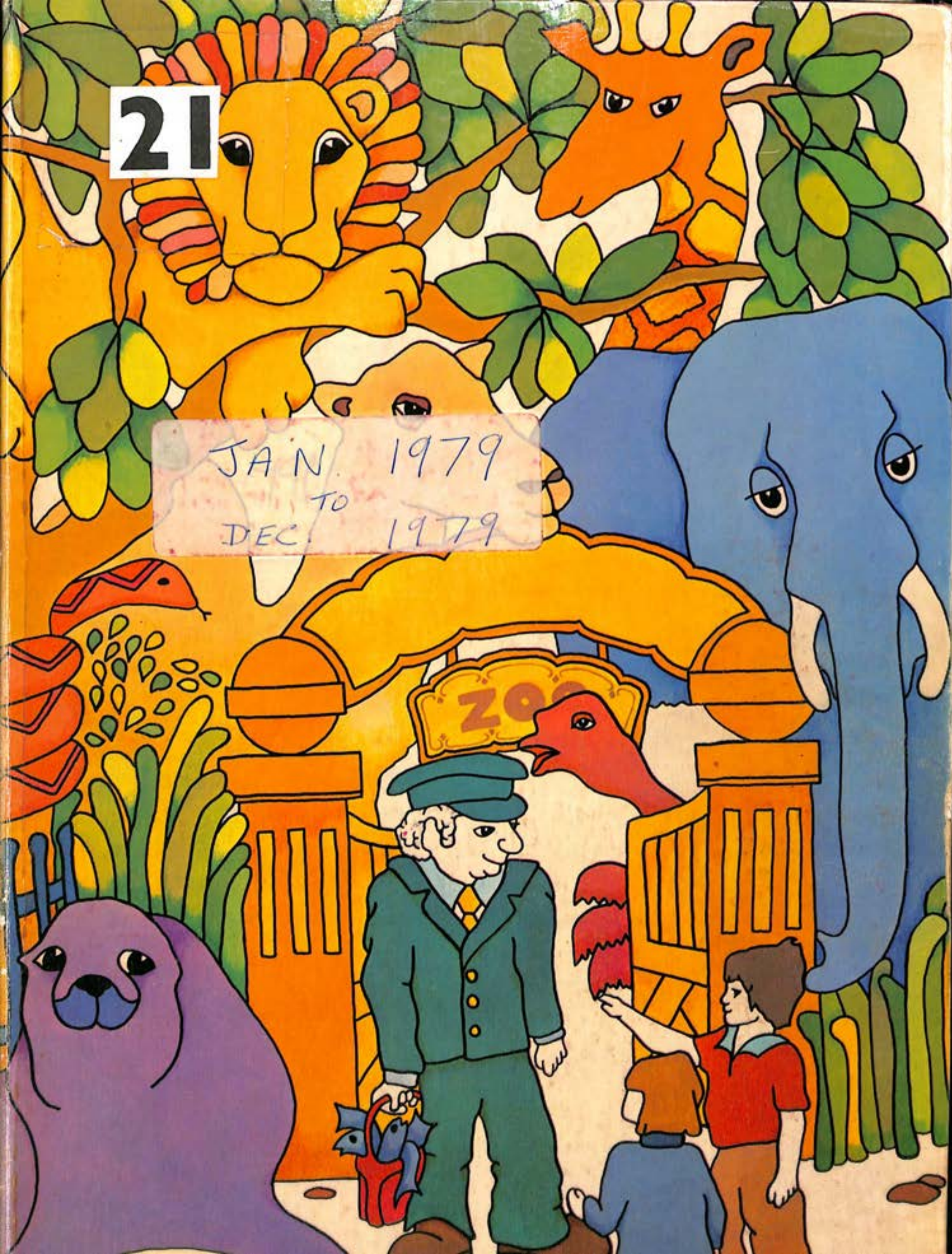


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# UNIVERSITIES AND H.E. COUNCIL MEET

THE UNIVERSITIES and Higher Colleges' Camogieunits hold their Annual General meeting at Belfield on Sunday next (2.0).

This Council, set up by Ard Choiste six years ago, has made great strides in the meantime. The Council runs four competitions annually — the Ashbourne Cup for the Universities, the Purcell Cup for all other Colleges; a league in which all participate, and a freshers' seven-a-side.

In her comprehensive report, the Secretary, Anne O'Hanlon, congratulates the winners of the competitions, University College, Galway, who regained the Ashbourne Cup after ten years, Mary Immaculate, Limerick, who retained the Purcell Cup, St. Mary's, Belfast who were the popular winners of the League. This was the first time a college from Northern Ireland won one of the major titles and Belfast Polytechnic took the seven-a-side medals.

Miss O'Hanlon has paid a great tribute to the Queens and Mary Immaculate clubs for the marvellous way in which they organised the Ashbourne and Purcell Cup competitions.

### EIGHT MOTIONS

There are eight motions for discussion. New University of Ulster propose that the Combined Universities versus Combined Colleges Annual game should be played with the hurling or football colleges final.

The thinking behind this proposal is that there would be a better crowd and thus obtain greater publicity. The same college also proposes that a referees' coaching course be organised for C.C.I.A. members. This will be widely welcomed by all units of the association and indeed the Referees' Council, who are holding a seminar at Hollybrook Hotel next Saturday, will be greatly encouraged by this motion which should get the approval of the meeting.

### CAMOGIE by Taobh Line

University Colleges of Cork and Dublin seek the removal of the restriction which confines their Colleges' selection in the League.

In order to help the team who joined, the long established Universities, Dublin Cork and Galway, were confined to playing only four of last season's Ashbourne players in the League.

Since three of the four semi finalists of last year's League were non-University colleges, it appears that this restriction is not now necessary.

Two quarter-finals of the Purcell Cup are scheduled for Saturday next—Carysfort College, who are hosting the competition this season, travel to play Polytechnic Belfast and Thomond College go to play Regional College, Carlow.

St. Pats. who were drawn to play Regional College, Letterkenny, got a walk-over. The fourth game is fixed for Santry next Saturday week when Mary Immaculate, Limerick, play St. Mary's, Belfast.

The Leinster Colleges' Council, who run their senior and junior championship on the league system in zones through the first term, met last Saturday to arrange the play-off of both competitions.

There were eight zones in the senior competition. The winners and runners-up of each enters the Senior A Championship, the remaining teams take part in the Senior B Championship.

### SENIOR DRAW

The draw for the Senior Championship is as below:

- A—Callan Mercy v Wicklow V.S.
- B—Castlecomer Pres. or Kilkenny V.S. v Ballyhale V.S.
- C—Athy Mercy v Clane Pres.

D—Mountmellick Pres. Winner in Zone 1.

F—Bunclody F.C.J. or Carnew v Thomastown V.S.

F—Runner-up of Zone 1 v Killocock Pres.

G—Terenure Pres. v Enniscorthy V.S.

H—Kilmuckridge V.S. v Assumpiton, Walkinstown.

The Junior quarter finals are:

A—Kilmuckridge V.S. v Winners Zone 1.

B—Winners Zone 6 v Mercy, Callan.

C—Thomastown V.S. v F.C.J., Bunclody.

D—Assumption, Walkinstown v Pres., Killocock.

The semi-finals and finals will be played on February 10 and 24 respectively.

The Munster finals of C.C.D., the talent competition, will be held in St. Mary's School, Nenagh on Sunday next. Cork, Clare and Limerick have competitors taking part.

## Conventions everywhere!

THIS IS very much convention time in camogie circles with the remaining three provincial gatherings in Leinster, Munster and Ulster all due this weekend. The Connacht convention was held before Christmas.

The Leinster delegates will meet tomorrow in the Ormonde Hotel, Dublin (1.0) and will re-elect to the chair Mrs. Timmins, Dublin, who will be returned unopposed.

The honorary secretary, Mrs. Beatrice Treacy (Kilkenny) has a reasonably successful year to cover in her comprehensive report but somewhat surprisingly is against the continuance of the club championship. Miss C. Carolan (Wicklow), Miss E. O'Brien (Wexford), Miss D. Walsh (Wexford), Miss M. Cribben (Kildare) and Miss M. Fulham (Westmeath) have all been nominated for the Secretaryship.

Nominations for Treasurer are Miss M. Cribben (Kildare) outgoing and Miss P. Breslin (Dublin), while Miss S. Brack (Dublin) will be unopposed as registrar, a position she has held for some years past.

There are quite a number of nominations for selectors for the Gael-Linn Cup interprovincial competition and two of the motions are also concerned with this competition. Wicklow will ask that there be different selectors for the county junior and senior provincial sides and that girls chosen to play for their province be asked in advance if they wish to do so.

### CHAIR VACANT

The Munster Convention takes place on Sunday at the Queen's Hotel in Ennis. Miss Mary Moran (Cork) is retiring from the chair after her three years in office. There are three nominees for the post—Mary Neylon, May O'Halloran and the present secretary, Miss Eithne Neville, but I understand Miss Neville will not go forward, but will continue as secretary.

Mary Casey will be unopposed as treasurer, while there are three candidates for the vice-chair—Carrie Clancy (Limerick), Rose O'Leary (Cork) and Rev. P. Cooney (Waterford) while Maureen Saunders and Anne Marie Hynes have been named for the position of registrar.

There are only four motions for discussion, all from Clare.

The most important of these will ask (a) that the Munster senior championship be played

prior to the first round of the All-Ireland senior championship and (b) that the Munster Junior Championship be finished by the first Sunday in May, which seems a very early date for the conclusion of a provincial competition.

Incidentally, Leinster will also be discussing motions dealing with the provincial championships. Wexford will ask that the Leinster championships be played in June, July and August without specifying any grades, while Kildare will ask, in effect, that the minor championship in the province start before the junior competition.

The Ulster Convention will be held on Sunday at Magherafelt but the Agenda is not yet to hand.

### PURCELL CUP

On the playing fields the principal events this week-end are the remaining quarter-final of the Purcell Cup competition for the non-University Higher Institutes and two quarter-finals of the Ashbourne Cup (Universities Championship).

This match will bring the holders, Mary Immaculate Training College Limerick, up against last year's League winners, St. Mary's Training College, Belfast. This game will be played on the Dublin University Grounds at Santry, and the survivors will advance to the semi-finals which will be played on February 3, with the final the following day.

The host college this year is Carysfort Training College, Blackrock, and the semi-final pairings are: St. Patrick's, Drumcondra v Thomond College; Polytechnic, Belfast v St. Mary's or Mary Immaculate.

### ASHBOURNE CUP

In the Ashbourne Cup, the holders, University College, Galway, on home ground, must be fancied to get the better of their Dublin rivals from U.C.D., while University College, Cork, should not be unduly troubled at the Mardyke by their visitors from Queen's, Belfast. Maynooth and this year's host college, the New University, Coleraine, are already through to the semi-finals.

## Convention Sunday

DELEGATES from all over the southern province will travel to Ennis on Sunday for the Munster Convention, at which Mary Moran of Cork will be making her final address to the Council. On the playing field there is only one game listed, the under-16 championship semi-final in which old rivals Killeagh and Na Piarasigh meet.

And in her secretary's report, Eithne Neville pays tribute to Mary, thus: "Mary has put a tremendous amount of work into camogie at all levels and has done so efficiently and without any fuss. Our thanks are due to her for all she has done here in Munster, particularly at colleges level and coaching."

Incidentally, Mary has already been nominated for the highest post in the Association — that of president, to succeed Mrs. Agnes Purcell whose three year term ends with Congress in March.

There are two nominees for the council chair — Mary Neylon and Mary O'Halloran, but at the end of the day the council will have a Clare chairman as both ladies are from that county.

Cork secretary Rose O'Leary, who has given such sterling service to the Cork County Board, is in the running for the position of vice-chairman. The present vice-chairman, Sr. Angela, is not going forward, but Rose

will have competition from Carrie Clancy of Limerick and Rev. P. Cooney of Waterford.

Mary Casey of Cork is unopposed as treasurer and Eithne Neville retains her post as secretary, but there will be an election for the position of Registrar with Maureen Saunders (outgoing) (Clare) having competition from fellow Clare nominee Anne Marie Hynes.

There are only four motions listed for convention. The first calls for the Munster senior championship to be played prior to the first round of the All-Ireland senior championship, and the second asks that the Munster junior championship be finished by the first Sunday in May. The third asks that for all competi-

tions under the auspices of Munster Council the referee shall not be of the home county, while the fourth calls for a neutral referee for all finals.

There will be keen competition in the only game listed for the weekend, the under-16 championship semi-final in which two of the best under-age teams in the county meet. This fixture had to be cancelled before Christmas because of bad weather but should only serve to increase the interest in the outcome. Both have a number of inter-county stars on their side, but Killeagh, with Fidelma O'Connor, Anne Marie Landers, Shelly Spillane and Marie Kelly look to have the edge over an Imelda Cronin, Mary and Helena Fox and Martha Kearney inspired Na Piarasigh.

Sunday — At the Queens Hotel, Ennis: Munster Convention, 2.30 p.m.

At Killeagh: U-16 championship: Killeagh v. Na Piarasigh, 3 p.m. (Referee Watergrasshill).

### KILLEAGH REACH ANOTHER FINAL

Killeagh 4-2; Na Piarasigh 0-0. The score in no way indicates the true trend of play in this U-16 Cork County Camogie semi-final at Killeagh yesterday. Killeagh won but the city side fought every inch of the way before bowing out to a side that had five of their senior string on duty.

Killeagh now find themselves in another County final and on Sunday next they meet Watergrasshill in the County Senior Club championship. For the losers, Imelda Fox and Margaret Kearney were outstanding, while Killeagh had little weaknesses.



## Munster camogie convention

Delegates at the annual convention of the Munster Camogie Council in Ennis yesterday decided that the Provincial senior championship be played prior to the first round of the All-Ireland series.

In the election of officers, Mary Neylon of Clare was chosen as chairperson for the coming year, and the other officers are: Vice-Chairperson Rose O'Leary, Cork, Treasurer, Maura Ni Cathasaigh, Cork, Secretary Eithne Neville, Limerick, Registrar Mary Saunders, Clare.

All the Munster counties with the exception of Waterford were represented at the gathering. The championship draws resulted as follows:

Senior Limerick v Clare, Cork v Tipperary.

Junior Div A Tipperary v Waterford, Div B Kerry v Limerick. **WINNERS OF B v Clare.** Winners of A v Cork.

Under-18 Division A Kerry v Clare, Division B Waterford v Tipperary. **Winners of B v Cork.** Winners of A v Limerick.

Under-16 Division A Tipperary v Waterford, Division B Clare v Kerry. **Winners of A v Cork.** **Winners of B v Limerick.**

Munster inter-club championship Div A Waterford v Cork; Div B Kerry v Tipperary. **Winners of A v Limerick.** **Winners of B v**

## Queens tough opener for U.C.C. in Ashbourne

By JOAN MORLEY

The Ashbourne Cup Inter-Varsitys Camogie competition gets under way for U.C.C. tomorrow when they entertain Queens University, Belfast, in the preliminary round at the Mardyke (2.30 p.m.).

Despite last year's defeat in Belfast, when U.C.C. took the Ashbourne Cup, the Cork College are determined to win it back this year. They have lost a number of last year's side, including Mary Walsh, Mary Roche, Margo Twomey, Aedin McCarthy and Marie Kearney, but to offset this they have been lucky to get such players as Anne Delaney and Margaret Murphy, two very promising first years.

In addition they have the services of such players as Noelle O'Driscoll and Carmel Mulcahy, who, with Anne Delaney, were members of the Cork junior panel which reached the All-Ireland final in September.

The U.C.C. team is captained by Noreen Courtney from Castlegregory in Kerry.

The panel is: M. Hanrahan, B. Mitchell, M. Lynch, M. Murphy, C. Mulcahy, T. Ryan, A. Delaney, N. Egan, B. Golden, N. O'Driscoll, N. Courtney (Capt.), M. Murphy, V. Murphy, E. Courtney, E. Collins, R. O'Dowd, J. Mitchell, J. Healy, L. Kennedy, A. Kelleher, M. McCarthy.

Queens are a tough and skilled team and the Cork girls will need to be at their best if they are to reach the semi-final of the Cup.

## U.C.C. HAD SCORING POWER

U.C.C. 4-2; Q.U.B. 0-1

U.C.C. qualified for a place in the semi final of the Ashbourne Cup Inter-Varsitys competition in a closely-contested match at the Mardyke yesterday.

The Cork girls put up a great performance against a skilled and determined Queens team, who were handicapped by their inability to score. A tremendous goal from Noreen Courtney in the opening minutes was invaluable as a boost to the Cork side and further scores from Noelle O'Driscoll, Margaret Murphy and Ann Delaney left Cork well in the lead at half time.

In the second half Queens maintained their share of the play and the only scorer for Cork in this period was Noelle O'Driscoll while Queens got their solitary point.

U.C.C. now meet Maynooth in the semi finals which will be played when the Ashbourne proper is held in Coleraine over the weekend, February 10-11.

Scorers U.C.C. N. O'Driscoll (2-1), N. Courtney and M. Murphy (0-1 each), A. Delaney 0-1, Queens: Mavee O'Hagan (0-1).

## Camogie Success at Munster Finals

At the Munster finals of the camogie Cool caint agus Damhas competitions at the Mercy Secondary School, Nenagh, on Sunday last, Clare representatives captured three titles. There was a disappointing attendance, one of the reasons probably being the fact that the Munster Scor na nOg finals were held on the previous night in Thurles.

In the figure dancing section Wolfe Tones na Sionna were adjudged the winners while the Kilmihil quiz and novelty act teams were both successful. In the other competitions Ann Hassett (recitation) and Mary Garvey (instrumental music, both of Kilmihil, and the Cranny group singing team were all narrowly beaten.

### MUNSTER CONVENTION

The Munster camogie convention will be held at the Queens Hotel, Ennis on Sunday commencing at 2.30 p.m. and all clubs are urged to send along representatives.

The Clare camogie convention

was held recently and proved very successful. Out-going chairperson Mary Neylon who didn't seek re-election praised the clubs for their efforts in promoting the game and congratulated the winners of the various competitions during the year. She had a special word of praise for the Clare minor team which won the Munster championship and also for their trainer Jim Cooney.

Fifteen clubs were affiliated to the board in 1978 and this was an increase of three: Ml. Cusack, Kilmihil and An Droichead-on the previous year. The number of registered members at 400 also showed an increase.

The following officers were elected: Chairperson Mary O'Halloran, Ruan; Sec. Marie McNamara, Clooney, Treasurer Maureen Davoran, Eire Og, Registrar, Maureen Saunders, Kilmihil, Munster Council Delegate Maureen Davoran, central committee delegate, Mary Nealon, Kilmihil, PRO Catherine McNicholas, Eire Og, Munster convention - Marie O'Halloran and Maureen Davoran.

## Exciting draw in Munster final

Loreto, Youghal 2-2  
Scoil Mhuire, Cashel 1-5

Loreto Convent, Youghal, and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel will have to meet again to decide the destination of the Munster Senior Colleges Camogie Championship trophy. On Saturday at Burgess, Killeagh, these sides finished all-square in the final.

A draw was probably the best result on the day, as neither side deserved to lose, but no doubt Loreto, chasing their first ever Munster title, will regret their many missed chances, particularly in the first-half, when they were most effective in containing the Scoil Mhuire star forwards. At half-time Loreto trailed by 1-2 to 1-0 when one felt they should have been in the lead.

The second-half was a marvellous affair with many dramatic moments. There was the wonderful goal-keeping by Loreto's Patricia Fitzgibbon, the Loreto goal by substitute Fiona O'Loughlin, which put them in the lead, a disputed "point", the dramatic late equaliser by Cashel's Caroline Kelly, and the last minute free by Patricia Fitzgibbon, which could have brought victory to Loreto but which was brilliantly saved by the Scoil Mhuire defence.

Now Loreto, who had the best players in Patricia Fitzgibbon, Patsy Keniry, Anna Marie Landers, Barbara Kirby, and Mary Power, and Scoil Mhuire, who were beset by Anne Fitzgerald, Eithne Bonnar, and Majel Hallinan, will meet again two weeks time in Cashel.

Scorers: Loreto: Fiona O'Loughlin 1-0, Marie Kelly 1-0, Mary Power and Patricia Keniry 0-1 each. Scoil Mhuire: Regina Mulligan 1-0, Caroline Kelly 0-2, Majel Hallinan 0-2.

Loreto: P. Fitzgibbon, Walsh, M. O'Sullivan, Motherway, P. Keniry, A. Landers, C. O'Neill, B. Kirby, F. O'Connor, M. Power, Kelly, B. Shanahan.

Sub: Fiona O'Loughlin, B. Shanahan.

Scoil Mhuire: U. Cummins, A. Anglin, E. Lawrence, Kelly, K. Maxwell, Morrissey, E. Bonnar, Fitzgerald, M. Fogarty, McCloskey, G. Mulligan, Hallinan.

Sub: C. Curran for McCloskey.

Referee: Mary M. (Cork).

## Eire Og Camogie Club A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of the Eire Og Camogie Club was held in Srelane Hall recently. The chairman Rose O'Leary in her address spoke of the great achievements of the club during 1978. Eire Og retained the Senior Co. Championship, won the Junior 'A' and Under 18 championships, along with three members (novelty act group) bringing an All-Ireland C.C.D. to the club, and Nancy O'Driscoll captained the Cork team to All-Ireland honours at senior level.

Officers elected for 1979 were as follows: President, John Lyons; Chairman, Ros Ni Laoire; V-Chairman, Eileen Galvin; Sec. Teresa Kelleher; Treas., Hilda Kelleher; Registrar, Eileen Kaganagh; P.R.O., C. Malone; Youth Officers: Ann O'Keeffe and Teresa Murray. Delegates to Co. Board: Marian McCarthy and Eileen Galvin. Senior Club Captain: Ann Brennan.

It was also decided to recommend to Co. Board that Nancy O'Driscoll captain the Cork Senior team for this year.



Eire Og twins, Clare and Theresa Kelleher, photographed at the Eire Og Camogie Club Annual Dinner at the Muskerry Arms Hotel, Blarney, Co. Cork, with the Munster and All-Ireland Minor Camogie Championship Cups and the Cork Junior Club Championship Cup which they helped to win for their county and club, respectively.



# Galway to defend 'varsity crown

By TAOBH LINE

THE Ashbourne Cup, the Inter-varsity Camogie series, is arranged for New University of Ulster in Coleraine for the first time this weekend.

The sixty-four-year-old competition took on a new format when Ard Choiste set up a Higher Education Council six years ago. All seven Universities joined in the competition and have been competing since that time.

University College, Cork, had dominated the competition since the seven colleges entered until Galway broke that run of victories last year. Galway had not won the Cup since 1968 and Dublin, who have the record number of titles — 27 — have not been victorious since 1971.

Queens, who are competing since 1933, Maynooth, N.U.U. and Dublin University have yet to write their names on the Cup.

Queens and U.C.D. are out of this year's competition, having been defeated by U.C.C. and U.C.G., respectively. Maynooth got a walk-over from Trinity, who were late organising so the semi-finals on Saturday are: Maynooth v U.C.C. (1.30); U.C.G. v Coleraine (3.0)

The Shield semi-final between Queens and U.C.D. will be played on Saturday also. The finals on Sunday are: Shield — Winners of above v Trinity (2.0). Cup (3.0).

### HELD UP

All provinces are busy trying to make up for time lost during the bad weather on the college scene.

Ulster got their full first round matches completed in Junior and Senior last Saturday and are now ready for the quarter-finals on Saturday next. The pairings are:

**Senior** Letterkenny v Coleraine; St. Marks v St. Louis; Kilkeel; Bawnboy v Virginia; Cootehill v Armagh Tech.

**Junior** — Letterkenny v Clady; Coleraine v Stranorlar; Virginia v St. Louis, Killeel; Keady v Bawnboy.

### DRAW IN MUNSTER

The Munster Senior final between Cashel and Youghal ended in a draw, 2-2 to 1-5, last Saturday.

Youghal started well, getting an early goal, and it was not until just before half-time that Cashel took the lead and were 1-2 to 1-0 in front at the interval.

Both sides found the going hard on the sticky ground after the interval, so a draw seemed a fitting result. The replay is fixed for February 24.

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### UP TO SCHEDULE

The Leinster Colleges are up to schedule on one side of their championship and Thomastown V.S. play Presentation Terenure in that semi-final on Saturday. On the other side, Kilcock play Dunlavin to decide who goes forward against Athy or Clane, and the ultimate winners will play the winners of Castlecomer and Mountmellick or Baltinglass in the second semi-final.

The Ulster Convention, which reconvened at Maghera last Sunday, had an excellent attendance. Eight of the nine countries were represented. Mrs. Mary Lynch, who finished her three-year term in office, was congratulated for the excellent work which she had done for the Council. She is succeeded by Miss Maureen Smyth, who has been associated with camogie in County Antrim for fifty years.

The remaining officers elected were: Vice-chairman, Mrs. M. Lynch (Monaghan); Treasurer, Rev. Fr. Davies (Down); Registrar, Mrs. Rosina McManus (Antrim).

All those nominated for Secretary withdrew so a new election will have to take place.

## Camogie Captain



Noreen Courtney, captain of the U.C.C. camogie team.

# Ashbourne Cup — U.C.C. panel

The University College Cork panel of Camogie players engaged in this weekend's Ashbourne Cup games at Coleraine are:

**Marian Hanrahan (H. Dip.)** Native of Co. Limerick. Marian plays in goal. She has been on the Ashbourne panel for the past four years and has three Ashbourne medals.

**Marianne Lynch (3rd Arts)** Plays full back and is a native of Co. Monaghan. She plays with the Co. team and this is her third year on the "A" panel. She has one "A" medal already. Marianne is also treasurer of the U.C.C. club.

**Bernie Mitchell (2nd Arts)** Plays with Blarney. This is her second year on the panel but first time on the team. She plays corner back and is sister of John Mitchell ex-U.C.C. and Cork goalie. Bernie is also secretary of the club.

**Carmel Muleahy (2nd Arts)** Plays centre half back and Glen Rovers is her home team. First time on the Ashbourne panel, only because she was unable to travel to Belfast last year. Carmel is a Cork Junior star.

**Teresa Ryan** Native of Co. Tipperary. Teresa is a second electrical engineering student and this is her second year on the panel. She plays centre field.

**Mary Murphy (4th Science)** This is Mary's fourth year on the panel and she has two Ashbourne medals already. She plays for Ballinora in the corner back position.

**Anne Delaney (First Arts)** Ann plays with Glen Rovers at centre-field. She is making her debut on the U.C.C. team this year and she is also a Cork Junior player.

