phoenix Park Grounds, and Roscommon at home to Down in Roscommon.

CAMOGIE NOTES

Dublin, narrowly beaten by Clare in last year's final, will be very hopeful of reaching the final again this time. Certainly they looked very efficient indeed when readily accounting for Wexford in the recent Leinster final.

They have plenty of experience, as the majority of their players were also in last year's side including goalkeeper, Phyllis Breslin, Mary Murphy, Helen Roche and top-scoring forward Maura Sutton.

IMPRESSIVE

But Limerick have some experienced players too in Geraldine O'Brien, Carrie Clancy, Brid Stokes and Marion Doyle, who won an All-Ireland Colleges medal with Presentation Mount-

mellick a couple of seasons ago.

Limerick were impressive when winning through in Munster, but I feel Dublin's team-work may prove a little too much for the Southern champions.

Roscommon, sprang one of the big surprises in this grade when they accounted for fancied Galway in the West, but the new Connacht champions face a difficult task in taking on Down, who accounted readily enough for all-Northern opposition, including the title-holders, Antrim.

Admittedly they were hard-pressed by Armagh in the final, but with such talented players as Susan Lively, Marian McGarvey, Cathy O'Hare, Bernie Brown, Down must be fancied to reach the final of a competition the county won in the first year of its existence.

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THE return of Wexford to the All-Ireland senior scene is the chief Camogie talking point this month, and it happened in somewhat unusual circumstances. Since the inauguration of the Open Draw in the senior All-Ireland championship the Leinster Council has continued its own senior provincial championship but as a separate competition.

The effect of this decision has been that although only three counties in Leinster are ranked senior nowadays all three have the advantage of having had at least one senior competitive outing within their own province before embarking on their All-Ireland campaign.

Now in this year's Leinster championship Wexford came up against the All-Ireland champions Kilkenny in the semi-final and after doing well for most of the

game, fell away in the closing stages and were defeated, deservedly on the run of the play. Kilkenny thus went on to the Leinster final against Dublin but before that had accounted comfortably for Galway in the opening round of the All-Ireland series.

But then the surprises started. Kilkenny at home to Dublin in the Leinster final at Gowran started firm favourites to account for an untested Dublin side and had to accept unexpected defeat thus failing in their big ambition to add the Leinster honours to the All-Ireland title they already held.

True, Kilkenny in that game were without Ann Carroll and Angela Downey, both of whom had been in action against Galway, but even so Dublin's victory was so meritorious that they were generally expected to reach the

final for the first time since 1967.

In the meantime Wexford after that Leinster semi-final defeat, had to travel to Ennis to take on last year's junior champions Clare in the All-Ireland competition. Wexford led well at half-time but a great second half rally by Clare brought them level and they were perhaps a trifle unlucky not to have won.

On home ground in the replay at Enniscorthy, Wexford were confidently expected to come through, and so they did, but only with two points to spare. However, those two hard games against Clare gave Wexford a sharpness they had been lacking earlier.

That was very obvious when they met fancied Dublin in the semi-final for the girls from the Slaney had improved almost one hundred per cent both in defence and attack. Though scores were level at half time, Wexford's greater control and cohesion were already evident. Not only did they advance to convincing victory in the second half but on this display must be in with a great chance of recapturing the All-Ireland title they won for the first time in 1968 and retained in the following year.

The great star of those thrilling victories was Margaret O'Leary from Buffer's Alley who varied between centre-half or mid-field. Since then Margaret, a native of Garrydanjel has married, she is now Margaret Lacey and her recent return to the Wexford side has done much to spark off the county's recent revival.

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Wexford will be our final opponents. The score is even between Cork and Wexford. They slipped us in the 1968 final but we paid it back in 1971. Margaret O'Leary, Bridget Doyle, Bridie Jacobs and Kit Kehoe are all survivors from our last meeting. Some fine players have come onto their side in the meantime notably Eileen

Costines were an inspiration to Cloyne

Cloyne 5-11 Sarsfields 2-4
Inspired by Cork senior players, Mary and Bernie Costine, Cloyne easily qualified for the final of the Intermediate County Championship at Riverstown where they accounted for the home side. With some great long-range points from play and a superb goal scored by Geraldine O'Sullivan, Cloyne led by 1-7 to 1-1 at half-time.

Sarsfields tried hard to get into the game in the early stages of the second half but this proved useless in the face of the Cloyne defence where Mary O'Donoghue proved to be in brilliant form. Cloyne piled on the pressure and scored at will in the last quarter where Bernie Costine proved unconquerable. Cloyne now meet Eire Og in the final.

Best for Cloyne were Anne Kenny, Mary O'Donoghue, Anne O'Shea and Bernie Costine, while Mary Canavan, Catherine Kenneally, Ellen McCarthy and Catherine Daly were best for the losers.

Scorers: For Cloyne: B. Costine 4-7, G. O'Sullivan 1-0, M. Costine 0-5, A. O'Shea 0-1; for Sarsfields, M. Canavan 1-4, C. Kenneally 1-0.

CORK MINORS AGAIN IN ALL-IRELAND FINAL

Cork 8-1, Monaghan 2-2
Cork minors qualified for their second successive All-Ireland final when they defeated Monaghan at Carrickmacross. Showing much better form than they displayed in the Ulster final, Monaghan had Cork worried for a long time. Janet Davis opened the scoring with a close-in goal but this was quickly nullified by a similar score from Noleen McMahon for the home side.

Two goals by Ann Connolly brightened the picture for Cork but Monaghan were far from finished. Eleanor Hughes, Monaghan's star performer, was creating havoc at centrefield.

The Cork selectors took Anne Connolly from the attack and brought in Claire Cronin. The move paid off, for Anne lessened the contribution of Eleanor Hughes while Claire celebrated her return to the side by scoring a hat-trick.

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O'Gorman and Elsie Walsh, Wexford have not tasted victory since 1966 and their appetite for victory was obvious when defeating Dublin in the semi-final. They are big and strong with plenty of natural ability. It looks wide open.

Minors Task Not To Be Envied

Those who remember the high standard of the Down team which beat Cork to win the 1974 All-Ireland Minor title will not envy the Cork Minors when they tackle the Ulster Champions on their home ground. But the new champions, Monaghan, have not so far reached the same peak of skill and maturity as their predecessors. That Down side was together for three years and as a result they had to find a new team this year as their stars were over age. This left the Ulster Championship wide open. First round matches left Antrim in the role of favourites for the title. However, when Antrim faced Monaghan in the semi-final they were missing the goalkeeper and fullback with disastrous results.

In a novel pairing Monaghan and Cavan met in the final. Neither are noted camogie counties. Cavan lead for most of the match but once Monaghan found their scoring touch there was no stopping them. Eleanor Hughes was the heroine on that occasion and is undoubtedly Monaghan's best player. Marion Lynch, Patricia Flanagan, Deirdre Finnegan and Noleen McMahon are other strong players on the Monaghan side.

Cork retained the Munster crown but did not reach the high scoring figures which they totted up last year. In the three games of the 1974 competition Cork ran up the huge total of 24 goals 9 points. This season's tally is considerably less but was the opposition better? Seven of that side remains and their experience could be vital. Kathleen Costine is having a very good season both for her club and county. Claire Harris is covering her keeper well. Marie Coughlan turns in a very earnest performance and is gaining confidence with every outing. Betty Joyce and Jane O'Brien can seal off the side entrances. Since their last game one of the minors has been promoted to the senior grade. Catherine Landers came on during the Kilkenny game

Reach Final

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The Ulster champions put up a great show right through the first half and were well in the picture at half time although Cork led 4-0 to 2-0 at that stage.

Cork, however, settled down early in the second half and displaying great skill, accuracy and combination got the scores while Monaghan failed to take their chances though they never gave up.

Best for Cork were Kathleen Costine, Kathleen Harris, Ann Connolly and Claire Cronin who came on as a sub. Eleanor Hughes was the star of the Monaghan side.
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Cork Should Triumph

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Monaghan, who have never yet reached an All-Ireland camogie final in any grade, have their big chance on Sunday next when they are at home to Cork in the second of this year's minor semi-finals. Galway are already through to the final of this grade thanks to a very convincing victory over Leinster champions, Kilkenny.

Last season was the first in which a minor All-Ireland series was played and Cork also came out of Munster on that occasion, and indeed reached the final, in which they failed to the then Ulster champions Down.

In this year's Ulster series Monaghan have proved themselves the best team in the province and so will be very hopeful of accounting for the Cork girls now. But Cork, on Munster form, are a very useful side, although they were a trifle lucky to account for Tipperary in a hard-fought provincial final.

Were Monaghan to reach the final it would give a great boost to the game in the county but they will need to be very good indeed to account for this well-balanced Cork line-out.

OPPOSITION

Meanwhile, we now know the finalists in the junior grade. Dublin, who have reached the final of this competition often than any other county will be there again, with the opposition this time being provided by Down.

Down travelled to Athleague on Sunday last and then readily defeated the home side, Roscommon in their semi-final. Dublin, on the other hand, though they were on home ground against Munster champions Limerick at the Phoenix Park had to battle all the way before they could be sure of success, and indeed Limerick must be counted a trifle unlucky not to qualify for the final for the first time.

So a most entertaining final is in prospect on June 21 where this Down v Dublin game will be the curtain-raiser to the senior final between Wexford and Cork.

The fact that the county team is in the final gives added interest to the Wexford final which will be played on Sunday next at St. Patrick's Park Ennisecorney between the holders Cloughbawn-Adamstown and Buffers Alley.

TALENT

All but one of the Buffers Alley players have played for Wexford in one grade or another and they can boast of members of the senior panel in Margaret Leacy, Bried Doran, Maggie Hearne, goalkeeper Kathleen Tonks and the Walsh sister, Elsie and Dorothy.

But the holders will have a no less imposing array of talent led by the six Kehoe sisters, Gretta and Eileen with four married members of the family, Bridget Doyle, Kit Codd, Annie Kennedy and Josie Gahan.

Add on Mary Furlong and Breda Murphy and one can see why Cloughbawn-Adamstown have such high hopes of victory even though they will be without the services of the Maynooth Ashbourne Cup player Lyn Nolan, who is not available because of examinations.

Opening game will be the juvenile final in which St. John's from Wexford town will be seeking to prevent St. Anne's, Rathnure from winning their fifth successive title in this grade.

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Leeside Hopes High

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Minors Face Stiff Task In All-Ireland Final Against Galway

FIFTEEN young Cork girls will be the centre of attraction on Sunday when they will be endeavouring to bring the Cork Minor All-Ireland to the city for the first time. This they will attempt before a home following—at Na Piarasigh Grounds—against a Galway side who will come to Cork with a big reputation.

Because of the importance of this game there are no other fixtures listed.

Galway's big reputation is well earned. They won the Connacht championship without exerting themselves but most of all they gained it by a very decisive victory over the Leinster champions, Kilkenny. The latter had made a name for themselves in coming through Leinster—always a hard thing to do. But they were not in the game against Galway.

Galway have a fine team made up from their successful colleges teams. Five players hold All-Ireland senior Colleges medals—Noreen Treacy, Ann Burke, Olive Coady, M. Hynes and Una Jordan. Though not a colleges star, Mary Daly has made a name for herself also and caused Kilkenny a lot of trouble.

DIFFICULT PROSPECT

But it must be remembered that Cork beat Galway in the semi-final last year when some of these players were on. It is true that Galway's preparations last season were haphazard that they have gone about the job much more seriously this year. So they should be a different

prospect for the Cork girls this season.

But Cork have not been "slacking" this year either. They have four games—and four victories behind them and it must stand to them. Clare, Limerick, Tipperary fell by the wayside in Munster and then in the semi-final Cork had to travel to Carrickmacross where they had an impressive win over Monaghan. Seven of the Cork team played in last year's final in which they failed to Down. They must have learned from that outing and a year makes a big difference at that age.

Kathleen Costine is playing great stuff this year. The backs took a lot of time to settle against Monaghan but then the latter only got points in the second half and they came from a centrefield player. Remember the Cork backs against Tipperary?—yes they can shut the door on Galway. Catherine Landers' wrist, which she hurt when she fell against Kilkenny, is regaining strength and she should be a big asset to Cork in the centre of the field, while if the forwards can get that vital run of the ball they can take the vital scores.

Home venue, of course, should be another great advantage to the Cork girls and though they will not find it easy they will have the support of Cork followers everywhere in their efforts to bring that first coveted minor title to the county.

POSITIONAL SWITCHES

The senior final is on the following Sunday when Cork play Wexford in Croke Park. The Cork team has already been announced with the same 12 who did duty against Antrim and Kilkenny representing the county. There are two positional switches. Sheila Morgan (nee Dunne) who moved to centre back against Kilkenny remains there, while Bernice Costine takes her position at centrefield. Cally Riordan swapped places with Mary O'Leary in Kilkenny and they remain in their new positions. The rest of the side remains the same.

The fund raising activities go on. Thursday night next is Cabaret night at Na Piarasigh where all are welcome (50p admission). On Friday 19th Killeagh Club are organising a dance in their hall with proceeds going to All-Ireland fund. So again I appeal to followers for support.

TEAMS

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PEN PICTURES OF CORK MINORS

Kathleen Costine (Cloyne, goalkeeper. All-Ireland senior and junior medals already rest in the Costine household but Kathleen seeks to bring home the first All-Ireland minor medal. Following in the footsteps of her well known sisters, Marie and Bernice, Kathleen has also played under 15 for Cork. A very promising player, she holds Munster under 16 and under 18 awards and a Cork junior championship medal.

Claire Harris (Na Piarasigh) full back. Captain of the side, Claire has senior championship experience with Naomh Cobhnaith. A regular colleges player with North Pres, she also plays for Cork under 18 team. Her collection includes Munster under 16 and under 18, Munster colleges junior and intermediate Cork Schools senior championship and intermediate league medals.

Betty Joyce (Killeagh) right back: Was a member of the Imokilly panel which won the 1975 Cork County championship. Betty is a very steady player who has been figuring prominently in the Killeagh side in their current championship run. In the short time she has been playing camogie, she has won 2 Munster under 16 awards.

Marie Coughlan (Na Piarasigh) centre back. In her first season with Cork, she started the championship as a sub but worked her way through untiring effort to the important centre-back position. Featured with Naomh Gobnath in the senior championship. Accumulated many colleges medals while in the colours of North Presentation including Munster junior and intermediate championship, Cork Schools senior championship as well as her Munster minor trophy.

Jane O'Brien (Churchtown) left-back. This is Jane's second season with the Cork minors. She plays regularly for the Churchtown intermediate side. Plays other sports with success. Has two Munster under 16 and 3 Cork intermediate league medals on her sideboard.

Catherine Landers right centre (Killeagh). Catherine has made two records so far this season and stands to make another in the next fortnight. She is the first minor (under

16) to win promotion to the senior team. When she played for the seniors against Kilkenny she completed the unique achievement of playing for Cork in under 16, 18, junior and senior in the same season. Played regularly for Co. champions Imokilly. Holds Munster minor awards as well as Co. championship medal.

Anne Delaney (Glen Rovers) centrefield. Anne caught the eye with some fine performances in the colours of St. Patrick's in colleges competitions. Though very young she has lined out for the Glen seniors. Has made her mark at swimming also. Retains Cork schools junior and intermediate championship as well as a Munster minor award.

Claire Hackett (Ballinlough) left-centre. Another product of Pat McDonnell's coaching at St. Patrick's School, Claire is a fine ballplayer. Represented Naomh Gobnath in the senior championship. Has met with success on the colleges fields in the Cork Schools junior and intermediate championship. Also holds a Munster minor award.

Anne Connolly (Glen Rovers) centre-forward. In her first season with Cork she has managed to play on three sides, under 16, under 18 and junior. She captains the under 18 side which is due to meet Limerick in the Munster final. A great-hearted player, Anne always gives all she has. Possesses Cork Schools senior championship, Munster Colleges junior and intermediate and Cork schools intermediate league medals.

Claire Cronin (Ballyphehane) right forward. Captured the limelight in the semi-final with three second half goals. Plays for St. Aloysius in colleges competitions. Second member of family to wear Cork colours, her brother fielded for Cork juniors. Has won Cork under 18 league medal with her club and a Cork schools senior league award with St. Als.

Eileen Kavanagh (Eire Og) left forward. Played for Muskerry in the senior championship. Has helped Eire Og to 1975 intermediate championship final. Plays for South Pres in colleges camogie. Is in her second season as a Cork minor. Holds a Cork junior championship and two Munster under 16 awards among her souvenirs.

Margo Surgrue (Ballyphehane) full forward. Played senior championship with South Pres. before joining her present club. Was a colleges player with Immaculate Heart. Has helped Ballyphehane to win under 18 league and to the under 16 final. Won Cork schools intermediate championship and two Munster under 16 trophies also.

FIXTURES

Sunday September 14—All Ireland minor final at Na Piarasigh Grounds at 2 p.m. Galway v. Cork (ref. Pat Rafferty, Dublin)



Two of the players in tomorrow's Cork minor camogie team, Jane O'Brien (left) and Eileen Kavanagh.

The first All-Ireland camogie final of the year will be played in the Na Piarasigh grounds in Cork on Sunday. And whichever team wins in this clash between Cork and Galway, the title and the trophy will have new holders, for Down were last year's champions.

That game, played at Croke Park, was the first ever minor All-Ireland final, and Cork were also in the final that day, but signally failed to match the Down girls.

However, Leeside hopes will be high of achieving the success that eluded the county a year ago. Certainly after a narrow escape against Tipperary in the Munster final, they then showed very convincing form when they travelled North and, in the second half achieved clear-cut victory over the new Ulster champions, Monaghan.

Certainly, this is a very useful Cork side with another of the famed Costine sisters from Cloyne, Kathleen, in goal, and they are very strong up the centre of the field with captain Claire Harris at full-back, Marie Coughlan at centre-back, Anne Delaney and Catherine Landers at midfield and Margo Surgrue at full-forward.

Despite having to make the journey South, the Galway youngsters have every reason to feel hopeful about the outcome. In their semi-final at Ballinasloe they won very convincingly over a promising Kilkenny team that had looked good when coming through in Leinster for the second successive year.

They have the assistance of several stars of the Presentation Convent, Athenry, team that last Spring won the senior All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Championship.

Outstanding among these are Olive Coady and Noreen Treacy who performed, with two others from Athenry, the unparalleled feat of winning two All-Ireland medals, senior and junior, at Croke Park on the same afternoon. Other Athenry players on this Galway minor side are goalkeeper Agnes Haverty and Una Jordan, while they also have the assistance of a very well-known tennis player, Anne Broderick from Castleblakenny and a very clever forward in Mary Kelly from Ballygar.

Home ground will confer a big advantage on Cork, but even so they will not easily account for this very talented Galway team.

Congratulations to Marino on winning the camogie competition for Dublin at the Community Games in Mosney, where they defeated the Cork representatives in the semi-final and Cavan in the final.

At the weekend the St. Mary's club, Sallynoggin, will hold a seven-a-side competition between selected sides which should provide plenty of entertainment.

20 YEARS AGO

OLD ALOYSIANS won the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship final, when in a thrilling finish they defeated the holders, Glen Rovers by a point, 2-2 to 2-1 at the U.C.C. Grounds. The teams were: Old Aloysians—F. Donovan, B. Walsh, G. O'Sullivan, J. Clancy, M. Murphy, L. Coughlan, S. O'Sullivan, J. O'Grady, L. McCarthy, M. Joyce, A. Lane, A. McCarthy. Glen Rovers: S. Cahill, J. Cashman, N. Deane, N. Murphy, B. Lucey, A. Coady, M. Donovan, N. Lucey, E. Dempsey, R. O'Halloran, M. Browne, J. O'Keefe.

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Camogie Title To Cork Girls

CUMANN CAMÓGAÍOCHTA NA nGAEL

CLUICHÍ CEANNAIS
na MIONÚR

NA PIARSAIGH,
CORCAIGH

14 Meán Fómhair, 1975, 2 p.m.

CORCAIGH v GAILLIMH

Réiteoir : Eibhlín Ní Néill,
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CLÁR OIFIGIÚIL : Luach 5p.

CORK 6-2
GALWAY 0-3

Cork, at the second time of seeking, won the All-Ireland minor camogie championships final and Corn Tailleann for the first time when they scored a brilliant and well deserved victory over Galway at Na Piarasigh Grounds, Cork, yesterday.

The winners played with confidence and dash, were faster to the ball and had the edge over their opponents in almost every sector.

Galway, who had a convincing victory over Kilkenny in the semi-final, never produced the same form and, indeed, hard though they tried, especially in the second half, they could not get the scores.

Cork, who started the game with the wind behind them, were quickly on their marks and, dominating the first quarter, were leading by 3-1 after 12 minutes. A lone point for Galway did not settle them down and it was Cork who stretched their lead by a further goal to lead 4-1 to 0-1 at half-time.

Galway pointed on the re-start and their fans hoped for a comeback but, though they tried hard, they could not get past the sound home defence and Cork pulled away again towards the end to score two more goals and win convincingly.

Best for the winners were the midfielder, Ann Delaney and Catherine Landers, who will be out again on Sunday next as a sub in the senior all-Ireland. Clare Cronin was a sharpshooter in the right

corner and Clare Harris was the star of the defence.

For Galway Noreen Treacy defended well. Ann Burke, Mary Daly and Angela Broderick were lost outfields.

SCORERS: Cork — C. Cronin (2-1); J. Davis (2-0); E. Kavanagh, C. Hackett (1-0 each); C. Landers (0-1). Galway — A. Broderick, M. Daly, M. Coen (0-1 each).

CORK—K. Costine; C. Harris, B. Joyce, M. Coughlan, J. O'Brien, C. Landers, A. Delaney, C. Hackett, C. Cronin, A. Connolly, E. Kavanagh, M. Sugrue. Subs.: J. Davis for M. Sugrue.

GALWAY—A. Haverly; M. Murphy, M. Hynes, N. Treacy, C. Bracken, O. Coady, A. Burke, A. Broderick, U. Jordan, M. Daly, M. Kelly, K. Connell. Sub. M. Coen for U. Jordan.

Referee: Miss H. O'Neill (Kilkenny)

Cork take their first minor title

Cork 6-2, Galway 0-3.

Cork won their first minor All-Ireland camogie title at Na Piarasigh Grounds yesterday, with an impressive 6-2 to 0-3 victory over Galway. A brilliant first half performance by the Cork girls left Galway reeling and though the losers came more into the game in the second half they never really recovered.

Ballypnehane girl Claire Cronin, who scored three goals after coming in as a substitute in the semi-final against Monaghan, was the darling of the Cork followers again yesterday as she constantly tormented Galway with brilliant solo runs and scored 2-1 of her side's tally.

Clare Hackett and Anne Delaney at centrefield, Marie Coughlan and Claire Harris in defence, and Eileen Kavanagh and Janet Davis in the attack, were other top players for the winners. Incidentally Janet Davis only came in as a substitute for the injured Eileen Kavanagh in the second half and slammed home two great goals. For Galway, who tried hard throughout, Anne Burke, Mary Daly, Olive Coady and Christine Cannon were best.

Scorers: Cork: C. Cronin (2-1), J. Davis (2-0), E. Kavanagh (1-0), C. Hackett (1-0), C. Landers (0-1). Galway: O. Coady, C. Cannon, M. Daly (0-1) each.

Cork: K. Costine (Cloyne); C. Harris (Na Piarasigh) capt.; B. Joyce (Killeagh), M. Coughlan (Na Piarasigh), J. O'Brien (Churchtown); C. Landers (Killeagh), A. Delaney (Glen Rovers), C. Hackett (Ballylinlough), C. Cronin (Ballypnehane), A. Connolly (Glen Rovers), E. Kavanagh (Eire Og), M. Sugrue (Ballypnehane). Sub. J. Davis for E. Kavanagh.

Galway: A. Haverly; M. Murphy, M. Coen, N. Treacy, C. Bracken; O. Coady, A. Burke, A. Broderick; U. Jordan, M. Daly, M. Kelly; K. Connell. Subs.: B. Glynn for C. Bracken, C. Cannon for K. Connell.

Referee: H. O'Neill (Kilkenny).



A fine action clearance from Galway's Ann Burke as she is tackled by Ann Connolly, Cork, in the minor camogie championship final at Na Piarasigh Grounds.

MEET WEXFORD'S ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE PANEL

this week: THE MIDFIELDERS

THE WEEKS BUILDING UP TO THE SEPTEMBER 21 FINAL WE WILL GIVE PEN PICTURES OF ALL THE WEXFORD PANEL. WE BEGAN, LAST WEEK, WITH DEFENDERS: THIS WEEK IT'S MIDFIELDERS AND GOALIE, THE FOLLOWING 'FINAL' WEEK THOSE OF THE FORWARDS.

PLAYER:

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ELSIE WALSH

The Barracks, Efferogue, Ferns.

Bank official in Enniscorthy.

BuffersAlley.

1 All-Ireland 7-a-side championship with Buffers Alley (1975); 3 Leinster Senior championships (1971, '73 and '74); 2 Gael-Linn ('71-'72), also appeared in '73 and '74); ECHO nomination for 'Camogie Player of Year' (1971); 1 Leinster Junior Colleges title (1970-'71); 2 Wexford senior championships (1971 and '75) and 1 junior do. (1969). Most memorable match: The All-Ireland 7-a-side final 1974, in which we beat All-Ireland Club champions Oranmore (Galway).

Elsie is a player whose form can have a major influence, if not actually decide, the outcome of a game, for this naturally gifted left-hander usually lines out in a vital centrefield berth, often bursting forward to add weight to attack. Alert for the full game, she is quick to see an opening, and gives every ounce of energy in the 50-minute match.

She had a tremendous season last year, but has been somewhat inconsistent to date in the present season, although at the same time has probably been overall the better of the three centrefielders, a sector that has been poor.

Elsie's skills stood out from an early age, and was a mere teenager when she first donned the Wexford senior colours—her debut was in the closing 5 minutes of the Leinster semi-final, against Dublin (winners) at Parnell Park, with Wexford also surrendering their All-Ireland crown. A player with great experience, she was a member of the county junior team in 1969, and consistent displays gave her her senior chance the following season.

On four occasions she has been honoured by the Leinster selectors in the Gael-Linn (inter-provincial) competition—on the first occasion in 1971, she was still a schoolgirl.

BERNIE MURPHY

3 Edenvale Avenue, Wexford.

Forewoman in dry-cleaning firm.

St. John's, Wexford.

All Ireland senior medals in 1968 and '69; Leinster senior '69, '71 and '74, and junior do. 1968; 1 county junior championship; 2, intermediate tournaments.

One of the game's most underrated players, Bernie plays a perfect style of Camogie that sees the game at its most attractive, with her sweet-striking stickwork the highlight of 50 minutes of concentrated determination.

The Wexford town girl will long be remembered for an absolutely brilliant performance in the '68 Leinster junior decider when she was in her early teens; captaining her team and based in her favourite midfield, her stamina and skilful antics on that occasion were the formation of a style that was to become her trademark.

Bernie has been playing Camogie with famed St. John's Club from an early age, and following the junior's defeat in the All-Ireland semi-final in '68 she was added to the county senior panel, winning an All-Ireland medal as a reserve. The following year she was a regular member of the side, helping them to retain the title.

The sweet-striking St. John's stylist has failed to make the team this year to date, which in view of her excellent form in all training and also in view of a rather weak centrefield, has been a surprise.

But whereas a setback like this might dampen another's enthusiasm, it has obviously made Bernie Murphy put even greater application into her play, and her perseverance may yet be rewarded.

She prefers the subtle skill to the rugged endeavour, and if she fails to be included in the final twelve, then she will surely make an appearance at some stage in the match, with both her regular

EILEEN O'GORMAN

Flats, Charles Street, New Ross.

Housewife.

St. Mary's, Enniscorthy.

1 Leinster senior (1974) and 2 junior do. (1972-'73) championship medals; 1 Wexford Intermediate medal, and 1 Wexford junior championship and League; 1 Juvenile tournament; captain Wexford team, All-Ireland junior runners-up 1972.

The meteoric rise of the Enniscorthy club in the early '70's could arguably be traced back to the sheer skill of Eileen O'Gorman, the former Eileen Hawkins, who was undoubtedly St. Mary's best-known and most feared and respected player during this time.

Following the new club's foundation, while most members struggled to find their style, it was Eileen who made rapid strides thanks to her being a naturally-gifted and superbly-balanced athlete. Not that she 'carried' her team, but rather her very skill was the foundation for their subsequent success.

Eileen, who is wife of the Wexford team trainer Pat, has so far this season been going through what for her is a lean spell, relieved only by a 'blinder' in the replay against Clare. She is a player with buckets of talent and skill, yet has been unable to translate this into results on the field, so far failing to impress to a standard that she is without a shadow of doubt capable of.

Of all the honours that have come her way, perhaps the greatest was when she led Wexford, as skipper, out for the All-Ireland junior final of 1973—only to be beaten by a re-graded Galway side.

Yet another 'graduate' of the town's Mercy Convent team, with which she played in season 1969-'70, she holds Leinster senior and junior medals.

BREDA MURPHY

Ballyboro, Clonroche.

Farm Worker.

Cloughbawn/Adamstown.

1 Leinster senior medal (1974) and 2 junior do (1972-'73); four Wexford senior medals (1970, 1972-3-4).

One of the stalwarts of the Cloughbawn / Adamstown Club, Breda's strong, forceful style has seen her climb the success ladder with swift regularity.

She first took up the game with St. Anne's club, Rathnure, and in 1970 switched to her present club, with which she has won four senior titles. Very determined, her unusual style rarely sees her beaten once in possession. She has a distinct preference to 'lift' the ball, though she is adept to take a well-driven sideline cut.

Breda made her debut with the county team in 1970 (junior) and was one of the team's most versatile members, winning medals in '72 and '73. She was one of five to be promoted to the senior side in '74, and though they won the provincial crown they were, of course, surprisingly beaten in the Open Draw All-Ireland series by Kilkenny.

In midfielder Breda it is also true to say she is a player who has yet to show her best form, at both club and county level. But her long experience in the game is always an advantage, and she is capable of a real 5-star display.

BRIDIE FOX

Knock Brandon, Gorey.

Housewife.

St. Brigid's, Kilrush.

1 senior and 2 junior Leinster championships (1974 and 1972/3); 2 Wexford intermediate championships; 1 appearance with Leinster (Gael-Linn competition); All-Ireland junior runner-up in 1972.

With bare seconds left in the 1972 Leinster junior final at Croke Park, Wexford trailed by two points and seemed destined to continue their losing sequence in this grade. That is until the cool-headed Bridie Tobin stepped up to take a last-minute free some 40 yards to the left of the Dublin posts, and with one mighty last effort plunged the sliothar goalwards. Somehow, whether through sheer skill on her part, or a stroke of unusually timely good fortune, the ball ended in the back of the net, to clinch the provincial title for Wexford by two points, for the first time in four years.

Now, three years later, Bridie—now Mrs. Pat Fox—finds herself bidding for a space with the Wexford senior team in the All-Ireland final, and none more so than her would deserve it for her great service to the game.

The boundless energy of Bridie is matched only by her accurate shooting, and the speedy shooting star played a big part in her club's return to senior ranks in '75. To be strictly accurate, she fits into the 'forward' category, but she has occasionally played at midfield with equal success.

Versatile Bridie is a 'veteran' of the inter-county scene—she was a reserve on the '68 junior team and star of many an outing with them after this. This year she has had one outing with the seniors, coming in in the 1st round replay.

Strong-running and capable of taking a dealy of punishment, she has one real aim on the field—sending the sliothar either into the net or, if not, over the bar. This ability puts her well in contention for a place on any inter-county

KATHLEEN TONKS

Miltown, Ferns.

Student.

Buffers Alley.

1 All-Ireland 7-a-side (1974); 1 Leinster senior championship medal ('74); Wexford senior (1975) and junior ('73) medals; 1 Leinster Colleges senior medal ('73-'74).

To Kathleen belongs this unique distinction—she must surely be the youngest-ever player to appear in an All-Ireland senior Camogie final. Having celebrated her 16th birthday in August last, she is the youngest member of the panel, but it already in the 'veteran' class regarding honours and achievements.

She already holds an All-Ireland medal (for the national 7-a-side tournament with Buffers Alley last year) along with Leinster medals with Wexford and one in the inter-colleges field.

A schoolgirl attending Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy—she is one of 5 members of the All-Ireland panel that plays or has played with the famed Enniscorthy 'nursery'—Kathleen has always been keen on hurling, and it was not too long ago that she was a member of the Enniscorthy school's 'B' team.

Another unusual distinction for her is that she never played with the county junior side, but came straight to the senior selection as a reserve to Teresa Sheil. This year, Kathleen's rare feat is to play in an All-Ireland senior decider while still being eligible for the county under-16 side!

She has a spectacular style, and as netminders go can be brilliant on her day. She was superb in the All-Ireland 7-a-side final in '74, showing remarkable stickwork and agility. In true tradition of Wexford goalies, she has lightning reflexes. Her tender years could be affected by All-Ireland day at Mallow on Sept. 21.



ELSIE WALSH



BERNIE MURPHY



EILEEN O'GORMAN



BRIDIE FOX



CORK GIRLS FAVOURITE



● DEIRDRE SUTTON, in goal for Cork in the Senior final on Sunday.

Cork, appearing in the final for the sixth consecutive year, and Wexford, making their fourth final appearance since 1968, provide a very attractive pairing in the all-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday.

The Cork girls, eight of whom have already won at least one senior medal, and all but one of whom have already played in a senior final, will be firm favourites, if only because of their far greater experience, but Wexford, who seem to have run into top form just at the right time, will make a brave effort to regain the title they last held in 1969.

A year ago, Cork, then seeking their fifth successive all-Ireland title were first held to a draw by Kilkenny and then beaten in the replay. Only two who played on the great four-in-a-row teams of 1970-73 now survive, full-back Marie Costine and mid-fielder Pat Maloney.

Yet, eight of the team hold at least one senior medal and the remaining four Nuala Jennings, Mary O'Leary, who now captains the side, Nancy O'Driscoll and Marie Costine's younger sister Bernie, all have won all-Ireland honours in the junior grade.

MAGNIFICENT

Wexford, however, can boast of experienced and successful players also. Full-back Margaret Leacy, then Margaret O'Leary and Bridget Doyle, nee Kehoe, were outstanding performers on the Wexford teams that won the all-Ireland finals of 1968 and 1969. Bridget Doyle, who captained Wexford to victory in 1969, is again this year playing magnificently at centre-back.

Margaret Leacy making something of a come-back in the game, has moved from outfield to full-back in recent matches with tremendous effect. Captain of the Wexford side is the second of the Kehoe sisters who has been playing extremely well for club and county, while

yet a third, Kit Codd, is making a return to competitive camogie after a long absence.

She was still Kit Kehoe when she won all-Ireland medals with Dublin nearly a decade ago in her present position of right forward.

On the other side of the field, Wexford have another pair of talented sisters in the Walsh girls, Elsie, who has starred both for Wexford and Leinster, and Dorothy, a noted Ashbourne Cup player with U.C.D. who by recent outstanding displays for the junior county team has won promotion.

Centre-forward Bridie Doran links two famed hurling families with this county camogie team, as she is married to one of the Doran brothers from Buffers Alley, but is a sister of the almost equally renowned Jacob brothers from Oulart/The Ballagh.

At the start of this senior season, Wexford's chances of making any impression on the championship looked very slight indeed. On their first appearance in the semi-final of the Leinster championship they were beaten by Kilkenny.

Next time out in the opening round of the all-Ireland championship they were held to a draw on Clare ground by the home side who were the 1974 junior all-Ireland champions.

In the replay even with home advantage this time, the Wexford girls had only two points to spare, but looked much sharper in that game. In the all-Ireland semi-final they looked very impressive indeed when defeating Dublin,

who had previously beaten Kilkenny in the Leinster final.

Certainly, if they continue to show the same improvement now as they have done in each of their previous championship games, they will not be easily beaten, and must be in with a great chance of victory.

However, the weight of experience must favour Cork, especially with such talented players in their line-out as goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton, full-

back Marie Costine, centre-back Sheila Morgan, mid-fielder Pat Maloney and forwards Cally Riordan, Mary O'Leary, Nancy O'Driscoll and Marion Sweeney.

In the junior final Dublin, with six of the side that lost so narrowly to Clare in last year's final, will have more experience in this grade than Down who, however include nine of the side that brought the inaugural minor championship to the Mourne County last October.

HOW THEY LINE OUT

WEXFORD
GOAL—Kathleen Tonks. Still a minor, Kathleen played for her county in that grade both this year and last. Holds Wexford senior and two Leinster Colleges senior medals. (Buffers Alley).

FULL-BACK—Margaret Leacy (nee O'Leary). One of the most experienced players in the game. Won senior All-Ireland with Wexford 1968 and 1969. Gael-Linn Cup trophies with Leinster, All-Ireland Club championship with Eoghan Ruaadh (Dublin). Also Wexford and Dublin senior championships. (Buffers Alley).

RIGHT BACK—Gretta Kehoe—Captains the side. Holds a Leinster senior and six Wexford senior medals. Has two sisters on the team, Bridget Doyle and Kit Codd. (Cloughbawn-Adamstown).

CENTRE-BACK—Bridget Doyle—Starred in Wexford's first All-Ireland win in 1968 and captained the 1969 team to retain the title. One of the greatest players in the game. Also won six Wexford titles. (Buffers Alley).

LEFT-BACK—Dorothy Walsh—Promoted from the junior side after a brilliant display in the Leinster final of that grade. Has won Leinster Colleges medals, and has been a star with U.C.D. and Combined Universities. (Buffers Alley).

RIGHT WING—Breda Murphy—Promoted from the county junior side last season, she holds four Wexford senior medals. Formerly played for Rathnure (Cloughbawn-Adamstown).

MIDFIELD—Eileen O'German (nee Hawkins). One of the most stylish players in the country. Former Colleges star and captained Wexford team narrowly beaten in 1972 junior All-Ireland final. Wife of team manager, Pat O'German (St. Mary's, Ennis-certhy).

LEFT WING—Elsie Walsh. Has won medals in most grades with Club, College, County and Province and is a most versatile player. Chosen for Leinster while still in her early teens. Sister of left back, Dorothy. (Buffers Alley).

RIGHT FORWARD—Kit Codd. The third of the Kehoe sisters on the team. Kit is one of the most experienced players in this final, as she won two All-Ireland medals with Dublin in the mid-40's. She retired from the game for some years but has now staged a successful comeback. (Cloughbawn-Adamstown).

CENTRE - FORWARD—Bridie Doran. Was a defender on the Wexford side beaten by Cork in the 1971 final. Has played for Leinster and holds County and Leinster medals. (Buffers Alley).

LEFT-FORWARD—Maggie Hoagane. Has won 11 Wexford and several Leinster medals but has yet to win an All-Ireland. Did not play in the semi-final, but has been recalled for this game. Played against Cork in the 1971 final. (Buffers Alley).

FULL-FORWARD—Peg Moore. A great maker of scores for her fellow-forwards, she has also played in attack and at midfield. (St. Brigids, Kilrush).

CORK

GOAL—Deirdre Sutton. Starred in goal for Cork as a youngster and has staged a great come-back in recent seasons. Won All-Ireland medals in 1972 and 1973 and Inter-Provincial honours with Munster. (Glen Rovers).

FULL-BACK—Marie Costine. One of the two Cork players who featured on all their four-in-a-row All-Ireland victories. She has also played for Munster, and will be fielding at full-back in her sixth successive final. (Clayne).

RIGHT BACK—Nuala Jennings. Won a junior All-Ireland medal before being called up to the senior side. Has captained UCC to Ashbourne Cup and C.C.I.A. League victories and played for Combined Universities. (U.C.C.).

CENTRE-BACK—Sheila Morgan. (nee Dunne). Was on the victorious Cork teams of 1972 and 1973, has been a regular on Munster selections, and is a former Ashbourne Cup captain. (Canovee).

LEFT-BACK—Mary Whelton also won All-Ireland medals at left-back

in 1972 and 1973. A reserve last year, she has since won her way back onto the side and is playing as well as ever. (South Presentation).