**Noreen Egan (3rd Arts)** Native of Castlegregory, Co. Kerry, and plays with Castlegregory, her home team. This is her 3rd year on the panel and

she has one Ashbourne medal already.

**Bernie Golden (2nd Law)** Played with Mt. Mercy and St. Finbarrs Club. Bernie played centre field last year on the Ashbourne team, this year she will be playing centre forward.

**Noelle Driscoll (2nd Arts)** plays with Eire Og. Noelle is sister of Nancy O'Driscoll, who is the Captain of the Cork senior team. Noelle herself was on the Cork junior panel this year. She plays centre forward.

**Margaret Murphy (1st Arts)**—Margaret plays with Ballinora at full forward. She has an All-Ireland minor medal and an All-Ireland School medal with St. Als.

**Vivienne Murphy (First Med. Student)** She plays with GLEN Rovers and is ex-captain of their junior team. Vivienne plays corner forward and this is her second year on the Ashbourne panel.

**Eithne Courtney** Sister of Noreen, she also plays with Castlegregory, in the centre half forward position.

**Elaine Collins** Plays with Old Als (First Arts). She plays corner back and she has an All Ireland schools medal with St. Als.

**Joan Healy** First Arts student. Joan is a native of Co. Kerry and she also plays with Castlegregory. She plays corner back.

**Jacqueline Mitchell** Second Civil Engineering student, and sister of Bernice. Jackie also plays with Blarney and is sub-goalie on the U.C.C. team.

**Rita O'Dowd** Native of Limerick city. Rita plays corner forward and she is a pre-dental student.

**Noreen Courtney** (4th Commerce student), (captain). Native of Co. Kerry she too plays with Castlegregory. She plays corner forward and this is her fourth year on the panel. Noreen has two Ashbourne medals.

## 'Ashbourne' again for Galway

By AGNES HOURIGAN

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

UCG retained the Ashbourne Cup and won the trophy for the twelfth time when they defeated Maynooth College at Coleraine yesterday.

Galway, who were well held in the first half, had a real opportunist in forward Patricia Moroney who scored all their four goals. They opened the scoring with a well taken goal and led by 1-1 to 0-2 at the interval.

Best for the winners were captain Rosaline Lynch, Josephine Burke, Mary Naughton and of course goal poacher Patricia Moroney. Best for Maynooth were Chris Silke, Geraldine Carey, Marie Shore and Angela Downey.

Scorers—Galway — Patricia Moroney, 4-0, Rosaline Lynch, 0-2; Maynooth—Angela Downey 0-4.





*It's just  
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ordered*

Dr. Finbarr Holland, staff, UCC, and coach of the college camogie team, giving advice to the team during their training at the Mardyke in preparation for the Ashbourne Cup this weekend. (Examined)



The Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, team (above) and the Munster Senior Colleges' camogie line.

# Home Venue Should Favour Cashel

TWO weeks ago Loreto Convent, Youghal, and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, contested a most exciting final of the Munster Senior Colleges championship at Burgess, Killeagh, and the game ended in a draw. Now these sides meet again tomorrow this time at Cashel, and we can surely look forward to another thriller.

On tomorrow also the Munster Junior Colleges championship will be decided in an All-Limerick final between St. Paul's, Kilfinane, and Presentation de la Salle, Hospital. And on Sunday there are seven League games listed.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, playing at home, must begin as favourites to take the Munster Colleges title, when they meet Loreto, Youghal in the replay of the final. In the drawn game Cashel did not reach the same heights as they did against St. Patrick's Shannon in the semi-final, with their usually deadly forwards in subdued mood. Of course, the Youghal defence, and particularly Pat Fitzgibbon in goal, made a great hand of holding the fancied Cashel forwards and if they can repeat this tomorrow, then they would have a very good chance of upsetting the odds. However, they will have to strengthen their attack, as they surely rest at the end of the drawn game, that they had thrown away some gift edged chances, which if taken, would have given them their first Munster title.

The fact that Youghal did

manage to hold such top class forwards as Majella Hallihan and Gina Mulligan, should give them a certain confidence and if their top players including Pat Fitzgibbon, Patsy Keniry, Barbara Kirby, Anne-Marie Landers and Fidelma O'Connor can reach peak form then Loreto must have a very good chance of taking that elusive title.

But Scoil Mhuire will be a tough nut to crack with such marvellous players as Eithne Bonnar, Caroline Kelly, as well as their illustrious forwards, bound to be more effective on home soil.

### ALL-LIMERICK

The Junior final which is an all-Limerick affair should be a cracker with both St. Paul's, Kilfinane and Presentation De La Salle, chasing their first Munster Championship title.

In the only Junior 'A' League tie listed for Sunday, there will be keen competition between Junior champions Eire Og, who can call on Clare Kelleher, Sheila O'Brien, Joan Shannon and Mary Donovan, and Ballyphehane who have fine players in Margo Sugrue, Ber Byrne and Aisling Dent.

Pick of the Under 16 games must be that between Glen Rovers and Na Piarsaigh. Both these sides have a sprinkling of intercounty players with Clare Hackett, Ann Delaney, Geraldine Murray, Ger Donovan and Sandy Fitzgibbon, fielding for Glen Rovers and Martha Kearney, Helena Fox, Mary Fox, Clare McCarthy and Imelda Cronin, playing for Na Piarsaigh.

In other under 16 ties Castlemagner and St. Fannahan's could end on level

terms but Ballincollig should be too good for Ballinora.

In the Under 16 campaign Youghal should have too much experience for Fr. O'Neill's, while Churchtown should gain both points at the expense of St. Catherine's.

Two Cork Co. Championship draws were made recently and resulted as follows:

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Intermediate: Preliminary Round: A. Sarsfields v Inniscarra; First Round: B. Winners of A. v Carrigrohilly C. Blarney v Eire Og.

Finally a word about registrations. Clubs who have not registered for 1978 are requested to do so on or before Monday next, February 19.

### FIXTURES

Saturday: At Bruff: Munster Junior Colleges final: St. Paul's Kilfinane v Presentation de la Salle, Hospital, 11.30 a.m. (ref. M. Moran, Cork).

At Cashel: Munster Senior Colleges Final: Scoil Mhuire Cashel v Loreto, Youghal 3 p.m. (Ref. C. Clancy, Limerick).

Sunday (All games at 3 p.m.)

At Ovens, J.A.L., Eire Og v Ballyphehane (Ref. Inniscarra).

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At Ballincollig: U18L, Ballincollig v Ballinora (Ref. Ballinora).

### NOT PLAYED

The Munster junior colleges final between St. Paul's, Kilfinane and Presentation de la Salle, Hospital, fixed for Bruff on Saturday, was not played as one of the colleges failed to arrive for the fixture.

## DREAM START FOR CASHEL

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In Saturday's replay the Cashel girls had a dream start as top forwards Majella Hallinan and Regina Mulligan scored a goal each in the first five minutes. However, the Youghal girls did not give up and after that first nightmarish five minutes they gave the star-studded Cashel forwards very little room. In fact, in the second period the winners only added two points to their half-time tally of 2-2 to Loreto's 1-1. But in spite of the marvellous display from the Loreto defence, the forwards once

again missed chances, and although they did reduce the arrears by a goal and a point in the first period, they failed to score even once after the resumption.

Scoil Mhuire, who had their best players in Anne Fitzgerald, Eithne Bonnar, Majella Hallinan, Regina Mulligan and Caroline Kelly, were the better side overall and deserved their hard fought victory. But spare a thought for the gallant Loreto, with such fine players as Vera Motherway, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Mary Power and Maeve O'Sullivan, who lost their second successive Munster senior final.

Scorers: Scoil Mhuire, M. Hallinan 1-1, R. Mulligan 1-0, C. Kelly 0-3. Loreto: M. Power 1-0, F. O'Connor 0-1.

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Officers elected at the Ulster Camogie Convention were:  
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**ULSTER COLLEGES**  
CAMOGIE — Ulster Colleges  
Finals: Seniors—St. Louis Kil-  
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Junior—Virginia V.S. 3-1, St.  
Mary's, Clady 1-1.



**40 YEARS AGO**

ST. ALOYSIUS "A" scored an 11-2 to 1-0 win over South Presentation, when they met in the opening round of the Cork Secondary Schools camogie league at Sharman Crawford Street Grounds, where the teams lines out as follows. St. Aloysius — N. Wrenne, E. Aberne, K. Nolan, M. Hegarty, P. Hegarty, A. Leahy, N. Casey, M. Hobbs, M. Riordan, J. Nugent, D. O'Regan, M. Horgan. South Pres. — N. Ryan, B. Buckley, K. Byrne, B. Donegan, P. Prior, D. Hennessy, K. Cogan, M. Cody, F. Murphy, M. Earley, K. Crowley, P. Healy.

The Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, team (above) which met Loretto Convent, Youghal, the Munster Senior Colleges' camogie final at Burgess, Killeagh, on Saturday

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# CAMOGIE ROUND-UP

For the first time in many years, Camogie in Limerick was governed by an all ladies committee. This decision was taken at annual convention and proved to be a good one.

The county committee elected was: chairman, Mrs. Carrie Clancy; Secretary, Mrs. Christina Greensmyth, treasurer, Miss Hannie Carroll, vice-chairman, Miss Geraldine O'Brien and assistant secretary, Miss Breed Stokes.

Eithne Neville, Geraldine O'Brien, Lizzie O'Dea, Carrie Clancy, Hannie Carroll and Bernadette O'Brien were the county selectors. Senior County trainer was Eithne Neville and Carrie Clancy managed the under age.

Ballygran retained the county senior championship, defeating Croagh/Kilfinny in the semi-final and in the decider, Ahane failed to field a team.

The dramatic decline in the fortunes of the Ahane club is a big blow to camogie in the county and we can only hope that they will be back again in the near future.

Bruff scored a notable double, winning the junior league and championship.

Ballinvreena captured the under 16 and under 18 championships.

Croagh/Kilfinny had their moment of glory at Kilkenny when they won the Feile na nGael competition, the first



**FEENAGH/KILMEEDY JUNIOR CAMOGIE TEAM**  
 (Back row: left to right): Eileen O'Keefe, Mairita Murphy, Anne Walsh, Margaret Barry, Joan Fitzgerald, Mary Angelo Moore, Anne Roche.  
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time the honour has come to Limerick.

Four teams remain in the under 21 championship and the stage is also set for the final of the senior league. It is expected that both these competitions will be played before

mid-December. The following line-outs won the various championships.

**BALLYAGRAN (Senior)**, H. Butler, A. Fahy, G. O'Brien, B. O'Brien, L. Hayes, P. McCarthy, M. Murphy, M. Carroll, C. Morrissey, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, B. Murphy, M.M. O'Keefe, I. O'Leary.

**BRUFF (Junior championship and league)**: K. Mulcahy, C. Tuohy, M. Corbett, H. Culhane, C. McCarthy, N. Hourigan, H. Clifford, M. Noonan, M. Clifford, M. Hogan, M. Clifford, M. Cunningham, E. Moloney, A. McGinley, K. Culhane, P. Ryan.

**BALLINVREENA (Under 18)**: B. Shanahan, J. Burke, A. Condon, H. Sullivan, G. Carroll, M. Sullivan, A. Sullivan, E. Burke, J. Crowley, A. Sullivan, M. Shanahan, M. O'Rourke, M. Murphy, B. Hanly, N. Davern, N. Quish.

**BALLINVREENA (Under 16)**: M. Walsh, J. Crowley, O. Quinn, A. Slattery, B. Fitzgerald, V. Carroll, A. Sullivan, E. Bourke, M. O'Rourke, A. Sullivan, B. Shanahan, E. Murphy, C. Gubbins, M. Shanahan, C. Quish.

**CROAGH/KILFINNY (Under 14 and All Ireland Feile na nGael Champions)**: K.

Keogh, M. O'Mahony, N. O'Brien, M. O'Donoghoe, J. Dundon, J. Murphy, M. Guiry, T. Enright, R. Fitzgerald, A. Sheehy, A. Shanahan, H. Barrow, M. Greaney, G. O'Mahony, M. Clifford, A. O'Gorman, H. Lenihan, N. Murphy, B. Shanahan, V. Fitzgerald.

**CROAGH/KILFINNY (Under 12)**: T. O'Brien, S. Mackessy, G. O'Mahony, L. McCarthy, N. Murphy, J. O'Brien, J. Dundon, M. Keogh, N. O'Donoghoe, H. Greaney, M. McKeown, H. Barron, V. Fitzgerald, E. Hannon, P. Scanlon, M. Boyce, T. Fitzgerald.

**ST. PAULS, KILFINNANE (Vocational Schools)**: J. O'Donnell, J. Bourke, A. Condon, H. Sullivan, J. Crowley, E. Burke, M. Sullivan, A. Sullivan, M. Shanahan, A. Sullivan, E. Sheehy, M. O'Rourke, M. Walsh, B. Shanahan, M.T. Fitzgerald.

**CROOM (Primary Schools)**.

**KNOCKAINEY (Primary Schools Div. II)**: Nora Cunningham, Breeda O'Brien, Teresa Byrne, Stella Foskin, Elizabeth O'Grady, Margaret McDonagh, Margaret O'Reilly, Helen McDonagh, Geraldine Houlihan, Bernadette Byrne, Anne McDonagh, Eileen

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# Special Rules Congress

IN recent weeks Killeagh have contested two finals — the Senior Club and the Junior "B" Championship — and lost both. On Sunday they take part in yet another final, this time the Under 16 Championship, and are hoping that it will be third time lucky for them. The remainder of Sunday's fixtures are made up of Junior "A", Under 18 and 16 League ties.

The Under 16 Championship final promises to be a very exciting game as both clubs have put a lot of effort and time into coaching and training their underage teams in the past few years.

The Killeagh team will be captained by inter county star Fidelma O'Connor and have other experienced players including Anne Marie Landers, Barby Kirby, Mary Spillane and Marie Kelly. For their part Blackrock will be depending on Joan Hyde, Judy Deasy and her sister to see them through.

Delegates from all over Ireland will be getting together this weekend in Dublin to attend the special Rules Congress. Two of the biggest changes to be debated will be the top crossbar — so long a bone of contention — and one calling for the dropping of the stick to be regarded as a foul. Cork Co. Board are in favour of the first of these but

against the second. Cork also suggest that line balls be placed by the free taker instead of the line umpire. Of course, these are only a few of the suggested changes that the delegates have to decide on on Sunday, but they, along with all the other decisions, will have a bearing on all camogie players in the future.

The Cork senior selectors met last week and have picked the same panel as last year to go into training. However, selectors are making it clear to the players that the panel can be changed at any time. The panel is: Marian McCarthy, Nancy O'Driscoll, capt., Marian McCarthy, Eileen Kavanagh, Mary Geaney (all Eire Og), Pat Moloney, Marion Sweeney, Catherine Landers, Betty Joyce, Marie Costine (all Killeagh), Patricia Riordan (Ballinlough), Mary O'Leary and Angela Higgins (Watergrasshill), Kathleen Doherty (Blarney), Marie Ryan, Clare Hackett, Annette O'Donovan (Glen Rovers), Clare Cronin (Old Aloysians), Marie O'Sullivan (St. Finbarr's), Margo Twomey (Canovee).

Tom Nott has also been appointed to continue as trainer.

## LEAGUE GAMES

There will be a number of interesting clashes in Sunday's League games. In the Junior "A" campaign Ballinlough, who reached the Championship final, and with Cork senior Patricia Riordan, her sisters Breda, Geraldine, and Rosalie and Mary Maher, should account for Canovee in spite of Cork senior Margo Twomey and minors Anne Lee and Una Downey. Ballyphehane, with Clare Cronin, Aisling Dent, and Hilary Walker, could also take points here at the expense of Aghabullogue who have fine players in Sarah O'Shea, Eileen Noonan and Eileen Barrett.

In the Under 18 League Na Piarsaigh should account for Nemo, Douglas could take the points from Bishopstown; St. Fanahans should come out on top against Castlemagner; and Eire Og should beat the young Ballinora side.

Finally clubs are reminded that next Monday night is the final night for handing in names and money for the St. Patrick's Day Tour of London.

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## U.C.C. SNATCH LATE DRAW

U.C.C., 1-4; ST. PATRICK'S 2-1

University College Cork and St. Patrick's will have to meet again to decide the destination of the C.C.I.A. special Higher Education Camogie League title. After extra time at the Mardyke on Saturday the sides were still locked together on a 1-4 to 2-1 scoreline.

With underfoot conditions anything but conducive to good camogie, it looked as if a puck of the ball was going to decide this thriller that ended on a 1-3 to 2-0 scoreline at full-time. Then when St. Patrick's edged in front with a point from a free by Jo Kehoe it looked all over but a last desperate effort by the home side produced a similar score from Noelle O'Driscoll and the final went to a replay.

U.C.C. were best served by Noelle O'Driscoll, Carol Mulcahy, Mary Murphy and Noreen Egan. Best for St. Patrick's were Frances Murphy, Ann Rattigan and Jo Kehoe.

Scorers for U.C.C.: E. Courtney 1-0 and N. O'Driscoll 0-4. St. Patrick's: B. Shinnars and N. Purcell 1-0 each and J. Kehoe 0-1.

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St. Patrick's: T. O'Byrne, P. Hannigan, A. Rattigan, A. Ni Ghuidhir, M. Fogarty, C. Doherty, F. Murphy, F. Ni Shuilleabhain, J. Kehoe, B. Shinnars, M. Desane, N. Purcell.

## Sports Stars Awards

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Maureen Davoren (Camogie)

# C.C.I.A. League Final day in Cork

THE FINAL of the C.C.I.A. League which is played off in three zones — Northern, Eastern and South-Western — is scheduled for Saturday next.

St. Pats, who defeated the Purcell Cup winners, Belfast Polytechnic, last week-end will have to travel to Cork to face University College who scored an unexpected victory over Maynooth in last Saturday's second semi-final.

This victory is all the more meritorious as, since the League started, the Universities of Cork, Dublin and Galway have only been allowed to play four of the previous years Ashbourne team. In this year's Ashbourne semi-final Maynooth were decisive winners over Cork's full side.

At this year's Annual General

Meeting a motion to end this situation was passed so in future all colleges will be free to play their best twelve.

The final is fixed for Cork at 2.30.

The scene is also set for the All-Ireland Colleges semifinals. The Senior ties, scheduled for Saturday next, will be played at Thomastown and Athenry.

### RETAINED TITLE

The Leinster finals, held up by the inclement weather, were played last Saturday. Holders, Thomastown V.S., retained the Stuart Cup when they defeated Presentation Castlecomer and Assumption. Walkinstown defeated Thomastown's Junior side.

Thomastown's opponents in the senior semi-final will be Pre-

sentation Convent, Cashel, while Athenry, the All-Ireland holders, will be at home to Ulster Champions St. Louis, Killeel in the second semi.

The Connacht champions, Athenry, have a wonderful record in this competition. They still have the services of such experienced and skilful players as Anne Burke, Una Jordan and Anne Morris, all of whom have represented Galway and Connacht.

Their opponents, Killeel, scored a surprise victory over the Ulster title-holders Loreto, Coleraine.

Athenry may prove, especially

on home ground, too experienced for their Northern visitors and should advance to yet another final — their seventh in succession.

Cashel, the Munster champions, who were held to a draw by Loreto, Youghal in the Provincial final, were deserving winners in the replay at home. They may have benefitted from this extra game and could surprise Thomastown even though they have home advantage.

The Special Congress to discuss the proposed new Playing Rules passed off without a great deal of discussion.

The controversial top crossbar motion which has been a recommendation for about fifty years, was overwhelmingly defeated. The main arguments

put forward were that these were an unfair advantage in a final to the team who was accustomed to playing with the points scoring space.

### VOTED AGAINST

The proposed new rules which were drafted by the Rules Committee and amended by Ard Choiste, proposed that the dropping of the stick should be a foul, but the delegates voted against this.

Some felt it was one of the skills while the minority argued that it could be a dangerous tactic.

The entire Association extends sympathy to Ard Runai Seosaimhíá Ni Ualldreach on the recent death of her father. May he rest in peace.



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# Another first for Cork

By MAOL MUIRE TYNAN

To enhance Cork's great year of triumph, Pat Moloney took the B+1 Line Camogie Personality of the Year award. Though she played with the winning All-Ireland side, it was a prize that came to her as a result of her individual, personal efforts in all her displays of '78.

Pat is from Killeagh (Cork) and recalls that life as the only girl in a family of boys was indelibly affected by sports; camogie was an inevitable choice for her and now she has reached one unforgettable goal in that career which has brought her to the forefront of women's sport in Ireland.

"I didn't begin playing with a team until I started school at the Presentation Convent, Youghal", says Pat. "We lost more than we won, but it was great for us". At the time, Old Al had the reigning camogie team in Cork's schools, but the strong tradition in Youghal left Pat with a zest for the game and desire to see it played in more schools.

In Fifth Year, Pat joined Cork's Junior side. The following year she won an Intermediate title and in her third year with the county side she united with the Senior team. She was to make seven appearances in All-Ireland finals between 1970 and '78, winning four-in-a-row ('70-'72) and coming back to win her fifth last season.

Her College years not only brought her academic achievements — she starred in the camogie show also, playing as left winger and during her years with U.C.C., the college won four Ashbourn titles. Pat left with a degree in Social Science, and joined her home club, Killeagh. Prior to this she had played with them during holiday months only; it was not permissible to play with College and Club then.

Pat works in Cork and continues to help Killeagh; she has already aided them to senior status. She is the fourth camogie

player to receive the B+1 Line G.A.A. Personality of the Month Award. Bridget Doyle (Wexford '75), Bridie Martin (Kilkenny '76) and Angela Downey (Kilkenny '77) took the laurels prior to this.

Presenting the bronze trophy of Cuchullain to Pat, Mr. Ronnie Delany said, "I hope this award makes some contribution towards furthering the game of camogie which is too often regarded, in some quarters, as the Cinderella of the G.A.A."

In reply, Pat enthused about the award, explaining that it would mean much to both herself and to the game of camogie. Modestly, she continued: "I hope that in some small way I will be able to do something for the great game that camogie is".

She finishes, "I hope that I can live up to all that this award entails" . . . No doubt you will, Pat.



Pat Moloney, Cork, was selected as the B + 1 Camogie Player of the Year. At the presentation were Maurice Moloney, Ronald M. Delaney (Assistant Chief Executive B + 1 Line), Pat Moloney, Mrs. Nell Moloney and Eamon Larahin.

## Cork Players Bound For London

St. Patrick's weekend will be spent in London by over 260 Cork camogie enthusiasts, and their itinerary includes two exhibition games.

The trip was organised by the Cork County Board and includes the usual London attractions, such as Petticoat Lane, while St. Patrick's night will be spent

at the National Irish Club, Kilburn. A hectic time would seem to be in store for all those who travel and at the same time they are helping to swell the coffers of the County Board, who stand to get a percentage of the profits from the trip.

Both games will be played on Sunday afternoon, with a Cork "A" and "B" team playing an exhibition game at 3 p.m. and another Cork selection meeting Limerick club Croagh-Kilkenny in a seven-a-side curtain raiser at 2 p.m.

The full All-Ireland winning Cork team will not be travelling although the Cork sides selected have eight of that successful team in their midst — four on each side. So obviously the selectors have chosen evenly balanced sides capable of putting on a top class exhibition game.

The Cork senior players involved in the "A" team are Marie Costine (Killeagh), Patricia Riordan (Ballinlough), Angela Higgins (Watergrasshill) and Mary O'Leary (Watergrasshill). And the remainder of the "A" side is Marie O'Sullivan (St. Finbarr's), Breda Landers (Killeagh), Mary Whelton (Glen Rovers), Christine Pinfield (Douglas), Liz Lynch (do.), Mary Nott (Glen Rovers), Sarah Ryan (Nemo Rangers) and Annette O'Donovan (Glen Rovers).

The "B" side has Marie Ryan (Glen Rovers), Catherine Landers (Killeagh), Claire Cronin (Old Aloysians) and Marian Sweeney (Killeagh) of the

All-Ireland side, and they will be assisted by Rose O'Leary (Eire Og), Mary Maher (Ballinlough), Marie Coughlan (Na Piarasigh), Ann Marie Landers (Killeagh), Claire Hackett (Glen Rovers), Maria Power (Youghal), Rosarie Riordan (Ballinlough) and Claire Kelleher (Eire Og).

The Cork seven-a-side team will be selected from Ann O'Shea (Redmonds), Teresa Kelleher (Eire Og), Ann Lee (Canovee), Masie O'Brien (Watergrasshill), Mairead O'Callaghan (do.), Dina Fenton (do.), Claire Higgins (do.), Paula Giggins (Na Piarasigh), Marian Twomey (do.) and Mary Sheehan (Nemo Rangers).

The party leaves Cork at 8.30 p.m. on Friday evening, arriving in Swansea at 6.30 a.m. and then travels to London where they arrive at approximately 12 noon. They have a free Saturday afternoon, and then attend the Irish Club, Kilburn that evening for St. Patrick's Day Ni She).

Sunday will include a visit to Petticoat Lane and the matches, and the party will leave London at approximately 4 p.m. and arrive back in Cork on Monday morning at 8 a.m.

In the only local fixture of the weekend St. Fanahan's meet Dungourney in the Under-18 League at Mitchelstown. Dungourney have won all their games in the League to date and must be fancied to take both points again on Sunday, thus clinching a place in the semi-final stages.

### FIXTURES

Sunday—At Mitchelstown: U-18 L., St. Fanahan's v. Dungourney (Ref. Castle-magner), 3 p.m. At London: Exhibition Game, Cork "A" v. Cork "B", 3 p.m. (Ref. M. O'Callaghan). Seven-A-Side Game, Cork Selection v. Croagh-Kilkenny (Limerick), 2 p.m. (Ref. Lee)

## Thomastown get to final stage

THOMASTOWN V.S. .... 1-0

PRESENTATION ..... 0-1

THOMASTOWN Vocational

School reached the final of the Leinster Senior Camogie Championship when they defeated Presentation, Terenure, in the semi-final at Thomastown yesterday. The only scores of the match came in the first ten minutes, both teams lacking finishing power to notch up further scores.

Best for the winners were Hazel Diamond, Joan Lanigan and Olive Galway, while Edel Murphy, Una Clancy and Rosemary O'Connor tried hard for the losers.

SCORERS: Thomastown: Olive Galway (1-0). Presentation: Edel Murphy (0-1).