RIGHT-WING—Marion McCarthy. A reserve in 1970, Marion won three successive senior All-Ireland medals in the next three seasons. Also played against Kilkenny last year so will be appearing in her fifth successive final. (South Presentation).

MID-FIELD—Pat Maloney. The second of the survivors from the Cork four-in-a-row team of 1970-73, Pat Maloney, like Marie Costine, will also be playing in her sixth successive final. She has won every honour in the game including Ashbourne Cup medals with U.C.C. (Killeagh).

LEFT WING—Bernie Costine. Won an All-Ireland junior medal in 1971 and came on as a substitute in last year's drawn final against Kilkenny and was retained for the replay. Younger sister of full-back Marie. (Clayne).

RIGHT FORWARD—Mary O'Leary (captain). Also won a junior All-Ireland medal in 1973 and today is the only member of the Cork line-out who has not previously played in a senior final. Sister of Cork hurler Seanie O'Leary. (Yeughal).

CENTRE-FORWARD—Cally Riordan. Set an all-time record in 1971 when after starring in the winning Cork side in the junior final she came on in the closing stages of the senior game and thus won two All-Ireland medals in inter-county competition on the same day at Croke Park. (U.C.C.).

LEFT FORWARD—Nancy O'Driscoll. Yet another member of the successful 1971 junior side, she played at full-forward last year. Nancy, if on the winning side, will become the only Irish hockey international to also win a senior camogie All-Ireland. (Bire Og).

FULL-FORWARD—Marion Sweeney was on the winning Cork sides of '72 and '73 and also played last year, so this is her fourth successive final. (Killeagh).

Camogie captain



SUNDAY will be an exciting day for Mary O'Leary the new Cork camogie captain. A native of Clonmult, Mary first played with Glanworth and while with them was a member of the Avondu side. This season she transferred to Watergrasshill and played a major role in Imokilly's fourth successive Cork Co. Championship win. The Imokilly selectors rewarded her efforts by giving her the Cork captaincy.

A sister of Cork hurling star Seanie O'Leary, Mary will be the only member on the side playing in her first senior All-Ireland final. But she is no stranger to Croke Park as she was a vital cog in Cork's junior win there in 1973. But this must surely be her most exciting junior win to date. She won her first senior county medal with Imokilly and will now lead Cork in their bid to win their fifth All-Ireland in six seasons. And, hopefully, she will win her first senior All-Ireland medal.

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Cork Going For Fifth Title In Six Years

CAN Cork get back on the top rung of the ladder? This is the question which will be answered on Sunday next when Cork seniors meet Wexford in the final of the All-Ireland at Croke Park. In the junior final Dublin make their second successive appearance when they meet Down.

Cork are going for their 11th title in all on Sunday next—or their fifth in six years. Before last season Cork had taken four All-Irelands in a row. Then along came Kilkenny to stop that victory march, but they had to take Cork to a replay before taking their first ever All-Ireland. This season Cork answered their critics—especially those who felt that Cork were "over the hill" by travelling to Kilkenny and defeating that county convincingly by 4-4 to 5-2. Before that semi-final game they had disposed of Antrim at Cork rather easily, 6-3 to 0-4.

Wexford for their part had to play three games to get to the final. Two of these were against Clare, last year's junior champions, now promoted to senior ranks. In the first game Clare and in the replay Wexford had only a two points win (5-7 to 3-5). Then Wexford went held them to a draw 3-3 to 4-0, ranks. In the first game Clare out to meet Dublin and here they had a very good 3-4 to 0-2 win.

Wexford have won two All-Irelands. The first of these was in 1968 when their final opponents were Cork and the second a year later when they defeated Antrim. However, Cork had the better of things when the sides met in 1971, Cork taking the second of their "four in a row" by 4-6 to 1-2.

Looking back to that final I remember it as one of Cork's greatest hours. In the previous

final Cork had an exciting 5-7 to 3-2 win over Kilkenny. But in the 1971 final they proved beyond all doubt that they were kingpins with a superb display of camogie which to me, at any rate, was their greatest final performance.

Cork kept the Leaside flag flying for the next two years, with another grand win over Kilkenny in 1972 and the narrowest of victories over Antrim in 1973.

Then came that defeat by Kilkenny, when many followers felt that Cork might well be on the way out of the scene for some years. But all the time Cork were winning at senior level the county mentors were very much aware of the young players and with an All-Ireland success in the junior ranks in 1975 and a



Marion Sweeney (Cork).

minor final appearance in 1974, there was no lack of up and coming talent. And this means that even though Cork lost four of their established stars after last year's final there were four very talented girls waiting to fill their places. Hannah Dineen, Bety Sugrue, Nuala Guilly and Ann Ryan had all played major roles in Cork's glorious "four". Followers felt that their loss to the side would be too great in one season.

But their replacements proved highly successful. Mary Whelton returned to the side in the corner back position, where she has fitted in very nicely with Nuala ennings, Marie Costine, Sheila Morgan and Deirdre Sutton, all of whom need no introduction to Cork followers.

Centrefielders Marion McCarthy and Pat Moloney are two brilliant and experienced members of the side, and they are joined here by another "newcomer", Bernie Costine. Bernie, it will be remembered, came on as a late substitute in the first Kilkenny game last season and won her place in the replay. So her selection was no surprise, as she is a very talented player indeed.

The other "replacements" are in the half-forward line, where Nancy O'Driscoll and Marion Sweeney are already established. Mary O'Leary is the only member of the side not to have appeared in a senior final. However, she was a member of the successful junior team so Croke Park will have no worries for her. She was brilliant for Imokilly this year and they rewarded her with the captaincy of the Cork side. Cally Riordan played in the closing minutes of the 1973 senior final, having already picked up a junior medal, and so has the unique dis-

tingtion of winning two All-Ireland medals in one day. However, Cally spent most of the 1974 season in America and was not in contention for her place. But her return to the attack this season is no surprise.

This means that all but Mary O'Leary have played in a senior final. Eight hold All-Ireland senior medals; and in addition seven of the selection (two of the subs) have junior medals. Catherine Landers, another sub picked up a minor medal last weekend so this means that only substitute Josie Knowles is without a premier award.

What of Wexford's twelve Kathleen Tonks of Buffer's Alley is the current Wexford Minor goalie. She is very young but she is covered by what is perhaps their strongest sector—the defence. Margaret Lacey (nee O'Leary) will be remembered as a tremendous midfielder. Now she is married and living in Co. Kildare so she cannot train with the team. But she still has her great catching and striking ability and must be a big asset to the backline.

Bridget Doyle, one of three Kehoe sisters on the team, is an outstanding player, and she could make it difficult for Cork's forwards, at half back. She is flanked by her sister Gretta Kehoe and Dorothy Walsh. Red haired Gretta has improved greatly in the past few years while U.C.D. student Dorothy Walsh, a sister of Elsie completes a very solid back sector.

In the centre-field Bernie Murphy, Eileen O'Gorman and Elsie Walsh are fine strong players with real ability and it will be vital for Cork to get on top here.

Kit Codd (another Kehoe) won an All-Ireland Senior medal with Dublin in 1965 and '66 and an All-Ireland inter-club medal with Celtic 1964. She is a fine ball player at corner forward. She will be joined in the half-line by Bridie Doran (nee Jacobs) wife of Wexford hurler, Colm Doran. Bridie was converted from the backs to the forwards this season and is a hard-hitting forceful player who gets through a lot of work. Maggie Hearne, on the other wing, has played several times for Leinster and was Wexford's best forward against Dublin. Another strong player, Peg Moore completes the attack.

Cork's victory over Kilkenny must give them a great boost for the final. Last season they seemed to have lost their edge now with the infusion of "new blood" and the mantle of champions no longer a burden they seem to be back to the spirited game which brought them their "four." But in Wexford they will be up against a dour, determined side who will not stand on ceremony and whose defence will not allow them that much freedom.

However, if the centre-field can win their midfield duels and back up the forwards then Cork must have a very good chance of regaining that All-Ireland crown. But they will have to fight all the way.

Finally, a brief word of congratulations to the Minors who put up such a wonderful performance in bringing the Minor All-Ireland to Cork for the first time last Sunday. Well done girls.

TEAM. — D. Sutton (Glen Rovers), M. Costine (Cloyne), N. Jennings (U.C.C.), S. Morgan (Canovee), M. Whelton (S.P.P.P.), M. McCarthy (do.), P. Moloney (Killeagh), B. Costine (Cloyne); M. O'Leary (Watergrasshill), Capt. C. Riordan (U.C.C./Youghal), N. O'Driscoll (Eire Og), M. Sweeney (Killeagh), Subs., M. Twomey (Canovee), C. Landers (Killeagh), J. Knowles (Churchtown), V. Fitzpatrick (Old Aloysians).

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FIXTURES

...Sunday, at Croke Park — All-Ireland finals — Junior: Dublin v. Down, 2 p.m. (ref. E. Neville, Limerick); Senior: Cork v. Wexford, 3.30 p.m. (ref. J. Beatty Galway).

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CORCAIGH v. LOCH GARMAN

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ÁTH CLIATH v. AN DÚN

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Páirc an Chrócaigh



● CORK goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton can only watch as the ball hits the net for another Wexford goal during the All-Ireland Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. Wexford went on to win by 4-3 to 1-2.

Cork given a trimming by Wexford

By TAOBHLINE

Wexford 4-3 Cork 1-2

WEXFORD, generally looked upon as the outsiders before the game, sprang one of the biggest surprises in Camogie history, when they dominated the second half of the All-Ireland Senior final at Croke Park yesterday to tumble fancied Cork and take the O'Duffy Cup for the third time since 1969.

It had been anticipated that the Cork girls playing in their sixth successive final, of which they had won four, would prove far too experienced for the Leinster rivals. But, despite having wasted many first-half chances, Wexford were still level at half-time and were well in command right through the second session, although not until the closing stages did they notch the clinching scores.

The two late goals that made certain of a Wexford victory both resulted from the opportunism of Mairead Darcy, who came on as a substitute some five minutes from the end.

At that stage Wexford, though dominating the play, were only four points in front. But Mairead, a former Leinster Colleges star with Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy, completely shattered any lingering Cork hopes with two well-taken goals three minutes and two minutes from the last whistle.

The first half, surprisingly, was rather insipid, with Eileen O'Gorman putting Wexford in front with a point from an early free. Pat Maloney levelled for Cork from a free nearly 50 yards out. Mary O'Leary, the Cork captain, put her side in front for the first time with a well-taken goal. Wexford then turned on the pressure, but had several bad misses before Bridie Doran, placed by Maggie Hearne, shot the balancing goal just before half-time. Mary O'Leary sent Cork ahead again right from the restart, but that was in fact the losers' last score.

NEAT POINT

Bridie Doran with a neat point brought Wexford level again, and then Maggie Hearne, from a free gave the Leinster girls back the lead they were never again to lose.

It was, of course, a great day for the Kehoe sisters, Bridget Doyle, magnificent at centre-back, Kit Cod very efficient at right forward, and young Gretta, married on Saturday, stepping up to accept the O'Duffy Cup as captain on yesterday.

Kathleen Tonks, the 16-year-old goalkeeper, gave a brilliant display, with plenty of useful cover from Margaret Leacy, who, like Bridget Doyle, won her third All-Ireland medal yesterday. Wexford were particularly strong on the wings, where Elsie Walsh and Breda Murphy did a world of work all through, while Bridie Doran and Kit Codd looked the most dangerous in attack until Mairead Darcy came on.

in most uncharacteristic form in the last quarter, goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton, full-back Marie Costine and centre-back Sheila Morgan tried hard in defence. Pat Maloney played her heart out at midfield, while in the attack only Mary O'Leary ever really threatened to find a way through the unyielding Wexford defence.

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Cork's Mary Whelton is full of determination as she runs for the ball during the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final with Wexford at Croke Park yesterday. Also pictured are: Sheila Moran (C), Marie Costine (C), Bridie Doran (W), Maggie Hearne (W), Nuala Jennings (C).

Wexford much too good for Cork

By Joan Morley

WEXFORD 4-3 CORK 1-2

IT was Wexford's day at Croke Park yesterday. Outsiders at the outset, they gave Cork a lesson in camogie as they defeated them by a staggering 4-3 to 1-2 in the Senior All-Ireland final. At junior level Dublin won their third title at the expense of Down.

Wexford's dynamic performance overshadowed everything at G.A.A. headquarters. They were quicker, crisper, more stylish and determined than the Cork girls and completely dominated the last quarter.

In fairness to Cork they did fairly well in an exciting first half and for short periods before and after the interval they showed flashes of the form which brought them four All-Irelands in the last five years. But overall Cork never "clicked" as a team.

They were level 1-1 each at the interval but in the second half Cork could score only a single point, while Wexford added 3-2 to their tally. Too many Cork players were off form in this final.

In fact only Marie Costine, Pat Maloney and Mary O'Leary played well. In contrast Wexford were strong in all sectors. Sixteen years old Kathleen Tonks in goal, Margaret Leacy and Bridget Doyle in defence, centres Breda Murphy and Elsie Walsh and forwards Kit Codd, Bridie Doran and Mairead Darcy all gave brilliant performances to which Cork had no answer.

For Wexford captain, Gretta Quigley, it was an exciting climax to her weekend. For Gretta, one of three sisters on the team, was married on Saturday, and delayed her honeymoon to lead Wexford to victory. Gretta received the O'Duffy Cup from Mrs. Nancy Murray, President of the Camogie Association.

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For Cork, who disintegrated

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Wexford celebrate with shock win

WEXFORD 4-3 CORK 1-2

WEXFORD OCCASIONED the major surprise of the season by winning their third All-Ireland senior camogie championship at Croke Park yesterday when Cork, strong pre-match favourites, caused an even greater upset by capitulating almost without protest midway through the second half.

The Wexford captain, Gretta Quigley, was married only on Saturday and the fact that six members of the Wexford team were guests at the attendant celebrations was expected to induce a less energetic than usual approach from the team. The opposite, in fact, was the case for it was Wexford's undiluted enthusiasm and much keener application which won the day.

BY

AIDAN MCCARTHY

Cork played very much like a team meeting the demands called by an away league engagement. Their spirit of adventure was almost non-existent and their forces were deployed with a defensive frame of mind. In those circumstances it was only a matter of time before Wexford would breach the rear-guard, and once that had been attained early in the second half, even their defence appeared to give up hope.

The sun shone strongly from the canal end into the eyes of Wexford in the first half. This caused difficulties for defenders and especially the goalkeeper, Kathleen Tonks, and she was probably partly unsighted when Cork scored the first goal of the game, with Mary O'Leary meeting Cally Riordan's pass perfectly, in the 15th minute.

Kathleen Tonks subsequently made three excellent blockages which supported that assertion, but she was extremely lucky that her services were needed only rarely in this period as Breda Murphy and Elsie Walsh, the two outstanding exponents in view, dominated the middle of the field and kept Cork in constant retreat.

At this stage the Cork defence was looking extremely resolute, and it was a rare lapse which allowed Bridie Moran to completely escape marking and fumble through for a goal in the 23rd minute, bringing Wexford level at 1-1 each and doing scant justice to their territorial supremacy in the opening 25 minutes.

On the change of ends, the Cork defence had to contend with the blinding light. In the 9th minute their goalkeeper, Deirdre Sutton, had to deal with the first high ball directed at her and was unable to secure it, enabling Kit Codd to run in and probe it to the net.

That score effectively put matters

out of Cork's reach. Unable to gain any degree of parity in midfield, and with their potentially dangerous attackers starved of possession, their chance died and with it, their resolution, and the match as a spectacle.

The fact that Wexford added two further goals was merely of statistical interest, for they were scored against a team which did not appear to have a lot of interest in stopping them. Both were put to the net by a substitute, Mairead Darcy.

In addition to the remunerative exploits of Murphy and Walsh in the centre, Wexford had outstanding players in their full-back, Margaret Leacy, Brigid Doyle in the half-back line, and in the attack, Bridie Doran and the dual goal scorer, Darcy.

Mary O'Leary and Marion Sweeney suffered only by their lack of real opportunities in the Cork attack, and Pat Maloney was expected to shoulder almost the full responsibility of the Cork centre-field, a task which eventually reduced her to half-pace. The defence, with Mairie Costine, Nuala Jennings, and Mary Whelton outstanding, were also eventually overcome by the preponderance of work in their area.

Wexford — K. Tonks; M. Leacy; O. Kehoe; B. Doyle; D. Walsh; B. Murphy; E. O'Gorman (0-1, free); E. Walsh; K. Codd (1-0); B. Doran (1-1); M. Heane (0-1, free); P. Moore. Subs. — M. Darcy (2-0) for Heane (40 mins); B. Fox for Moore (45 mins).

Cork — D. Sutton; M. Costine; N. Jennings; S. Morgan; M. Whelton; M. McCarthy; P. Maloney (0-1, free); B. Costine; M. O'Leary (1-1); C. Riordan; N. O'Driscoll; M. Sweeney.

DUBLIN JUNIORS OUTPLAY DOWN

Dublin 5-0
Down 0-3

Down, who won the inaugural all-Ireland junior camogie championship in 1968, were unable to cope with the challenge presented by a more experienced Dublin team in this year's decider at Croke Park.

Dublin outplayed their opponents in every sector and their team-work and skill proved the deciding factor right to the end.

From the throw-in Down went into the attack but Dublin defenders stood firm and in the 9th minute they opened the scoring with a goal. The interval score stood at Dublin 3-0, Down 0-0.



● A STRUGGLE for possession in yesterday's All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park between Wexford and Cork.



Camogie bride of the day Gretta Quigley, holds the trophy aloft after Wexford had beaten Cork at Croke Park yesterday.

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Gold Letter Day For Gretta And Wexford

By AGNES HOURIGAN

WEXFORD 4-3 CORK 1-2

WHAT a golden weekend this has proved for Gretta, one of the younger members of the 17-strong Kehoe family from Palace, Poulpeasty, County Wexford. On Saturday she was married. Yesterday she captained outsiders, Wexford, to a clear-cut victory over fancied Cork in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final.

To make yesterday a real gold-letter day for the Kehoe family, two other married sisters, Bridget Doyle at centre back and Kit Codd at right forward also played major parts in carrying Wexford's purple and gold to All-Ireland triumph at Croke Park.

Nor did their ten-point margin at the end flatter the victors. Even though they were only on level terms at the interval, the winners though they had been facing a bright sun and a light breeze should by then have been clearly ahead on the play. But the big

occasion had, in the first half, seemed to affect the accuracy of their finishing both from play and from frees.

But there could be no doubts as to which was the better side, right through the second half. Faster, fitter, more determined, and in the end physically the stronger, the Wexford girls completely dominated the proceedings, even though their authority on the field was not reflected on the scoreboard until the closing minutes.

Bridie Doran had put them ahead shortly after the restart, but the really vital score came nine minutes into the second half, when Bridie Doran placed Kit Codd for a great goal that put Wexford four points clear.

Alert goalkeeper, youthful schoolgirl Kathleen Tonks foiled Cork with a couple of wonder saves when the Munster side sought to rally and then the Wexford mentors played a trump card when they sent in former Enniscorthy Colleges star Mairead Darcy as substitute for Maggie Hearne.

She it was who cracked home two late goals that put the seal on Wexford's victory and ensured that the O'Duffy Cup and All-Ireland title would go to the Slaney for the third time.

Confidence

Although the standard of play right through the first half never aspired to the brilliance that marked last season's drawn game and replay between Cork and Kilkenny, Wexford's style and striking blossomed as the entire team gained confidence through the second half. Young Kathleen Tonks was brilliant in goal, while in the second half Margaret Leacy (nee O'Leary) was invincible at full-back. She won her third All-Ireland medal yesterday as did Bridget Doyle who had a wonderful first half at centre-back.

Gretta Quigley at right back suffered perhaps from the pre-match publicity but still did not concede a score. On the other flank Dorothy Walsh was a tireless worker but was somewhat overshadowed by her sister Elsie who had a tremendous game on the left wing. Eileen O'Gorman improved at mid-field after an uncertain start, while the timeless and diminutive Breda Murphy on the left was a constant thorn in the side of the Cork defence. In the attack Bridie Doran and Kit Codd both had telling scores, while Mairead Darcy and Bridie Fox both added drive when they came on.