### CAMOGIE

PRESENTATION ..... 3-1

KILCOCK ..... 2-1

PRESENTATION, Castlecomer,

won the other semi-final to make an all-Kilkenny final. They defeated Scoil Bride, Kilkenny, in a close and exciting encounter at Castlecomer yesterday. The half-time score was 1-1 to 1-0 to Castlecomer.

SCORERS—Castlecomer: Anna Whelan (1-1), Helen Crennan (1-0), Aileen Lynch (1-0). Kilkenny: Irene Miggins (1-0), Brenda Doherty (1-1).

Results — Leinster Colleges' Minor Championships — Wicklow Vocational School, 2-1 (Mary Kearns 2-1); Carnew Vocational School, 1-0 (Anna Darcy 1-0).



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# Champions dethroned

Honours were divided — as regards provinces—in the all-Ireland colleges camogie finals at Croke Park yesterday. Presentation Cashel sprang a mild surprise when defeating holders Presentation Athenry in the senior final, while a lively Mercy Convent, Roscommon side was too good for St. Paul's Kilfinane in a low-scoring junior decider.

## Cashel coup

CASHEL ..... 3-3  
ATHENRY ..... 1-3

Although facing the stiff breeze, holders Athenry opened in confident fashion in their senior final and took an early lead against a hesitant Cashel defence.

An injury to one of their stars, Anne Delaney, seemed to upset the Galway side, however, and, though she resumed, the initiative had now passed to Cashel, who had two great goals from clever forwards Regina Mulligan and captain Majella Hallinan, to leave the Munster champions ahead 2-1 to 1-1 at half-time.

Athenry could make little headway against a much steadier Cashel defence after the interval and another good Mulligan goal some 10 minutes from time clinched victory for the Tipperary school, which last held this title two years ago.

Best for the winners were Caroline Kelly, Ann Fitzgerald, Sheila Morrissey, Regina Mulligan and Majella Hallinan. Though their customary stars as Ann Burke, Anne Delaney, Una Jordan and Mary Kelly had their moments for Athenry they were well contained in the second half.

Scorers — Cashel — R. Mulligan (2-0); M. Hallinan (1-0); C. Kelly (0-3). Athenry — M. Kelly (1-0); A. Burke (0-3).

ATHENRY — A. O'Shea; M. Murnhy; S. Higgins, A. Burke, N. Gannon; H. O'Shaughnessy, A. Delaney, C. Cannon; B. McDonagh, U. Jordan, A. Norris; M. Kelly, Sugs — M. Leahy for Delaney; Delaney for Leahy; Leahy for O'Shaughnessy.

CASHEL — U. Cummins; E. Anglim; M. Maher, C. Kelly, K. Maxwell; E. Lawrence, E. Bonnar, A. Fitzgerald; M. Fogarty, S. Morrissey, RR. Mulligan; M. Hallinan. Sub — C. Curran for Kelly; Kelly for Fogarty.

Referee — Mrs. N. Murray (Antrim).

## Mercy's 'first'

ROSCOMMON ..... 1-2  
KILFINANE ..... 0-1

Mercy Convent brought the first-ever camogie All-Ireland to Roscommon when they defeated St. Paul's Kilfinane in the hard-fought junior final.

Wind-assisted in the first half, the Roscommon girls all but camped in opposing territory, but missed a world of easy chances and looked far from safe when they only led by 1-2 to nil at the break.

But, though Kilfinane, in turn, dominated play after the interval, their forwards made no headway against a stubborn Roscommon defence and could only muster a single point.

Best for Roscommon were goalkeeper Catherine Carty, Mairead Mitchell, Catherine Middleton, Geraldine Keane and Joan O'Shea, while Mary Walsh, Olive Quinn, Eilish Burke and Valerie Carroll were most conspicuous for Kilfinane.

Scorers: Roscommon — J. O'Shea (1-0); M. Mitchell (0-2). Kilfinane — V. Carroll (0-1).

ROSCOMMON: C. Carty; C. Middleton; D. Daly, G. Keane, M. Mitchell; P. O'Connor, M. Lyons, E. White; M. Coyne, J. Rodgers, J. O'Shea; M. Rodgers.

KILFINANE: M. Walsh; O. Quinn; P. Walsh, N. Mee, A. Quish; N. Hanley, E. Burke, A. Sheehy; M. Shanahan, V. Carroll; P. Duggan; P. O'Sullivan.

Referee: Miss S. Murray (Dublin).

# Athenry Again Contest Final

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE All-Ireland Senior and Junior Colleges finals are arranged for Croke Park tomorrow. Presentation College, Athenry, the holders, take on the Munster champions, Presentation Convent, Cashel.

In the Junior, Mercy Convent, Roscommon, face the Munster champions, St. Paul's, Kilfinane.

Athenry, who come here with an outstanding reputation, are contesting their sixth All-Ireland title in a row and have been champions on three occasions, '74, '75 and '78, while the contenders, Cashel, were the champions in 1977 and are the 1978 Junior Champions, an honour they also held in 1976.

Both Junior finalists are contesting their first final. Roscommon reached the semi-final last season but lost to the eventual winners Cashel while Kilfinane are Munster cham-

pions for the first time.

The Connacht champions seem to be the stronger side, yet when these two counties met in the 1977 Final, Presentation Cashel won the day, although the Athenry girls were the favourites to take the Cup.

While Athenry had an easy passage in their own province, Cashel had a hard road. They defeated a very strong side from Shannon and their Munster final with Loreto Youghal ended in a draw, before Cashel won the replay 2-4 to 1-1.

In the Junior semi-finals, Roscommon defeated Virginia Vocational School and Kilfinane got the better of Assumption Walkinstown.

In the senior game such well-known players as Anne Burke, Anne Delaney, Anne Morris, Una Jordan and Annette Ryan field for Athenry.

Cashel will expect such players as Eithne Bonner and Majella Callinan to sway the verdict in their favour.

For Kilfinane Nuala Mee, Agnes Sheehy, Valerie Carroll and Ailish Burke are fine players and Mairead Mitchell, Pauline O'Connor and Jackie Rogers are well up to standard for Roscommon.

Mary Moran, Cork, was elected as the Association's President in succession to Mrs. Agnes Purcell who completed her three-year term of office.

Miss Moran started her camogie career at school. While working in Dublin, Mary was a prominent member of the Celtic club and won All-Ireland Club championship medal with her adopted club.

On returning she became Chairman of the Board—a position she held until last year. She trained the Cork senior side and to win three All-Ireland titles and runners-up in three others.

The new President has been Chairman of Munster Council, is secretary of the All-Ireland Colleges Council, is one of the two National coaches, as well as being chairman of the coaching Committee.

The fourth national finals of Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa, the association's talent competition, which took place at Ballymun Comprehensive School last Saturday night were an outstanding success.

Each province took home at least one trophy, while Ulster won back the shield for the most successful province from Munster.

The complete list of winners is: Solo instrumental music — Mary O'Callaghan (Cork); Ceilí dancing — Atticall (Co. Down); Solo singing — Mary Clifford (U.C.D.); Novelty act — Cumann Uí Chonaill (Dublin); Ballad group — Orammore-Maree (Co. Galway); Recitation — P. Flanagan (Monaghan); Question time — Swatragh (Co. Derry).

## Spotlight

falls on talent!

By TAOBH LINE

THE NATIONAL finals of Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa, the Camogie Association Talent Competitions will take place at Ballymun Comprehensive School tomorrow (7.0). Clubs from as far north as Derry, as far south as Cork, and clubs from Dublin to Galway, will take part in the programme.

Mary Nott, the Cork Chairman, is representing Munster in the Solo Singing while another well-known Cork official, Mary O'Callaghan, is Munster's choice for Instrumental Music.

Noreen Sheridan (Tipperary) will be in the Recitation Competition while two Clare clubs are competing. Shannon — Ceilí Dancing Kilmihill are in the Question Time and Novelty Act. Castlemagner, Cork, represent Munster in the Ballad Group.

### DOWN'S FIVE

Down won five of the seven competitions in Ulster. Ceilí — Atticall, Novelty — Clonduff, Ballad Group — Kilkeel, Teresa Mullen Belleview — Solo Singing, and Rosin Rogers (Dundrum) Solo Instrumental. Pauline Flanagan, a Monaghan official, won the Recitation and Swatragh Derry are the Question Time contestants.

Naomh Aoife are representing Leinster in the Question Time and Instrumental Music while Scoll Uí Chonaill contest the Novelty Act and the Ballad Group Competitions. Mary Clifford, Colaiste na hOllscoile, is Leinster's representative in the Solo Singing, Janet Keohane Kilmore, is in the Recitation Competition, and the Meath Club, Kentstown, won the Ceilí Dancing in Leinster.

The Honours in Connacht were divided as follows:—

Solo Singing — Mary Shelock (Roscommon Gaels), Solo Instrumental — Liam Dillon (Ballymacward), Ceilí Dancing — St. Dominic's (Roscommon), Ballad Group — Orammore-Maree, Novelty Act — Ballymacward, Recitation — Edel Gormley (Ballymacward), Question Time — Roscommon Gaels.

### JUNIOR SEMI-FINALS

The All-Ireland Junior Colleges semi-finals will be played on Saturday. Mercy, Roscommon, who reached this stage last season, but had to give best to the eventual winners, Presentation Cashel, will travel hopefully to Virginia, to play the local Vocational School, who are Ulster champions for the first time.

The second game will be played at St. Paul's School, Kilfinane, who are hosts to Assumption Convent, Walkinstown.

Both schools have performed well in their own provinces. Walkinstown have the services of three Dublin minor players, Maria Kerr and Yvonne and Aileen Redmond.



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PAIRC AN CHROCAIGH

1.45 SOISEAR

SCOIL POL  
Kilfinane.

v SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMAI  
Roscommon.

Reiteoir: Sheila Murray, Dublin.

3.00 SINSEAR

COLAISTE NA TOIRBHIRTE  
Athenry

v SCOIL MHUIRE  
Cashel

Reiteoir: Nancy Murray, Antrim.

# CASHEL GIRLS DEVASTATE THE CHAMPIONS

**BY JOAN MORLEY**  
Scoil Mhuire Gan Smaí  
(Roscommon) 1-2  
Scoil Pol (Kilfinane) 0-1  
Scoil Mhuire (Cashel) 3-3  
Colaiste na Toirbhirte  
(Athenry) 1-3

The devastating scoring power of that Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, trio of Regina Mulligan, Majella Hallinan and Caroline Kelly once again proved lethal on Saturday when the Cashel girls kept the Munster flag flying at the All-Ireland Colleges camogie finals at Croke Park by taking the senior title from the fancied holders, Colaiste na Toirbhirte, Athenry. In the junior final, however, Scoil Pol, Kilfinane had to concede defeat to Scoil

Mhuire Gan Smaí, Roscommon. The Athenry college with so many Galway senior inter-county players on their team, started as hot favourites to retain their All-Ireland senior crown. But that gallant band from Cashel had other ideas. The Scoil Mhuire girls, playing with the wind in the first half, had a rather shaky start and gave the Athenry forwards too much room, leaving them through for a quick 1-1 to make the holders look very good indeed in the opening quarter. But then came two chances and two marvellous goals for Cashel and Scoil Mhuire were right back in the game with a bang, leading at the interval by 2-1 to 1-1.

The game was a marvellous affair after the interval full of excellent camogie. Scoil Mhuire tightened up their defence considerably and the expected onslaught from the Westerners came, but it was not quite as effective as expected, with Galway seniors Anne Burke, Anne Delaney and Una Jordan playing well below their best. In fact Athenry's best players were Maura Murphy, Sadie Higgins and Anne Morris. But the big stars of the game were Majella Hallinan, the Cashel captain, Regina Mulligan and Caroline Kelly, who tormented the Athenry side throughout, and with marvellous support from Anne Fitzgerald, Sheila Morrissey

and Kay Maxwell they gradually gained the upper hand and ran out worthy winners. Incidentally, this was Scoil Mhuire's fifth successive year in Croke Park and in that time they have won two junior and two senior titles, with their first senior coming in 1977. **Scoil Mhuire:** U. Cummins, A. Anglim, M. Maher, C. Kelly, K. Maxwell, E. Lawrence, E. Bonnar, A. Fitzgerald, M. Fogarty, S. Morrissey, R. Mulligan, M. Hallinan (capt.). Subs. C. Curran for C. Kelly; C. Kelly for M. Fogarty. **Colaiste na Toirbhirte:** A. O'Shea, M. Murphy, S. Higgins, A. Burke, N. Gannon, H. O'Shaughnessy, A. Delaney, C. Cannon, B. McDonagh, U.

Jordan (capt.), A. Morris, M. Kelly. Subs. M. Leahy for M. Delaney; A. Delaney for M. Leahy; M. Leahy for H. O'Shaughnessy. This was a rather scrappy junior final which was dominated by a very strong wind. With both sides playing in Croke Park for the first time they were obviously nervous and both missed numerous chances. However, it was the Roscommon girls who did enough when playing with the wind in the first half to ensure victory as they led by 1-2 to nil at this stage. They failed to score after the interval, but Scoil Pol, who tried desperately after the interval, lacked the vital finish in front of goal and only managed a single point for the entire game.



# Mercy girls win title in thrilling final

Convent of Mercy, Roscommon — 1-2 St. Paul's, Kilfinane — 0-1  
In their first appearance in Croke Park, the Convent of Mercy, Roscommon, Junior Camogie team brought off a sensational victory over St. Paul's, Kilfinane, the Munster champions, on Saturday last to take the All-Ireland crown.

It was low-scoring but a very exciting game. The Roscommon girls dominated the first half but failed to make the best use of their chances. However, a great fighting spirit kept them in front and some great defensive work and goalkeeping in the final minutes captured the national title.

It was a splendid team performance and the victory was a reward for the girls' total commitment to training since last September.

In the Senior final Scoil Mhuire Cashel, prevented a Connacht Double when they defeated Presentation College, Athenry, the holders and favourites by 3-3 to 1-3.

These were two splendid exhibitions of camogie played at its brilliant best. The Cashel and Athenry visitors were regular visitors to Croke Park whereas, Roscommon and Kilfinane were making their first final appearance.

Neither of these teams showed any signs of inferiority complex and gave evidence of being two new strongholds of Colleges' camogie.

Roscommon travelled in force, in a very high spirited mood. The team members were oozing confidence and the supporters had every faith that their favourites would carry the day. From the very word go the supporters roused the team on, with their singing and cheering. It was reminded of Armagh's appearance in Croke Park in 1977 with the quantity of banners and flags carried by the Roscommon cheer gang.

The Convent of Mercy girls played the first half with the advantage of a very strong breeze. In the game, scores were going to be most vital in the first half. They pressurised their opponents' defence but were unable to turn their superiority into scores.

The game was more than 15 minutes old when Mairead Mitchell opened the scoring with a beautifully taken '30'. The same player recorded a similar score again from a '30' after 20 minutes.

In the 23rd. minute Joan O'Shea scored yet another very valuable goal for her school. Joan scored the winning goal against Virginia in the semi-final. She has a knack for getting crucial scores.

This was the final score of the half and Roscommon held a half-time advantage of 1-2 to nil.

Roscommon people wondered if this lead was going to be sufficient considering their team would have to face the very strong breeze in the second half.

Kilfinane were unable to break the resistance of the Roscommon defence and only managed to record one score, a point in this half.

Roscommon were held scoreless but had a sufficient lead built up in the first half.

In the first half the Roscommon team played some beautiful camogie. They concentrated on first striking of the ball. This

being capitalised on by the forwards who tended to roam too far outfield and were unable to meet the long through balls which were carried over the end line with the aid of the breeze.

In the second half Kilfinane, now aided by the breeze, decided on a ploy to take maximum advantage of the wind. They moved their wing forwards up near the end line at the Roscommon goal.

As expected the pressure was piled on the Roscommon goals, but happily the Mercy girls showed determined resistance throughout and each forward was so closely marked that little danger was threatened.

Roscommon depended on the quick breakaways in this half and also looked dangerous though not getting scores.

The Roscommon goalkeeper C. Curty was outstanding and she showed great anticipation in coming off her line whenever her Citadel was threatened.

The back-line played as a unit and combined excellently to give their goalie excellent cover. Catherine Middleton, Deirdre Daly, Geraldine Keane and Mairead Mitchell became more and more composed as the game progressed.

The midfielders must have covered every inch of Croke Park. They were here, there and everywhere. Here Roscommon had three superb performers Pauline O'Connor, Mai and Elizabeth Whyte and harassed their opponents from start to finish and allowed them no freedom in the middle of the field.

They were always help a hard pressed opponent one minute and went to other times to keep them on the Kilfinane defence.

The strong breeze makes it very difficult for the Roscommon quartet. Coyne, Jackie Rogers, and Marie Rogers gave Kilfinane back a very difficult and were very unfortunate to be narrowly wide with many efforts.

Mary Finneran, when on as substitute in the half, got very involved in the game and contributed to the victory.

Kilfinane made an contribution to this game though disappointment will be felt by so many friends by the result and the sport in which they accept.

There were wild celebrations when Pauline stopped up to take the land trophy from Mr Chairperson of the

Colleges' Camogie Board. It was a fitting climax to a wonderful day.

Convent of Mercy, Roscommon, reign supreme as All-Ireland Colleges' champions and it is now hoped that this success will rub off on the clubs and parishes of the county so that other schools from Co. Roscommon will come forward to challenge this supremacy.

The four participating teams were entertained at a reception in the Mater Dei Institute after the match.

Scorers for Roscommon: Joan O'Shea (1-0), M. Mitchell (0-2).

Team: C. Curty, C. Middleton, D. Daly, G. Keane, M. Mitchell, P. O'Connor, M. Lyons, E. Whyte, M. Coyne, J. Rogers, J. O'Shea, M. Rogers. Sub used: M. Finneran. The other subs were: K. Fallon, M. Quinn, A. Bevan, N. Hussey and M. Byrne.

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## Cashel girls win third All-Ireland title in a row

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel — 3-3.

Presentation, Athenry — 1-3.

Pitted against last year's All-Ireland champions, rated as rank outsiders and complete underdogs, Cashel headed for Croke Park last Saturday more with hope than confidence. However, despite the fact that the opposition had a galaxy of stars, including six inter-county senior players it was a day of joy for Cashel, when they captured their second senior title and their third All-Ireland title in a row.

The Cashel girls have now won four All-Ireland titles in five years — two senior and two junior.

This was a highly entertaining and exciting senior final with the outcome in doubt right up to the final whistle. Cashel, having played with a strong breeze, were merely ahead by 2-1 to 1-1 at half-time. The highlights of this opening half were a superb goal from a placed ball by Regina Mulligan and a second goal resulting from a devastating solo run by Majella Hallinan. The point came from a Caroline Kelly free.

The first fifteen minutes of the second half saw Athenry try everything they knew but the Cashel defence, in contrast to the first half, stood firm. This was when Cashel showed their true mettle and revealed their spirit, determination and enthusiastic dedication to the cause. The Athenry girls could only manage to add two points to

their half-time tally. Cashel, now playing much better, had a splendid goal from Regina Mulligan and two points from Caroline Kelly.

This was a day of days for the Cashel girls. They were a credit to Scoil Mhuire and their trainer Martin Quirke. Their performance on the field had to be seen to be believed, but it was above all a team effort. Majella Hallinan (captain) and Regina Mulligan (vice-captain) are names synonymous with goal scoring and it was their goals which paved the way for this great Cashel victory. However, they got excellent support from Ann Fitzgerald, Caroline Kelly and Michele Fogarty. Cashel held the upper hand at midfield where Elaine Lawrence, Eithne Bonnar and Carmel Curran reigned supreme. Ursula Cummins was coolness personified in goal and she played a major part in this victory, with some daring runs outfield. Aileen Anglin was sound at fullback. Half-backs Margaret Maher and Kay Maxwell gave their experienced opponents no scope whatever. Shiela Morrissey, marking the 'big gun' of the Athenry team (Ann Burke) played the game of her life. The Cashel girls can indeed be proud of their achievement. The sheer brilliance and scintillating performance of the Cashel girls in the last fifteen minutes exceeded our most sanguine expectations.

What a heart-warming scene was witnessed at the final whistle when our loyal supporters (ten bus loads and others) stormed

onto the field to greet their heroes and to carry Majella Hallinan shoulder high to the Hogan Stand to receive the cup from Mrs. Carmel Desmond, president of the All-Ireland Colleges.

On arrival back in Cashel of the Kings, the team received a royal welcome. The great turnout for the team's homecoming demonstrated how much the citizens of Cashel are behind Scoil Mhuire. With such wonderful support any team is bound to give of its best. Led by the Lermot O'Hurley Pipe Band, the team and its supporters made their way through the thronged streets of Cashel to the Presentation Convent Hall. Several speakers, including the Right Rev. Monsignor Dean Lee, Father Tom Ryan and Mr D. O'Brien, paid tribute to the team, their trainer Martin Quirke, William Prendergast and Sister Maureen. As Willie Prendergast said "This was indeed Scoil Mhuire's finest hour".

### TRAINING

Tipperary senior and junior camogie training will take place at Inch field on Sunday next, 15th April at 6 p.m. Every club is asked to send players. Tipperary's first senior game in '79 will take place in Cork against Cork on April 29th in the first round of the Munster championship.

Next Co. Board meeting on Saturday, 21st April in Inch Hall.

Under 14 Final — Temple-derry v Emly in Inch on Saturday, 21st April at 5 p.m.



# Mary Moran Could Be New President

WE could have a Cork camogie President for the next three years as Mary Moran is one of two nominees for the post which will be filled at next weekend's Annual Camogie Congress, to be held in the Hotel Blarney. On the playing fields there will be great activity also as no less than eight games are listed for the weekend.

Mary Moran needs no introduction to camogie followers in any part of the country as she has dedicated all her spare time to the games she loves, for many, many years. Among the positions she has held are: Chairperson of Cork Co. Board (10 yrs.), Chairperson Munster Council (four years), Secretary Munster Colleges, since its inception ten years ago, a Cork Selector, and trainer for a number of years, and in her playing days Mary won an All-Ireland senior medal with Cork.

Mary is one of the Association's two National Coaches, and with fellow coach, Ann Carroll, has put into print a Coaching Manual especially for our game. She is also an accomplished referee.

Mary's rival for the highest honour in the game, is Mrs. Mary Lynch of Monaghan, who like Mary Moran had given many years

of dedicated service to camogie, especially in the North of Ireland. Mary has served as Chairperson of both her County Board, and Provincial Council and has also refereed an All-Ireland final. Incidentally, Mary's daughter, Marian is at present fielding with U.C.C., where she is studying.

## FAVOURITE

From the nominations received Mary Moran would seem to be favourite for the position, but as a number of counties were not able to send in their nomination because of the postal dispute, their likely votes are not known. So the contest could still be very keen at the weekend, but Cork followers at least are confident that Mary will hold the reigns of the Association for the next three years.

In the past Cork have held this position on two occasions, Mrs. Lil Crowley in the 1940's and Mrs. Lil O'Neill, in 1965 to 67. And incidentally both these past Presidents are members of Mary Moran's own club Old Aloysians.

The new President be it Miss Moran or Mrs. Lynch, will take over from Mrs. Agnes Purcell, (Dublin) who has just completed her three-year reign, as a very popular Leader, having at all times given her time and attention to the smallest details, and travelling all over the

country to promote the games she loves so much. The thanks and well wishes of Congress will be with her on Sunday as she hands over to her successor.

The remaining officers of Central Council have all been returned unopposed for the coming season — surely the best possible tribute to them. They are General Secretary: Miss Jo Golden (Kilkenny), Treasurer: Miss Lily Spence (Antrim) and Mr. Sean O'Duffy (Dublin) Organiser.

Of course a great deal of time will be taken up at Congress with motions — there are 41 — and even more at the ratification of bye-laws — there are 108 of those. There are motions covering all aspects of the game, including, the new rules, affiliation fees, proper notification, appeals, dates for various All-Ireland competitions, uniforms etc., while the bye-laws include that old hardy annual, the double crossbar, which is at last to go, and no less than 40 different ones from the North American Camogie League, which seems to be flourishing at present.

So it will be a busy weekend for the administrators, in this the 75th Year of the Association.

1978 Junior B Champions, Carrigtwohill, applied to take part in the Intermediate grade this season and on Sunday they play their first game in the higher League, against Blarney.

In the Junior A. League there is a vital clash between Ballypheane and Ballinlough, as these sides play off for vital points, while there are three Under 16, one Under-18 and one Junior B. games also listed.

Finally congratulations to Mary O'Callaghan, of Eire Og, who emerged victorious at the All-Ireland C.C.D. Finals in Dublin last weekend, Mary took the title in the Instrumental Music Section.

## FIXTURES

Friday (30th) at Killeagh: Under-16 League, Killeagh v. Fr. O'Neills, 3 p.m. (Ref. Churchtown).

Saturday and Sunday at Hotel Blarney, Annual Congress (begins Sat. 10 a.m.)

Sunday: Under-16 League, at Blackrock; Blackrock v. Na Piarasigh 3 p.m. (Ref. Douglas); Eire Og v. Canovee 3 p.m. Under 18 League at St. Finbarrs; St. Finbarr's v. Glen Rovers 3 p.m. (Ref. S.P.P.P.) Inter League at Blarney; Blarney v. Carrigtwohill 3 p.m. (Ref. Inniscarra) B.L. at Cobh; Cobh v. Watergrasshill 12.00 (Ref. Sarsfields) J.A.L. at Nemo Rangers; Nemo v. Fr. Matthews 3 p.m. (Ref. Old Aloysians) at Ballypheane; Ballypheane v. Ballinlough 3 p.m. (Ref. U.C.C.)

## Mary Moran new camogie president?

THIS is the 75th year of the camogie association and it is very much on the cards that the new president, due for election this weekend, will be a Cork lady, Mary Moran.

Mrs. Agnes Purcell of Dublin completes her three-year term at the weekend and Mary's only rival for the position is Mrs. Mary Lynch of Monaghan.

Mary Moran of Old Aloysians needs no introduction to camogie followers as she has travelled all over the country in her capacity as one of two national coaches, and as a referee. Mary is also secretary of the Munster Colleges Council, and has held the chairmanship of both the Cork Co. Board and Munster Council.

In her playing days she won a senior All-Ireland medal with Cork and was later the Cork trainer, and a selector for many years. Mary is a completely dedicated member of the association, and would richly deserve this high honour should she be elected.

Mrs. Mary Lynch, too, has given invaluable service to the game, especially in the North, where she has served as chairman at both County and Provincial level. Mary is also a well-known referee and has been given the honour of refereeing an All-Ireland senior final.

From the nominations listed on Sunday's agenda, Mary Moran, is well ahead. However, as some counties — because of the communications dispute — were unable to send in their choice, there

are a number of votes still unknown, but at this stage at least Mary Moran seems to be the stronger contender.

The remaining members of Central Council have been returned unopposed for the coming year. They are general secretary, Miss Jo Golden (Kilkenny); treasurer, Miss Lily Spence (Antrim) and organiser, Mr. Sean O'Duffy (Dublin).

Congress will be held at Hotel Blarney, Cork, over Saturday and Sunday next.

With a hoped for improvement in the weather the Cork Co. Board have fixed eight league games for the coming weekend with vital points at stake in many of them. The fixtures are:

Friday: U-16 league, Killeagh: Killeagh v Fr. O'Neills, 3 p.m.

Saturday: and Sunday: Annual Congress at Hotel Blarney (beginning Saturday at 10 a.m.)

Sunday: At Blackrock: U-16 league, Blackrock v Na Piarasigh, 3 p.m.; at Ovens: U-16 league, Eire Og v Canovee, 3 p.m.; at St. Finbarr's: U-18 league, St. Finbarr's v Glen Rovers, 3 p.m.; at Blarney: Intermediate league, Blarney v Carrigtwohill, 3 p.m.; at Cobh: J.B.L., Cobh v Watergrasshill, 12 noon; at Nemo Rangers: J.A.L., Nemo v Fr. Matthews, 3 p.m.; at Ballypheane: J.A.L., Ballypheane v Ballinlough, 3 p.m.

## Ard Runai Call For New League

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE annual congress of the Camogie Association takes place at the Blarney Hotel, Blarney, tomorrow (10 a.m.) and Sunday (11 a.m.).

The congress papers, which embody reports from provincial councils, colleges' councils and sub-committees as well as the minutes of last Congress and a forward thinking report of the Ard Runai, Jo Golden, make up an impressive book.

In assessing the game, the ard runai suggests that there is an imbalance in standards, particularly in the junior counties, which is a cause of concern.

However, she maintains that the National League has proved beneficial to the junior provincial champions, who have permission to compete, and now proposes a league for the weaker counties which could be divided into two divisions.

While the ard runai commends the various second level councils for their work, she would like to see more colleges playing. According to the report, camogie is well established in the primary schools in over half the counties and this is very encouraging for the future of the game.

As the association is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, the secretary suggests ways to celebrate the occasion other than the National Walk, which is scheduled for May 6. The proposed appointment of

a fulltime officer is, in the secretary's opinion, a most important step forward, for it is no longer practical to run the association with voluntary workers alone.

Two candidates are nominated to succeed president Una Bean Uí Phuirseil, who completes her three-year term on Saturday. Mary Moran (Cork) is nominated by eleven counties and Mrs. Mary Lynch (Monaghan) is proposed by Monaghan and Derry.

Both candidates have long experience of administration in their own counties and at provincial level and are also well known referees.

Mary Moran, who is one of the National coaches, has been, with her fellow coach, Anne Carroll, instrumental in drawing up the coaching plan which is entering its third and final phase this year. She is also co-author with Anne of the camogie Coaching Book.

The remaining officers — General secretary, Miss Jo Golden (Kilkenny); treasurer, Miss Lily Spence (Antrim), and organiser, Sean O'Duffy (Dublin) are unopposed.

Since a special congress approved a new rule book only three weeks ago, the motions for discussion are mainly routine.





Miss Mary Moran, Bishopstown, Cork, who was elected to succeed Mrs. Agnes Purcell as President of the Camogie Association.

### New Camogie chief elected

The Camogie Association has a new president. Miss Mary Moran (Cork) was elected to succeed Mrs. Agnes Purcell (Dublin) who has completed her three year term, defeating Mrs. Mary Lynch (Monaghan) at the annual congress in Blarney yesterday. The first time congress has ever been held in Cork.

Miss Moran, formerly a well-known player both in Cork and Dublin has been chairperson of Cork County Board and of Munster Council, trained Cork teams to win four consecutive senior All-Ireland finals and is one of the Association's National coaches.

The other outgoing officers, Miss Jo Golden (Kilkenny), national secretary; Miss Lily Spence (Antrim), treasurer, and Sean O'Duffy, organiser, were all re-elected.



Una Bean Uí Phuirseil (left), the outgoing President and Miss Mary Moran, the new President, seen at the Annual Congress of the Camogie Association, at Hotel Blarney on Saturday.

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# MARY MORAN ELECTED CAMOGIE PRESIDENT

By JOAN MORLEY

MARY MORAN of Old Aloysians and Cork is the new president of the Camogie Association, a position she will hold for the next three years. This was the big news from the opening day of the Association's annual Congress, which was held at the Hotel Blarney, Cork over the weekend, with delegates from all over the country in attendance.

The outgoing president, Mrs. Agnes Purcell of Dublin, said it was a privilege to welcome the delegates to the first annual congress to be held in Cork "which has always been such a stronghold of our game.

The President said that this was a memorable year for the Association, which came into being in less enlightened times, when so many of the women of Ireland were too often restricted to getting little enjoyment out of life, other than that which was to be found in hard and ceaseless work.

"Nowadays," Mrs. Purcell continued, "our Association is countrywide and streamlined and has come a long way from its humble yet courageous beginnings; but there is work for us yet to do. However, with the basis of a nationwide organisation almost fully laid the Association is geared for a great step forward.

"And," she continued, "if ever we are to motivate all our members to put in the effort that will be necessary to ensure this advance, this, our 75th anniversary year, must surely provide that motivation."

#### WORD OR WARNING

Mrs. Purcell also spoke about young people in the Association, appealing to members to avail of every opportunity to instil into the rising generation a genuine love of our language, music, songs and dances. "But I want to sound a word of warning to those in charge of our very young members — please do not expose them unnecessarily to over-indulgence in alcoholic drink. I would hate to think that, through our Association, even one young life was ruined," she said.

The Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Brian Sloane, who attended the Congress, welcomed the delegates to Cork and said that it was particularly fitting that the Camogie Association should be celebrating the 75th anniversary in the same year as the Pearse and MacSwiney commemorations. He felt that this could give an extra injection of their sort of idealism to camogie in this special year.

He also said that it was a very opportune time for the extension of the game in that it was the Year of the Child and everybody was becoming more sports conscious. He concluded by saying that there was no better sport for the ladies of this country than our own national game.

#### G.A.A. TRIBUTE

Mr. Paddy O'Driscoll, Chairman of the Cork Co. G.A.A. Board, extended a cordial welcome to the delegates on behalf of the G.A.A. He paid a special tribute to the Cork Camogie Board on its work in promoting the game in schools, colleges, and the county generally. He said that the comradeship between the two County Boards was excellent and he hoped it would strengthen even further in the years ahead.

Mr. O'Driscoll paid a tribute to the outgoing President, Mrs. Purcell, for the great service she had given to the game and wished the new President every success.

There was only one election at the Congress with Mary Moran defeating Mrs. Mary Lynch (Monaghan) by 28 votes to nine for the presidency. The three remaining offices: Miss Jo Golden (Kilkenny), General Secretary; Miss Lily Spence

(Antrim), Treasurer, and Mr. Sean O'Duffy (Dublin), Organiser, were all returned unopposed.

Following the election many glowing tributes were paid to Mrs. Purcell who proved such a popular leader during her three-year term.

Miss Moran, in accepting her top post, said it was a tremendous honour, particularly in the 75th year, and she promised to work as hard as possible to build the Association. "One person can achieve little on her own," she said, "but if we all work together we can make our Association not only the strongest for women in Ireland, but one that we can all be proud of."

There was a sad note too when it was learned that one of the founders, and present Organiser, Mr. Sean O'Duffy, was unable to travel for the Congress.

There was a long list of motions as well as many recommendations for ways of celebrating the 75th anniversary. And in all it was a very busy weekend for the delegates.

Mr. Con Murphy, former President of the G.A.A., attended Congress yesterday and, when speaking to the delegates, complimented outgoing President Mrs. Purcell on her great leadership and the image of the Association that she put across the G.A.A. He also praised new President Mary Moran and said she deserved this honour for the great work she has done, not alone in Cork, but all over the country.

Mr. Murphy stressed the necessity of keeping the young people playing games. "The basis of our organisations is in the clubs and schools, and we should try to get the respect of parents, teachers and the schools. He said that apart from playing games, the G.A.A. hope to promote, through talks, ideals of good healthy living and the avoidance of the temptations and hazards of drinks, drugs, etc.

"It is a difficult time for keeping people involved in sport and there was a great obligation on the G.A.A. and camogie to help each other in this."



# Officers and delegates attend annual Camogie Congress



Two groups from the annual congress of the Camogie Association held at Hotel Blarney. At Left - the principal officers - from left - Miss Lily Spence, Antrim, re-elected Treasurer; Mrs Agnes Purcell, Dublin, outgoing President and Miss Jo Golden, Kilkenny, re-elected National Secretary. At Right - the Cork delegates, Pat Maloney, Killeagh; Rose O'Leary, Eire Og; Mary Nott, The Glen and Máira Ni Callaine, Inniscarra.



## New ideas come from convention

By JOAN MORLEY

THIS year the National Camogie League will be played off during the months of April, May and June, with the competition being completed before the All-Ireland championship begins. The Minor All-Ireland will have a different format this year also, with the semi-finals and final played over the same weekend, with each province in turn acting as hosts.

These were just two of the decisions taken at the Annual Congress of the Camogie Association, which was held at Hotel Blarney, Co. Cork over the weekend.

The decision to hold the National League early in the year will probably be welcomed by most counties as it will give them a chance to team build in time for the Championship.

I am not too sure about the popularity of the Minor changes, however. This motion, submitted by Ard Choiste only got through by the narrowest of margins and it will be interesting to see how it goes this season. Some delegates felt it would take from the competition as it is never easy to play two games in two days and those who won their semi-finals would have no time to enjoy their victory. Also, there is the chance that one finalist could have a tougher game in the semis than the other and would have no opportunity of recovering before the final.

### EXTRA EFFORT

Of course, the idea of a Minor weekend is an attractive one and many felt that it was worth the extra effort and expense to stage the Championship in this way.

A draw was made to decide which province would be the first hosts and as a result the four Minor Champions, will travel to Connacht.

For some time now the Camogie-Association have been looking for a National Insurance Scheme for all players under the auspices of the Organisation and this year two motions, both from Clare, were taken at Congress. One suggested a Scheme for Camogie alone, and the second suggested that Camogie might approach the G.A.A. with a view to linking up with their accident scheme.

### €23 PER CLUB

Mr. Con Murphy, former President of the G.A.A. who attended Congress on Sunday, discussed the idea of such a scheme with delegates and eventually it was decided to go it alone with Ard Choiste to organise a National Insurance Scheme. General Secretary, Jo Golden, had already made inquiries along these lines, and if all clubs were prepared to take part in the scheme, Insurance could be had for around €23 per club.

Another interesting motion concerned uniforms. This came from Ard Choiste,

and stated: "Should competing teams in any fixture from County level upwards have uniforms similar in colour both teams must change if requested to do so by the committee in charge."

Cork will be interested in this motion as last year in the Junior All Ireland final both Cork and Derry had red and white but only Cork had to change, and there was a certain amount of controversy.

There was a lengthy discussion on the call from Connacht that a League for weaker counties be run under the auspices of Ard Choiste, and this was passed unanimously.

### OFFICIAL CREST

There were a number of motions called for changes in trophies. Ard Choiste asked that the design of the Senior and Junior All-Ireland medals be changed that of the official crest of the Association, while Down asked for improvement, while the C.C.D. All Ireland trophies for the C.C.D. All Ireland awards. Both of these were passed.

Others motions concerning notification, legality of players, appeals, affiliation fees were passed, the latter bringing the Affiliation for each club to €12.

This is the 75th Anniversary of the Camogie Association and there are many suggestions for various celebrations. The main one, which is almost decided on is the National Walk on first Sunday in May, when every club in the country is expected to take part. It is hoped to raise a substantial sum from this walk, and outgoing President Mrs. Agnes Purcell, said that she thought this money could be invested and eventually used to help finance a full officer for the Association, an aim of the former President for some time. The camogie Association has proposed much that it is now practically impossible to run it on a part-time basis and a full time officer is fast becoming a necessity.

### GREAT DAY

The President also suggested that the might travel to Dublin for All-Ireland Final weekend, parade through the streets before the match, and for one day a year show the country how strong the Association really is and at the same time make All-Ireland Finals Day at Park the great day it deserves to be. Next year's Congress will be held in Down.

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# Camogie president has big ambitions

By Joan Morley

"I would like to see every girl in the country given the opportunity of playing camogie. By this I mean that I want to see the game spread into certain areas which are still neglected - even as close to home as West Cork." This is just one of the ambitions of new camogie president, Mary Moran of Old Aloysians and Cork.

Continuing in this vein, Mary said she would like to see more schools and colleges - at primary, secondary and third level - taking up camogie, especially in those schools where they have not already got a field game. To do this properly Mary feels that if the girls are to play and then maintain an interest, the Association must provide them with proper facilities, such as plenty of competition, coaching, etc.

In this, she says, the clubs have a great responsibility. The young players are coming into the game through Feile na nGael, Community Games, etc, and it is vital that clubs are geared to take over from there. Many clubs are highly efficient in this respect, but there is a great need for better administration at club level generally.

## MUCH TO OFFER

Mary would also like to see more players putting something back into the game when their playing days are over. Many top class performers finish with camogie once they stop playing. And they have so much to offer at club and county level, in coaching administration, refereeing and in many other ways. Mary also feels that many camogie players, both past and present, hold down responsible jobs and they could use their undoubted ability in helping to run clubs.

A full-time camogie officer is the dream of former President, Mrs. Agnes Purcell, and on this Mary feels that with the rapid expansion of camogie into Colleges, C.C.I.A., primary schools, coaching and so many other directions, the Association may have come as far as it can with voluntary officers and that a full time officer must be the next logical step. And such an official is certainly on the cards as the Association is already working towards collecting the necessary finance to realise this.

Another of Mary's ambitions is to see weaker counties coming more into the limelight and the National League for weaker counties, which was passed at Congress, might be a step in the right direction here. She would also like to see more senior counties in the game.

An official with Allied Irish Banks, South Mall, Mary was an accomplished player before retiring from the game three years ago. She began her playing career with St. Aloysius School and then went on to play for Old Aloysians with whom she won a Senior Co. Championship medal. Mary also



had the distinction of winning two Senior Dublin Co. Championship titles with Celtic, with whom she played following her transfer for a number of years to a Dublin bank. With Celtic she also won an All-Ireland Club championship title - an honour which has yet to come to any Cork club. On the inter county scene Mary won a senior All-Ireland medal with Cork in 1970 and then went on to become a selector and County trainer for a number of years.

The new President has always been interested in the administrative side of the game and has already served terms as Cork Co. Board Chairperson (ten years), Munster Chairperson (four years) and has been Munster Colleges Secretary since its inception ten years ago. She is also All Ireland Colleges Secretary.

Coaching has always been something very close to Mary's heart as she felt that it was something vital for the progress of the game. Mary and Anne Carroll of Kilkenny were appointed as the Association's national coaches only a few years ago and since then they have worked ceaselessly in this field. Together they worked on a camogie coaching manual - the first ever for the Association - which was published almost two years ago.

They have also travelled all over the country giving coaching courses and Mary is more than hopeful that by July of this year there will be at least three Grade A coaches in the country.

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Delegates from all parts of the country who attended the Annual Congress of the Camogie Association at Hotel Blarney on Saturday.



## CAMOGIE



Mary Moran President of the Camogie Association.

## MARY GETS HOT SEAT

**T**HE Camogie Association faces the season ahead under the guidance of a new President, but one who has already proved her worth in a variety of positions of responsibility. Mary Moran from Cork. During her playing days she served a good apprenticeship in St. Aloysius School in Cork, and, when she came to live and work in Dublin, won both Dublin and All-Ireland Club medals with Celtic.

But it was on her return to Cork that she began to make a real impression on the Camogie scene on a wider sphere. When she took over the County Board she revived the morale of the entire county. When she took over the management of the Cork County team she guided them to six successive All-Ireland finals of which they won four. When she became involved in the Colleges scene she worked unceasingly both in her native province and as Secretary of the Colleges Central Council. From her success with Cork teams her worth as a coach had been amply proven.

When subsequently appointed one of the two National Coaches she, in conjunction with the other National Coach Anne Carroll,

demonstrated a remarkable aptitude for passing on their own skills to others and between them they produced probably the best coaching book on any individual Irish sport.

In her three recent years as Chairperson of Munster Council she demonstrated another of her many talents, and indeed there is no aspect of Camogie with which Mary Moran has not been involved and none that she has not enhanced by her hard work, common sense and utter dedication. She is an excellent choice as President.

Congress having already accepted, with some revisions, the re-written playing rules had not a great deal to debate when it met in Cork for the first time ever. However one change in the rules must have brought regrets to many long-term followers of the game.

That was the decision to finally drop the second cross-bar which had been such a distinctive feature of the game for more than half a century. The reasons in favour of this decision were in themselves compelling. In many instances, since the second cross-bar became a recommendation in-

stead of a firm rule, teams found themselves playing in the early stages of a competition without the points-bar and then had to adapt to that second cross-bar in the most important games of all.

Secondly, at some venues, when provisional second cross-bars were provided, these were sometimes of varying heights, which imposed a further strain on the players. But still the deletion of that second cross-bar makes a heart-tugging break with some of the oldest traditions. The completion of the National League and Club championship competitions well before Christmas has led to a long, long closed season as far as inter-county competitions are concerned. It also means that most counties will now have a very active time through the months ahead.

The National League, which this year opens on May 20 has been extended to include thirteen counties, divided into four Zones as follows: (A) — Down, Monaghan, Galway. (B) — Clare, Limerick, Kilkenny. (C) — Derry, Antrim, Dublin, Wicklow. (D) — Tipperary, Cork, Wexford.

As a result, with the winners of each group going forward, the competition will for the first time have two semi-finals. The senior championship will once again be on the Open Draw system, with holders Cork at home to the 1976 and 1977 champions Kilkenny in the opening round on June 17. The remaining first-round pairings are, Derry v Dublin, Galway v Antrim, Tipperary v Down and Wexford v Clare with the first-named County having home venue in each case.

The junior and minor championships will, as usual, continue to be played under the provincial championship system, with the provincial winners meeting in the semi-finals.



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Delegates who attended the Cork County Camogie Convention at the Courthouse, Cork.

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# Cork's Fitness Might Shade It

Cork and Tipperary begin their senior intercounty season on tomorrow (Saturday) at Pairc Ui Chaoimh when they meet in the first round of the Munster Championship. On the club scene, the Cork Under-16 and Junior A championships get under way.

In the fifties and early sixties Tipperary were a major force on the camogie scene, and Munster Finals between Cork and Tipperary were marvellous occasions. However, for more than a decade Tipp have been in the doldrums but they now seem to be showing signs of coming back. They have marvellous players in Deirdre Lane, the Tynan sisters, goalie Mary O'Brien and Libby Howard, and following their narrow defeat by Clare in last year's All-Ireland they have been working at a better performance this year.

Cork for their part have announced their panel and are likely to field the All-Ireland winning side tomorrow. The Cork championships have begun and most of the players involved with Cork have played in this, which must help with

fitness. Cork's performance in last year's All-Ireland final was magnificent and if they can find that form again on tomorrow, they must win. But it is a new season, and a new game, and Cork would do well to remember that when these sides met in the League last year it ended in a draw with Tipperary's Deirdre Lane giving the Cork backs a lot of trouble.

**Cork Panel:** M. McCarthy (Eire Og), M. Costine (Killeagh), P. Moloney (do.), M. Sweeney (do.), B. Joyce (do.), C. Landers (do.), N. O'Driscoll (Eire Og) (capt.), M. Geaney (Eire Og), E. Kavanagh (do.), M. McCarthy (do.), M. Twomey (Canovee), M. Ryan (Glen Rovers), C. Hackett (do.), A. Higgins (Watergrasshill), M. O'Leary (do.), K. Doherty (Blarney), P. Riordan (Ballinlough), C. Cronin (Old Aloysians), A. O'Donovan (Glen Rovers), M. O'Sullivan (St. Finbarrs).

### COLLEGES SERIES

At the Fianna Grounds, Dublin, also on tomorrow, it will be the turn of the All Ireland Colleges Council to stage a special event as part of the Camogie Association's 75th celebrations. For the

first time an interprovincial colleges series is being organised, with Munster meeting Leinster and Ulster meeting Connacht in the semi-finals at 2 p.m. and the final at 3.30 p.m. on the same day.

Star Colleges performers will be in evidence in all four sides. Munster have Liz Condron, Majella Hallinan, Martha Kearney and Helen O'Sullivan; Leinster field Edel Murphy, Anne Holden, Carmel Higgins and Margaret Farrell; Connacht have Una Jordan, Anne Burke and Ann Morris, while Ulster will have Sarah Quinn, the 1978 top Under 18 player in the country in action.



Patricia Riordan (Ballinlough) in Cork's panel for Sunday.

**Munster team:** P. Fitzgibbon (Loreto, Youghal), H. O'Sullivan (Scoil Pol), P. O'Connor (Loreto, Youghal), C. Kelly (Scoil Mhuire, Cashel), A. Gallery (St. Patrick's, Shannon), C. Jones (do.), H. Mulcaire (Voc, Rathkeale), A. O'Sullivan (Scoil Pol), G. Mulligan (Scoil Mhuire, Cashel), M. Kearney (North Presentation, Cork), Liz Condron (St. Patrick's, Shannon) and M. Hallinan (Scoil Mhuire, Cashel) (capt.). Sub: L. Kinkant, A. O'Shea, E. Bonnar.

## Champions too strong for Tipperary

Cork 4-12; Tipperary 0-0

CORK made a successful start to the new inter-county camogie season when they had a rather facile win over Tipperary in the first round of the Munster Senior Championship at Pairc Ui Chaoimh on Saturday evening.

Tipperary played their best camogie in this game in the first quarter when they held the star-studded Cork forward line quite effectively. Deirdre Lane and Maolmhuire Tynan were their best performers and these two never stopped trying. But the All-Ireland champions, Cork, began to find their scoring touch midway through this half and in spite of playing against a very strong wind were ahead at the interval by 1-5 to nil.

On the resumption it was all one-way traffic with a feature of the game being the ability of so many Cork players to take scores. All four forwards, Mary O'Leary, Marion Sweeney, Pat Moloney and Mary Geaney were on the mark while centres Angela Higgins and captain Nancy O'Driscoll also scored. And in addition to these fine performances you had top players in Marie Ryan, Catherine Landers and Claire Cronin.

Overall Tipperary, although they never gave up trying to get into this game, were disappointing, but

Cork's performance, in spite of the absence of Marie Costine through illness, must auger well for the forthcoming clash with top notchers Kilkenny in the first round of the All-Ireland championship.

**Scorers—Cork:** M. O'Leary (2-4), M. Sweeney (1-2), N. O'Driscoll (1-1), A. Higgins and P. Moloney (0-2 each), M. Geaney (0-1).

**Cork:** M. McCarthy, M. Twomey, M. Ryan, C. Landers, P. Riordan, N. O'Driscoll, A. Higgins, C. Cronin, P. Moloney, N. Sweeney, M. O'Leary, M. Geaney.

**Tipperary:** H. O'Brien, M. Butler, M. Stokes, A. Ralph, B. Ryan, M. Hackett, D. Lane, S. Delaney, M. Tynan, B. Feehan, M. Maher, B. Hogan.



Cork full-forward Mary Geaney (left) and Tipperary corner-back Rose Ryan going for this high ball during the Munster senior camogie championship at Pairc Ui Chaoimh.



Cork's Pat Maloney racing ahead of Tipperary's back Rose Ryan.



Cork's captain Nancy O'Driscoll rounding a Tipperary defender to set her team attacking. .... (Examiner)



# CAMOGIE IN CLARE

This week, Clare News, starts a short series of articles dealing briefly with the various camogie clubs in the county. Last weekend saw celebrations to mark the 75th Anniversary of the formation of the Camogie Association.

In Clare, camogie has had a chequered career. But currently the sport is thriving — and this trend has all the signs of continuing.

This week we look at three clubs — Wolfe Tones of Shannon, Eire Og and Kilkishen.

## Wolfe Tones na Sionna

At present, Wolfe Tones are the holders of the Senior Championship in Clare and provided a nucleus of players for all the County teams which fielded in 1978. This is a very energetic and well organised club and their prominence in county championships has had a significant bearing on the successes of St. Patrick's Comprehensive school in Munster and All-Ireland Schools competitions in recent years.

Their achievements are considerable. They won the Senior Championship in 1976 and again 1978. In 1977 they weren't idle as they won both U 16 and U 18 Championships, a feat they repeated in 1978. To chronicle their wins here would almost be impossible, but they have a very sensible policy of promoting the game at under age levels which cannot but pay off in Senior competitions.

A significant number of Shannon players are always regular on the County sides. Players such as Liz Condon, Rose Kelleher/Doyle, Joan Tuohy, Eleece Fitzgibbon, Bridie McGill and Mary Dolan are well known on the Inter-County scene at all levels. Rose has also been Registrar of the Board, and it should be pointed out that Shannon was the only club, last year, to field teams in two grades, Senior and Intermediate.

Inevitably, with only two senior clubs in the County, there is bound to be keen rivalry between Shannon

and Eire Og, and this makes the matches where both are involved intense, exciting and hard-fought encounters.

Wolfe Tones have been a vital force in Clare camogie. Let's hope they continue to be so and to contribute their unquestionable talent to the County.

## Eire Og

To give a comprehensive picture of Eire Og's contribution to Clare Camogie would be well nigh impossible. They have, primarily, provided players for the County team. Names such as Margaret O'Toole, Maureen Davoren, Mary Griffin, Catherine Mc Nicholas, Pauline Ryan are just some who spring to mind from the immediate past. All of these, and others, played a most important part in the victory of 1974. Michael Brennan, who is probably one of the best known figures associated with Camogie in Clare, trained that All-Ireland team and has been trainer of the Clare Senior team, indeed, for many years.

Eire Og contributed more than most clubs to the running of the affairs of the Board. Until very recent years, it was most unusual to have a Secretary or Treasurer, and sometimes also a Chairman, who was not a member of the Eire Og Club. On the field of play, their achievements have been no less outstanding.

Last year's Senior Championship win by Wolfe Tones was a marked departure from the trend of the '70's, when Eire Og had a monopoly.

Lately this club has been concentrating more than

usual on the youth and, significantly, their under-age teams are beginning to make their mark.