Considering their vast experience, eight of whose sides already held at least one senior medal, the collapse of Cork, which amounted to complete demoralisation in the closing minutes, proved the most unexpected feature of the game.

Goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton and full-back Marie Costine need shoulder no blame for this defeat, while Pat Maloney, playing a lonely enough hand against the strong Wexford mid-field trio kept Cork in with a chance for three quarters of the game, but once she tired, Cork's fortunes wilted.

Finally a word of praise to strict and fair referee Mrs. Jane Beatty from Galway.

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Dublin Too Effective For Down

DUBLIN 5-0

DOWN 0-3

Dublin's ground play, teamwork and combination proved far too effective for the lifting tactics and individual stars of Down in the junior final and deservedly gave the Dublin girls compensation for a narrow defeat by Clare in last year's final.

Through much of the game and in the first half especially, Down had rather more of the play, but their forwards were continually forced to shoot wildly by the close-marking Dublin backs, and in fact the losers shot 17 wides through the 50 minutes as compared with their three scores.

The Dublin forwards on the other hand always sought the direct route to goal. Against the run of play they were two goals up at the end of the first quarter. Aided by some brilliant saves by goalkeeper Phyllis Breslin, Dublin led by 3-0 to nil at the interval, and playing with far greater confidence on the restart never looked in any danger of defeat after Maura Sutton had rounded off a perfect forward movement with their fourth goal 11 minutes into the second half.

Teamwork

For Dublin, who were collecting the New Ireland Cup and the junior title for the third time, teamwork and ground play were the foundations of victory. It is possibly unfair to pick out any individual players on so well-balanced a side, but Phyllis Breslin, Mary Murphy, Brigid Kennedy, the captain, and Marie Brennan never put a foot wrong in defence. Mary Mernagh had a great second half at mid-field and all four forwards got their names among the goals.

For Down, former Armagh star, Marian McGarvey was far and away the most accomplished player afield. But though she shot all her sides scores, she was continually pressurised into errors in shooting by the ever vigilant Dublin defence. Kathleen King, Susan Lively, Stephanie Keily and Brigid Morgan also battled hard for the losers who, however, played their chances over



Elsie Walsh (Wexford), right, and Cally Riordan (Cork) tussle for possession as Brigid Doyle (Wexford), No. 4, races in to assist her colleague.



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● The Wexford Camogie team who beat Cork in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park. From, left back row—Dorothy Walsh, Elsie Walsh, Joan Murphy, Bernie Murphy, Margaret Leacy, Eileen O’Gorman, Mary Furlong, Gretta Quigley (captain), and Breda Murphy. Front row—Kit Codd, Peg Moore, Kathleen Tonks, Mary Shannon, Bridie Doran, Maggie Hearne, Mairead Darcy, Bridie Fox, and Brigid Doyle. Seated in front is Sinead Codd.



● Brigid Doyle (Wexford), centre, gets in a puck as (from left) Mary O’Leary, Cally Riordan, Marion Sweeney (all Cork) and Dorothy Walsh (Wexford) look on.



CAMOGIE ACTION—Marie Cosline (Cork) right and Bridie Doran (Wexford), tussle for the ball during the All Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park watched by Mary Whelton, Sheila Morgan and Pat Moloney, all from Cork.

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Girls of Wexford upset the odds with brilliant win

AGAINST ALL THE ODDS Wexford swept to a magnificent and convincing 4-3 to 1-2 victory over fancied Cork in the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday last. Going into the final Wexford were rated as complete underdogs against a Cork side that had won four All-Ireland titles in the last five successive final appearances.

This performance by the Wexford girls was reminiscent of the displays of Wexford hurlers of two decades back. It was full-blooded play from start to finish from players that showed fire, pluck and determination as well as a clean pair of heels to their Cork opponents.

It has been reported in the daily press that Cork were a disappointment and played much below their best form, but for my money Cork played as well as they were let and, in the end, they had to bow their heads in submission to the superior skill, speed and craft of the Wexford girls.

Putting behind them their struggling performances against Clare in the opening round, Wexford cut loose from the first whistle on Sunday last, with the result that it was Cork who were made look the struggling and disjointed team.

Wexford quickly took a firm grip on the midfield play due to the excellent work of flankers Breda Murphy and Elsie Walsh and, with centre-back Brigid Doyle sweeping up the loose balls, most of the first-half play was in the Cork half of the field.

However, in the early stages the Wexford forwards were unable to capitalise on the amount of possession they got with the result that scoreboard reading "all square" at 1-1 each did not do justice to the performance of the Wexford team.

While the Wexford back-line and midfield had the measure of their Cork opponents in the opening period, the forwards had not found their feet and were unable to break down the barrier of the Cork defence in which full-back Marie Costine was brilliant.

In the first minute of the second half Cork had a tonic start with a point by Mary O'Leary, but with Wexford in such brilliant form it would have taken a full course of medical treatment to solve Cork's problems.

And by the ninth minute of the second half Cork was reduced to the category of a chronically sick patient by the swiftness and finality of the Wexford reply.

RESULT SEALED

With Wexford now leading by 2-3 to 1-2 the fate of this game was sealed. Cork, rather than giving up the ghost, realised that they had met their worthy masters in Wexford and even their two brilliant players, fullback Marie Costine and midfielder Pat Maloney, wilted under the crushing power of the Slaneysider's march to victory.

With ten minutes of the game left Wexford made two substitutions in attack, bringing on Mairead Darcy for Maggie Hearne and Bridie Fox for Peg Moore.

The changes brought about a big improvement to the Wexford attack, resulting in Mairead Darcy slipping in for two opportunist goals before the end and also highlighting the depth of camogie talent in Wexford at the present time.

HOW THE SCORES CAME

Eileen drew 'blood'

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THE LEAD AGAIN

Maggie Hearne, not enjoying the best of games, got her name on the scoreboard in the 7th minute with a point that gave Wexford the lead—1-3 to 1-2.
Elsie Walsh stormed away from her opponent but her curling shot went wide. In the ninth minute Kitt Codd scored a goal for Wexford from a centre by Bridie Doran and that score sealed victory for Wexford and defeat for Cork.

From there to the end Wexford were completely on top and the introduction of Mairead Darcy and Bridie Fox to the forward line brought its rewards from Darcy following up through balls to score two goals.

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MARION SWEENEY (Centre) Mgt. Lacey, Wexford
on left & Jane Beatty (Referee) on right.



Eileen O'Gorman, the Wexford midfielder, gets in her clearance in yesterday's All-Ireland
camogie final at Croke Park, in spite of the strong challenge made by a Cork player.

Mary O'Leary

Four Minors To Add To Their Collection?

FOUR members of the All Ireland winning Minor team have a chance to add another Munster Championship medal to their collection of trophies on Sunday next, when Cork meet Limerick in the Under 18 Final at the Mardyke. The same morning Churchtown and Ballypheane will contest the Under-16 Final at Ballypheane.

The four Minors featuring on the Under 18 side are Kathleen Costine, Claire Harris, Catherine Landers and Anne Connolly while Bernie Costine played for the seniors last Sunday and Margo Twomey, Catherine Landers and Val Fitzpatrick were senior subs. So once again Cork are fielding a talented twelve.

Last year Cork and Limerick played a cliff hanger at the Mardyke before a great goal from Bernie Costine put Cork on the road to victory. Cork have the majority of that side which later went on to beat Clare in the final. This competition has always produced some great camogie and Sunday's game should be no exception.

Cork made short work of Clare in the opening round 6-7 to nil and got a walk-over from Kerry. Limerick, for their part had to account for Waterford and Tipperary, so they had the toughest journey to the final.

Limerick as always will field a strong side backed by the O'Briens, Mackeys and Sheehys. They are always strong in this grade and one must remember last year's encounter before suggesting likely winners. However, Cork have talent and no doubt they will be anxious to lift followers from the doldrums which followed last Sunday's disappointing defeat of the seniors in the All-Ireland final. So good luck girls.

Cork Under 18 Team.
Kathleen Costine (Cloyne), Claire Harris (Na Piarasigh), Cecilia Aberne (St. Finbarr's), Bernie Costine (Cloyne), Marion Twomey (Na Piarasigh), Catherine Landers (Killeagh), Anne Keane (Buttevant), Margo Twomey (Canovee), Anne Connolly (Glen Rovers) Capt, Cecilia Fitzgibbon (Glen Rovers), Mary O'Connell (Glen Rovers), Val Fitzpatrick (Old Aloysians). Subs. Orla Harrington (Nemo Rangers), Patricia Riordan (Ballinlough), Patsy Lucey (Eire Og), Deirdre Quinlan (Glanworth).

Ballypheane and Churchtown should provide an excellent match on Sunday morning in the under 16 decider. Both have many fine young players. As well as their three Cork minors,

Claire Cronin, Margo Sugrue and Gay Desmond, Ballypheane have good performers in Christine McCarthy, Hilary Walker, M. Cooke and Nuala Trindles. Churchtown too are an impressive side and will be looking to Elizabeth Mulcahy, Majella Horgan and their minor Jane O'Brien to take the honours.

At last year's Congress delegates passed a rather unusual motion which has provincial sides selected from players of Junior inter county standard. This means that the top senior players in each county no longer have the chance of gaining inter-county status. To me this is rather unjust but delegates had their reasons and so this year the Munster team has a "new look".

In this grade Cork failed to Limerick, the eventual winners. Of the Cork side which played in that game, two, Catherine Landers and Josie Knowles, were promoted to the seniors and are now not eligible for Munster. The provincial side will be made up of eleven newcomers and is as follows: Helen Butler, Ann Meany, Margie Neville, Geraldine O'Brien (all Limerick), Mary Walsh (Cork), Dolores O'Brien (Limerick), Frances Barry-Murphy (Cork), Susan Burke (do), Bridget Darcy (Limerick), Cary Clancy (do.), Brid Stokes (do.) and Annette O'Donovan (Cork). Subs. Marion Doyle (Limerick), Ann Fahy (Clare), Mary Geaney (Kerry) and Vera Mackey (Limerick).

Munster have not taken the Gael Linn Cup for some years now and may be the change of grades will also bring them a change of fortune.

Finally a word about last Sunday's All Ireland Final. Wexford were very good. They dominated in all sectors and thoroughly deserved their win. But it is doubtful if Cork can play so badly again. Only Marie Costine and Pat Moloney played anything like their best and watching the game one felt that at any minute Cork were going to "click". But that never came and Wexford ran out easy winners in the end. However, it is a silly to think that the Cork side are "gone".

Only a few short weeks ago they had a tremendous win over All Ireland holders at that time, Kilkenny, and were favourites to take the title on Sunday last. They could not have "gone over the hill" in that short period. Of course they can prove themselves again on Sunday week when they meet Clare in the Munster championship in Clare.

The latter it will be remembered held Wexford to a draw in the first round of the All Ireland championship but lost the replay. So if Cork can beat Clare it would do a great deal for their lost confidence. So come on Cork, pull yourselves out of the depression of last Sunday's defeat and remind followers what you are really capable of with a top class performance on Sunday week.

FIXTURES.

Mardyke - Under 18 Munster Championship Final - Cork v. Limerick 1.45. Ref. K. Marks, Tipperary.

At Ballypheane—Cork Under 16 Final—Churchtown v. Ballypheane, 11.30 a.m. Ref., St. Finbarr's.

UNDER 18s BEATEN

Limerick were far from disgraced in the Munster under 18 final at the Mardyke on Sunday when going under to Cork on the score 2-2 to 0-0.

Cork played with the assistance of a strong wind in the first half, with Val Fitzpatrick (2-0) and Bernie Costine (0-2) doing all their scoring in this opening moiety.

Limerick did all the attacking after the break, but failed to pierce a strong Cork defence.

Val Fitzpatrick, Catherine Landers, Bernie Costine, Ann Keane, Margo Twomey, Ann Connolly and Claire Harris starred for Cork.

Ann O'Flynn, who received a serious foot injury late in the game, was in brilliant form for Limerick. She was well supported by Helen Sheehy, Dolores O'Brien, Bernadette O'Brien, Vera Mackey and Joan Butler.

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Sub.: Pat Riordan for Mary O'Connell.

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Top scorer of the match, Cork's Val Fitzpatrick, races ahead of the Limerick opposition during the Munster Under-18 Camogie Championship final at the Mardyke yesterday. Cork beat Limerick 2-2 to nil.

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The Cork team, winners of the under 18 Munster Camogie Championship against Limerick at the Mardyke on Sunday by 2 goals and 2 points to nil. — ('Echo')

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CECILIA FITZGIBBON, PARICIA RIORDAN, DEIRDRE QUINLAN,
CLAIRE HARRIS, VAL FITZPATRICK & CATHERINE LANDERS.
FRONT: KATHLEEN COSTINE, MARGO TWOMEY, ANNE CONNOLLY (CAPT)
MARION TWOMEY, MARY O'CONNELL, ANN KEANE & BERNIE COSTINE



Limerick's Joan Butler appears to be getting the better of Cork's Val Fitzpatrick during the Under 18 Munster Camogie Championship final at the Mardyke on Sunday. — ('Echo')

Champions fade out

Buffers Alley (Wexford), 1-10;
St. Pauls (Kilkenny), 2-3.

Buffers Alley, from Wexford, dashed the hopes of the All-Ireland Club Camogie champions, St. Pauls, Kilkenny, when they ran out winners of the first game of this year's Leinster Club Championship at Buffers Alley Grounds, Ballinastraw, yesterday.

In the opening half it was score for score, with the outstanding feature of this half a brilliant score by Elsie Walsh, who started on a solo run from midfield, and running as far as the fifteen-yard line, drove the ball to the net. St. Paul's Angela Downey went through for a goal, but the referee had whistled for a foul on the same player, which Helena O'Neill pointed, to leave St. Pauls leading 1-3 to 1-2 at half-time.

The home side started the second half with two points, only to be headed again when Angela Downey goaled for the champions in the 6th minute. Buffers Alley did all the scoring from here on as St. Pauls faded out.

Scorers: Buffers Alley — B. McClean (0-4), M. Hearne (0-3), E. Walsh (1-0), B. Doran (0-2), C. Duggan (0-1). St. Pauls — A. Downey (2-0), H. O'Neill (0-1).

Winnings — Senior Championship Final — Clontarf 1-2, Laragh 1-0; Sligo Championship Semi-final — Killybegs 2-2, Castleblayney 1-0.

Cork Seek Measure Of Consolation

TWO weeks ago Cork seniors lost the All-Ireland final against an inspired Wexford side. On that occasion Cork played way below their best, with the exception of a few. Now the girls have a chance of gaining some measure of consolation for themselves as on Sunday next they open their campaign in the Munster Championship.

As the All-Ireland is an open draw now each province continues to hold a championship and Cork make their first appearance this season when they travel to Ennis to meet Clare on Sunday. For the occasion the selectors have chosen an unchanged team so giving the players a chance of re-establishing themselves.

On the home front it's back to the club scene with five league games listed for Sunday.

The decision of the Cork selectors to retain an unchanged team seems very fair. After all, these Cork girls have brought so much glory to the county in recent years that they cannot possibly be written off after one bad performance. However, they will have to show a great increase in determination and spirit if they hope to stay in the running for Cork positions.

Against Wexford they never seemed to show the necessary appetite for work and although it might be said that Wexford never gave them a chance, they were up against it before and battled back to snatch victory. But two weeks ago the Cork side was only a shadow of a county side over the last four years, and now is the time to lay the foundation for a return

centre-field was completely blotted out. Here only Pat Moloney played well while Marion McCarthy and Bernie Costine never got into the game. Again it is not very difficult to remember what these three are capable of, and a good game for the under-18 side last Sunday should have given Bernie Costine the confidence-boost she needs.

Mary O'Leary, who captained the side against Wexford, looked the most likely Cork forward to score but when have Cally Riordan, Marion Sweeney and Nancy O'Driscoll ever been so subdued in a game? It could all mean that Clare will receive "the backlash" of Cork's last performance, with the players all so determined to show how good they really are, coming back to the limelight with a big win over Clare.

Cork team: D. Sutton, M. Costine, N. Jennings, S. Morgan, M. Whelton, M. McCarthy, P. Moloney, B. Costine, M. O'Leary (captain), C. Riordan, N. O'Driscoll, M. Sweeney. Subs.: M. Twomey, V. Fitzpatrick, C. Landers, J. Knowles.

FIXTURES

All on Sunday: At Ennis — Munster Senior Championship, Cork v. Clare, 3 p.m. (referee J. Beatty, Galway). At Riverstown — I.L., Blarney v. Sarsfields, 3 p.m. (Carrigtwohill). At Erin's Own — I.L., Erin's Own v. Churchtown, 3 p.m. (Watergrass-hill). At Ballyanley — Inniscarra v. Castleview, 3 p.m. (Eire Og). At Na Piarraigh — J.L., Na Piarraigh v. St. Finbarrs, 12 noon (Glen Rovers). At Ballyphehane — I.L., Ballinlough v. Douglas, 3 p.m. (Nemo Rangers).



Bernie Costine

to the All-Ireland pinnacle.

What better way to start than with a good victory over Clare on Sunday next. Clare, however, will not be easy opponents. In recent years they have gone from strength to strength and with the winning of the All-Ireland junior title last season they have gained a confidence always lacking in the past.

So Cork will once again have their hands full. But they have the ability to come out on top, if they can only forget the disappointment and go out to show followers what they can really do.

TOP DEFENDERS

Deirdre Sutton, Marie Costine, Nuala Jennings, Sheila Morgan, and Mary Whelton are all top defenders. They did lose their understanding against Wexford but one only has to look back to the semi-final against Kilkenny to realise what these girls are capable of.

Against Wexford the Cork

Clare Should Test The Cork Girls

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Cork, holders of the Munster senior camogie title since 197 face their stiffest challenge within their own province for several years on Sunday when they travel to Ennis to take on Clare in this year's final.

Since the institution of the open draw in the All-Ireland senior championship some few seasons ago, the provincial senior championship have lost a deal of their prestige and appeal. In fact, Leinster is the only province that has kept the local competition going every year since then and even in Munster there was at least one season in which Cork were Wueens without opposition.

Last year, after Cork had lost their senior All-Ireland crown on a replay to Kilkenny, they were challenged for the Munster honours by Clare who had won the junior all-Ireland title. It was a good game but match Cork's craft and experience.

Since then Cork, with victories over Antrim and holders Kilkenny again reached the all-Ireland final only to lose

heavily to Wexford, though fir favourites.

Now here is what makes Sunday's game so intriguing. In the opening round of the same all-Ireland championship, Clare entertained Wexford and the game resulted in a draw. In the replay at Enniscorthy, Wexford won, but by only two points after a thrilling game.

So, on the strength of their respective displays against Wexford, Clare must have hope of dethroning Cork now, especially as they are on home ground.

With such excellent players as Margaret O'Toole, Anne Marie O'Loughlin, Eleece Fitzgibbon, Clare Harrington, Maurcen Davoren and Catherine McNichol — the home side will senior Munster final victory.

But Cork, with the Costine Jennings, Mary O'Leary, Deirdre Sutton and Sheila Morgan anxious to compensate easily yield up the title they have held longest.

At the same time all-Ireland club champions, St. Paul's Kilkenny will be taking the first step in defence of their Leinster and all-Ireland titles when they travel to County Wexford to take on the home champions Buffers Alley in the opening game of the Leinster club champions

MUNSTER CAMOGIE CHAMP'SHIP

CLARE WILL TEST CORK

THE meeting of old rivals Clare and Cork in the semi-final of the Munster championship is certain to attract a capacity crowd to the Fairgreen Ennis at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Despite being beaten by Wexford in the All-Ireland recently, Cork will be all out to get back on the winning trail and a win against Clare would certainly do much to boost their morale.

However, Clare have other ideas and are not disturbed by the fact that they have yet to defeat this Cork side. They are now playing with more spirit and confidence than ever before and are looking forward to this game with determination to prove that they will be no pushover for Cork, especially since the Banner county players feel they should have been Cork's opponents in the All-Ireland final, Clare being unfortunately to have been beaten in the

opening round of the championship by Wexford after a replay.

Clare have trained exceptionally hard for Sunday's game and it is expected that the team to represent the county on Sunday will be the same as played against Wexford.

Maureen Kelly, recognised as one of the finest goalies in the game can expect good cover from the defence which includes such notable defenders as Anne Marie O'Loughlin, Claire Harrington, Margaret O'Toole and Rose Kellcher.

Midfielders Theresa Daly, Theresa McDonagh and Catherine McNicholas will be eager to get the upperhand in this area as it is Cork's strongest section.

In the forward line Ann Harrington, Mary Dolan, Maureen Davoren and Eleece Fitzgibbon can be relied upon to keep the Cork defence on it's toes.

Cork girls in Munster final

Cork 1-6, Clare 0-2.

Cork qualified for the Munster senior camogie final when they beat Clare 1-6 to 0-2 in the semi-final at Ennis yesterday. At half-time Cork led three points to one, and when they changed Marion Sweeney from wing forward to centre-field they dominated the play. In the last 10 minutes alone Cork scored one goal and two points.

Scorers for Gork were: N. O'Driscoll 1-0, P. Moloney 0-4, M. Sweeney and C. O'Riordan 0-1 each. Clare—E. Fitzgibbon 0-1 from play and 0-1 from free.

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Croagh back at the top

Croagh 3-3
Ballyagran 2-3

After a lapse of nine years the county senior camogie championship has been won by Croagh and they accomplished the feat at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday by defeating the defending champions, Ballyagran, in a game which lived up to pre-match expectations.

Ballyagran, who won the title last year for the first time, were fancied to make it number two and at half time in Sunday's game it seemed as if they would do just that, when they trailed by a single point after playing against the strong wind and rain. At this juncture, all seemed lost for Croagh, who missed many scoring chances when playing with the assistance of the elements and when their policy of trying for goals did not bring about the desired results, nobody gave them a ghost of a chance in the second half.

But Croagh, a side who give of their best when the going is toughest, defied all the odds and continued as they did in the opening moiety, to outplay the opposition. Their attack was much sharper now and when Margie O'Sullivan goalied and Marion Doyle sent over a "30" they played with even greater vigour and thrust.

Substitute, Sheila Murphy, crashed home another goal and the western girls were 2-3 to 0-1 ahead. Marion Doyle, who had moved from mid-field to centre-forward, was doing trojan work for Croagh and her efforts were rewarded when she scored a fine goal with ten minutes of play remaining.

The game up to this belonged to Croagh, but Ballyagran had no intention of relinquishing their crown without a fight. They mounted furious attacks in the last ten minutes and, with four minutes remaining, they had cut the deficit to a single goal. Pauline McCarthy, Margo Condon and Geraldine O'Brien were particularly effective during this period. Ballyagran went near getting the equaliser, but Lady Luck was on the side of the Croagh defence and they held out in a thrilling finish.

Margaret Hickey, Margie Neville, Ann Sheehy, Marion Doyle, Margie O'Sullivan and Brid Stokes were the Croagh stars; while Ballyagran were best served by Helen Butler, Geraldine O'Brien, Rita Carroll, Pauline McCarthy and Maura Barry.

Croagh scorers: M. Doyle, 1-2; M. O'Sullivan, 1-0; S. Murphy, 1-0; E. Stokes, 0-1.

Ballyagran scorers: P. McCarthy, 1-2; M. Condon, 1-1; G. O'Brien, 0-1.

Croagh: Helen Sheehy, Eileen O'Keefe, Margaret Hickey, Ann Sheehy, Margie Neville, Vera Marron, Marion Doyle, Mary T. Hannon, Margo Stokes, Margie O'Sullivan, Brid Stokes, Eithne Neville. Subs: Sheila Murphy and Mary Fitzgerald.

Ballyagran: Helen Butler, Rita Carroll, Joan O'Brien, Geraldine O'Brien, Esther Hayes, Maura Barry, Cathy Morrissey, Esther Madigan, Bernadette O'Brien, Pauline McCarthy, Bridgid Barrett, Brid Murphy. Subs: Margo Condon, Sheila Ryan.

Referee: Carrie Clancy (Abane).

Missed chances prove costly

CORK 1-6
CLARE 0-3

CORK qualified to meet the winners of Limerick and Tipperary in the final of the Munster Championship as a result of their deserved victory over Clare in a hard fought game played at the Fairgreen, Ennis last Sunday.

Despite the slippery underfoot conditions and falling rain both sides are to be complimented for serving up such a high standard of play, and the outcome was certainly in the melting pot up to the closing minutes when the winners dashing wing forward scored the only goal of the match.

Clare having won the toss choose to play with the wind and traded puck for puck with Cork in the opening half but trailed at the interval by three points to one. Clare can only blame themselves for time and again easy scoring opportunities were wasted by the forwards.

On the resumption, despite having the lions share of the play, the forwards again failed to avail of the many chances that came their way. Eilece Fitzgibbons was the only attacking force in the forward line and took both her points well.

With the winners clinging to a 5 points to three lead entering the closing stages victory was made secure with a goal scored from a breakthrough.

Certainly the Clare defence came out of this game with an untarnished reputation for seldom before has Maureen Kelly

(in goal) played so well while Ann Marie O'Loughlin, Clare Harrington, Rose Kelleher and Theresa McDonagh played with such determination and courage.

Margaret O'Toole's long relieving clearance and puck outs especially in the second half against the wind were sadly missed by the centre field players Theresa Daly, Catherine McNicholas, Mary Dolan who switched to centre with Maureen Davoren in the second half, all played well.

However the Clare girls appeared to tire in the dying minutes of the game leaving the final score, Cork 1-6; Clare 0-3.

Despite having nothing to show for their efforts in 1975 Clare have gained a wealth of experience in their first year of senior competition and have now shed all feeling of uncertainty they might have had about their ability at senior level. Having held the two all Ireland finalists Wexford to 2 points on a replay and Cork to 2 goals with an understrength team the way is laid to next year's All Ireland and with the loyalty and comradeship prevailing within the team they are sure to prove a strong force.

The penalty league competition is now well underway with the Ruan Junior club having sprung major surprises by defeating Dal Gais senior team in their opening game and added a further feather to their cap by defeating Eire Og A on their following outing. Kildysart and Cranny played a draw.



Croagh team that beat Ballyagran in the final of the Limerick County Camogie Championship.



Ballyagran team beaten by Croagh in the Limerick county camogie final.

20 YEARS AGO

MAYFIELD won the Cork County Junior Camogie Championship by defeating Grenagh by a goal (3-1 to 2-1) in a hard fought final at Church Road. Scorers for Mayfield were K. Dunphy, T. Waterman and T. Harrison (1-0 each), and M. Maher (0-1), while H. Mullane (2-0) and F. Murphy (0-1) scored for Grenagh.

FOURTEEN CAMOGIE CLUBS IN ACTION

Old Als Can Take Senior Title On Sunday Morning

IN recent weeks with so much activity on the inter-county scene club camogie has been out of the limelight. But on Sunday next no fewer than 14 clubs will be in action, with senior and intermediate leagues, junior championship under-18 and 16 league games listed.

The senior league trophy for 1975 can go to Old Aloysians on Sunday morning. But only if they beat College. So far Old Aloysians are leaders of the campaign with full points and another win will give them the title. For the game the leaders hope to have Ann Ryan back in action and her return should greatly strengthen the side, Old Als will also have Val Fitzpatrick in action. Val made her first appearance for Cork seniors on Sunday last when she came in as a substitute and she came in scored her first goal which was in fact the county's only major in their 1-7 to 0-2 win over Clare. Judy Walsh, Gerarda Barry and Ann O'Sullivan are other strong Old Als players.

But it will not be easy against College. In recent years U.C.C. have been highly successful and are Ashbourne and Munster Inter-Club champions. They are not going to let Old Als take the Cup easily. Instead they will be determined to throw the league wide open again.

U.C.C. have two senior inter-county players, Nuala Jennings and Cally Riordan to boost their chances while Mary Walsh, Mary Roche, Ellen O'Hanlon and Ger Butler are tall talented players at their disposal.

Games between these sides are always entertaining affairs and Sunday's game should be no exception. It should be close.

GLEN TACKLE SOUTH PRES.

In the other senior league tie South Presentation meet Glen Rovers. Glen Rovers are in their first senior season, since their return to senior ranks. In the championship they were rather disappointing against a young Na Gobnaith side and they are determined to have a better record in the league. Cork goalie Deirdre Sutton will be in goal for Glen while other players to watch are Marie Mackey, Mary Nott, Mary O'Connell and Cork senior Ann Connolly.

For their part South Presentation were also dis-

appointing in the championship receiving a devastating defeat at the hands of eventual champions Imokilly. But South Pres. have always been very good league campaigners, and will not easily accept defeat against old rivals Glen Rovers.

South Presentation hope to have Betty McCarthy (nee Sigrue) back in their ranks for this game while Cork inter-county players Mary Whelton and Marion McCarthy, will also line out. Annette O'Donovan and Helen O'Mahony are two other fine South Pres. players.

Of course the outcome of this game will not matter if Old Als win the game in the morning but if U.C.C. win then the destination of the afternoon's points will be vital indeed. So we can expect a very keen encounter.

Killeagh, beaten in last year's Junior Championship final are all out to take the title this year. They have reached the semi-final and on Sunday next they are hopeful of disposing of Carrigtwohill to give them the right to meet Inniscarra in the final. Killeagh carry two big names in



Val Fitzpatrick plays for Old Aloysians on Sunday morning.

senior inter-county players Pat Moloney and Marion Sweeney while Catherine Landers, who came on for Cork seniors against Clare last Sunday is also in their line up. But the remainder of the side are not that effective. However three top players could make a big difference and they must be fancied to advance.

But Carrigtwohill have taken the championship very seriously this year. Mick Spillane trainer of the successful Imokilly team has taken charge of the Carrigtwohill side and although they have no big names in their side they are a strong determined unit who will take a great deal of beating.

There are two Intermediate League games listed. In the first of these Canovee meet Eire Og. The latter, who have fielded ex-Cork player Rosie Hennessy in recent outings must be taken to win here.

In the second game the star studded Cloyne side seem likely to collect two valuable points at the expense of Sarsfields.

Finally to the underage leagues. In the under-18 Ballinlough should have the edge over Na Piarasigh at the latter's grounds while in the under-16, Ballyphehane should take both points at the expense of Nemo Rangers at Ballyphehane.

CAMOGIE HISTORY

As I have stated more than once the Camogie Association are anxious to compile a history of the game. Now the Cork contribution is nearing completion and must be forwarded to the P.R.O. Kitty Murphy as soon as possible. I have already received club histories from 13 clubs but many are still outstanding. So clubs who wish to appear in the

History must have their stories into the County Board by Monday next, as the Cork history is being forwarded to Dublin during the following week.

FIXTURES

(All on Sunday) — S.L. at Mardyke: U.C.C. v. Old Aloysians, 11.30 a.m. (Ref. S.P.P.P.). JC at Middleton: Killeagh v Carrigtwohill, 3.00 p.m. (Ref. Josie Knowles) I.L. at Owens' Canovee v Eire Og 12 noon (Ref. Aghabullogue). U-16 at Ballyphehane: Nemo Rangers v. Ballyphehane, 2.30 p.m. (Ref. Douglas). S.L. at Ballyphehane. S.P.P.P. v Glen Rovers, 3.30 pm (ref. Old Aloysians). I.L. at Cloyne. Sarsfields v Cloyne, 12 noon (Ref. Youghal). U-18 L. at Na Piarasigh. Ballinlough v. Na Piarasigh, 11.30 a.m. (Ref. St. Finbarr's).

Old Aloysians clinch senior league title

By JOAN MORLEY

Old Aloysians 3-6, U.C.C. 0-3

Old Aloysians won the 1975 Cork Senior League at the Mardyke yesterday with a fine win over U.C.C. A win for the university girls would have thrown the league wide open, but undefeated Old Als. kept their record intact. A closely contested first half, with Old Als ahead by 1-2 to 0-2, at the interval, was followed by a polished second half display by the winners.

Judy Walsh played a captain's part for Old Als while Val Fitzpatrick, Gerarda Barry and Brid McAuliffe were others to play well. Nuala Jennings, Ellen O'Hanlon, Val O'Dwyer and Cally Riordan tried hardest for U.C.C.

After the game the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. A. A. Healy, T.D., presented the Buckley Cup to the winning captain.

Old Aloysians: M. Moran, M. O'Leary, M. Kidney, G. Barry, B. McAuliffe, J. O'Brien, A. O'Sullivan, J. Walsh, A. O'Dwyer, V. Fitzpatrick, A. O'Connor, P. Walsh.

U.C.C.: A. Hayes, N. Jennings, M. Lucey, M. Walsh, M. Murphy, E. O'Hanlon, V. O'Dwyer, C. Lucey, C. Riordan, M. Murphy, G. Butler, A. McCarthy.

Referee: K. Dunne (S.P.P.P.).

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Munster Colleges championships

At the annual meeting of the Munster Colleges Camogie Council it was decided to organise four competitions for the coming season. They are senior and junior championships and intermediate "A" and intermediate "B" leagues. The participating colleges were graded and the draws for the championships made.

The senior and junior championships will be run on a knock-out basis, with the respective winners going forward to represent Munster in the semi-finals of the All-Ireland Colleges championships. The junior championship is strictly confined to players who have not reached their 15th birthday by October 1, 1955. Players who are eligible to compete in the junior championship may also represent their college in either the senior or intermediate grades.

Both the Leagues are divided into two groups. The group winners will play-off in their own grade.

The championship draws are as follows:

Senior — 1st Round (25th October, 3 p.m.): A. Causeway Comprehensive School v. Mount Mercy at Causeway; B. St. Aloysius School v. North Presentation at St. Als. venue. Semi-finals (15th November, 3 p.m.) C. Rosary Hill v. winners of A.; D. St. Paul's v. winners of B. Final to be played on February 16 at 3 p.m.

Venues other than 1st round will be decided after round is completed.

Junior — 1st Round (all on 18th October, at 3 p.m.): A. St. Patrick's v. Presentation (Cashel) at St. Patrick's venue; B. Mount Mercy v. Caustway at Mount Mercy Grounds; C. Presentation (Listowel) v. South Presentation at Listowel; D. St. Paul's v. Presentation Bandon at Killfinane; E. Comprehensive, Shannon v. Salesians, Limerick at Shannon; F. Mercy, Carrick-on-Suir v. North Presentation at Carrick-on-Suir; G. St. Aloysius School v. Rosary Hill at St. Als. Grounds; H. Colaiste Mhuire v. Immaculate Heart at Ennis; I. Sacred Heart v. St. Mary's, Limerick.

2nd Round (all on 8th November, 3 p.m.): Winners of A v. B; C v. D; E v. F; G v. H; winners of I a bye. 3rd Round (all on 22nd November 3 p.m.): Winners of I v. A/B; C/D v. E/F; Winners G/H a bye. Semi-final, 24th January, 3 p.m.: Winners of G/H v. winners of I/A/B. Final, 7th February, 3 p.m.

Again, the venues here, except in the first round, will be fixed at a later date.

SHOCK FOR TIPP GIRLS

Limerick 4-6, Tipperary 3-3

Limerick caused a major shock when they defeated Tipperary in the Munster senior camogie semi-final at Adare. Limerick towers B. Stokes 5-1, B. Darcy 1-1, G. Clancy 0-5, B. O'Brien 0-1. Tipperary: B. Lawrence 1-1, D. Lane 1-1.

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CUP SUNDAY FOR JUNIORS

By TAOBH LINE

THE ANNUAL Camogie Congress decided that this year the interprovincial competition for the Gael Linn Cup would be confined to junior grade players only, and the first game under the new regulations comes on Sunday, when Connacht and Ulster meet in their semi-final at Carrickmacross (2.30).

Connacht, on each occasion represented by the Galway senior side, have won this interprovincial title for the past two seasons. Their second-strength, however, has not been impressive, and the odds would seem to be on the home province. Ulster can select from the best of Down, Armagh, Monaghan and Tyrone, as well as Antrim's second best, and led by Down's Marion McGarvey must be favoured to reach the final for the first time in some years.

The second semi-final between Munster and Leinster is scheduled for Gowran, Co. Kilkenny, on Sunday week (2.30). Munster have already announced their line-up, which includes eight from Limerick and four from Cork. Leinster, on the other hand, have selected a panel of players, but their side is likely to be backboned by Dublin's All-Ireland junior champions.

Outstanding event last week-

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end was the defeat of All-Ireland club champions, St. Pauls, Kilkenny, in the opening round of this season's Leinster series. Their conquerors, Buffer's Alley, were deserving winners, and will take beating from here on, but, admittedly, St. Paul's had not all the luck on their side.

Down South, Cork's experience once again proved that little bit too much for Clare in the Munster senior championship. Tipperary are also in contention and will now take on holders Cork for the title.

The Ulster club championship also began on Sunday last, and produced a surprise with the Down champions, Newry, pipping the Antrim champions, Loughgiel, by a single point, 3-4 to 3-3. The Armagh champions, Clann Eireann, had a much more comfortable victory, 3-5 to 1-0 over the Fermanagh representatives, Enniskillen.

The stage is now set for the Colleges competitions in all four provinces, and Munster this year will have four competitions, senior, Intermediate A, Intermediate B, and junior, with almost 40 teams competing in all.

The fixtures meeting of C.C.I.A., the Universities and

Higher Institutes Council will be held in Dublin tomorrow week, October 18, and it is hoped to stage the opening games in their League competition possibly on the following week-end.

A referees' course under the auspices of the Leinster Colleges' Council and Miss Phyllis Breslin will be held in Mercy Convent, Naas, on Saturday next (11 a.m.). All colleges are invited to send their respective referees.

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'SEMI' LOOKS A THRILLER

By TAOBH LINE

NOW that Connacht, who have held the Interprovincial Camogie title for the past two years, have been ousted at this semi-final stage by Ulster, Munster and Leinster, who meet in the second semi-final at Gowran on tomorrow, will have their hopes of regaining the honours greatly increased.

This year, of course, the competition is restricted to junior teams and this certainly worked to Ulster's advantage last weekend as they were able to draw on the best teams of Down, Armagh, Monaghan and Tyrone, who are graded junior for championship purposes. So it will be interesting to see how Munster and Leinster fare under the new dispensation tomorrow.

It is to Munster's advantage that they can call on all the best players from Limerick, who are not only the provincial champions but who, last Sunday, defeated Tipperary in the semi-final of the senior championship of the province. Certainly the O'Brien sisters, Carty Clancy and Bridie Stokes would have been in contention for places no matter on what basis the Southern line-out was selected.

The Limerick stars will be added by four of Cork's junior inter-county side, including Frances Barry-Murphy, whose famed brother Jimmy, has already played both hurling and football for Munster this season.

PLENTY OF TALENT

Connacht however, have the Dublin all-Ireland junior champions on whom to draw, plus the most talented members of a very impressive Kildare side that was a trifle unlucky to lose to Dublin in the provincial semi-final. There are also two experienced players from Wexford and a promising defender from Kilkenny.

Incidentally, Leinster corner back, Mary Murphy is very closely related to the Barry-Murphy clan.

Since Limerick gave Dublin a tremendous battle in the junior all-Ireland semi-final, this is a most intriguing game, and whichever side qualifies for the final will certainly have earned their passage. Besides Ulster, when they really came to life in the last quarter of the other semi-final, looked very promising, so we would also seem to be guaranteed an exciting final.

Leinster — Anne Miggins (Kildare), Miriam Higgins (Kildare), Kathleen Walsh (Kilkenny), Ursula Flynn (Dublin), Mary Murphy (Dublin), Eileen Riley (Kildare), Nuala Malone (Kildare), Aileen Gleeson (Dublin), Breda McClean (Wexford), May Ryan (Kildare), Geraldine Duggan (Wexford), Helen Roche (Dublin), Subs. — Phyllis Breslin (Dublin), Bridget Kennedy (Dublin), Mary O'Loughlin (Wicklow), Patricia Waters (Meath).

Munster — Helen Butler (Limerick), Anne Meaney (Limerick), Margie Neville (Limerick), Geraldine O'Brien (Limerick), Mary Walsh (Cork), Dolores O'Brien (Limerick), Frances Barry-Murphy (Cork), Susan Burke (Cork), Bridget Darcy (Limerick), Carty Clancy (Limerick), Brid Stokes (Limerick), Annette O'Donovan (Cork), Subs. — Ann Fahy (Clare), Marion Doyle (Limerick), Mary Conroy (Kerry), and Vera Mackey (Limerick).