Another notable feature of the Eire Og club is that their members have been willing to help new clubs and indeed some of them have been instrumental in getting new clubs started e.g. Newmarket and Kilmihil, to name but two.

## Kilkishen

The Kilkishen Club was formed in 1973 and since then has progressed to Intermediate rank, having won the Junior Championship in 1975. They reached the Junior final in 1974 but were beaten by Feakle. Caroline O'Connell from Kilkishen played on the U-18 Clare team which won the Munster Championship in 1978 when beating a much-fancied Cork team in the final, in Cork.

Although the present Club was formed in 1973, there was a club in Kilkishen way back in the early 1940's and the parents of some of the present club members recall travelling on bicycles and by foot to Clooney to play against Clooney.

Following an injury to a player pressure was put on those who were responsible for the players with result that camogie was as good as forbidden — it wasn't a "ladylike activity" in those days! The club has got a new lease of life this year, with the appointment of a trainer, Pat Donnellon, and some new players from neighbouring Tulla. One of the members, Mary Neylon was Chairman of Clare Camogie Board for the past two years and is at present Chairman of Munster Council.

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50 YEARS AGO

ST. ALOYSIUS advanced to the next round of the County Senior Camogie championship when they defeated Mallow by 6-1 to 2-0 at Mallow Town Park. The teams were — St. Aloysius: G. Cotter, M. Brennan, Horgan, L. Kirby, C. McAuliffe, N. Down, K. Donohue, M. Lawton, M. Harty, E. Riordan, V. Barry, McSweeney; subs. J. O'Dowd, N. Crowley, N. Riordan, O'Sullivan. Mallow: P. Maher, M. Sanders, M. O'Byrne, K. Gallagher, H. Riordan, N. Clancy, N. Barrett, H. Logan, M. Barton, J. Wick.

## KILMIHIL

### CAMOGIE

Twenty-five members of the local camogie club travelled to Ennis on Saturday last to take part in a parade to celebrate 75 years of the foundation of the Camogie Association. It was not until 1933 that camogie was first played in Clare and in 1977 the local club was founded by Mary Cotter and Maureen Saunders. On Saturday evening Carmel Wall, Rose Kenny and Maureen Saunders played for the Clare senior team against Galway. The game ended in a draw with Carmel Wall having a good game at midfield and Rose Kenny in top form at wing-back. Maureen Saunders scored 3 goals at wing forward.



Tipperary goalkeeper Mary O'Brien (on ground) clears this Cork attack in the Munster Senior Camogie Championship at Pairc Ui Chaoimh. On left is Monica Butler (Tipperary) and Pat Maloney (Cork) (right). (Echo)



# Star-studded Killeagh have too much power

CLUB champions Watergrasshill, new seniors Youghal and Killeagh, are through to the second round of the Cork senior county championship, after the weekend's first round ties played at Paire Uí Chaoimh.

**Killeagh, 9-4, U.C.C., 0.**

As expected, the star-studded Killeagh side had too much power for the depleted U.C.C. in the first of the weekend games played on Saturday evening. U.C.C. did quite well in the first half when goalie Jackie Mitchell made a number of spectacular saves, but they still trailed by 4-2 to nil at half time.

And, in spite of playing against the wind in the second half, Killeagh took complete control after the break with Marion Sweeney and Pat Moloney in devastating form and that 9-4 to nil scoreline was really no surprise at the finish.

Scorers: Killeagh: M. Sweeney 2-4, B. Kirby and C. Griffin 2-0 each, P. Moloney, B. Joyce and M. Spillane 1-0 each.

Killeagh: P. Fitzgibbon, M. Costine, F. O'Connor, C. Landers, B. Landers, A. M. Landers, P. Moloney, B. Kirby, B. Joyce, M. Sweeney, M. Spillane, C. Griffin. Subs.: S. O'Connor for P. Moloney, M. Kelly for M. Sweeney.

U.C.C.: J. Mitchell, B. Mitchell, C. Henchion, M. Lynch, T. Ryan, M. Murphy, N. Egan, B. Golden, N. Courtney, E. Courtney, M. Murphy, R. O'Dowd.

**Youghal, 2-6; Muskerry 1-2**

Intermediate champions, Youghal, made a successful debut in the senior campaign when they defeated Muskerry on Sunday evening in a rather scrappy game.

The sides were level at the interval 1-2 each but on the resumption Youghal, due mainly to the scoring ability of Marie Power, slowly began to take over the initiative and at the finish they were worthy 2-6 to 1-2 winners.

Scorers: Youghal: M. Power 1-6, M. Beausang 1-0. Muskerry: A. Lee 1-0, M. Twomey and B. Murphy 0-1 each.

Youghal: M. Prendergast, B. Walsh, G. Whyte, M. O'Sullivan, Mary Power, Mary Beausang, C. O'Neill, Margaret Beausang, Marie Power, B. Flaherty, P. Collins, A. Russell. Subs.: G. Barry for S. O'Shea, F. Govern for P. Collins.

Muskerry: E. Barrett, E. Noonan, J. O'Riordan, G. Murphy, M. Twomey, E. Cooney, K. Doherty, M. Doherty, G. Dorney, B. Murphy, S. O'Shea, A. Lee.

**Watergrasshill, 3-1; Glen Rovers, 0-6**

This was the best game of the weekend as the strengthened Glen Rovers — they got Annette O'Donovan and Mary Whelton from S.P.P.P. this season — had to admit defeat to a determined, though less spectacular Watergrasshill side.

The winners laid the foundations of this win at midfield where the Higgins' sisters, Cork senior Angela, and the younger Claire, were impressive throughout, while Mary O'Leary, although well held for much of the game by sound Glen defenders, Cork intercounty

back Marie Ryan and Ger O'Donovan, in turn, still managed to snap up the vital scores to lead them to a 3-1 to 0-6 victory, after a most exciting second half.

Scorers: Watergrasshill: M. O'Leary 1-1, M. Farrell and D. Fenton 1-0 each. Glen Rovers: A. O'Donovan 0-4, A. Delaney and M. Whelton 0-1 each.

Watergrasshill: A. Barry, N. O'Riordan, B. O'Callaghan, M. Mackey, M. O'Callaghan, C. Higgins, A. Higgins, M. Curtin, M. O'Leary, H. O'Callaghan, D. Fenton, M. Farrell.

Glen Rovers: D. Sutton, G. O'Donovan, C. Mulcahy, M. Mackey, M. Whelton, J. O'Sullivan, G. Murray, A. Connolly, C. Hackett, P. Mackey, A. O'Donovan, A. Delaney. Sub.: B. Owens for G. Murray.

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## Cork are Munster champions

**LIMERICK 4-2  
CORK 7-4**

Cork, the holders, proved too good for Limerick in the Munster senior camogie championship final at Adare, Co. Limerick last night. The game, however, was most entertaining, despite the dominance of the Cork girls.

Pat Moloney was in sparkling form for the visitors and she had a personal contribution of 3-1. International hockey player Mary Geaney scored two goals and put her side on the road to success by getting the first goal of the game. Nancy O'Driscoll, Clare Cronin and Mary O'Neill were others to shine for Cork.

Vera Mackey had a magnificent game for Limerick and others to do well were Brigid Darcy Helen Mulcare and Brid Stokes.

Scorers Cork: P. Moloney 3-1, M. O'Leary 2-3, M. Geaney 2-0. Limerick: B. Darcy 1-1, B. Stokes, E. Hayes, A. O'Sullivan 1-0 each, P. McCarthy 0-1.

## IMOKILLY THROUGH TO SEMI-FINALS

**Imokilly — 3-1;  
Youghal — 0-2**

Imokilly are through to the semi-finals of the County senior camogie championship but will have to show a vast improvement if they hope to knock champions Eire Og off their pedestal. At Castlemartyr last night they had a deserved win over Youghal in a closely contested quarter-final clash that produced good passages of camogie.

Playing against a stiff breeze the winners got away to a great start when Lillian Zinkant goaled after two minutes. A great point from a thirty-five metre free from an acute angle by Geraldine Leahy saw them go further ahead. Youghal had their chances but made the mistake of going for goals when points were there for the taking. Indeed in this opening period, they had seven close-in frees but could only muster 0-2. Just before the break Mary Salter scored a goal for the divisional side to leave them 2-1 to 0-2 ahead at the break.

It looked during the second half as if no score would come until Imokilly were awarded a 40-metre free midway through the half. Carol Roe's shot seemed to be well held by Mary Prendergast in the Youghal goal who, however, dropped the ball and Imokilly were on their way for an eight points win.

Dublin to  
achieve  
double at  
Carlow

## By TAOBH LINE

ACTIVITY on the Camogie fields, inside the Provincial and the County Boards, has restarted and the improved weather should ease the situation in Dublin where the competitions are very far behind schedule.

Dublin Minor and Junior teams travel to Carlow on Sunday next to play the local teams in the Leinster Championships.

Carlow, who only reorganised two years ago, are making very good progress, but it would be too much to hope that they will match Dublin in either grade.

The Munster Colleges' Council will have a busy day tomorrow at St. Paul's School, Kilfinane, where a seven-a-side is arranged for the Munster Schools. The Provincial team to represent Munster in the Colleges 75th Anniversary Competition will be selected after the Blitz.

Leinster has already chosen a panel as follows: Yvonne Redmond, Anne Heavey, Marcia Kerr, Aileen Redmond (Assumption, Walkinstown); Joan Lanigan, Margaret Farrell, Olive Galway, Brid Farrell (Thomastown V.S.); Joan Brennan, Brenda Doherty (Presentation, Kilcock); Carmel Higgins, Brigid O'Connor (Enniscorthy V.S.); Nora Maguire, Joan Gormley (Maryfield); Edel Murphy, Grainne Burke (Presentation, Terenure); Anne Holden (Ballyhale V.S.); A. O'Keefe (Mercy, Callan); Mary Tully (Dunlavin V.S.); Anna Whelan (Pres., Castlecomer).

## GETS UNDERWAY

Cork's Senior Championship gets underway next week when all the first round games will be played. Eire Og, who have been champions for the past two years, will defend their crown against St. Ais. Killeagh are drawn against U.C.C. Watergrasshill will take on Glen Rovers and Youghal will play Muskerry.

Both Dublin and Cork are organising the National Walk at County Board level. Cork is such a large county that two separate walks are arranged — one for clubs convenient to the City and one for the East Cork clubs.

The City Walk will finish in Paire Uí Chaoimh and the East Cork Walk is to be completed at the Glenstower Woods near Killeagh. The itinerary for the Dublin Walk is not yet yet finally decided.

The Pan Celtic Festival at Kilmarney will have two Camogie Competitions. One for junior teams, which will be held on Saturday, May 12 and the Senior teams will have a competition on Sunday.







Nationwide  
sponsored  
walk on  
Sunday

By TAOBH LINE

SUNDAY is the day when the Camogie Association takes to the roads to stage its nationwide walk to mark the seventy-fifth year of its existence. Founded on Parnell Square in Dublin in 1904, the Association has a three-fold purpose in staging this National demonstration.

First, to pay tribute to the courage, idealism and dedication of the founders. Second, to show the strength to which the Association has now grown from the pioneering few who observed so many difficulties 75 years ago to provide Irish girls with a native game all of their own.

It is to demonstrate how widely based the game now is that Central Council has every County Club and affiliated school to stage a walk on its own area, where possible, on Sunday next.

Third, and by no means the least important in the eyes of the Organising Committee, is the hope that funds raised throughout the country from the walk will provide the finances so sorely needed to further step up organisation at all levels, to cope with the ever-increasing expansion of Camogie all over the country, and especially among the juvenile and teenage sectors.

Central Council hopes that, after clubs, counties or colleges have retained 25% of the proceeds from the walk to help their financial resources, the remaining 75% of the money raised will form the nucleus of a Fund that will not alone further improve organisation, coaching, referees courses and the like, but will also help towards the ultimate goal, the provision of a full-time officer to aid the efforts of the hundreds of devoted, voluntary officials who have been the lifeblood of the Association.

So when the Camogie Association calls its members to walk on Sunday, it is to be hoped that the response will be worthy not alone of the ideals of the founders, but of the dedicated officials on whom the mantle of leadership has fallen today.

#### PLAY REDUCED

Because of the National Walk, playing activities on Sunday next will be drastically reduced, but there will be an inter-county challenge between Dublin and Cavan as part of the celebrations to mark the opening of the new Community Grounds at Crosskeys, where one of the driving forces is a great friend of Camogie, Fr. Oliver O'Reilly.

Already considerable progress has been made on the championship front especially in Leinster where the minor and junior inter-county competitions are already well advanced. Kildare, who had achieved a good first-round victory over Westmeath in both grades met with mixed fortunes last Sunday at Knockbridge where the fancied juniors had to give best to Louth, but the minors salvaged some compensation with a good win.

# Camogie Players Get "Marching Orders"

ON Sunday next camogie people all over the country take part in the association's national walk, which is being organised to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the camogie association. The walk is being held to honour and pay tribute to the patriotism, the pioneering spirit, dedication and courage of the founders; to demonstrate the strength of the association and show belief in the future. And the finance which it is hoped will accrue from the event will be used to improve the organisation and administration of the association at all levels.

The Cork County Board has decided on two separate walks, which will take place simultaneously, at Cork and Killeagh, beginning at 2.30 p.m. The president of the association, Mary Moran, will lead the city walk, which begins at St. Patrick's Church, Alfred Street. In formation the walk will cross both bridges en route to the grotto at Monahan Road, continue to C.A.B. at the end of Monahan Road, turn right on to main Blackrock Road and continue to Pier Head. The walk will finish at Pairc Uí Chaoimh.

Pat Moloney, the B+I Camogie Player of the Year, will lead the Killeagh walk. Here the walkers will assemble in the hall and surrounding area, then proceed in formation through the village to Glenbower Woods and circle the entire wood (approx. three miles). They then return via the main street of Killeagh to the hall.

Sponsorship cards for the walk have already been given to clubs, so now it is up to each individual to show their loyalty to the association by once and for all demonstrating that camogie is now very much more than a minority sport.

Meath had to travel to Thomastown to take on Kilkenny, and suffered a dual defeat, but whereas the minors were no match for their Noreside counterparts, the juniors gave a good account of themselves. Leinster junior champions, Wicklow, were at home to Wexford but, under last year's strength went down, nor did their minors do any better.

The Colleges made their playing contribution to the Anniversary Year, when they staged an entertaining inter-provincial championship at Na Flanna Grounds in Dublin, last Saturday, with Munster deservedly capturing the unique set of medals.

C.C.I.A. also wound up their season last weekend when for the second consecutive year the Universities got the better of the Higher Institutes, at Belfield, in their annual battle for the Corn Uí Maolagáin. Star for the winners was Kilkenny's Angela Downey who, on the previous day had helped Maynooth Pre-dent beat Maynooth Past in a very enjoyable inaugural reunion at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

scoring power for the selected side.

On tomorrow (Saturday) the Munster Under-16 Championship gets under way when Tipperary meet Waterford at Littleton and Clare meet Kerry at a Clare venue. Cork will also be preparing for this competition on the same day, as they hold trials at the Mon Field that evening.

#### FIXTURES

Tonight (Friday) — At Na Piar-saigh: J.A.C. Na Piar-saigh v. Fr. Mathews, 7.30 (referee Glen Rovers). At Ovens: U14L, Eire Og v. Aghabullogue, 7.30 (referee Eire Og).

Saturday — At Littleton: M.U16C, Tipperary v. Waterford, 7 p.m. (referee Cork). At Clare venue: M.U16C, Clare v. Kerry (referee Limerick). At Mon Field: Cork Under-16 Trials, 6.30 p.m.

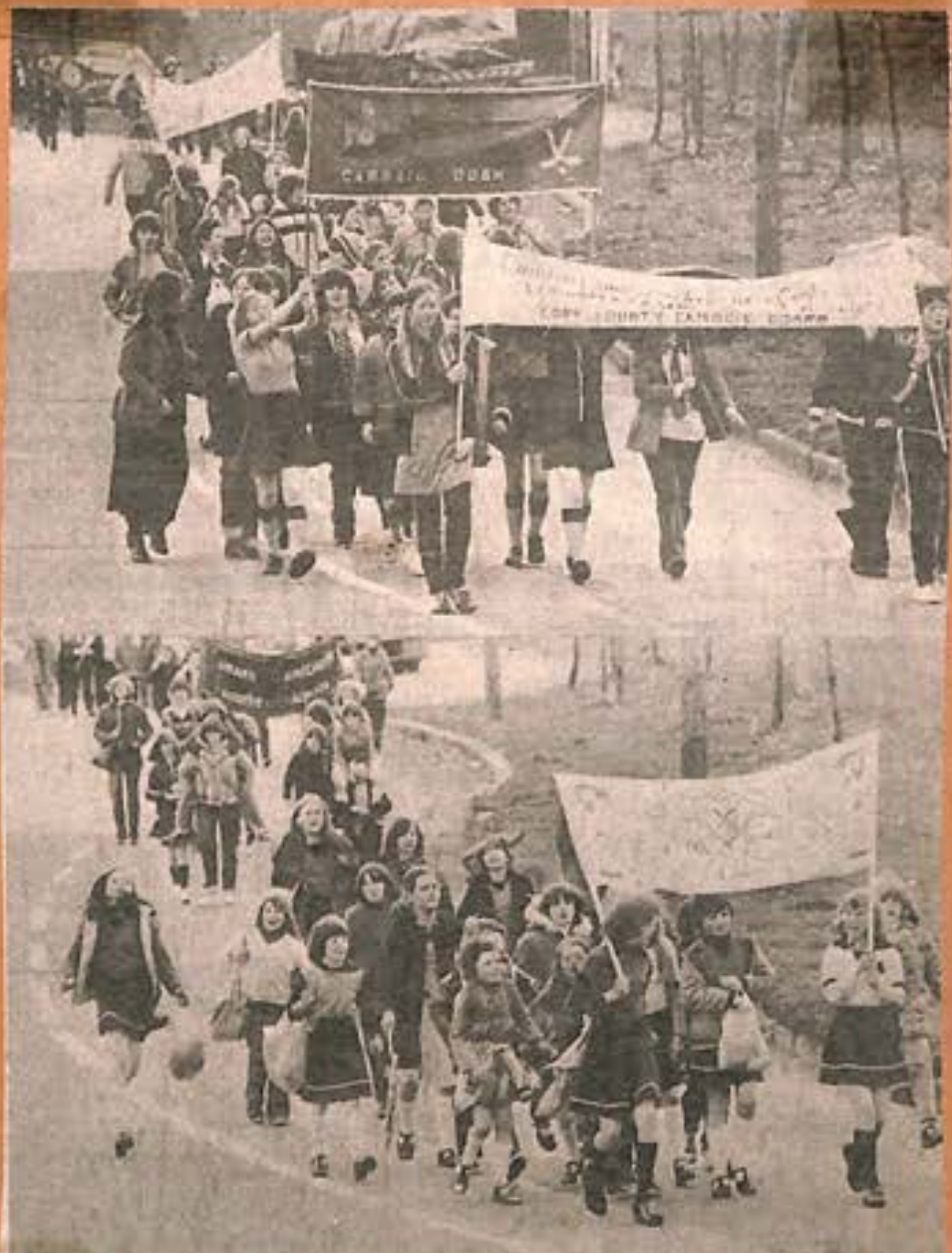
Sunday — National Walk at Cork and Killeagh, 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday — At Castlemartyr: S.C., Youghal v. Imokilly, 7.15 p.m.

Wednesday — At a venue to be arranged: Munster Senior Championship Final, Cork v. Limerick.

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The Cork County Camogie Board sponsored walk nearing its end at Pairc Uí Chaoimh. (Echo)



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# All-Ireland Title for Shannon

Clare teams travelled to Killarney on Sunday to take part in the Pan Celtic under 16 competitions. This is an annual event which has proved highly successful over the years with eight teams taking part from Cork, Kerry, Tipperary and Clare.

shot two quick goals but the home side replied with a similar score to lead by four points. St. Pats quickly had their third goal. The score remained like this until the dying minutes when the winners had the winning goal.

tin, Colette Keating, Ann McNamara, Marie Carmody, Martha O'Brien. Subs.: Marie Corbett, Breda Moroney, Siobhan Shanahan.

### CHALLENGE

On this Friday evening at the Fairgreen at 8.45 the under 16 Clare team will play the county side. All players should take this as official notice.

Eire Og were the first Clare team to go into action and they met Nemo Rangers. Considering that the Clare side were short three of their regulars they gave a good display against the Cork side who were a little unlucky to trail by a point at the final whistle.

ette Keating who had a fine point. They added a further goal before the interval to lead at the bread by 2-1 to nil.

The visitors went into the attack on the resumption and

Shannon were drawn against Emly in this their first year in the competition and won their first game by 3-0 to 2-0. They gave the best display of the competition in the semi-final when they trounced Nemo Rangers to the tune of 7-1 to 1-0 to qualify for the final.

Their opponents in the final were Blackrock of Cork, last year's beaten finalists. After winning the toss they elected to play with the strong breeze but all they had to show at the interval was 1-0 scored by Clare Jones from a '30.

This lead did not seem sufficient but in the second half Shannon showed great courage contesting every ball as if their lives depended on winning possession. Blackrock were unable to get through for a score and when Clare Jones pointed from a '30 less than five minutes from the end, Shannon were on their way to the All-Ireland title.

Afterwards Mary Moran, President of the Camogie Association, presented the O'Connor memorial trophy to Ann Gallery, the team captain.

Shannon: Carol Power, Rose O'Brien, Denise Curran, Caroline O'Meara, Mary Carroll, Clare Jones, Pat Austin, Anne Gallery, capt., Martina Beegan, Jackie Garry, Rose Shaughnessy, Carmel Daly. Subs.: Angela Browne, Ann McAllen, Alison Power, Maura O'Donnell, Joan Carrigg, Elaine Kelly, Jackie Hanrahan.

## Colaiste Side Pipped

St. Pats. Cork .....4-0  
Colaiste Mhuire .....3-1

In an action packed game at the Fairgreen on Saturday Colaiste Mhuire were just pipped in the Munster B league final by St. Patricks of Cork. Indeed it was a great rally by the visitors which earned them the title.

The home side opened the scoring with a goal from Ann McNamara. The game went into the second quarter before there was another score and this came from Colaiste's Col-



Wolfe Tones na Sionna camogie team who won the All-Ireland under 16 club championship which was held in conjunction with the recent Pan-Celtic Week in Killarney.

Dubs. can advance to decider

### By TAOBH LINE

THERE will be plenty of entertainment for camogie fans out at Russell Park in Blanchardstown on Sunday afternoon when Dublin and Kilkenny have a dual engagement in the Leinster minor and junior championship semi-finals. Each county chalked up impressive victories in both grades in the earlier rounds, so all four teams should be good enough to produce plenty of good camogie.

Neither Kilkenny nor Dublin has ever won an All-Ireland title in the minor grade though both have previously taken provincial titles. Dublin, indeed, have reached All-Ireland finals in this grade, the last occasion being last August when they failed narrowly to Cork in Cork. Not now, so they may be hard-pressed to hold a Kilkenny team that can call on some Colles stars.

Incidentally Kilkenny, though they won three Leinster minor titles in succession, have never been able to reach an All-Ireland final in this grade.

On the other hand, while the all-Ireland titles, Kilkenny have never come out of Leinster in this secondary competition.

The KNoreside girls seem to have got a very promising combination together this time, but very strong and I rather fancy them to advance to the provincial final.

### SWIFT PROGRESS

Bad weather through so many recent weeks has seriously disrupted the progress of the later championships. However, there has been swift progress recently. In the Senior B competition, Maryfield, at one end of the draw, and Presentation Kilkenny at the other have already won their way through to the semi-finals.

The remaining quarter-finals are due for decision this week. In one, Naas Vocational School take on Kilkenny Vocational School for the right to oppose Maryfield, while Presentation Kilkenny await the outcome of the meeting between Scoil Caitriona and Mooncoin.

There is a somewhat similar situation in the first-year competition where F.C.J. Bunclody and Thomastown Vocational School have also won through to the semi-finals.

Bunclody await the winners of Wicklow Vocational School v St. John of God, Kilmore Road, while Thomastown will be opposed either by Presentation Castlecomer or Presentation Mountmellick.

## Can Cobh Do It?

COBH people's thoughts turn towards Cashel on Saturday for a different Cup final, the All-Ireland Vocational Schools' Camogie Championship Final between Cobh and Thomastown of Kilkenny.

which they had an easy passage, and an easier one against Gort Vocational School in the All-Ireland semi-final.

While the hurling tradition of their rivals goes back beyond the legends of Cuchulainn and Queen Maeve, the Cobh girls are new to the sport. The school first took the game seriously when Cork County Championships for Vocational Schools were instituted four years ago. Ted O'Sullivan, now teaching at Colaiste Christ Ri, and a member of Bord na nOg, was the prime motivator in Cobh when he was a member of the Vocational School staff, but now coaching mantle is borne well by engineering teacher Jim Hennessy.

None of the team are his students in the classroom but on the field they have learned well, winning the Cork County Championship last year. They have also qualified for this year's Cork final, in which they meet Mallow in a repeat of 1978.

It was last year's win which qualified the Cobh girls for the Munster final, in

## Thomastown win Vocational Schools title

THOMASTOWN 3-5, COBH 0-6

Thomastown won the Vocational Schools All-Ireland camogie title when they had eight points to spare over Cobh at Cashel on Saturday. The Cobh girls began well and dominated the first ten minutes during which time they went two points ahead.

The County Kilkenny girls, however, came more into the game from here on and had a good goal after 15 minutes. With both sets of forwards taking their scoring opportunities well Thomastown added a further 1-3 to Cobh's 0-3 before the interval to leave Thomastown leading 2-3 to 0-5 at the break.

On the resumption, Thomastown, now playing with the advantage of a slight breeze, began to take over in most departments and their overall skill proved too much for the Cobh girls



# Attractive Bill At Douglas

THE eagerly awaited Cork senior county clash between Killeagh and Watergrasshill takes place on Sunday next when these sides meet in the semi-final. And to complete a top-class double-decker programme at Douglas, Eire Og the holders, meet Imokilly in the second semi.

There are fixtures on this evening (Friday), tomorrow and Sunday, as well as Tuesday and Wednesday next week, and this busy programme includes two junior "A" championship ties, a junior trial game and many league ties.