Ulster reach camogie final

Ulster, 3-1; Connacht, 1-5

ULSTER qualified for the final of the interprovincial Camogie championship when they came from behind to defeat holders Connacht in an exciting second half of their semi-final at Carrickmacross yesterday.

Connacht led by 0-2 to nil at the break. When Mary Daly, the losers outstanding player added a further point on the restart, Connacht looked on the way to the final. But a goal by Marion McGarvey brought Ulster to life.

Marion McGarvey and Susan Lively from Down, Anne McCone (Armagh), and Anne McCaffrey (Fermanagh) were outstanding for the winners, while for Connacht Mary Daly got most assistance from Mary Mulhern, Bernie Larkin and Anne Duane.

Scorers Ulster — P. Vallyly, M. McGarvey, 1. Hands (1-0 each), B. Sherry (0-1)

Connacht — M. Daly (0-4), M. Mulhern (1-0), B. Condon (0-1).

Ulster — E. Hughes (Monaghan), A. McCone (Armagh), E. McAviney (Monaghan), P. Toal (Armagh), A. McCaffrey (Fermanagh), S. Lively (Down), M. Ogle (Tyrone), M. Moriarty (Armagh), B. Sherry (Monaghan), M. McGarvey (Down), 1. Hands (Tyrone), P. Vallyly (Armagh), Subs. — D. McStav for M. Moriarty, A. Fox for D. McStav

Connacht — B. Coady (Galway), K. Gannon (Roscommon), E. Barrett, B. Larkin, A. Dunne, M. Daly, A. Kilkenny (Galway), M. Collins (Roscommon), B. Condon (Roscommon), M. Mullins (Galway), M. Mulhara, M. Benedict (Roscommon).

Munster Senior Champions — Limerick, 4-6; Tipperary, 2-1.

VICTORY CERTAIN IN FIRST HALF

Munster, 5-0; Leinster, 1-1.

MUNSTER surprised Leinster in the semi-final of the Gael-Linn Cup competition at Gowran yesterday when they raced into a 5-0 to nil lead in the first half.

The winners, with eight players from champions Limerick and the remaining four from Cork, proved too strong for Leinster who had players from six counties.

Backed by a strong wind in the opening half Munster, who dominated in every sector, made no mistake about laying the foundation of their victory.

LEINSTER RALLY

Leinster, although they held Munster scoreless in the second half, never looked like catching up on the scoreboard.

Munster, a well-combined side, were best served by Brid Stokes, Carty Clancy, Ann Meaney and Geraldine O'Brien. For Leinster, Miriam Miggins, Mary Murphy and Breda McClean impressed.

Scorers: Munster — B. Stokes (2-0), C. Clancy (2-0), B. Darcy (1-0); Leinster — B. McClean (1-0) and M. Murphy (0-1).

Munster — H. Butler, A. Meany, M. Neville, G. O'Brien, M. Walsh, S. Burke, F. B. Murphy, D. O'Brien, B. Darcy, C. Clancy, B. Stokes, A. O'Donovan.

Leinster — A. Miggins, M. Miggins, K. Walsh, H. Flynn, M. Murphy, A. Gleeson, N. Malone, E. Reilly, B. McClean, M. Ryan, G. Duggan, H. Roche, Subs. — B. Kennedy for K. Walsh, P. Waters for N. Malone, M. O'Loughlin for E. Reilly.

Referee — Mrs. M. Lynch (Monaghan).

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Limerick Bid For Unusual Double

CORK, who fared so badly in the All-Ireland final this season, have a chance to gain some measure of consolation on Sunday next when they meet Limerick in the Munster senior championship final. On tomorrow it is championship time also with all the first round ties of the Munster senior colleges championship down for decision. In addition there are a number of league games listed for the weekend.

Limerick, fresh and confident from their convincing victory over Tipperary seniors in the semi-final of the Munster championship travel to Cork hoping to complete a unique double. Limerick are not graded a senior side for the All-Ireland but take part in the Munster campaign. They have already taken the Munster junior championship and are now determined to complete the unusual double of senior and junior championships — with the same team.

Limerick shocked Tipperary who had their usual line-out. The Limerick girls were faster to the ball and showed great determination. Last Sunday eight of the side were on the Munster team, and with four girls from Cork, recorded their first win over Leinster for many years. All the scoring — five goals — was done by the Limerick forwards and indeed players like Brid Stokes, Margie Neville, Geraldine and Dolores O'Brien played some fine camogie. Brid Stokes, in particular, was leadly around the goal and the Cork defence could have their hands full.

Cork showed some improvement on their All-Ireland form when they disposed of Clare in the Munster semi-final. However they have yet to show the sort of spirit and determination which made them such an invincible force for four successive years. This season they never showed their true potential. They came nearest to it in their semi-final clash against Kilkenny but they have not shown it since.

The Cork selectors made a few changes during the Clare game and have decided to retain the side which finished the clash. This means that Marion Sweeney, who worked so hard after being switched to wing centre, remains in that position for Sunday. She will be partnered by her Killeagh clubmate Pat Moloney at full and Bernie Costine on the other wing.

Val Fitzpatrick, who came on as a sub in the Clare game and scored Cork's only major, is not surprisingly retained at full-forward. Cally Riordan and captain Mary O'Leary switch positions with Mary now at centre-half forward and Cally on the wing. Nancy O'Driscoll fills the remaining wing position.

The defence remains unchanged with Deirdre Sutton in goal, Marie Costine at full-back and the half-line made up of Nuala Jennings, Sheila Morgan and Mary Whelton.

Cork have the advantage of a home venue for the final — Na Piarasigh Grounds — but even so it will not be easy and Cork will have to fight all the way to retain their title.

CORK — D. Sutton, M. Costine; N. Jennings, S. Morgan, M. Whelton; M. Sweeney, P. Moloney, B. Costine; C. Riordan, M. O'Leary (capt), N. O'Driscoll, V. Fitzpatrick. Subs:

M. Twomey, C. Landers, J. Knowles and M. McCarthy.

LIMERICK— H. Butler; A. Meaney, M. Neville, G. O'Brien, K. Ryan; A. Sheehy, M. Doyle, D. O'Brien; B. D'Arcy, C. Clancy, B. O'Brien; B. Stokes.

Two Cork schools will be involved in the first round of the Munster Colleges championship tomorrow. Mount Mercy travel to Causeway where they meet the local Comprehensive School, while St. Aloysius are at home to North Presentation. The Model Farm Road girls will need to be on top of their form to advance. ...

St. Aloysius cannot forget their defeat in the final of last year's Cork Schools Championship by the then junior side, North Presentation. Now they meet again this time in the Munster campaign and with North Pres. now established as a senior side it should be an exciting tussle. ...

Congratulations to Munster for their grand win over Leinster in the Gael Linn Cup. Last Sunday the juniors (Provincial sides are now selected from junior players) managed to achieve what the seniors have failed to do for several years — they defeated Leinster. Eight Limerick girls and four from Cork — Susan Burke, Frances Barry Murphy, Mary Walsh and Annette O'Donovan all played their part in this grand victory and they now face Ulster in the final in two weeks time, at Adare. ...

There are two junior league games listed for Sunday. Buttevant meet Blackwater at Mallow where the more experienced Buttevant are likely to take the points. Ballinlough should do the same when they meet UCC, who are still in the process of getting a useful side together following their summer recess. In the under 18 league game at Midleton Churchtown will be fancied against Sarsfields while in the under 16 league clash at St. Finbarr's the home team could find it very difficult to hold Na Piarasigh. ...

The 1976 Ashbourne Cup venue has been decided — Galway on the weekend beginning February 14. ...

FIXTURES ...

Tomorrow (all at 3 p.m.) Munster Senior Colleges Championship, first round, at Causeway, Mount Mercy v Causeway Comprehensive; at St. Als. Grounds, St. Aloysius v North Presentation; Inter 'A' League (Group 1), at Shannon, Colaiste Mhuire v St. Patrick's Comprehensive; Inter 'B' League (Group 1), at Limerick, St. Marys v Presentation Listowel; Salesians v Vocational, Bathkeale; Inter 'B' League (Group 2) at Mallow, St. Marys Mallow v Loreto, Fermoy; at Bandon, Presentation, Bandon v Sacred Heart; Inter 'A' League (Group 2, at Macroom, Macroom v South Presentation; at Ballypheane, Immaculate Heart v St. Patrick's. ...

Sunday — at Na Piarasigh Grounds, M.C. Final, Cork v Limerick, 3 p.m.; at Midleton, Under 18 League, Sarsfields v Churchtown, 12 noon (ref. Carrigtwohill); at Mallow, J.L. Buttevant v Blackwater, 3 p.m. (ref. Glanworth); at Curraheen Road, J.L., Ballinlough v UCC at 12 noon (ref. Ballypheane); at St. Finbarr's, Under 16 League, St. Finbarrs v Na Piarasigh, 11.30 a.m., ref. Old Aloysians). ...

Limerick In With A Chance

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The excellent showing by the eight Limerick players on the Munster side that overwhelmed Leinster in the interprovincial semi-final at Gowran last Sunday adds spice to the Munster senior final in which Limerick take on holders, Cork, at Na Piarasigh Grounds on Sunday.

Limerick have never yet won the Munster senior title, but did win the provincial junior title earlier this season, and thus qualified for the senior series which did not commence until after the All-Ireland finals.

Limerick were narrowly beaten in the junior All-Ireland semi-final by Dublin, who subsequently were comfortable winners of the final against Down. In the Munster senior semi-final, the Limerick girls showed power and confidence when accounting for Tipperary who had given a very good display against Dublin in the opening round of the senior All-Ireland championship.

Again on Sunday last, the Limerick players were outstanding, even allowing for the fact that this game was confined to players of junior inter-county status.

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Certainly, if Brid Stokes and Carrie Clancy in attack, Ann Meaney, Geraldine and Dolores O'Brien in defence and former All-Ireland Colleges star, Marion Doyle, all play up to their best form, Limerick must be in with a chance of making Munster history.

However, it is unlikely that the experienced and crafty Cork players, led by Marie Costine, Pat Moloney, Nuala Jennings, Callie Riordan and Sheila Morgan will easily yield up a title they have held for so long. On home ground, Cork must be slight favourites to win.

Munster's victory in last Sunday's interprovincial, over what had been rated a very good Leinster side, was most convincing. On that form, the Southern girls must now be rated favourites to take the Interprovincial trophy and the Gael Linn Cup for the fifth time in all. The previous Munster victories were in 1961, 1963, 1964 and 1966.

Big event in Dublin next Sunday will be the final of the Curran Cup, the early-season senior knock-out competition. Like last year, the outcome rests between holders, Celtic and Presentation, and though Celtic must be favourites, the Terenure Past Pupils' side will put up a good fight for the honours.

APPOINTED

Zone secretaries, to fix dates and appoint referees for games in their particular areas, were appointed at a well-attended meeting of C.C.I.A., the Higher Education Institute Camogie Council in Belfield. It is expected that some, at least, of the Regional Colleges will take part in the C.C.I.A. League this year.

The meeting also made the draws for the Ashbourne Cup inter-varsity competition, the semi-finals of which will be played in Galway on February 14 and 15. The quarter-finals will be played on January 31 and the pairings are: (A) U.C.C. v. Maynooth; (B), N.U.G. v. Q.U.B.; (C), T.C.D. v. U.C.D.; U.C.G. a bye, Semi-finals— U.C.G. v. B; C v. A.



Cork Minor captain, Claire Harris, who lines out with North Presentation tomorrow.

Cork again camogie champions

By JOAN MORLEY
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But after a scrappy first half display Cork turned on the style after the interval (when they led by 1-4 to 1-0). Marion Sweeney, Pat Moloney and Bernie Costine took over at centrefield and with a constant supply of the ball coming their way the forwards slammed in 5-5. Newcomer Val Fitzpatrick scored two great goals and Nancy O'Driscoll put the issue beyond doubt with a spectacular last quarter hat-trick.

St. Aloysius got the vital scores

St. Aloysius 1-3
North Presentation 1-1

St. Aloysius and North Presentation met in a highly exciting first round tie in the Munster Colleges Senior Championship at Mount Mercy Grounds, Cork, on Saturday, with St. Al's winning a place in the second round. This game could have gone either way with the play constantly switching ends but St. Als. got those vital scores.

Jacinta O'Brien, Margaret Murphy and Claire Cronin were top St. Als. players while North Presentation had their best in Martha Kearney, Mary O'Connell and Claire Harris.

Scorers: St. Als: C. Cronin 1-1, J. O'Brien 0-2 North Presentation: M. Kearney 1-0, B. Newman 0-1.

In the second semi-final played at Causeway, Mount Mercy defeated Causeway Comprehensive by 9 goals to nil.



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Maicinta O'Brien, Margaret Murphy and Claire Cronin were the St. A's players while North Presentation had their best in Maicinta Kearney, Mary Connell and Claire Harris. Scorers: St. A's: C. Cronin 1-1, O'Brien 0-2 North Presentation: M. Kearney 1-0, B. Connell 0-1.

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Records set-up at Croke Park

By AGNES HOURIGAN



Marie Costine (Cork), on the losing side for the second successive year.

WELL we know the answers to the All-Ireland question now. Wexford are the senior Camogie champions of 1975, unexpectedly perhaps, but most deservedly. The junior title went to an exceptionally well-drilled Dublin side while the Cork minors were very convincing winners of the youngest grade.

The surprise victory by Wexford was all the more remarkable because of the almost complete collapse of the Cork girls in the closing stages. It must be emphasised however, that Wexford's superiority had been very clear long before that stage and the outcome was never in doubt after the Leinster side began to stretch their lead in the second half.

So quite a number of records were set on All-Ireland day at Croke Park. Bridget Doyle, Kit Codd and Gretta Quigley became the first three sisters ever to play together on an All-Ireland-winning senior team.

For good measure, Wexford also had another pair of sisters on their victorious side, Dorothy and Elsie Walsh. Cork, of course

also had a pair of sisters on the senior side, Bernie and Marie Costine from Cloyne.

For the second successive year these elder Costine sisters had the ill-fortune to find themselves playing together on a beaten All-Ireland team but earlier in the championship a younger sister, Kathleen had ensured the family of a place in the Camogie record books. Kathleen Costine starred on the Cork team that won the minor All-Ireland title, and so the Costines of Cloyne become the first Camogie family ever to have won All-Ireland medals in all three games. Marie, senior 1970, '71, '72, '73; Bernie, Junior 1973, and now Kathleen, minor in 1975.

The Dublin juniors were probably one of the best trained teams I have ever seen in a final. In exceptional skills they seemed to be far behind several of their Down opponents, but they played to their own strength, first time striking, and excellent team-work and on the day, Dublin's combination proved far more efficient than the relatively unsus-

ported efforts of Down's stars.

This success was a tremendous tribute to the work of the Dublin mentors Mrs. Timmons, vice-chairman of the Dublin Board, who also happens to be chairman of the Leinster Council and Miss Eileen Bourke, who herself won several All-Ireland medals with Dublin.

Cork's victory in the minor game proved surely that, if some of their great stalwarts of the last six years are not as effective as they used to be there are plenty of talented young players coming on to fill their places.

And one last word about the players on the winning All-Ireland sides. Wexford have now won three senior titles, but only two players have participated in all three victories. They are full-back Margaret Leacy who, then Margaret O'Leary from Garrydan-iel was at centre-field in the 1968 and 1969 victories, and Bridget Doyle who starred at centre back in all three finals.

Bridget is of course, one of the Kehoe family which has given so many stars to the game. But another Wexford player also holds three medals, and she is also a member of the Kehoe family. She is Kit Codd, right forward on the 1975 Wexford line-out, but while still Kit Kehoe she filled the same position on the field for the Dublin teams that won the All-Ireland senior finals of 1965 and 1966.

All-Ireland day was a wonderful success in all respects save one, the attendance was again sadly below what the games deserved.

It was also a bit disappointing that the Camogie finals did not, until almost too late, get the same splash treatment from the newspapers that they did through the last couple of years. That may have been due to the fact that the newspapers and especially the evening papers in Dublin began their build-up to the All-Ireland football final much earlier than usual and thus cut in on the time and space available for the Camogie pre-match write-ups.

On the other hand at least one Dublin daily did give the finals as much wordage as ever, though far fewer pictures. We had pictorial coverage galore of course in the Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings but that was almost entirely inspired by the wedding of the Wexford captain.

Nobody could complain about the coverage by the newspapers of the Croke Park finals themselves, but except for a couple of pre-match spots on radio and the commentary on the game itself, Montrose's efforts were deplorable. They could show us nothing at all on Sunday night and all they showed us thus far was on a Tuesday evening at a time when few people could settle down to watch.



CAMOGIE PRESENTATION—Miss Mary Moran, chairman of the Cork Camogie Board, presenting the Munster Senior Championship trophy to Mary O'Leary (Clonmult), captain of the Cork team after their win over Limerick in the final at Na Piaras Grounds, Cork.

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Limerick lose

Cork, 6-9; Limerick, 1-2.

Cork retained the Munster Senior Camogie title at the Na Piarasigh grounds, Cork, on Sunday last but had to fight all the way before disposing of the Limerick challenge in a skilful and highly entertaining final.

Limerick, the complete underdogs, gave a great display before succumbing to the stronger and better balanced Cork team. The first half provided some worrying moments for the host county, with the visitors outplaying them in many departments. At the break Cork led 1-4 to 1-0 after trailing in the early stages of the half.

Val Fitzpatrick put Cork further ahead with a lucky goal in the opening seconds of the second half. It was also apparent from this early stage that Limerick were in trouble at midfield and their wing players, Dolores O'Brien and Ann Sheehy, were finding it increasingly difficult to team up with the roving Marion Doyle. While the latter was guilty of abandoning her post at vital periods, it must be put on record that she played a tremendous game and her courageous runs in the second half would surely have yielded results if she had received better support from the forwards.

Nancy O'Driscoll, operating at top of the left, was much too lively for the injured Margie Neville and her three goals midway through the second half sealed Limerick's fate.

Helen Butler was very sound in the Limerick goal, with Ann Meaney at full-back giving a superb display and it was not the fault of that pair that Cork broke through for no fewer than six goals. Cork's Marion Sweeney stood apart at mid-field, and almost alone she shaded the issue in this vital sector for her side. Carrie Clancy and Brid Stokes were to the fore in the many Limerick attacks, but found it very difficult to outwit the solid Cork defence, ably led by Nuala Jennings, Mary Whelton and Deirdre Sutton.

Cork scorers: N. O'Driscoll, 5-0; V. Fitzpatrick, 2-1; P. Moloney, 0-7; M. O'Leary, 1-1.

Limerick scorers: B. Stokes, 1-0; C. Clancy and B. Darcy, 0-1 each.

Cork—D. Sutton, M. Costine, N. Jennings, S. Morgan, M. Whelton, B. Costine, P. Moloney, M. Sweeney, N. O'Driscoll, M. O'Leary, C. Riordan, V. Fitzpatrick.

Limerick—H. Butler, A. Meaney, M. Neville, G. O'Brien, K. Ryan, A. Sheehy, M. Doyle, D. O'Brien, B. Darcy, C. Clancy, B. O'Brien, B. Stokes.

Ref. E. Fitzgibbon, Clare.

GAEL-LINN FINAL

Adare is the venue for next Sunday's Gael-Linn interprovincial final between Ulster and Munster. This is the first occasion such a final is being played in Limerick.

The Ulster team will arrive at Adare on Saturday evening and will remain overnight in local homes. A special function is being arranged for the visitors in the local C.B.S. hall, with local artistes providing the entertainment.

The Munster team shows one change from the side which beat Leinster. Frances Barry-Murphy (Cork) is now at full forward to the exclusion of Ann O'Donovan (Cork), with Marion Doyle (Limerick) coming on at mid-field. The game is scheduled for 2.0.