Last season Watergrasshill surprised Killeagh in the final of the Cork club championship, and as Killeagh had already lost the county at the same stage, it was a bitter pill indeed. Since then Killeagh have trained very hard and have now added Marie Costine, Cork's senior full-back to their side. So again they must be fancied to win. But Watergrasshill, who already defeated a fancied Glen Rovers side, will have other ideas and with Cork seniors, Mary O'Leary and Angela Higgins, as well as Claire Higgins, Marie Farrell and Helen O'Callaghan, in their line-up they will not give up a place in the county final easily. But with Cork seniors, Pat Moloney, Marian Sweeney, Catherine Landers and Marie Costine on their side Killeagh must be expected to win.

In the second semi-final holders, Eire Og, must be fancied to reach their third successive decider at the expense of Imokilly. Eire Og have Cork seniors, Nancy O'Driscoll, Mary Geaney and Marian McCarthy, to help them as well as fine performers in Noelle and Mary O'Driscoll. But they would not want to be complacent as Imokilly, already victors over Youghal, have quite a formidable side, including Kay Spillane, Josephine Twohig, Geraldine Leahy, and Lillian Zincant, and they will not relinquish a spot in the final easily.

In the junior "A" championship, Nemo Rangers with Ger McCarthy, Ann O'Shea, and Rose Desmond, should be too strong for Aghabullogue who will be depending

on Eileen and Sheila Barrett, Joan Riordan, Mary Noonan and Sarah O'Shea, while Na Piarasaigh with Claire McCarthy, Mary Fox, Claire Harris and Martha Kearney will be expected to beat Fr. Mathew's who have good players in Ger Ring and Elizabeth O'Sullivan.

Feile na nGael will take place in Kilkenny on June 29 to July 1 next and in order to determine the team which will represent Cork, the Co. Board have organised a special blitz at Bishopstown, on Saturday, in which 11 teams will be taking part.

Following recent minor trials, the selectors have now named a Cork minor selection which is as follows: C. McCarthy (Ballincollig), C. McCarthy (Na Piarasaigh), P. Goggins (do.), M. Dullea (Nemo), G. McCarthy (do.), J. O'Riordan (Aghabullogue), S. O'Donovan (Newcestown), M. Owens (Glen Rovers), S. Fitzgibbon (do.), A. Currid (do.), C. Higgins (Watergrasshill), C. Murphy (Blackrock), F. Deasy (do.), A. M. Landers (Killeagh), P. Kinery (do.), J. Hyde (Blackrock), J. O'Donovan (Ballyphehane), L. Zincant (Sarsfields).

## FIXTURES

This evening (Friday), at Riverstown, U-16C, Sarsfields v. Fr. O'Neill's, 7.30 p.m. (ref. Watergrasshill); at Youghal, U-16L, Youghal v. Killeagh, 7.30 (ref. Churchtown), at Ballinora, U-14L, Eire Og v. Ballinora, 7.30 p.m. (ref. Eire Og).

Saturday, at Bishopstown, Feile na nGael begins at 10.00 a.m.; at Ballinlough, J.A.L., Ballinlough v. Ballyphehane, 7.30 p.m. (ref. Nemo Rangers).

Sunday: At Nemo Rangers, J.A.C. Nemo Rangers v. Aghabullogue, 3.30 p.m. (ref. Douglas); at Na Piarasaigh, J.A.C., Na Piarasaigh v. Fr. Mathews, 4.15 p.m. (ref. St. Finbarr's); at Na Piarasaigh, J.B.C., Na Piarasaigh v. Blackwater, 3.00 p.m. (ref. Blarney); at Macroom, J.B.L., Macroom v. Newcestown, 3.30 p.m. (ref. Canovee); at Douglas G.A.A. pitch, S.C. semi-final, Eire Og v. Imokilly, 2.15 p.m. (ref. Old Aloysians); Killeagh v. Watergrasshill, 3.45 p.m. (ref. Glen Rovers).

Tuesday, at Mon. Field, Cork junior trial games, 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday, at Blackrock, U-16C, Blackrock v. Ballinora, 7.30 p.m. (ref. Nemo Rangers) at Middleton, U-16C, Churchtown v. Glen Rovers, 7.30 p.m. (ref. Killeagh).

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# County final pairing same as last year

THE pairing for the final of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship is the same as last year following yesterday's semi-final clashes at Douglas. Holders Eire Og had little difficulty in disposing of a gallant Imokilly side, and Killeagh, won their place in the 1979 decider with a first class win over a rather disappointing Watergrasshill.

EIRE OG..... 2-11  
IMOKILLY..... 0-1

Selected side Imokilly began this game as if they might give Eire Og a run for that elusive spot in the final. But once Noelle O'Driscoll and Mary Geaney found their scoring ability, the holders never looked in any real danger and were 1-7 to nil ahead at half-time.

Early in the second half Imokilly again came gamely at Eire Og, but the East Cork girls were never in this game with a real chance, and had to settle for a single point by Lillian Zincant, as their only contribution to the scoreboard. And with Eire Og continuing to notch up scores it was inevitable they should run out easy winners, which they did by 2-11 to 0-1.

In addition to Noelle O'Driscoll and Mary Geaney the county champions had top players in Nancy O'Driscoll, Grainne Mackey and Marian McCarthy, while best for Imokilly were Eithne Barry, Mary Salter and Carol Roe.

Scorers: Eire Og, Noelle O'Driscoll 0-9, M. Geaney 2-1, Nancy O'Driscoll 0-1. Imokilly: L. Zincant 0-1.

Eire Og: M. McCarthy, M. McCarthy, M. Geaney, E. Kavanagh, Nancy O'Driscoll, Noelle O'Driscoll, M. O'Driscoll, E. Dineen, G. Mackey, E. Galvin, M. O'Brien, H. Horgan.

Imokilly: E. Barry, K. Spillane, M. Salter, J. Twohig, T. Coffey, C. Roe, S. Horgan, A. Murphy, J. Knowles, L. Zincant, M. Terry, L. Twomey. Subs: A. Houlihan for T. Coffey; D. Houlihan for M. Terry. Referee: N. Jennings (Old Aloysians).

KILLEAGH..... 3-15  
WATERGRASSHILL..... 0-4

As a game this eagerly awaited semi-final was a big disappointment. Watergrasshill defeated Killeagh in Club championship final last season and it was expected

that they would give the star-studded Killeagh side a close run.

Marie Costine, who joined them this season, was a wonder at full back for Killeagh while the devastating scoring power of Pat Moloney and Marion Sweeney was very much in evidence. And when you add marvellous performances from Betty Joyce, Catherine Landers, Barbara Kirby and Mary Spillane, you have a camogie exhibition which will be very hard to equal.

Watergrasshill, in spite of gallant performances from Angela Higgins, Marie Curtin and Claire Higgins, were outclassed and Cork senior sharpshooter, Mary O'Leary, was never given any room, as a result the scores didn't come easily and Killeagh emerged as easy 3-15 to 0-4 winners.

Scorers: Killeagh, P. Moloney 1-8, M. Sweeney 1-6, M. Spillane 1-0, C. Griffin 0-1. Watergrasshill: M. O'Leary and A. Higgins 0-2 each.

Killeagh: P. Fitzgibbon, M. Costine, F. O'Connor, B. Joyce, B. Landers, C. Landers, A. M. Landers, B. Kirby, M. Sweeney, P. Moloney, C. Griffin, M. Spillane.

Watergrasshill: A. Barry, N. O'Riordan, B. O'Callaghan, M. Mackey, M. O'Callaghan, A. Higgins, M. Curtin, H. O'Callaghan, M. Farrell, D. Fenton, M. O'Leary, C. Higgins. Subs: M. Murphy for M. Farrell; K. Costine for A. Barry; M. Farrell for M. Curtin.

Referee: M. Nott (Glen Rovers).

## DUBLIN ON TOP

DUBLIN, 2-1; KILKENNY, 1-2

DUBLIN Minors defeated Kilkenny in a closely-contested Leinster Championship camogie semi-final at Glenalbany yesterday. Dublin led by 1-1 to 0-0 at the interval.

Scorers — Dublin — J. Holden, M. Dunne (1-0 each), A. Thorpe (0-1); Kilkenny — B. Brennan (1-0), A. Whelan (0-2).

## DUBLIN IN FINAL

DUBLIN, 4-8; KILKENNY, 0-1

DUBLIN Juniors advanced to the final of the Leinster Camogie Championship with a runaway victory over Kilkenny at Glenalbany yesterday. The winners had led at the interval by 1-6 to 0-1.

Scorers — Dublin — E. Murphy (2-2), T. McCann (1-3), P. Durkin (1-2), C. Ledwidge (0-3); Kilkenny — B. Sullivan (0-1).



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## FINAL SIDES IN OPENING CLASH

THE National Camogie League champions, Kilkenny, and the runners-up, Limerick, are in opposition in the opening round of the competition at Thomastown on Sunday.

Forecasting the likely outcome now is extremely difficult, as a great deal will depend on the amount of match practice the respective sides have been able to get.

Antrim and Derry will also be making their first appearance in the competition on Sunday. The latter, who won the Junior championship last season, are newcomers to senior ranks. If they can play as well and as confidently now as they did in the All-Ireland Junior Final last September, they will give Antrim a close run, even though the game is at Portlennane.

The third and final game in the opening series of matches brings Dublin and Wicklow into opposition at Blanchardstown.

As with Derry, this will be Wicklow's first National League game. According to rule, the junior provincial champions are eligible to participate in the League. Wicklow won the Leinster Junior title for the first time last season, drew with Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final in Cork, and lost the replay at home.

Wicklow experienced a disappointing start to this year's junior competition. They lost in the opening round to Wexford but I understand that some of last year's players are not available.

Dublin, who had a successful League campaign last year, dropping only two points to the champions, also reached the All-Ireland senior final, but in that game they went down to Cork by a big score.

The Dublin Minor Board is running an under-14 Blitz Competition on Saturday to decide the Feile na nGael representative at Kilkenny on July 1.

The Dublin Senior Championship Final has been arranged for May 25 at Glenalbyn.

The Cork championship is at

the semi-final stage. On Sunday at Douglas, Eire Og play Imokilly (2.15) and Watergrasshill face Killeagh (3.45).

Thomastown retained the All-Ireland Vocational Schools' title when they defeated Cobb at Cobb last Saturday.

St. Patrick's, Cork, won the Munster Intermediate B Championship final, defeating Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis.

Wolfe Tone Club, Shannon, won the Pan Celtic under-16 competition at Killarney last Sunday. They defeated Blackrock, Cork, who had got the better of Croagh-Kilfinny after a close contest in the semi-final.

### Cobh Vocational School tops

Cobh 3-5, Mallow 2-1

Cobh Vocational School, inspired by their captain Ger Leahy who contributed 1-4, won the final of the Cork County Vocational Schools camogie championship by beating Mallow Vocational School at St. Finbarr's Grounds, Togher, Cork yesterday. The Cobh girls led at the interval 1-3 to 0-1.

Scorers — Cobh: Ger Leahy 1-4, Rose O'Riordan 2-0, Carol Rowe 0-1. Mallow: Therese O'Callaghan 1-1, Carmel O'Flynn 1-0.

## CAMOGIE COMMENT

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**C**oincidence can have a very long arm, but it is really remarkable that the luck of the draw should have ordained that, in both the Hurling and Camogie senior championships, the All-Ireland Champions and the National League champions should find themselves face to face first time out.

Cork, of course, are the All-Ireland champions in both codes and also have the advantage of home venue in each case now. The hurlers take on recently crowned League winners Tipperary at Pairc Uí Chaoimh on June 3 where a fortnight later this month the Camogie champions take on Kilkenny who won their first National League title last November.

This Cork v. Kilkenny clash looks like being the vital game of the senior championship, and, on previous form, the odds would seem to favour the Cork girls. In the first place they have the advantage of playing at home, and, in the second place, it is an established fact that Kilkenny are at their most vulnerable in their first game of the championship season.

In addition, it remains to be seen how many of their stars of recent seasons will still be available to muster to the Kilkenny colours. But the Downey sisters are still a host in themselves, and it is good to see that Angela has recently added to her many previous honours by being named as Camogie Player of the Year by the Union of Students in Ireland.

The winners of this clash be-

tween Cork and Kilkenny, will, I think, deservedly be rated as favourites to go on to take the title. However, there are other counties with tremendous potential. Last year's junior champions Derry could shake off the Dublin challenge; Galway, with some of the most talented players in the country, have the ability to take the senior title for the first time if only they dedicate themselves to the task in hand. They should, on home ground, have the power to account for their Antrim visitors in the opening round. Tipperary should also advance at the expense of Down, while Wexford will be expected to have the measure of Clare.

But, of all the counties concerned, I would give either Wexford or Galway the best chance of upsetting the Pairc Uí Chaoimh winners. Galway, assuming they beat Antrim, will then have to take on Cork or Kilkenny in the second round, with Wexford possibly awaiting the winners of that game in the semi-final.

The other end of the draw is considerably easier, with the winners of the Derry v. Dublin clash going on to face Limerick in the next round and then taking on Tipperary or Down in the other semi-final. Indeed, if they get past Derry, I would not be surprised to see Dublin get through to the final from this end of the draw, since, like Kilkenny, the Metropolitan girls tend to get better and better the farther they go.

In the junior championship, the early stages of which will be

played out on the traditional Provincial Championship system, the semi-final draw is: Connacht winners v. Leinster winners, and Munster winners v. Ulster winners. The final will, as usual, be played in conjunction with the senior final. There will, however, be a change in the arrangements for the minor championships which will again constitute the Willwood Tailteann Camogie championship.

The semi-finals and final will in future be played together at the same venue over a single week-end. The setting will rotate between the provinces, and, in this opening year, Connacht will have the honour. The actual venue will, of course, depend on which county wins the Connacht title.

The semi-finals will be played on Saturday, August 25, with the final on the following day. The final will be preceded by a play-off for third place between the beaten semi-finalists.

Postal difficulties make it difficult to assess the full impact of the National Walk which celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Camogie Association. It was surely a very satisfying moment for Sean O'Duffy, now in his 94th year, the man to whom the game owes a debt that can never be assessed. Despite his years, he was there to start the march at St. Stephen's Green and was then driven across the City to take the salute at 25 Parnell Square where the Association was founded in 1904.





Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, All-Ireland Senior Colleges camogie champions, 1979. Back row (l. to r.): Marie Gayson, Kirsty McCloskey, Aileen Anglim, Sheila Morrissey, Mary Fitzgerald, Kay Maxwell, Elaine Lawrence, Eithne Bonnar, Teresa Scully, Louise O'Dwyer, Niamh McHugh. Front row (l. to r.): Carmel Curran, Ann Fitzgerald, Regina Mulligan, Majella Hallinan (capt.), Caroline Kelly, Urusula Cummins, Michelle Fogarty.

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## Cork In Confident Mood

**CORK** make their first appearance in the 1979 National Camogie League on Sunday next when they meet Wexford at Na Piarasigh Grounds, while on Saturday the Cork Minors play Tipperary in the Munster Minor Championship semi-final. And on the club front Old Aloysians meet Blackrock in the Cork area final of the Feile na nGael on Sunday, to make up an entertaining weekend of camogie ahead.

For their National League tie against Wexford Cork seniors will be without centrefield player Claire Cronin who received an ankle injury last weekend. Claire will be replaced by Marian McCarthy of Eire Og, who is not without senior intercounty experience, so should fit in nicely. The remainder of the side is made up of Cork's All Ireland winning twelve and they must be fancied to take their first points of the season against Wexford. The latter are expected to be without at least five of their regulars, including Bridget and Bernie Doyle, Breda

Murphy, Bridie Doran and Kit Cod and this is surely too big a gap to fill. In addition most of the Cork players have been in training in recent weeks for the "County" campaign so should be fighting fit for this tie. But in the past Wexford have given Cork many a tough battle, and it would be best not to enter this game with too much confidence as things can so easily go wrong.

The Cork Team for Sunday is: M. McCarthy, M. Costine, M. Ryan, C. Landers, P. Riordan, M. McCarthy, A. Higgins, N. O'Driscoll (Capt.), M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, P. Moloney, M. Geaney.

Subs. C. Hackett, M. O'Sullivan, E. Kavanagh, A. O'Donovan, B. Joyce, K. Doherty, M. Twomey.

Cork are holders of the Minor All-Ireland title but only four of that winning side - Ger McCarthy, Ann Marie Landers, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Lilian Zinchant, are underage for this year's campaign. Eight of the team will be lining out for Cork for the first time and with an away venue against Tipperary, the Cork girls could be up against it when

they play in the semi-final of the Munster Championship at Tipperary on Saturday. The Cork team has not yet been selected but no doubt the above mention four will be in and promising young players such as Claire Higgins, Claire McCarthy, Siobhan O'Donovan and Ann Currid could win places.

Tipperary have the advantage of having played a game in the competition already, in which they had an impressive win over Waterford. In that game Kay Maxwell, Martina Ryan, Ann Gleeson and Cora O'Dwyer played very well and they could give the Cork girls some problems. But Cork are often best when the odds are stacked against them, and with the Trophy already by the Lee, they will not relinquish it easily.

Cork Minor Panel: C. McCarthy (Ballincollig), P. McCarthy (Na Piarasigh), P. Gubbins, M. Dulea, G. McCarthy, J. O'Riordan, S. O'Donovan, M. Owens, Fitzgibbon, A. Currid, Higgins, C. Murphy, P. Deasy, A. M. Landers, P. Kinery, J. Hyde, J. O'Donovan, L. Zinchant.

The Feile na nGael Final between Blackrock and Old

Aloysians should be a most entertaining affair, as camogie at this age level, Under 14, is completely uninhibited and a pleasure to watch. And for the Winners it will mean a trip to Kilkenny for the Feile Finals.

The Schools Championship Final between South and North Presentations will also be decided on Sunday, and this clash of the "Presentations" has all the ingredients of a thriller.

Finally on this evening Friday, Eire Og meet Ballinora in the Under 16 league.

### FIXTURES

This evening (Fri.) At Ovens, U16 league, Eire Og v Ballinora, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Ballincollig).

Saturday: At Tipperary, Munster M. L. semi-final Cork v Tipperary, 7 p.m.

At Na Piarasigh Grounds, N. L. Cork v Wexford, 3 p.m. (Ref. Dublin).

At Mon. Field: Feile na nGael-Cork Final, Old Aloysians v Blackrock, 2.30 p.m. (Ref. Ballinlough).

At Na Piarasigh Grounds: Cork Schools Championship (Senior) Final South Presentation v North Presentation, 4.30 p.m.



The St. Patrick's girls secondary school, Gardiners Hill, Cork, winners of the Munster schools intermediate B camogie final when they defeated Scoil Mhuire, Ennis, by 4-0 to 3-1. Team coach was Mr. John Ring.



# CORK TAKE TIME TO FIND FORM

By JOAN MORLEY  
Cork 6-8, Wexford 3-4

CORK made a winning start to their National League campaign at Na Piarraigh Grounds yesterday, but they made heavy weather of it for a long time against a depleted Wexford side.

Cork began both halves in brilliant style but then seemed to go into a decline and struggled for a time. However, they did manage to show something like their true form in the last quarter of the game and snapped up

some wonderful opportunist goals to make the scoreline look very impressive.

But with only three weeks separating them from their tough first round All-Ireland clash with Kilkenny, Cork will need to show improvement if they are to get over that first hurdle in their bid to retain the O'Duffy Cup.

The Cork defence was quite shaky for the most part yesterday, while the centrefield lost a great deal of the ball. The forwards, although they picked off the vital scores and looked marvellous at times, will have to be much crisper against what is expected to be a crack Kilkenny side.

Wexford, considering their depleted side, they were without five of last year's regulars gave Cork a very good game. They had top class players in Elsie Walsh,

Kathleen Tonks and Mairead Carty.

Scorers:  
Cork: M. O'Leary 3-3, M. Sweeney 1-5, P. Moloney and M. Geaney 1-0 each. Wexford: M. Carty and E. Walsh 1-1 each; E. O'Gorman 1-0, M. Hearne 0-2.

Cork: M. McCarthy, M. Costine, M. Ryan, P. Riordan, C. Landers, N. O'Driscoll, C. Hackett, A. Higgins, M. Sweeney, M. O'Leary, P. Moloney, M. Geaney. Sub. E. Kavanagh for A. Higgins.  
Wexford — K. Tonks, M. Cousins, D. Cousins, G. Cousins, T. Kearney, C. Higgins, M. Hearne, D. Walsh, E. Walsh, E. O'Gorman, E. Keogh, M. Carty.  
Referee: M. Higgins (Dublin).

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## Mighty task for Wexford

THE OPENING games of the National Camogie League saw the defeat of the holders, Kilkenny, by Limerick, who were their opponents in the final last November.

Strangely enough, the winning margin on both occasions was only a point and each county lost at a home venue.

The All-Ireland champions, Cork, who lost their very first game in last year's league, developed subsequently into a splendid side and, they are due to play their opening game in the League next Sunday when they entertain Wexford at Na Piarraigh Grounds (3.0).

The Cork senior championship, which has been running over the last few weeks, reached the semi-final stage last weekend when last year's finalists qualified again. Eire Og, the holders, defeated Imokilly and Killeagh eliminated Watergrasshill. Both victorious sides were in fine form and their county representatives, captain Nancy O'Driscoll, Mary Cearney, Marie Costine, Pat Moloney, Marion Sweeney, Betty Joyce and Catherine Landus were very prominent.

### WEXFORD SPIRIT

Wexford will really be at a disadvantage on this occasion as it will be their first outing but they usually put up a spirited showing so Margaret Lacey, Brigid Doyle, Elsie and Dorothy Walsh and Kathleen Tonks will not give in without a good effort.

In the other League game, Galway travel to Carrickmacross to play Monaghan (3.0).

This is Monaghan's first appearance in the National League. They may find Galway a tough proposition as many of the players, although very young, are very experienced. They have won interprovincial and all-Ireland Colleges' titles and have represented Galway in the National League and championships for a number of years.

Dublin minors, who were runners-up in last year's Willwood Tailteann Under 16 final travel to Clonroche on Sunday (3.0) to play Wexford in the Leinster final.

### DUBLIN HOPES HIGH

Although a number of last year's players are now over-age, good replacements have been available so Dublin have high hopes of holding the title for the third year in succession. But Wexford, who scored decisive victories over Louth and Wicklow, are still chasing a Leinster title in this grade.

They have reached the decider four times only to lose by a small margin on every occasion.

The Dublin Senior Championship final rehts once again between holders, Celtic and Austin Stacks. Celtic, who have held the title for the past three years, are very determined to retain the trophy in this, their Golden Jubilee year. It is arranged for Glenalbyn tonight (7.30).

Cavan, who are going well in the Ulster Junior and Minor Championships, are making plans to welcome a Camogie team from Philadelphia in early July. The visitors also hope to arrange games in other parts of the country during their stay.

## CORK WELL ON TOP

CORK 8-3  
TIPPERARY 1-3

All-Ireland champions Cork successfully cleared the first hurdle in defence of their title when they brushed aside the challenge of a disorganised Tipperary team at Emly on Saturday night. Fielding eight newcomers to inter-county camogie, Cork built up a lead of 4-2 to 0-0 by half-time.

Played in very bad weather conditions, Cork held the upper hand in all departments except for a ten minute spell when the Tipperary girls put 1-3 on the scoreboard. Captain Ger McCarthy, Claire McCarthy, Joan Hyde, Ann Marie Landers and Sandie Fitzgibbon were in top form for Cork. Jenny English, Martina Ryan and Anne Gleeson were most noticeable for the losers.

Scorers: Cork G. McCarthy 3-2, L. Zinkant 2-0, S. O'Donovan 1-1, S. Fitzgibbon 1-0 and A. Currid 1-0. Tipperary C. O'Brien 1-0, J. English 0-2, and A. Gleeson 0-1.

Cork — C. McCarthy, M. Owens, J. O'Riordan, F. Deasy, M. Delea, S. Fitzgibbon, A. M. Landers, J. Hyde, G. McCarthy (Capt), A. Currid, S. O'Donovan and L. Zinkant.

Tipperary — M. Ryan, M. Maher, C. Timmons, B. Kennedy, A. Anglim, M. O'Regan, C. Curran, M. Gayson, A. Buckley, C. O'Brien, A. Gleeson, J. English.

## NORTH PRES ARE TOPS

North Presentation 4-4  
South Presentation 3-4

Keen rivals North and South Presentation met yesterday in the final of the Cork Senior Schools Championship and after an exciting tussle the trophy went to the girls from North Presentation by 4-4 to 3-4.

## Celtic Retain The Title

CELTIC ..... 2-5  
AUSTIN STACKS ..... 1-2

Celtic, the reigning champions, took the Dublin Senior A Camogie championship title when they defeated Austin Stacks in a very exciting final at Glenalbyn.

The two sides were extremely well matched and the first half was a very close Stacks into an early lead when she pointed a free in the third minute. Deirdre Lane soon equalised with a fine point. Anna McManus was outstanding in midfield for Stacks at this stage and a solo run up the wing by Anna McManus resulted in another point, putting Stacks in the lead once more.

Deirdre Lane again equalised as Celtic settled down and began to dominate with good performances from Clare Harrington, Una Crowley and Evelyn Sweeney. However, Stacks again snatched the lead when Orla Ryan and Anna McManus combined to place Marion Conroy for a goal in the nineteenth minute.

A point from Celtic winger Una Crowley, narrowed the gap and a good goal from Noreen Flemming left Celtic with a one point lead at the interval.

In the second half, the vast experience and style of the champions became evident and another point from Una Crowley increased the Celtic lead.

Despite the best efforts of Sheila Murray and Teresa McCann in Stacks defence, Una O'Connor notched a goal in the 20th minute which finally sealed Celtic's victory in this, their Golden Jubilee Year. Una Crowley added another point to leave the final score 2-5 to 1-2.

SCORERS: Celtic—N. Flemming (1-0), U. O'Connor (1-0), U. Crowley (0-3), D. Lane (0-2). Austin Stacks—M. Conroy (1-0), A. McManus and M. O'Sullivan (0-1 each).

Inter B Final — Marino 6-3, Cuala Naomh Mhuire 0-0. Jun. C I Final — Sileve Bloom 4-2, Good Counsel 4-1. Senior A League — Austin Stacks 4-3, Presentation 1-3.

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# WHIT MAKES IT LEAGUE HOLIDAY

**DUE** to the Whit holiday weekend there are no National League Camogie fixtures arranged for Sunday next. Only three of the thirteen counties taking part have still to try out their new season's selections. They are Clare, Tipperary and Down.

Of those who have completed the first round, Antrim, Dublin, Limerick, Cork and Galway have emerged victorious.

Kilkenny, the holders, sustained a narrow first round defeat at the hands of Limerick. Wexford, who fielded without many of their experienced regulars against Cork last Sunday, were beaten 6-8 to 3-4.

They were without Brigid Doyle and Margaret Lacey, both of whom have won Wexford's three All-Ireland titles.

Monaghan were very pleased with their performance in their first National League game against experienced Galway.

Although they lost 1-9 to 0-2

they put up a very good show and felt that with more experience in attack the margin could be much smaller.

## FIRST TIME

Derry and Wicklow both in the competition for the first time are the remaining defeated sides but they are confident that their participation will pay dividends in the long run.

The Wexford minor side have at least captured a Leinster title after five years of defeat in the decider.

Last Sunday they dethroned Dublin, who were champions in the last two seasons but lost in the All-Ireland final.

However, Wexford have a long wait for their next game.

This competition, which is part of the Willwood Tailteann Festival, will, as a result of a motion passed at Congress, have the All-Ireland semi-finals and final played over one weekend and this year the venue is in Connacht on August 25 and 26.

Congratulations to Celtic, who retained the Dublin Senior Championship title for the fourth year in succession and it is all the more gratifying for the club since this is their Golden Jubilee year.

## SENIOR FINAL

Next Saturday night at Cork keen rivals Eire Og, the holders, and Killeagh meet in the Senior Championship final at Na Piaras Grounds (7.0).

This is Eire Og's chance to make it three-in-a-row but Pat Moloney's girls are hoping that they will take the title for the first time.

Cork, who are the Willwood Tailteann Minor All-Ireland champions scored a decisive victory over Tipperary last Saturday and are now in the Munster final against the winners of Clare and Limerick.

North Presentation Convent captured the Cork Colleges Senior Schools Cup when they defeated South Presentation in a very close game.

The Senior Championship Open draw gets off the ground on Sunday week.

The opening game between Derry and Dublin will be played at Ballaghy (2.30). They both had mixed fortunes in their first League games but since there are three weeks between the matches form could be very different on their next outing.

# Don't Write-off Eire Og In County

**AFTER** a most exciting Cork County championship campaign the final stage has now been reached, and on this evening (Friday) the destination of the county will be decided when old rivals Eire Og and Killeagh meet in the decider.

In this final Killeagh are chasing that first elusive title, while Eire Og are looking for their first hat-trick of titles. So each has everything to play for and if last year's final is anything to go by — these sides were the finalists again — then the stage must be set for an epic game.

Killeagh, after a promising start to last season ended it rather disastrously. They lost the county final to Eire Og and the club final to Watergrasshill. This season they are playing with a new determination and in the campaign so far have looked very good indeed. Ten of the Killeagh side have worn the Cork colours and on paper they are certainly the strongest side in the county today. Cork full back Marie Costine joined them this season and she has added a new dimension to the defence. Then they have Cork seniors Pat Moloney, Marion Sweeney and Catherine Landers, as well as other county performers in Betty Joyce, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Fidelma O'Connor, Breda and Ann Marie Landers, and Sally O'Connor. They are strong in all sectors and must begin this game as "hot" favourites.

But Eire Og cannot be written off. They came from behind in last year's final to snatch the title from Killeagh and they are just as keen to make it a hat-trick this time. They too have their Cork players in goalie Marion McCarthy, who joined them this year, Nancy O'Driscoll, the county captain, and Mary Geaney and they have other very good players in Eileen Kavanagh, Hilda Horgan, Marian McCarthy, and Grainne Mackey. In the championship so far they do not appear to have reached their top form, although they had rather easy wins. But Killeagh can expect to see Eire Og at their best this evening, and whatever the result at the end of the game, a thriller must be on the cards.



Marian McCarthy, in goal for Eire Og this evening

Eire Og panel — M. McCarthy (goal), H. Horgan, M. McCarthy, N. O'Driscoll, M. Geaney, E. Dineen, G. Mackey, E. Galvin, E. Kavanagh, C. Kelleher, J. Shannon, M. O'Brien, M. O'Driscoll, P. Cullinane, P. O'Reilly, S. O'Brien and R. O'Leary.

Killeagh panel — P. Fitzgibbon, M. Costine, B. Landers, F. O'Connor, B. Joyce, C. Landers, B. Kirby, A. M. Landers, P. Moloney, M. Sweeney, M. Spillane, C. Griffin, S. O'Connor, S. Spillane, P. Kinery.

## SENIOR LEAGUE

There are no games listed for tomorrow or Sunday because of the holiday but on Tuesday next Killeagh meet Old Aloysians in the senior league and in the same competition on Wednesday Youghal meet Glen Rovers. The list is completed with under 14 games, this evening and on Wednesday, and an intermediate league clash this evening.

## FIXTURES

This evening (Friday) At Na Piaras Grounds, Cork County championship final, Eire Og v. Killeagh, 7.45 p.m. (ref. M. Nott, Glen Rovers).

At Riverstown — under 14 L. Sarsfields v. Watergrasshill, 7.30 (ref. Watergrasshill).

At Coachford — under 14 L. Aghabullogue v.

Ballinora, 7.30 (Ref. Ballinora).

At Inniscarra — I.L. Inniscarra v. Blarney, 7.30 (Ref. Canovee).

## TUESDAY

At Killeagh — S.L. Killeagh v. Old Aloysians, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Youghal).

## WEDNESDAY

At Mon Field — S.L. Youghal v. Glen Rovers 7.30 (Ref. Na Piaras).

At Ballinure — under 14L. Bishopstown v. Blackrock, 7.30 (Ref. Bishopstown).

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The North Presentation Secondary School (Farranree, Cork) camogie team winners of the Cork Schools Senior Championship when they defeated old rivals South Pres by 4-4 to 3-4 on Sunday last. (Echo)



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The Eire Og team which defeated Killeagh in the Cork County senior camogie final. —(Examiner)

# JOY FOR EIRE OG GIRLS

Eire Og 3-6, Killeagh 1-4

THE joy of victory and the heartbreak of defeat were evident at the Na Piarasigh Grounds last evening when Eire Og and Killeagh fought out the final of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship final.

The elation of achievement went to Eire Og who registered their third title in succession while Killeagh, defeated finalists in last year's championship, had once again to endure the pangs of disappointment.

It was another traumatic experience for the Killeagh girls. They dominated the opening proceedings and when Marian Sweeney crossed from the right hand touchline to set up Cork star Pat Moloney for a gem of a goal in the 10th minute it seemed that Killeagh were on their way to create history by winning the coveted trophy for the first time.

However, the East Cork girls, although dominating the game to their hearts content, were never able to consolidate their position. They shot numerous wides and were deprived on a number of occasions of goal scoring opportunities by Eire Og's outstanding defender Marian McCarthy.

With the free-striking Noelle O'Driscoll striking some beautiful points from "thirties," Eire Og went in at the interval trailing by just a goal. The score at this stage stood at 1-4 to 0-4 in favour

of Killeagh. It was evident at this stage that Killeagh had thrown away their chance of glory. With the breeze to their backs Eire Og unceremoniously dismissed their challenge.

Noelle O'Driscoll and Mary Geaney pointed before Eileen Kavanagh goaled to put the champions in front shortly into the second half. And when the multi talented Geaney raced through for a goal the game reached the inevitable conclusion. Killeagh failed to score in the second half and were just not a match on the day for their opponents.

Scorers— Eire Og: M. Geaney (2-1), E. Kavanagh (1-0), N. O'Driscoll (0-5). Killeagh: P. Moloney (1-1), B. Joyce, C. Landers and M. Sweeney (0-1 each).

Eire Og: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. O'Brien, J. Shanahan, M. McCarthy, I. Donovan, Nancy O'Driscoll, M. O'Driscoll, Noelle O'Driscoll, E. Kavanagh, G. Mackey, M. Geaney, H. Keohane, B. O'Mahony.

Killeagh: P. Fitzgibbon, M. Costine, B. Joyce, B. Landers, F. O'Connor, C. Landers, B. Kirby, A. M. Landers, M. Sweeney, P. Moloney, M. Spillane, C. Griffin. Sub: S. O'Connor for M. Spillane. Referee: M. Nott (Glen Rovers).

# QUIET WEEKEND

THERE is a lull in the hectic Cork camogie scene this coming week as so many clubs have players sitting for examinations and with only one local fixture listed, it will be the quietest week for a long time.

However, preparations are intensifying in the inter-county camps. The seniors meet Kilkenny in the first round of the All-Ireland on Sunday week, so they will be in training, and now the junior selectors have announced their panel for the forthcoming Munster Championship campaign and they too will be beginning their preparations.

The junior panel includes players from ten clubs with no less than six coming from Eire Og. The panel is: Patricia Fitzgibbon (Killeagh), Betty Joyce (do.), Eileen Barrett (Aghabullogue), Claire Kelleher (Eire Og), Grainne Mackey (do.), Eileen Kavanagh (do.), Eileen Dineen (do.), Noelle O'Driscoll (do.), Eileen Galvin (do.), Ann Delaney (Glen Rovers), Ger Murray (do.), Carmel Mulcahy (do.), Annette O'Donovan (do.), Mary Maher (Ballinlough), Martha Kearney (Na Piarasigh), Marie Coughlan (do.), Mairead O'Callaghan (Watergrasshill), Liz Lynch (Douglas), Christine Pinfield (do.), Maria Power (Youghal), Sarah Ryan (Nemo Rangers), Geraldine Leahy (Cobh).

The Senior All-Ireland championship get underway on Sunday with finalists of last season, Dublin, meeting Derry at Belaghy. Dublin, were comprehensively beaten by Cork last year, will be expected to get over this first hurdle without too much difficulty. They have a number of new players this season, and have already beaten Wicklow in the National League.

Derry, for their part have a League win to date also, as they took two points from Antrim. But in spite of losing their captain of last season, Sheila Murray, who has retired, Dublin should advance.

In the only local game listed Douglas meet St. Finbarr's in the Under-14 League, and here the Barrs will be expected to take both points.

Congratulations here to Deirdre O'Shea of Na Piarasigh, who won the Feile na nGael skills competition (Cork Section) for the second time in succession. Deirdre will now travel to Kilkenny in July for the National finals. Joining her will be Blackrock who defeated Old Aloysians in the team final, and on that showing must be expected to do well in Kilkenny.

### FIXTURES

Sunday, At Douglas: U-14 L.: Douglas v. St. Finbarr's, 3.30 p.m. At Belaghy, Co. Derry, Senior All-Ireland Championship: Dublin v. Derry, 2.30 p.m.

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Venue may  
swing it  
for Derry

BY TAOBH-LINE

DUBLIN, who were all-Ireland finalists last season, and Derry, who won the Junior All-Ireland title, are first out in this year's Senior Championship at Ballaghly (2.30) on Sunday next.

Dublin have lost four members of the team that lost to Cork in the All-Ireland final and one member of the panel.

Sheila Murray, who has been an outstanding goalie on the team for a number of years, Bernie Conway, a brilliant centre-back, Evelyn Sweeney and Noreen Fleming have all retired from inter-county camogie while Helen Roche is not available this year.

The Dublin Senior selectors have brought on eight new players to the panel. Three of these have been prominent minor stars.

They are Grainne Burke, Gay Moran of Presentation and Aileen Redmond of Cuchullainn, a sister to Anne and Barbara who are present members of the team.

Phyllis Breslin, on the Senior panel for the first time was the goalie on the 1975 All-Ireland Champion Junior side. The remaining newcomers who have not played for any Dublin team previously, are Aine Murphy, a goalie, and Terese Cullen, a winger of Na Fianna, forwards Therese Carroll, Phoenix, and Kathleen Moore, of Cuchullainn.

The latter, a native of Galway, is the only non-Dublin member on the side.

Orla Ni Riain, formerly Orla Ni Siochain, who was not available last season, is back on the team, and played at full-forward against Wicklow. The only member of the panel to have won a Senior medal, she is the most experienced member of the side.

Derry, who were a very good Junior Champion side, have had only one outing this season. In that game they lost to Antrim and did not look as good a side this year. However, that was early in the season and from could be very different on Sunday.

There have been some brilliant players on their line out.

Sarah Ann Quinn, their centre-back, has starred at Colleges, County and Inter-provincial level and is a very powerful player. Caroline Williams, also a hockey international, is clever and speedy at centre forward. Her sister, Brid, the sides midfielder is also a skilled player. Brigid McLaughlin, Kathleen Marrion and Brigid McCloskey are other prominent members of this Derry side.

The game should be wide open but if Derry can reproduce last year form, home venue should prove an advantage. The Dublins, who are blending a number of newcomers on to the side, may find it hard to advance to the next round.

Eire Og retained the Cork Senior Championship title for the third year in succession when they beat Killeagh last weekend.

## Deserved victory puts Dubs. ahead

DUBLIN ..... 6-5 DERRY ..... 2-2

DUBLIN got safely over the first hurdle of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship (open draw) when they scored a deserved victory over Derry at Bellaghly yesterday. The visitors were completely on top through the first half and led 3-2 to nil at the interval.

A well-taken point from the sideline puck taken by Sarah Ann Quinn gave Derry some heart but they failed to turn their chances into scores and Dublin continued to forge ahead on the scoreboard to lead 6-4 to 0-1 going into the fourth quarter.

Two late goals gave Derry encouragement and they tried hard to improve their position but the more experienced Dublin girls held out.

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Best for the winners were Mary Mernagh, Barbara Redmond, Sheila Wallace, Mary Murphy and Anna McManus.

Scorers, Dublin, M. Mernagh (4-1), A. McManus (0-3), A. McGrath, M. MMahon (1-0 each), O. Ui Riain (0-1). Derry, S. A. Quinn (1-2), M. Convery (1-0).

## "Crunch" Day For Champions Cork

SUNDAY is "crunch" day for All-Ireland champions Cork, as on that day they play "hot shots" Kilkenny in the first round of this year's All-Ireland championship campaign. Everything else this season has been building up to this, which must surely be one of Cork's toughest ever first round encounters.

Because of examinations the remainder of the Cork fixture list is very short, being confined to two under 14 league ties.

Cork won the All-Ireland title last season, but they did not meet the then champions Kilkenny as they were knocked out by Wexford in the first round. But the sides did meet in 1976 when Kilkenny came out on top. Kilkenny are never an easy side to beat and must be regarded as one of the top teams in the country. A

home venue is to Cork's advantage, but at this grade the pitch is not such a vital factor, as all the players involved have plenty of experience of playing away from home.

The Kilkenny team was not available at the time of writing but no doubt it will include such respected wielders of the camogie stick as 1977 B+I Camogie Player of the Year, Angela Downey and her twin sister Ann, Helena O'Neill, Mary Conway, Mary Fennelly and Bridie Martin. In recent weeks Kilkenny lost by a point to Limerick in the National League and also lost to Wexford in a friendly. Cork for their part defeated Wexford in the league, but on that occasion Wexford were short five regulars and could not really be judged. In any event Kilkenny will be a very different side in the championship and Cork will have to pull out all the stops if they are to advance to the second round.

The Cork panel was not available either but followers will expect to see Cork's All-Ireland winning side on view, with the exception of midfielder Claire Cronin, who is still recovering from a broken leg. Claire may be included in the panel, but she is definitely out for the start of the game. The star-studded Cork attack of Mary O'Leary, Marion McSweeney, Pat Moloney and Mary Geaney will no doubt be in action on Sunday while Angela Higgins and Nancy O'Driscoll will probably fill their usual roles at centrefield.

Claire Cronin's position in this sector is quite open with a number of contenders among the subs, but Claire Hackett could be the final choice. The defence of Marion McCarthy (goal), Marie Costine, Patricia Riordan, Catherine Landers and Marie Ryan must be expected to be selected en block.

And so the stage is set for the pick of the first round ties with the 1977 and '78 All-Ireland champions battling

it out in what must be a most exciting game at Pairc Ui Chaoimh on Sunday.

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# Kilkenny girls best in clash of champions

BY JOAN MORLEY

KILKENNY 4-5, CORK 0-10

CORK, the holders, are out of the Senior All-Ireland camogie championship following their 4-5 to 0-10 defeat by Kilkenny at Douglas yesterday. This was billed as the clash of champions (Kilkenny won the title in 1977) and for the most part it lived up to its prematch publicity, with the game swinging from end to end and very little separating the sides in a most exciting display.

But then with ten minutes to go came a Kilkenny blitz, which saw B+I Camogie Player of 1977 Angela Downey crashing home two marvellous goals to put the issue beyond doubt.

There were dramatic happenings in the Cork camp in the days prior to the game. First of all it was learned that top full-back Marie Costine was out through illness and then came the "bombshell" decision by Pat Moloney to retire from inter-county camogie. And all this on top of the fact that star midfielder Clare Cronin was already out with a broken leg.

This meant that all the preparations in recent months were disrupted and it also meant the inclusion "at the deep end" of junior full-back Mary Maher and minor Martha Kearney. Both these girls did well, but it was obvious that they were out of their depth for much of the game. The more experienced Margo Twomey was also brought back into the side, but she, too, found

the going tough and was substituted by Clare Hackett in the second half.

## COMPLETELY UPSET

All these changes completely upset the usual Cork rhythm, and when they were faced with a full strength Kilkenny side in top form, they deserve great credit for holding them for so long.

Kilkenny at any time are hard to beat, but on yesterday's form even a full strength Cork side would have found it a difficult task. In addition to Angela Downey, Kilkenny had marvellous performers in Angela's twin sister Anne, captain Bridie Martin, Helena O'Neill and Mary Purcell.

They were ahead at half-time by 1-3 to 0-5 and in the second half increased that lead by 5-4 to 0-10. On the day they were definitely the better side, although Cork

captain Nancy O'Driscoll, Patricia O'Riordan, Marion Sweeney and Mary O'Leary, were in brilliant form, they just could not turn the tide on this occasion and Kilkenny emerged as worthy winners.

Scorers: Kilkenny: A. Downey 4-2, H. O'Neill 0-2, P. Muldowney 0-1. Cork: M. O'Leary 0-4, M. Kearney 0-2, M. Sweeney 0-2, M. Geaney, N. O'Driscoll 0-1 each.

Kilkenny: T. O'Neill, L. Neary, A. Downey, B. Martin (capt.), M. Canovan, P. Muldowney, M. Fennelly, H. O'Neill, M. Farrell, M. Purcell, A. Downey, J. Dunne.

Cork: M. McCarthy, M. Maher, M. Ryan, C. Landers, P. Riordan, N. O'Driscoll (capt.), A. Higgins, M. Twomey, M. Kearney, M. Sweeney, M. O'Leary, M. Geaney. Subs: C. Hackett for M. Twomey; A. O'Donovan for M. Sweeney (injured). Referee: S. Breslin (Dublin).



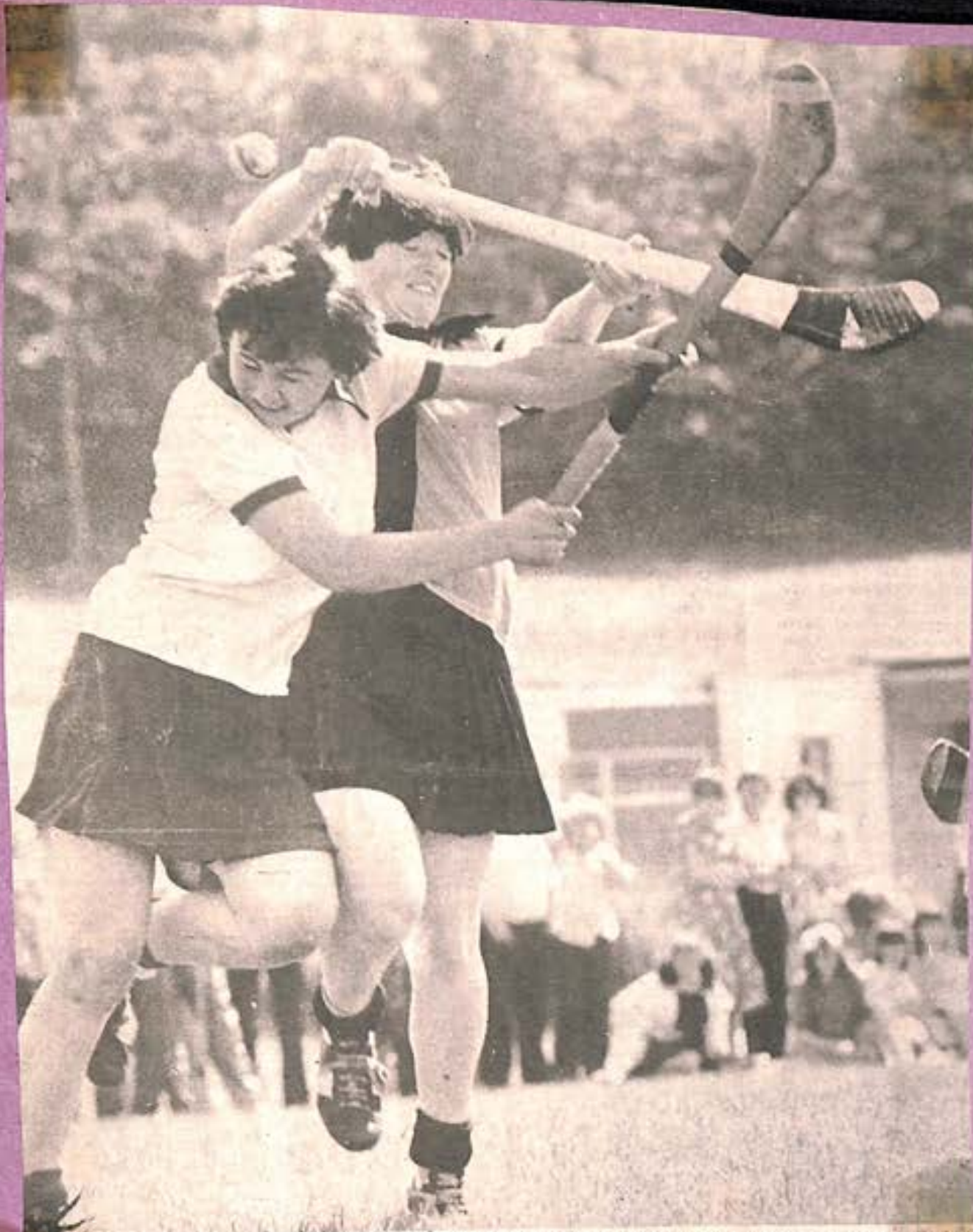
Kilkenny forward Margaret Farrell shooting past Cork defenders Catherine Landers and Mary Maher.

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Cork forward Mary O'Leary and Kilkenny goalkeeper Theresa O'Neill battling for possession in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship game at Douglas yesterday. ('Examiner')

## Surprises the order!

### CAMOGIE by Taobh Line

THE fall of the All-Ireland champions, Cork, to Kilkenny last Sunday at Douglas was on pre-match form quite a surprise. Camogie followers had the opinion that the champions were the form team this year, judging by their performance in their earlier games. They had retained the Munster Senior Championship and had scored a convincing victory over Wexford in the first round of the National League.

But the absence of two Cork stalwarts was not anticipated. Marie Costine was out because of illness, and she was a great loss at full-back. Pat Moloney's decision to retire from inter-county camogie was a real bombshell so the Cork mentors had to find two replacements.

However, Kilkenny, who lost their first game to Limerick by one point, were certainly back to form last Sunday and fully deserved their victory.

There was also another sur-

prise last Sunday. The defeat of Galway by Antrim was not anticipated but the ease with which it was achieved was most unexpected.

Galway have over the past few years produced some outstanding camogie players but their showing on the inter-county scene has not lived up to the talent available inside the county.

The stage is now set for the All-Ireland quarter-finals. Dublin, who defeated Derry, are at home to Limerick on July 15, and Tipperary entertain Down on the same day. Clare travel to Wexford on July 22 and Kilkenny and Antrim will meet on July 29.

So the National League takes over again on Sunday next. Limerick, who defeated Kilkenny

on their first game, are out against Clare at Adare, and Wexford, who dropped two points to Cork, play Tipperary at Clonroche (3.0).

Ard Choiste has set up a committee to encourage County Boards, clubs and individuals to make a special effort to celebrate in a fitting way the 75th commemoration.

This committee, which includes the Ard Runai, Seosaimhin Nic Uaidrich, Elizabeth Howard the P.R.O., Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin, Chairman of C.C.I.A., and Sighe Nic Anutaigh, the former secretary, make a number of suggestions under different headings:

(1) COMPETITIONS — A tournament, a new competition, a seven-a-side, a competition run in Irish only.

(2) FUNCTIONS — Pageant of local or national interest, a dinner at which club photos, past and present, could be displayed, lecture on history of the Association, Aerloch, sports day and a museum display.

A project competition is also suggested under which heading the committee mentions history of the Association or facet of same, club/county history. General suggestion for development. Other suggestions include the design for a county medal, new dance (ceili/set/solo), poetry, essay, art.

If any help is required it is suggested that contact is made through the Ard Runai, Dublin (01) 740582.

### Limerick far too good

Limerick 3-5, Clare 2-0

Limerick were much too good for Clare in this National camogie league game at Adare yesterday. Limerick are now through to the last four and they won their section as a result of this win.

Scorers: Limerick — B. Darcy 1-4, A. O'Sullivan 1-1, H. Mulcare 1-0. Clare — M. Howard 1-0, M. Sanders 1-0.





## Family game in the park that launched a camogie league in America

WHEN Barney McEnroe, a native of Cavan, took his two daughters to a park on a hot summery day in Philadelphia to teach them the rudiments of camogie he started a national movement.

For on that day in 1973 in William Penn's famous city were sown the seeds of the North American Camogie League. The league now boasts a membership representing several cities ranging from New York to Chicago and today sees the culmination of all his efforts when a Philadelphia team arrives in Ireland to play a series of matches.

Barney left these shores in 1949 and only returned two months ago. Formerly in the construction business he is now semi-retired and living with his wife Teresa near Coot-hill. Before he left he trained several camogie teams.

"We were here on vacation some years ago when Eileen and my other daughter Marie saw camogie being played," he said. "They liked the game and said they would like to have a go at it, so we brought some sticks back with us. After that it just kept growing and we had

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*It started with a game in a park and grew into the North American Camogie League. Today their representatives visit Ireland for a tour. Report by ANTHONY TORMEY.*

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to bring over more camogie sticks until eventually we had enough players to form two teams."

Through various Irish-American links in the States the league went from strength to strength and today the cities of Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, New York and Philadelphia all have at least two camogie teams. Philadelphia itself has four teams: Cavan, Tyrone, Kevin Barry and Mayo and it is the Cavan team which arrives today.