MUNSTER CHAMPIONS—The Cork team which defeated Limerick, 6-9 to 1-2, in the Munster Camogie Championship final at Na Piarasigh Grounds, Cork. (Sheehan)

30 YEARS AGO

OLD ALOYSIANS won their seventh (and their third successive)

Cork County Senior Camogie Championship title when they defeated Glen Rovers 4-2 to 0-0, in a thrill-packed final at the U.C.C. Grounds, having led at half-time by two points. The teams were: Old Aloysians — P. Hogg (goal), L. Walsh, N. O'Sullivan, M. Hegarty, M. Fitzgerald (captain), M. Hobbs, E. Hogan, K. Buckley, E. Horgan, T. Crowley, K. Barry-Murphy, E. Brady. Glen Rovers — M. O'Brien (goal), L. O'Sullivan, E. O'Donovan, L. Griffin, E. O'Sullivan, M. Hallissey, M. Spillane, T. Long, A. O'Brien, E. O'Connell, S. O'Shaughnessy, S. O'Brien (captain).

THE replay of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship final

at the UCC grounds between Cork and Dublin resulted in another draw, the visitors scoring three goals to Cork's 2-3. Cork were represented by P. Hogg (Old Aloysians), M. Cashman (Lee Hosiery), B. Cashman (Lee Hosiery), M. Hegarty (Old Aloysians), M. Fitzgerald (Old Aloysians), S. O'Brien (Glen Rovers), M. Hobbs (Old Aloysians), L. Cronin (Cecilians), R. Barry (UCC), K. Buckley (Old Aloysians), K. Coughlan (Cecilians), K. Barry (Old Vocationals).

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Boost For

Maynooth

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The C.C.I.A. competition, the Higher Institutes League for 1975-76 starts this weekend but only the Eastern Zone fixtures are to hand. There are, however, other Zones in South-West and North which make their own arrangements.

The most interesting of the games listed in the Dublin area tomorrow will be at Belfield where Maynooth visit U.C.D. Cynosure of all eyes at the Stillorgan Road venue will be the Kilkenny All-Ireland star Angela Downey, who is a first-year student at Maynooth. Her arrival will be a great boost to a side that had very useful units already in Breda Larkin and Lyn Nolan.

U.C.D. for once seem to have few, if any, promising new recruits but led by May Ryan, Marian Geoghegan and Anne Spratt they will still be hopeful of giving a good account of themselves.

Team of the East this season may well, however, prove to be St. Patrick's T.C., Drumcondra.

CUP STARS

They have acquired two graduate students, both of whom are already All-Ireland medalists and former Ashbourne Cup stars with U.C.C. and U.C.D. respectively, Nuala Jennings (Cork) and Doherty Walsh (Wexford). In addition they have the Connacht Interprovincial and Athenry Colleges starlet, Midge Poniard. With that foundation on which to build, St. Pat's must have tremendous potential and should have the measure of Dublin University.

There is another game scheduled between Mater Dei and Carysfort T.C. but this has been postponed.

Big game in Leinster on Sunday is the final of the junior section of the Leinster club championship between Kildare's Prosperous and the Louth champions, Kilkenny. The Louth girls had an easy victory over the Meath representatives in the preceding round but Prosperous were a trifle lucky to snatch victory from Wicklow champions Kiltegan. Prosperous have home advantage, but the odds would seem to favour Kilkenny.

The winners play Dublin champions, Austin Stacks, in the provincial semi-final on Sunday week with whichever team that comes through tackling Buffer's Alley (Wexford) in the final on November 23.

MUNSTER'S TITLE

Congratulations to Munster on regaining the Interprovincial title at Adare on Sunday last after an entertaining contest with a gallant Ulster side.

The Leinster Council meets tomorrow, and will finalise arrangements for holding Administration Courses in all affiliated counties in the Province.

40 YEARS AGO

CORK camogie team qualified to meet Dublin in the All-Ireland final, after both semifinals had been decided at Crumlin Park. Cork defeated Antrim 4-1 to 2-4 and Dublin overwhelmed Galway by 7-8 to 2-1. The Cork team was: Messrs J. McGrath, P. Hogg, J. Cotter, L. Delaney, E. Stanton, Kirby, M. McCarthy, R. Buckley, B. Delaney, C. Brown, K. Delca, D. Quirke.

Munster's Lean Run Can End

Nov. 1975

IT is nine years since Munster won the Gael Linn Cup. On Sunday the "new look" provincial side meets Ulster in this year's final and they could put an end to the barren years.

On the home front the eagerly-awaited junior and intermediate championships form an exciting double-decker programme at Ballinlough.

Powered by nine members of the Limerick team, Munster will be very much at home at Adare where they meet Ulster. Against Leinster the Southern

different grades in recent years.

What have Cloyne to offer? Like the O'Driscolls in Eire Og, Cloyne have the Costines. The actual team was not available at the time of writing, but it is possible that no less than five Costines will be in action on Sunday. Kathleen, the Cork minor, will definitely be in goal, with Cork senior Marie in the backline. Another member of the family, Bunny, could also be in the defence, while Cork senior Bernie will be in the centre, and yet another, Rita, is likely to be included in the attack. Cloyne have not the playing strength of their opponents. They always seem to depend so much on the Costines. But the Costines have won many a match practically on their own and on Sunday, if they and their colleagues Anne Kenny, Mary O'Donoghue, Valerie O'Sullivan and Ann and Joan O'Shea strike top form they will not be easy to hold. However, Eire Og will not admit defeat easily either and at this stage I would rather not suggest likely winners. All I can say is that it will be a game worth watching.

In the junior final which follows Killeagh meet Inniscarra. Last year Killeagh fell badly to Eire Og in the decider and will be very anxious to go one better this time. And they must be favourites to do so. In their journey to the final they have scored no less than 54 goals and 20 points and conceded only 4-4. They have nine of last year's side and the addition of Pat Moloney. Cork senior Pat was ruled out of last year's final by the College rule and her appearance on this occasion should make a big difference to Killeagh. Marion Sweeney, Catherine Landers and Betty Joyce are other inter-county players in the side. A feature of the Eire Og selection is the fact that there are four sets of sisters listed: Joyces, Mary and Betty;



Kathleen Costine (Cloyne)

Landers, Catherine and Breda; Searwards, Eileen and Mary, and the Murphys, Breda and Mary.

Killeagh are full of confidence this season, but finals are always difficult to win and they will not have things all their own way. Inniscarra, in a quiet way, have impressed in the competition so far. They may be lacking in "star" names, but they have given businesslike displays right through the season and they will not shirk the task on Sunday. Championships are noted for "shocks" and, although Killeagh must start as favourites, Inniscarra could provide the "shock" on this occasion. Whatever the result the game should be a good one.

Eire Og—R. O'Leary, B. O'Leary, M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, A. O'Driscoll, P. Lucey, N. O'Driscoll, G. Mackey, N. Hallihan, H. Horgan, N. O'Driscoll, R. Hennessy.

FIXTURES

Sunday — At Adare: Final Gael Linn Cup, Munster v. Ulster, 2 p.m. At Ballinlough: I.C. Final, Cloyne v. Eire Og, 2 p.m. (referee K. Dunne); J.C. Final, Killeagh v. Inniscarra, 3.15 p.m. (referee M. Mackey). At Ballinora: Under-16 League, Casleview v. Ballinora, 11.30 a.m.



Patsy Lucey (Eire Og)

girls had a very impressive win and although Ulster disposed of Connacht, Munster must have a very good chance.

Three Cork girls will be involved. They are defender Mary Welsh, centrefielder Susan Burke and Frances Barry-Murphy. There is one change from the side which beat Leinster. Marion Doyle, who was the star of Limerick's Munster junior win, comes on at centrefield, with Brid Stokes returning to the forward line to the exclusion of Cork's Annette O'Donovan.

For their part Ulster field a number of well-known names, such as Ann McLone, Susan Lively, Marian McGarvey and Eleanor Hughes.

As this year's Gael Linn is confined to junior players it is really rather difficult to suggest likely winners, but, going on Munster's display in the semi-final, they could do it.

Munster — Helen Butler (Limerick), Ann Meaney (do.), Margie Neville (do.), Geraldine O'Brien (do.), Mary Walsh (Cork), Dolores O'Brien (Limerick), Marian Doyle (do.), Susan Burke (Cork), Bridget Darcy (Limerick), Cary Clancy (do.), Brid Stokes (do.), Frances Barry-Murphy (Cork).

Ulster — Eleanor Hughes (Monaghan), Ann McLone (Armagh), E. McAvinney (Monaghan), Patsy Toal (Armagh), Ann McCaffrey (Fermanagh), Susan Lively (Down), M. Ogle (Tyrone), M. Moriarty (Armagh), B. Sherry (Armagh), Marian McGarvey (Monaghan), J. Hands (Tyrone), P. Vailley (Armagh).

Ballinlough should house a good crowd on Sunday, with two eagerly-awaited finals involving Eire Og, Cloyne, Killeagh and Inniscarra.

Old rivals Eire Og and Cloyne will be the first to take the field when they clash in the intermediate final. They were keen rivals in their junior days and met in the junior county final in 1971, when Cloyne emerged as victors. Since then Eire Og won the junior title last season and they are determined to reverse the 1971 result on Sunday.

Cloyne snatch a dramatic victory

Cloyne 3-0, Eire Og 2-2
IN the most dramatic of finishes Cloyne snatched victory from Eire Og in the final of the Intermediate Championship played at Ballinlough yesterday. Cloyne had a blank scoresheet with only ten minutes to go, and Eire Og — last year's junior champions — looked all set for victory. But suddenly Cloyne sparked into life and slammed home three goals in the space of seven minutes to take the title by the narrowest of margins.

It was a great day for the Costine family of Cloyne with no less than six sisters finishing the game. Kathleen had a great game in goal; Bernie got one of the vital goals and Rita, Bunny, Marie and Geraldine all played their part in this stunning victory.

But spare a thought for Eire Og, who dominated so much of this game and lost so tragically in the finish. Nancy O'Driscoll played a marvellous game for them, while Hilda Horgan, Marion Lucey and Mary O'Driscoll also played well.

Scorers — Cloyne: Geraldine O'Sullivan 1-0, Bernie Costine 1-0, and Valerie O'Sullivan 1-0, while Nancy O'Driscoll (2-1) and Noelle O'Driscoll 0-1 scored for Eire Og.
Cloyne: ...K. Costine, M.

O'Donoghue, R. Costine, B. Costine, O. O'Sullivan, M. Costine, A. Kenny, J. O'Shea, V. O'Sullivan, G. O'Sullivan, A. O'Shea, B. Costine, Sub.: G. Costine for O. O'Sullivan.

Eire Og: R. O'Leary, B. O'Leary, N. Hallihan, H. Horgan, E. O'Driscoll, M. McCarthy, M. Lucey, F. Murray, Nancy O'Driscoll, Noelle O'Driscoll, R. Hennessy, Mary O'Driscoll, Sub.: J. Lane for N. O'Driscoll.

Killeagh 7-6, Inniscarra 0-0
Killeagh had a runaway win over Inniscarra in the Junior Championship final also played at Ballinlough yesterday. Inniscarra had no answer to Killeagh's inter-county trio, Pat Moloney, Marion Sweeney and Catherine Landers who completely dominated this game.

Scorers: M. Sweeney 3-2, P. Moloney 1-3, M. Walsh 1-1, C. Griffin 1-0, and M. Joyce 1-0.
Killeagh: P. Fitzgibbon, M. Foley, B. Murphy, B. Joyce, B. Landers, C. Landers, P. Moloney, S. O'Connor, C. Griffin, M. Sweeney, M. Joyce, M. Walsh, Sub.: M. Murphy for B. Murphy.
Inniscarra: M. E. Shea, E. Ring, N. O'Brien, R. Carey, N. Morrissey, G. Aherne, Ger Ring, A. Healy, A. O'Brien, M. Cahill, C. O'Driscoll, V. Sullivan, Sub.: G. Downey for M. Morrissey.

Munster girls take Gael Linn title

MUNSTER 5-1;

ULSTER 2-0

MUNSTER well and truly smashed the hopes and aspirations of Ulster at Adare on Sunday when they captured the Gael Linn Interprovincial Camogie Title for the fifth time.

This was Munster's first success since 1966 and although they were somewhat flattered by the winning margin, nobody could deny they were easily the better of the sides on the day. They were much faster, were the better ground strikers, and took their chances well.

While the records will forever say that Munster added the 1975 title to the victories achieved in 1961, '63, '64 and '66. It is only fair to note that no fewer than nine Limerick girls and two substitutes for good measure were in the line-out on the team, which has brought fresh honours to the province.

The game, played in the C.B.S. field in unsuitable weather, produced fine camogie and some delightful individual displays. For Munster, Margie Neville (Limerick), Susan Bourke (Cork) and Bridgid Darcy (Limerick) gave power packed performances. Margie Neville thwarted many dangerous Ulster raids in the first half and the timely intercession of this live wire defender cost Ulster at least two goals in the second quarter of the game. Susan Bourke at midfield was a trojan for work. Almost alone she swayed the issue for Munster in this sector and was seen on many occasions helping out in attack. Bridgid Darcy at top of the right had her best game of the season and teamed well with full forward Frances Barry-Murphy.

The latter scored two goals, missed another two, but it was her unselfish play that helped Bridgid Darcy and Brid Stokes to those two other first half goals. The willingness of Frances Barry-Murphy to play the ball to her team mates yielded the desired result and if her colleagues and in particular some of the Limerick girls did likewise the winning tally would have been far greater.

Eleanor Hughes (Monaghan) had some great saves in the Ulster goals. Anne McCono at full-back was very effective and she was ably assisted by Patsy Toal. Susan Lively, captain of last year's Down All-Ireland minor team, played well at midfield, but it was her county compatriot, Marian McGarvey, that emerged as Ulster's outstanding player. Operating at centre-forward she was always a source of worry to the Munster defence.

Josephine Hands opened the scoring with an Ulster goal in the fifth minute. Bridgid Darcy equalised five minutes later when she kicked the ball over the goal-line. Thirty seconds later, Frances Barry-Murphy put Munster ahead with a goal, following a defensive blunder by Ulster. She finished a fine solo effort by Carrie Clancy in the 14th minute and seconds before the break Brid Stokes had another Munster goal.

Pauline Vailley goaled for Ulster early in the second half, but they failed to match the Munster girls for the remainder of the game and Marion Doyle and Brid Stokes completed the scoring with a goal and a point.

A word of congratulations to Carrie Clancy, the veteran of the Munster team. It was back in 1961 when she won an interprovincial medal and this latest success is just reward for many years of endeavour.

Congratulations to all those who were responsible for the arrangements at Adare and special thanks to the local Camogie Brothers who placed the

and the Monastery at the disposal of the Munster Camogie Council.
Munster (all Limerick except where stated) — Helen Butler, Ann Meaney, Margie Neville, Geraldine O'Brien (capt.), Mary Walsh (Cork), Dolores O'Brien, Marion Doyle, Susan Bourke (Cork), Bridgid Darcy, Carrie Clancy, Brid Stokes, Francis Barry-Murphy (Cork).

Subs: Ann Fahy (Clare), Kitty Ryan, Ann Sheehy, Ann O'Donovan (Cork).

Ulster—Eleanor Hughes (Monaghan), Ann McLone (Armagh), Ellen McAvinney (Monaghan), Patsy Toal (Armagh), Ann McCaffrey (Fermanagh), Susan Lively (Down), Mary Ogle (Down), Mary Moriarty (Armagh), Breda Sherry (Monaghan), Marian McGarvey (Down), Josephine Hands (Tyrone), Pauline Vailley (Armagh).

Sub: Joan Hamill (Down) for A. McCaffrey.

Referee, Helena O'Neill, Kilkenny.

'STALEMATE IN CAMOGIE FINAL

Prosperous (Kildare) 5-4; vKilkerley (Louth), 5-4

PROSPEROUS, the Kildare County Camogie champions lost their home advantage when they played a draw with the Louth champions, Kilkerley, in the final of the Leinster Junior club championship at Clane yesterday. The replay is fixed for Knockbridge on Sunday next.

Scorers: Prosperous — G. Kane (2-4), G. Dowling (3-0). Kilkerley — K. Sharkey (2-1), M. Langan (2-0), C. Tomelty (1-1), R. Martagh (0-2).

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Great Season For East Cork

LAST weekend saw the conclusion of the Cork County Championships. East Cork really came out on top this season, taking all three titles. Imokilly, of course, took the senior some months back for the fourth successive year, while on Sunday last Killeagh easily took the junior title, while Cloyne had a most spectacular last-minute win over Eire Og in the intermediate final.

On Sunday last also, Munster took the Gael Linn Cup for the first time since 1966. This year, the competition was confined to junior players, and Munster proved too good for both Leinster and Ulster to take the title. Nine Limerick and three Cork girls proved successful, and what a boost this must be for camogie in Limerick, who have struggled for so long. Cork girls Susan Burke, Frances Barry-Murphy and Mary Walsh all played their part in this victory.

Focus this weekend is back on the colleges. The second-round ties of the Munster Junior Colleges Championship are down for decision with five Cork schools in action on tomorrow.

All-Ireland champions Presentation (Cashel) made it clear in the first round against St. Patricks that they are in the hunt for honours again this year. And Cork's Mount Mercy have the unenviable task of travelling to Cashel to meet them on their own ground. But Mount Mercy had a very good win over Causeway in their first round and could put up a good performance.

However, the Model Farm Road girls have plenty of spirit, and this should see them through.

St. Pauls of Kilsfinane had two scores to spare over Bandon in their first-round tie, but they may find South Presentation a tougher nut to crack. And with South Pres. at home, this could mean a Cork win.

North Presentation, unlucky to be out of the Senior Championship, will try very hard, as they always do, to keep their school flag flying. North Pres. got to the very last hurdle in Cross Park in 1974, and though

their opponents, Comprehensive Shannon, are likely to be strong, they have to face the journey to Cork, so North Pres. should advance.

Two Cork schools, Immaculate Heart and St. Aloysius, clash in what could be the most exciting of the second round clashes.

Newcomers Sacred Heart, who easily beat a disorganised St. Marys of Limerick in their first round, have a bye, so they will be on the sidelines spotting form.

Two of the most prominent underage sides in the city, Ballypheane and Na Piarasigh, clash in the one of the two League games listed for Sunday. These sides will be battling for two of the most valuable points of the Under-16 League—points which could eventually decide the destination of the trophy. In the second tie, the more experienced Douglas side may prove too strong for newcomers Blackrock in the Junior League.

CEOL, CAINT, DAMHSA.

The Ceol, Caint and Damhsa competition, which spread to the whole country last winter, is about to start its 1975 run. The Cork sub-committee of Mary Nott, Rose O'Leary, Frances McCarthy, Joan Guest and Kay Dunne are already working away. The Question Time will be the first competition to be put in motion, and clubs must enter for this section by this weekend. The closing date for the remaining competitions will be November 17th.

FIXTURES.

Tomorrow.

Munster Colleges Junior Championship—At Cashel: Presentation Convent (Cashel) v. Mount Mercy (Cork), 3.0. At Cork: South Presentation v. St. Pauls (Kilsfinane), 3.0. At North Pres. venue: North Presentation v. Comprehensive Shannon, 3.0. At Ballypheane: Immaculate Heart v. St. Aloysius, 3.0.

Colleges Inter-League—At Rathkeale: Mercy (Rathkeale) v. Vocational (Rathkeale). At Ennis: Vocational (Ennis) v. Salesians (Cahtracon).

Sunday.

At Na Piarasigh Grounds: U-16 L: Ballypheane v. Na Piarasigh, 2.45 (Ref., U.C.C.). At Blackrock: J.L. Blackrock v. Douglas, 3.0. (Ref., Ballinlough).

GAEL LINN TROPHY FOR MUNSTER SIDE

MUNSTER 5-1; ULSTER 2-0

MUNSTER won the Gael Linn Cup for the fourth time when they defeated Ulster at Adare yesterday. The winners can also claim the honour of being the first holders of the inter-provincial title for junior counties for which the competition is run this year and will be for the next two seasons.

Munster laid the foundation for their success in the first half when aided by a strong wind.

Although Ulster surprisingly took the lead after five minutes with a goal from Josephine Hand, Munster quickly took command and by half time led 4-1.

They completely dominated the second half and finished very comfortable winners.

The winners were best served by captain Geraldine O'Brien, Francis Barry-Murphy, Marian Doyle, Dolores O'Brien, Brigid Darcy and Carrie Clancy. Best for Ulster were Anne McCone, Susan Lively, Pauline Vallyly and Eleanor Hughes who made some great saves in goal.

Scorers — Munster: F. Barry-Murphy (2-0), B. Stokes (1-1), B. Darcy (1-), M. Doyle (1-0). Ulster: P. Vallyly (2-0).

Munster — H. Butler; A. Meany, M. Neville, G. O'Brien, M. Walsh, D. O'Brien, M. Doyle, S. Burke, B. Darcy, C. Clancy, B. Stokes, F. Barry-Murphy. Ulster — E. Hughes; A. McCone, E. McAvinney, P. Toal, A. McCaffrey, S. Dively, M. O'Leary, M. Moriarty, B. Sherry, M. McGarvey, Hands, P. Vallyly, Sub: J. Hamilton for A. McCaffrey.

Referee — H. O'Neill (Kilkenny).

Ballypheane

The under 16 camogie team gave a tremendous display in beating Na Piarasigh in a vital game at the latter's venue. They fought off a tremendous rally to win by 1-1, established players like M. Sugrue, G. Desmond and S. Griffin played well but for Cait Moynihan, Eleanor Kavanagh, Jer Deasy, Hillary Walker and Chris McCarthy the future is indeed bright.

CAMOGIE WIN FOR CLOYNE



Mrs. Nora Newman, vice-chairman, Cork County Camogie Board, presenting the Intermediate Championship Cup to Ann Kenny, captain, Cloyne team, after their win over Eire Og in the final at Ballinlough, Cork.

Two Cork Schools In Action Tomorrow

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TWO Cork schools remain in the Munster Colleges Championship. They are Mount Mercy and St. Aloysius and tomorrow they will be in action in the semi-finals of the championship but not in opposition.

On Sunday there is a long list of league fixtures while next Monday will see the first round of the Question Time section of Ceoil, Caint agus Damhsa.

St. Paul's Killfinane, travel to Cork to tackle St. Aloysius in the first semi-final of the Colleges Championship at Curraheen Road tomorrow afternoon.

St. Paul's are very confident of advancing as they can field their entire side of last season with one exception — Limerick player, Anne Sheehy who is now nursing in Cork. Their side includes Anne O'Flynn and Helen Sheehy who have played minor for Limerick, and over all they have a very impressive line out.

St. Als. had a narrow and somewhat lucky win over North Presentation in their first round encounter and they will need to be on top of their form to advance.

St. Als. have lost Cork senior inter-county player Val Fitzpatrick from last year's side as well as Ann O'Connor and Claire Kenny. But in the first round they showed a wonderful spirit and this year they have got a marvellous band of supporters. Jas O'Brien leads the side and with Ger Ring, Patricia Mackey and Cork minor star Claire Cronin in their line-out they must have a good chance. But it will not be an easy one.

In the second semi-final at Mount Mercy Grounds the Model Farm Road girls take on the reigning champions, Rosary Hill. Mount Mercy had a very impressive win over Causeway in the opening round while Rosary Hill had a bye. But the Limerick girls have been very much a force to be reckoned with in recent years and though they they have lost two of last year's stars — Limerick junior Dolores O'Brien and Vera Mackey — they are capable of fielding a very strong side indeed.

Mount Mercy for their part have lost some of last year's players also. But in the past they have proved themselves worthy Cork representatives so Rosary Hill will not have things all their own way.

Three games are down for decision in the Intermediate League on Sunday. Newly crowned champions, Cloyne should take the points from Watergrasshill, while defeated finalists Eire Og should prove fitter than Blarney.

In the third game Canovee may get there against close neighbours Aghabullogue after a close encounter.

In the only junior league game listed Na Piarasigh meet Douglas and here the home advantage could see Na Piarasigh taking the points.

Killeagh meet Churchtown in the Under-18 League. As both

these sides have very good underage teams this promises to be a thriller.

Ballyphehane and Blackrock meet in the first of two under-16 League ties at Ballyphehane. Both these sides are concentrating on the under-age grades at the moment but Ballyphehane could have the edge in experience.

In an effort to give senior clubs more games in the season, Old Aloysians are running a senior tournament. In the first game in this new competition the organisers take on U.C.C. at the Mardyke on Sunday. In their last meeting Old Aloysians won the senior league by defeating College, but in the meantime the University girls have been in training, and Old Als. will not find the going easy.

So there will be great interest on Monday next after the Board meeting when the first four clubs will be on stage. They are Ballyphehane, Aghabullogue, U.C.C. and Glen Rovers. The remaining preliminary rounds will take place on the following

Mondays with Sarsfields, Na Piarasigh, Eire Og and Inniscarra on Monday 24, and Blackrock, Old Aloysians, South Presentation Past Pupils and Ballinlough on Monday, December 1.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Sat.) — Munster Colleges Senior Semi-finals at Curraheen Road: St. Pauls, Killfinane v. St. Aloysius, 2 p.m. At Mount Mercy Grounds: Mount Mercy v. Rosary Hill, 3 p.m.

Sunday — Intermediate League: At Cloyne: Watergrasshill v. Cloyne, 3 p.m. (Ref. Carrigtwohill). At Blarney: Blarney v. Eire Og, 3 p.m. (Ref. Old Old Aloysians). At Coachford: Aghabullogue v. Canovee, 1 p.m. (Ref. Eire Og). J.L.: At Na Piarasigh Grounds: Na Piarasigh v. Douglas, 12 noon (Ref. Glen Rovers). U-18 L.: At Killeagh: Killeagh v. Churchtown, 3 p.m. (Ref. Youghal). U-16 L.: At Ballyphehane: Ballyphehane v. Blackrock, 2 p.m. (Ref. St. Finbarrs). At Ballyphehane: Ballinlough v. Nemo Rangers, 3 p.m. (Ref. Ballyphehane). Old Als. Tournament at U.C.C. Grounds: Old Alysians v. U.C.C., 11.30 a.m. (Ref. S.P.P.P.)

KILKERLY TAKEN TO WIN REPLAY

By TAOBH LINE

THE JUNIOR final of the Leinster club competition at Naas, on Sunday last gave us a really thrilling game between Prosperous of Kildare and Kilkenny of Louth.

Unfortunately the evening was too dark to permit extra time to be played, so the match will be replayed on Sunday next at Knockbridge, with the failure to reach a decision at Naas meaning that the entire programme for the remainder of the Leinster competition has had to be put back.

So evenly did the teams look to be matched at Naas, that there can be very little between them on merit, but Kilkenny will have the advantage of home venue now, and, on that account must get the vote to advance to meet Dublin champions, Austin Stacks, in the provincial semi-final.

Because of the draw last Sunday, that semi-final originally fixed for Sunday next goes back to November 23. The final for which Wexford champions Buffers Alley have already qualified was originally fixed for that date, but has now gone back to December 14, very late in the year indeed for a game of such importance.

Indeed one provincial final has already been played. This was the Connacht decider, in which Athenry took the provincial honours for the first time by defeating Roscommon Gaels for the title. Athenry caused a big surprise at home in Galway by ousting Oranmore who had been Connacht title-holders for several years past, and indeed were All-Ireland champions for 1973.

The competition has also reached the final stage in Ulster, where two teams, neither of whom have ever reached the final before will do battle for honours, they are Newry the Down winners, and Swatragh, who are the Derry champions.

Congratulations to Bridget Doyle on winning the October Gaelic Games star of the Month Award, the first Camogie player to do so. Bridget is of course one of the Kehoe sisters from Adamstown-Cloughbawn, five of whom have won All-Ireland senior medals.

In the opening game of the C.C.I.A. League at Santry last weekend, St. Patrick's T.C., with inter-county stars in Dorothy Walsh, Nuala Jennings and Midge Poniard proved they are going to be a big force this year by routing Trinity.

Cork colleges in Munster camogie final

By JOAN MORLEY

St. Aloysius 1-5; St. Paul's 2-0
Mount Mercy 3-1, Rosary Hill 3-1

Two Cork colleges, St. Aloysius and Mount Mercy, are through to the final of the Munster Senior Colleges Championship after wins in the semi-finals played in Cork on Saturday. This means that after a lapse of two years the Munster Senior Colleges title must return to Cork this season. The sides will meet on February 16 next in the decider.

St. Aloysius were first to qualify against St. Paul's of Killfinane, at Curraheen Road. The latter had a number of fine players, especially the stylish Ann O'Flynn. In fact they looked the better side for the greater part of the game and were ahead by 2-0 to 0-4 at half-time and led by a single point until the closing minutes.

But St. Als, who had trojan workers in captain Jas O'Brien, Carol Coomey and Claire Cronin, never gave up trying and their great endeavour was rewarded by a last minute winning goal from Bernice Cronin.

Scorers — St. Aloysius: Jas. O'Brien 0-4, Bernice Cronin 1-0, Claire Cronin 0-1. St. Paul's: Eilish O'Callaghan 1-0, Bernice Chavke 1-0.

Mount Mercy had it easier than expected against holders for the last two years Rosary Hill at Mount Mercy grounds. Ahead by 3-0 to 1-0 at half time, they had little trouble in retaining their supremacy after the interval, adding 2-1 to their tally.

Rosary Hill did come with a later rally — and two goals — but it wasn't enough to worry the Model Farm Road girls who had fine players in Paula McNally, Anne Moore, Ann O'Sullivan and Bernadette Golden. For Rosary Hill, Bernadette O'Brien, Mary O'Connor and Brid Mackey were best.

Scorers — Mount Mercy: Paula McNally 3-0, Helen Collins 2-0, Bernice Dunne 0-1. Rosary Hill: Mary O'Connor 2-0, Siobhan Walsh 1-0, Bernadette O'Brien 0-1.

Inter. League: Eire Og 7-8, Blarney 1-0.

Old Als. Tournament: Old Aloysians 6-4, U.C.C. 5-5.

Prosperous tops at Knockbridge

Prosperous (Kildare) 2-1
Kilkenny (Louth) 0-2

PROSPEROUS, the Kildare champions, retained the Leinster Junior Club Championship title when they won the replay against Kilkenny, Louth, at Knockbridge, yesterday.

The winners, who led 1-1 to 0-1 at half time, were clearly the superior side on this occasion and fully deserved their victory.

Scorers: Prosperous — G. Kane (2-1), Kilkenny — C. Tumelty (0-1), R. Murtagh (0-1).



CAMOGIE FIRST! . . . Bridget Doyle (Wexford) receives the B and I monthly G.A.A. award from Ronnie Delany, assistant general manager B and I at a lunch in Dublin yesterday — the first time a camogie star has taken the award.

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A St. Al's defender rushes in behind this St. Paul's girl in a vain effort to prevent her from clearing the ball during the Colleges semi final. —(Echo)



The Mount Mercy team, above, which met the Rosarie Hill, Tralco, team in the Munster Colleges camogie semi final on Saturday. —(Echo)

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St. AP's Patricia Hayes clearing the ball away from the St. Paul's Limerick defence during the Munster Colleges camogie semi-final on Saturday.



The St. Aloysius team (top) which defeated St. Paul's, Limerick in the semi final of the Munster Colleges Camogie championship. The final scoreline was St. Aloysius 1-5, St. Paul's 2-0.

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PROSPEROUS WIN CREATES RECORD Sacred Heart Hope To Rock Cashel

By TAOBH LINE

Camogie

COUNTY Kildare Camogie champions, Prosperous, set a record all their own on Sunday last when they won the junior section of the Leinster club camogie championship for the third time. But their current victory was, in the circumstances, somewhat unexpected.

Last Sunday week at Clane they were held to level pegging by Louth's Kikerley after a remarkably even and most entertaining game. The replay on Sunday last was on Kikerley's home territory at Knockbridge, and it was expected that the change of venue would make the vital difference in favour of the Louth girls.

However, contrary to general expectations, Prosperous were well on top this time, and won fairly convincingly in a low-scoring game under conditions that were all against any spectacular exhibition.

GOOD PROSPECTS

So now Prosperous are once again in the semi-final of the competition proper and on their recent displays will give Dublin champions Austin Stacks a reasonable battle for a place in the final against Buffer's Alley when they meet on Sunday next at Naas.

While this is, of course, a very busy time on the Colleges fields in all four provinces, most progress seems to have been made in Munster where the senior finalists are already known, although the final itself is not due to be played until February 16.

Both semi-finals were played last weekend and in both Cork teams beat Limerick teams to ensure that title and trophy will come back to Cork for the first time in three seasons.

Rosary Hill from Castleconnell, holders for the last two years were always struggling against Cork's Mount Mercy and, after trailing by two goals at half-time, finished losers by the same margin, 5-1 to 3-1.

On the other hand, the second Limerick school, St. Paul's, from Killinane, must have felt luck was not on their side in the other semi-final. They led St. Aloysius right through and were still a point ahead as the game went into the last minute. But the Cork side then snatched a goal to achieve victory by 1-5 to 2-0.

In the junior competition the holders and All-Ireland champions Presentation Cashel have thus far crushed all opposition.

HOTLY FANCIED

Tomorrow, at home in Cashel, they will be hotly fancied to account for Sacred Heart, Cork, and thus qualify for the semi-final against Immaculate Heart.

In the other semi-final, two sister Cork schools, North Presentation and South Presentation do battle tomorrow.

Presentation, Cashel, the All-Ireland Junior Champions are today storming through on their way to a second title. So far, they have left St. Patrick's and Mount Mercy trailing in their wake and now it is the turn of a third Cork school to try and halt their victory march. Newcomers Sacred Heart are their next opponents in the Munster championship and the Cork girls have to travel to Cashel to add to their difficulties.

North and South Presentation clash in the other fixture in this competition while Sunday is again given over to league games and another tie in the new Old Aloysians Tournament.

Sacred Heart only took up camogie very recently but they have made good progress since their inception. But their task in Cashel tomorrow is a very formidable one indeed. Goals will not come easily against the impressive Cashel girls and even Sacred Heart's most ardent supporters must know that their task is almost unsurmountable. But the championship is often a

great leveller and Sacred Heart might well upset all the pre-match predictions.

In the second third round clash North and South Presentations meet. This all-Cork clash will be played at a North Presentation venue and should be a good game. North Pres. have accounted for Carrick-on-Suir and Shannon in the earlier rounds while South Pres. have advanced at the expense of Listowel and Kilfinane.

ANXIOUS TO WIN

The second game in the new Old Aloysians Tournament will be played when South Presentation Past Pupils meet Glen Rovers at Ballyphehane on Sunday. In their previous meeting South Pres. had a few points to spare and no doubt Glen Rovers in their first senior season for some years will be anxious to reverse the result.

Glen put a great deal of their hopes on the shoulders of Cork goalie Deirdre Sutton, who has saved them on so many occasions, but they also have good

players in the youthful Ann Connally and Celia Fitzgibbon. For their part South Presentation have a number of grand players in Annette O'Donovan, Marion McCarthy and Mary Whelton and they must be fancied to shade it again.

Eire Og who suffered such a devastating defeat in the closing minutes of the Intermediate Championship, continue their efforts to wipe out the memory of that game. Last weekend they had a facile 7-3 to 1-0 win over Blarney in the Intermediate League, and on Sunday they should take two points from the inexperienced Ballinora side in the Under 18 League.

There are two Under-16 games down for decision also. In the first of these Na Piarsaigh meet Bishopstown at the former's grounds and the home advantage should prove enough to give Na Piarsaigh the points.

In the second the Castleview should have too much power for newcomers Kilmichael.

The Question Time section of the C.C.D. continues on Monday next with Sarsfields, Na Piarsaigh, Eire Og and Inniscarra due to take the stage.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow—Munster Junior Colleges Championship, Third Round, At Cashel, Presentation Cashel v Sacred Heart (Cork) 3 p.m. At North Pres. Venue, North Presentation v South Presentation 3 p.m.

Sunday—At Ballincollig, U-18 L. Eire Og v Ballinora 2 p.m. (Ref. Ballincollig) At Na Piarsaigh, U 16 L. Na Piarsaigh v Bishopstown, 12 noon. (Ref. Douglas). At Castleview, U-16 L. Castleview v Kilmichael at 5 p.m. (Ref. Aghabullogue). At Watergrasshill, U18 L. Watergrasshill v Sarsfields, 3 p.m. (Ref. Glanworth). Old Als Tournament at Ballyphehane, South Presentation P.P. v Glen Rovers, 3 p.m. (Ref. Old Aloysians).

NOTABLE 'FIRST' FOR PROSPEROUS

THE BG surprise on the Camogie fields last weekend was the victory of the Kildare champions Prosperous over Dublin champions Austin Stacks in the semi-final of the Leinster Club competition.

Even allowing for the fact that Stacks had to field without two former All-Ireland players, Orla Ni Shiochain and Mary Ryan, they were still hottest of favourites to defeat the Kildare side, who only the previous Sunday had defeated the Louth champions Kikerley on a replay in the final of the junior section.

At Naas last Sunday there was only one score in the first half, a point for Austin Stacks from a "30." There were two points in the second half, both for Prosperous both from "30s."

MAGNIFICENT

But low though the scoring was, the Kildare side had very much the better of play and must have won decisively but for the magnificent defensive work for the Dublin champions by goalkeeper Sheila Murray and full-back Marion Conroy.

So now Prosperous become the first club ever to carry the junior banner into a Leinster final. Unfortunately for them they lost the toss for choice of venue and so must face the Wexford stars from Buffers Alley in the final on December 14.

Principal event this weekend off the playing fields is the annual Convention of the All-Ireland Colleges Council, which will be held in Bru na nGael, Dublin, tomorrow (2.0). With the remarkable total of 127 colleges affiliated through the country, the strength of the game at this level is greater than ever before.

But the Honorary Sec-

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retary Miss Mary Moran (Cork) who will be returned unopposed gives a timely warning against any complacency.

There are not many motions for discussion but three of them make different suggestions for a change of the age-limit in the junior competition. There is also a proposal from Ulster that an Executive Committee be set up to deal with any pressing problems that arise between Council Meetings.

On the colleges' playing fields North Presentation, from Cork, have qualified for the Munster junior final by defeating their sister school, South Presentation.

They will not, however, know their opponents until after Christmas when the second semi-final between the holders, Presentation Cashel and Immaculate Heart, Cork, will be played.

WIDE MARGIN

However, Cashel, who are the reigning All-Ireland champions have won all their matches to date by wide margins and look firm favourites to retain at least their Southern title.

In the Northern Zone of the Leinster Senior Presentation Terenure just survived when they only defeated Assumption college, Walkinstown, by a single point.

PROSPEROUS SHOCK STACKS

Prosperous (Kildare) 0-2
Austin Stacks (Dublin) 0-1

PROSPEROUS, Kildare Camogie Champions and recent winners of the Leinster Junior Club Camogie Championship, qualified for the Senior Final of this competition against Buffer's Alley, Wexford, when they scored a shock one-point victory over Austin Stacks, the Dublin Senior Champions at Naas yesterday.

The winners were by far the faster stroking and stronger side and would have won by a greater mark if the Stacks defence were not so sound.

There was no score from play for either team. Austin Stacks led by one point, scored from a 'thirty' at half time.

Prosperous drew level on the restart, also with a point from a 'thirty' and the home side went ahead midway through this half with a point scored from another 'thirty'. They attacked for the greater part of the remaining time, but they never succeeded in breaking through for the scores.

Best for the winners were Nuala Malone, the Reilly sisters, Teresa Lynch and Gemma Kane. For Stacks, Sheila Murray in goal and Marian Conroy, full-

back were outstanding while Bride Keenan and Fiona Murray tried hard.

Scorers: Prosperous—G. Kane (0-2); Austin Stacks—M. O'Sullivan (0-1).

FROM BANGLADESH ON VACATION

Nuala Guilly, the former Cloyne, Imokilly and Corc camogie star, is at present on a fortnight's holiday at her home in Middleton from Bangladesh where she is working with Concern. Nuala, with another nurse, brought ten children to Holland where they were adopted by Dutch people. She said "horses would not drag her away from Bangladesh," where she returns on December 6.

Yesterday she lined out with her old club (Cloyne) in the Cork County Intermediate League against Churchtown which the latter won by 43 to 1-3.

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