The girls will be heading straight for Cootehill and over the next few days they will play at least four matches against Cavan teams. They will

also be playing a Down team and hope to get in a game in either Donegal or Derry. Then it will be back to Dublin to play Slieve Bloom on July 8, a basketball match next day and finally home to Philadelphia on July 12.

There will be sixteen girls on the trip and surprisingly, only four of them are Irish-American. Many of the girls also play field hockey. Eileen Tenny is the goalkeeper with the visiting team and she came over to this country a few days ago ahead of the main party. She has been playing camogie for four years now.

"I like the game," she says. "I think it's easy. I also play baseball and field hockey. It is because of her training in field hockey that she takes so readily to the 'clash of the ash'."

"I went to high school with Barney's daughter. She knew I played field hockey and she called me up and asked me to play camogie," explained Eileen who has already had her first game in Ireland, standing in a few days ago for one of the local Cavan teams when their goalkeeper was injured.

Barney's daughter Eileen has been living in this country for the past eighteen months and she has organised much of the trip from this side. "The girls have raised the money for this trip themselves by selling raffle tickets," she said. "We also got some help from the GAA in Philadelphia and from Bord Fáilte and Waterford Glass."

The Cavan team was the first team founded and in the initial stages Barney found many problems in setting up regular training sessions.

"It's nearly impossible to get a field in Philadelphia but when we eventually got together about eighty girls we approached the authorities and they had to give us a park," he said.

"We now have training on Tuesdays and Thursdays of every week and a competitive match every fortnight. We always arrange some sort of match for a Sunday."

Barney ceased to be involved with the teams when he came home and this trip may be his last chance for a long time to see the girls.

The season for the North

American league runs during the summer from April to September. The reason for this is that many Irish girls who travel to the States in search of summer work are invited to take part in the camogie league, so swelling its ranks to a considerable degree.

One of the biggest headaches for the league organisers is that of travel. With distances like New York to Chicago to traverse this can seem almost insurmountable on a shoestring budget.

The league raises all its own finances through various fundraising ventures.

In 1977, the Cavan team won the NAL championship and last year they had to fly to Cleveland only to become beaten finalists to the home team. That trip cost them 1,500 dollars in air fares alone.

"Rather than spend that kind of money this year on the American league they all decided they would like to come to Ireland," said Barney.

The ages of the girls range from 17 to 25. They will be accompanied on this trip by their trainer, Sean O'Reilly, "and a few spectators," said Barney.



The visiting team with Barney McEnroe and trainer Sean O'Reilly.



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## A RECORD ENTRY FOR FEILE NA nGAEL

A FESTIVAL of Camogie is organized at Kilkenny this weekend where the Feile na nGael games start at 10.0 on Saturday morning and continue on Sunday when the finals of the two Divisions will be played in conjunction with the hurling finals at Nowlan Park.

A record 32 teams are competing this year as compared to twenty-four last year which was the first time that camogie had two divisions. The draw for the competition is as follows:  
Division A — North — A, Armagh v Castlecomer "A", B, Kildare v Freshford, C, Dublin v Ballyvaughan, D, Limerick v Urrisstown South — A, Galway v Tuam, B, Donegal v Ballyvaughan, C, Wexford v Piltown, D, Cork v Mooncoin.

Division B — North — A, Waterford v Young Irelands, B, Roscommon v Castlecomer "B", C, Kerry v Black and Whites, D, Carlow v Clinstown. South — A, Westmeath v Kilmacow, B, Antrim v Mullinavat, C, Wicklow v Slieverue, D, Meath v Danesfort.

The second rounds are timed for 3.45 and in these the "A" winners play "B" winners and "C" winners take on "D" winners in all sections. The Divisional finals are arranged for 8.0 at Ballyraggett, Thomastown, Larchfield and Mullinavat. The finals are on Sunday at Nowlan Park, 3.15 "A", and 2.30 "B".

The thirty games of the competition will be refereed by the

### CAMOGIE BY TAOBH LINE

members of the Kilkenny Senior camogie team, including such well known players as Angela and Ann Downey, Teresa O'Neill, Helena McCormack, Mary Fennelly, Mary Canavan and Mary Purcell.

There are no inter-county games this weekend as most officials will be attending the Feile. Last week's National League games resulted in victories for Limerick and Tipperary.

Limerick, who have completed their Zone with a victory over Clare, are now in the semi-finals

of the League, but they have a most pressing fixture before that as they travel to Dublin to play the Metropolitan in the quarter-final of the All-Ireland Senior Championship on July 15.

Playing in the top grade for only their second season the Shannonsiders have had a successful run. Last year they reached the League Final but lost to Kilkenny by a point.

Wexford, who lost to Tipperary on Sunday last, suffered their second defeat in the League. Their next outing is against Clare in the quarter-final of the Senior Championship.

The Slaneysiders have to find replacements for five of their well-known stars who have announced their retirement. They are Margaret Lacey, Bridget

Doyle, Kit Codd, Bridie Doran and Bernie Murphy, all All-Ireland medal holders. However, Wexford have a host of young, talented players eager to prove their worth and win the vacant places.

Antrim, who lost their Ulster title to Down last season, held the champions to a draw last Sunday when the score was Antrim 2-5, Down 3-2.

Celtic and Austin Stacks are the Dublin Senior League finalists once again. The holders, Celtic, who have been League champions for the past six years, lately captured the championship title for the fourth time in a row — a fitting prize for the club who are celebrating their Golden Jubilee.

## Lively Dubs win good final

AFTER a very entertaining and exciting game, Woodville (Dublin) scored a decisive win over Blackrock (Cork) in the First Division camogie final. With the exception of a three minute spell in the second half, when the winners had their two scores, it was stalmate.

The winners had an excellent forward line and the losers' defence was equally as good. Most of the play was in this area of the field. Seldom did the ball enter the winners' defence. Were it not for the brilliant performance of Michelle Barry in the Cork goal the winning margin would have been far greater.

One of the stars of the Dublin side was young Susanna Doyle who played with six

stitches in her hear which she received in a semi-final game on Saturday.

After a hectic first half the teams remained nil all at the interval. It was not until the middle of the second half that the winners registered their first score when Ann Cooper drove a wonderful ground shot from 25 yards over the bar and a minute later Edel Campbell cracked home an equally good goal.

Best for the winners were Loraine Ormond, Ann Archbald, Edel Campbell, Leslie Quinn and Susanna Doyle. Michelle Barry, Rebecca Ahearne, Judy Deasy, Chris Lyons stood out for the losers.

**Woodville:** Michelle Slater, Monica Waters, Loraine Ormond, Deborah McGivern, Doreen McGee, Ann Archbald, Adele Campbell (1-0), Ann Cooper (0-1), Lesley Quinn, Susan Doyle, Caroline Doyle. Other members of the panel were: Deirdre Byrne, Antoinette Smart, Siobhan Halkerington, Marie Hogan.

**Blackrock:** Michell Barry, Ursula Lyons, Brigid O'Connor, Rebecca Ahearne, Judy Deasy, Chris Lyons, Silc Donoghue, Treasa Keane, Judy Kennedy, Catherine O'Connell, Ann Furlong, Moira Harrington. Other members of the panel were: Miriam Nason, Geraldine Cashman, Audrey Tuohy,

**WOODVILLE (DUBLIN)** ————— 1-1  
**BLACKROCK (CORK)** ————— 0-0

Colette Murphy, Dymphna Lordan. Referee: Angela Downey (St. Pauls).

### Woodville — hit on and off field

WOODVILLE (Dublin) who won the Division I camogie title, proved a big hit both on and off the field.

By all accounts the youngsters were fascinated by the country life. Some of them rose at 5 a.m. to get the full benefit of the country air and help their Ballyvaughan hosts with the farmyard chores.

Before leaving, 'thank you' messages were left in many of the homes, and in most cases, they were accompanied by small gifts.

On the field of play, the Dubs proved no soft touch either, as their landing of honours proved. But they achieved victory without conceding a single score in their four matches.

## Avoca were "on song"

they were assembled in their forts of out the field players, members of the panel were — Teresa Miley, Ann Bevan and Joan Moules, Sarah Dowling and Dolores Canavan. Avoca still had a Kathleen



# All happening in Cavan

CAVAN County Board are this week hosting the Cavan-Philadelphia Camogie Team. The American girls are travelling around Ulster and playing as many games as they can organise.

Last Sunday, they played a South Down selection. The game was very close and rather fittingly ended in a draw. The visitors play a ground style and place great emphasis on combination.

They are travelling to Donegal but the highlight of their visit will be the match with a Cavan selection tomorrow night.

This game is fixed for Crosskeys (8.0) and the teams will be entertained locally after the game. Mary Moran, the president and Jo Golden, the General Secretary, will attend.

Cavan are also in the news in their own province. They have reached an Ulster final for the first time since 1940. Last Sunday they defeated Armagh (6.5 to 2.0) in the Junior semi-final and they are out against Antrim on Sunday week at Crosskeys (3.0) in the

## PRIMARY GRADE

The work in the Primary Schools, in Cavan, over the past five years, is now bearing fruition as their minor team is also in the closing stages of that grade. On Sunday next, they

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travel to Antrim to decide who will face Down in the Minor final. That game will be played at Moneyglass (3.0).

The Connacht Junior and Minor championships will also be decided in the next few weeks. Galway have already defeated Roscommon in the Junior championship and play Mayo in the final on Sunday week. The minor Championship starts on Sunday when Galway are out against Mayo.

On the Senior front Wicklow entertain Antrim in the National League on Sunday next at Rathdrum (2.30). Both counties have had one outing in this competition already. Antrim collected the points in their game with Derry while Wicklow lost to Dublin.

The Northern girls, by their victory over fancied Galway in the All-Ireland Championship quarter-final, has enhanced their reputation and they will be expected to take the points from Wicklow who unfortunately have lost a number of the team that won the Leinster Junior Championship last season.

However, with such promotion among the under-age in the county, replacements will soon be ready for inclusion.

Celtic must be very satisfied with their clean sweep of the Dublin Senior trophies in the Dublin Camogie Board. Last weekend they added the Senior League to the Senior championship when they defeated their keenest rivals of the Senior A Grade, Austin Stacks.

The latter, however, made the champions work hard for victory. The one point margin at the final whistle is an indication of the closeness of the game. This is Celtic's seventh League title in a row — no mean achievement for any club.

## FEILE NA nGAEL

The Dublin under 14 champions Woodville and the Wicklow champions Avoca took the A & B titles at feile na nGael. The Dublin champions defeated Croagh Kilfinny last years champions and Broadford Kildare in their path to the final and played a very exciting and evenly contested game with Blackrock, Cork, in the final. Avoca, who defeated St. Dominics, Roscommon, in the final had an easier passage.

The whole weekend was again enjoyable and full marks must go to the Kilkenny senior players who refereed and officiated at the 30 camogie games played. The parade was again a creditable performance and a pleasing view of the rising generation from each County.



LIZ HOWARD . . . feminine touch to hurling report.

## A FEMININE TOUCH IN THE SUNDAY GAME

LIZ HOWARD, one of RTE's newest sports pundits, will take the chair in tonight's "The Sunday Game" with GAA stars Eddie Keher and Jackie O'Gorman—but she doesn't feel at all intimidated.

She has already taken part in RTE all-Ireland hurling final radio programmes, both last year and the year before, and she grew up in a GAA household. Her father, Garrett Howard won all-Ireland hurling medals with Dublin and Limerick.

Now she's looking forward to being the more-or-less permanent panellist for the rest of the summer in RTE's new sports commentary programme, which starts tonight at 8 o'clock.

Liz, who is public relations officer for the Camogie Asso-

ciation, promises to be outspoken in her views: "You have to say what you think — it lacks that bit of spice." She's not worried about appearing on TV: "When you're interested in sport, you've no trouble talking about it," she says, adding with a laugh: "Maybe it is all spoofing."

She reckons there must be a huge audience for a programme of this sort, and that it was inevitable following the success of programmes like "Match of the Day." She hasn't thought much about whether being a woman would make any difference to viewers' reactions to her: "Provided you know enough about the sport, they'll accept you."

As a former camogie player — for Tipperary, and mostly for Dublin — she is hoping that

RTE will televise the All-Ireland camogie final this autumn. She enjoyed moderate sporting success herself but says: "I had more heart than skill, I was no great star." She no longer plays inter-county, but still plays camogie with the Phoenix Club in Dublin.

Her job as Aer Lingus's chief hostess, Europe—in which she is responsible for the smooth running of the airline's European hostess corps—keeps her busy. Last week she was busy making preparations for a VIP welcome for Cardinal O'Fiaich on his return from Rome.

Favourite passengers include film director John Huston—"He was just a divine man"—and Taoiseach Jack Lynch. And when she meets him what do they chat about? Hurling, of course.

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# Limerick Look Set To Overcome Weak Dublin

THIS COMING Sunday is a very busy day on the Camogie fields. Two All-Ireland senior championship quarter-finals, the Ulster Junior Final and the Connacht Willwood Tailteann Minor Final, are all down for decision.

In the senior championship Limerick travel to Russell Park, Blanchardstown (3.0) to play Dublin and Tipperary are at home to Down at Moneygall (3.0).

Dublin, who defeated Derry in the preliminary round, also met Limerick at this stage in last year's championship. The sides were evenly matched on that occasion, the Dubliners advanced on the score 3-1 to 1-4, just one goal between the sides.

The Shannonsiders have had two league games to date this season and collected full points from both games. Carrie Clancy who has been a stalwart of Limerick teams for a long time, has decided to hang up her boots this season.

But Carrie, who is Chairman of the County Board, is still a driving force behind the teams. Dublin have lost six of the team that reached the All-Ireland Final.

Three of the All-Ireland panel who were substitutes last season, Mary Murphy, Felicity Sutton and Margaret McMahon fielded against Derry and the newcomers were Annette McGrath, Kathleen Moore and Orla Ni Riain, who was not available last year.

This could be a very close game with Limerick slight favourite to advance to the semi-final.

In the second quarter-final

game Tipperary will be confident against Down.

The Ulster side are only in their second season in senior grade. They have made tremendous progress in that time, but it will be a major surprise if they can defeat Tipperary.

Cavan, who won their last Ulster title in 1940, have this season qualified for the junior and minor finals.

Next Sunday at Crosskeys, Cavan and Antrim meet in the Junior final.

Connacht Council Minor final will also be decided next Sunday. Galway are at home to

Mayo and should advance to the All-Ireland semi-final as Mayo only re-organised last season and it would surely be expecting too much to hope for victory so soon.

The Munster Minor and Junior finals are now arranged for July 21 and 28 respectively. Cork are at home to Clare in both games.

Woodville, Dublin, who recently won the Felle competition, won out the Dublin section of the Community Games Camogie competition when they defeated Cameron Park last Sunday.

## TIPP AND LIMERICK SET FOR SEMI-FINAL

Tipperary 4-3; Down 2-1

TIPPERARY earned a place in the All-Ireland Camogie (Senior) semi-final with a comfortable win over Down at Moneygall yesterday.

Down were short four of their regular side due to holidays. Eileen Hamill had a good game in goal — nevertheless they trailed 1-2 to 0-0 at the interval. Marian McGarvey had some narrow misses.

Powered by Deirdre Lane, Mary O'Brien, Siobhan McDonnell and Agnes Brophy, Tipperary dominated the second half — adding 3-1 to their interval score.

Scorers: Tipperary — S. McDonnell (2-1), M. Griffin and M. Quigley (1-0 each), A. Brophy and M. Stokes (0-1 each). Down — S. Kelly (1-1), M. McGarvey (1-0).

Limerick 3-6; Dublin 3-5

LIMERICK yesterday qualified for the All-Ireland semi-final against Tipperary by beating Dublin by a point at Russell Park, Blanchardstown.

Limerick opened the scoring with a point from a free by

Helen Mulcaire, but Dublin quickly put themselves ahead when Orla Ni Riain, goalied from a 15-yard free.

Both sides exchanged points, before Anna McManus scored a spectacular point from a sideline shot which left Dublin ahead by one point at the interval.

Brigid Darcy and Bridie Stokes slammed home two quick goals in the opening minutes of the second half for Limerick. Although Anne Byrne goalied a good pass from Barbara Redmond, Limerick continued to dominate. Brigid Darcy's second goal seemed to assure Limerick of an easy victory. Orla Ni Riain, however, had one last effort and scored a goal from a 30 metres free on the final whistle.

It came too late however, as Dublin still trailed by one point. Limerick deservedly earned their semi-final place against Tipperary on August 12.

Scorers: Limerick — B. Darcy (2-1), H. Mulcaire (0-5), B. Stokes (1-0). Dublin — Orla Ni Riain (2-3), Anne Byrne (1-0), Anna McManus (0-2).



JIM CARNEY, presenter, and Liz Howard, panellist, in RTE's "The Sunday Game."

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# Wexford Take Their Chances

Wexford ..... 4-7  
Clare ..... 1-4

Wexford, with a convincing win over Clare at Clonroche yesterday, qualified for the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final.

Back in action was the retired Margaret Lacey. Wexford were stronger right through, leading by 3-4 to 0-2 at the interval. Though Clare had the chances their weak attack failed to penetrate the Wexford defence in this first half.

In an evenly contested second half Wexford maintained their advantage. Mairead Darch and Margaret Lacey contributed 3-5 of the Wexford total. Kathleen Tonks in goal, Margaret Hearne, Dorothy and Elsie Walsh and Eileen Kehoe also impressed for Wexford. Clare were best served by the Harrington sisters, Maureen Kelly, Liz Condon and Margaret O'Toole.

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Scorers: Wexford—M. Darcy 22; M. Lacey 1-3; E. O'Gorman 1-0; M. Hearne 0-1; E. Walsh 0-1. Clare—M. Davern 0-3; M. O'Toole 0-1; P. Moroney 1-0.

## Cavan Upset Favourites

CAVAN ..... 12-3  
DOWN ..... 1-2

Cavan won the Ulster minor camogie championship title for the first time and qualified for the Willwood Tailteann Minor All-Ireland semi final when they trounced fancied Down at Crosskeys yesterday.

CAVAN—E. Clarke (6-0), A. O'Sullivan (2-1), A. Denny (2-0), J. Edward (2-0), B. O'Callaghan (0-4).

DOWN—A. Traynor (1-0), N. O'Flynn and K. Crummy (0-1 each).

# WEXFORD FOR SEMI-FINALS!

AFTER last Sunday's games the pairing for the first of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi-finals is now known.

Limerick, who just pipped Dublin by one point (3-6 to 3-5) will play Tipperary, who got the better of Down (4-3 to 2-1) on August 12.

The third and fourth quarter-finals are scheduled for next Sunday and Sunday week.

Wexford entertain Clare at Clonroche this Sunday. The home side, who found themselves with six empty positions at the start of the season, had to promote from their junior string.

In their first outing in the National League against Cork they suffered a heavy defeat and lost unexpectedly also to Tipperary in the same competition. However, championship is a great motivator and if the St. Neysiders are fit they should counter the Clare girls.

On the other hand, however, more than half the present Clare team will be mindful of their

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memorable games with Wexford in 1975.

### GREAT WEALTH

In the opening round that year, which was their first time in senior grade, Clare drew with Wexford and only lost the replay by a goal scored in the last few minutes, and Wexford went on to win the title in September.

But Clare did not maintain that promise in the intervening years. There is a great wealth of young talent in Clare, as is apparent from the fact that the county has reached the Munster Junior and Minor finals.

So a keen and well contested game is expected.

The victors on Sunday will play Kilkenny or Antrim on August 19.

Congratulations to Cavan who captured the Ulster Junior title for the first time since 1941 when they decisively defeated Antrim 7-2 to 1-1.

Their next outing will also be on August 12, when they are at home to the Munster winners, Cork or Clare.

But Cavan have a chance of another provincial title next Sunday when they are hosts to Down in the Ulster Minor final. The game is fixed for Crosskeys (3.0).

Down, who were the first holders of this title, not only at provincial but also at All-Ireland level, have a great record in this competition and will be certain to test the strength of Cavan's great upsurge.

### DEFENDING

All-Ireland Minor champions Cork are defending their provincial title against Clare on Saturday night at Cork.

Keen promotion of the game at the under-age level has improved the standard tremendously in Clare and while Cork have almost owned this competition since it was inaugurated in 1974, All-Ireland champions three times and runners-up once, their visitors may surprise them this time.

# Ger McCarthy is Cork's hero

CORK ..... 6-1  
CLARE ..... 1-5

CORK'S Ger McCarthy was the star of the Munster minor camogie championship final played at Douglas on Saturday evening, when she netted five of her team's six goals, in a one sided game. There was no stopping the girl in the first half and she slammed home three goals. Ann Currid goaled for Cork, Jon Hyde hit over a point while Clare's only response was three points from frees, scored by Claire Jones.

With a ten point lead at the interval Cork seemed assured of victory but Clare carried the game to Cork in the second half. The gap was reduced to six points by Carmel Wall who scored a lucky goal and followed up with a point.

Cork's goalkeeper, Claire McCarthy was outstanding and her play more than anything prevented Clare

from getting on top. She was injured after stopping a high ball and Carmel Wall hit home the loose ball. However, McCarthy recovered and made repeated saves to deny Clare a further score.

In the final quarter, Cork regained the upperhand and two further goals from Ger McCarthy gave them a convincing 12 points winning margin.

Cork: C. McCarthy, M. Owens, M. Delea, J. Riordan, F. Deasy, P. Goggin, J. Hyde, S. Fitzgibbon, A. Currid, G. McCarthy, L. Zinkant, S. O'Donovan. Subs: A. Lambart for P. Goggin, C. Higgins for S. O'Donovan.

Clare: F. White, J. Condon, B. Keating, A. Gallery, R. Fahy, C. Jones, C. McNamara, M. Howard, R. Fox, C. Wall, C. Keating, M. Beegan. Subs: M. Carroll for B. Keating, M. Brown for R. Fahy. Referee: M. Davern (Clare)

## WEXFORD WIN

Wexford 5-6; Clare 1-4

Without several of the stars of other years, Wexford

advanced to the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final when they beat Clare impressively by 5-6 to 1-4 on home territory at Clonroche. They will now meet the winners of Kilkenny v Antrim scheduled for next Sunday.

The teams were very evenly matched early on and were together at 0-1 each after 15 minutes play. But in the ten minutes before half-time the Wexford girls went on a scoring spree and at the interval led by 3-4 to 0-2.

Clare fought bravely on in the second half, but the result was a foregone conclusion.

The winners were best served by Carmel Higgins and Gretta Quigley in defence, Eileen Kehoe and Elsie Walsh at midfield, and Mairead Carty and Margaret Lacey in attack. Clare's best were goalkeeper Mary Kelly, Anne and Clare Harrington, Kitty McNicholas, Maura Davern and Patricia Moroney.

Scorers: Wexford: M. Carty 2-2, M. Lacey 2-2, E. O'Gorman 1-0, E. Walsh and M. Hearne 0-1 each. Clare: P. Moroney 1-0, M. Davern 0-3, M. O'Toole 0-1.

Wexford: K. Tonks, M. Cussens, C. Higgins, D. Cussens, G. Quigley, E. Kehoe, E. Walsh, D. Walsh, E. O'Gorman, M. Hearne, M. Carty, M. Lacey.

Clare: M. Kelly, A. Harrington, A. Fahy, C. Harrington, A. M. Russell, L. Condon, K. McNicholas, M. O'Toole, S. Harrington, M. Davern, P. Moroney, M. Saunders.



Clare full-back Josephine Condon clearing the ball from her goalmouth as Cork forward Lillian Zinkant tries to intercept during the Munster minor camogie final at Douglas, Cork. (Echo)



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tion from the Munster Minor Camogie final at Douglas, Cork on  
urday. Left, Clare corner-forward Martina Goggins (centre)  
ing to get away from Cork backs Joan O'Riordan (left) and Paula  
ggins; right, Cork forward and captain Ger McCarthy about to  
ot at goal after Clare defender Rosemary Fahy fails to block  
wn. Running in are Cork's Lilian Zinkant and Clare's full-back  
epherine Condon.



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The Cork team (top), which played Clare in the Munster minor camogie final at Douglas, Cork. —("Echo")



Clare full-back Josephine Condon gets the ball away from the goal despite the efforts of Cork forward Lilian Zinkant (No. 12). —("Echo")





Deirdre O'Shea of Fairhill, Cork, winner of the Coca-Cola All-Ireland Camogie Skills Competition at Feile na nGael in Kilkenny pictured with (from left) John O'Connell, Mary Moran, president, Camogie Association; Deirdre's mother, Mrs. O'Shea, and Paddy McFlynn.

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## FEILE HAS HAD BIG IMPACT ON CAMOGIE

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**F**EILE NA nGAEL has done a great deal for the future of hurling by spreading a love of the game among juveniles in counties where it was hitherto little practised. Yet in its own way, Feile na nGael can claim to have made an even greater impact on Camogie since the game for girls was first added on at Limerick, in the second year that the Festival of Juvenile Hurling was held in the Shannonside City. One feels that was the spur Limerick Camogie teams needed to achieve Munster and All-Ireland victories something that was achieved very shortly afterwards.

Then the Feile moved on to Cork, and there too there was an upsurge in interest among the juvenile Camogie players that has resulted in Cork doing so very well in under-age ranks ever since. In the following years the Feile moved to Waterford and though the success on the inter-county fields that followed the Feile in Cork and Limerick was not repeated in the Decies the interest in the game was intensified and has since been maintained at local level.

However a new trend had by then become evident in the Feile Camogie set-up, with teams from the weaker counties becoming increasingly eager to win a place. Last year the Camogie Feile expanded to accommodate twenty four teams, twelve from Kilkenny and twelve from other counties, equally divided between weak

counties and strong counties.

This year the number of teams has been extended to 32—sixteen from counties outside Kilkenny and an equal number from the home host county. The list is very impressive for Division A — Armagh, Kildare, Dublin, Limerick, Galway, Donegal, Wexford and Cork. Division B — Waterford, Roscommon, Kerry, Carlow, Antrim, Wicklow, Meath. But even more satisfactory from the viewpoint of the future of Camogie in the county where the Feile is staged is the fact that the 16 Kilkenny teams cover every area of the county. In proof, here they are:— Castlecomer A, Freshford, Ballycallan, Urlingford, Tullaroan, Thomastown, Piltown, Mooncoin, Gowran, Castlecomer B. Blacks and Whites, Clinstown, Kilmacow, Mullinavat, Slieverue, Danesfort.

In addition the skills competition, won in its first year at Kilkenny in 1978 by a girleen from Cork, will have representatives from each county this year.

The Feile Camogie series is for under-14s, and there is a spin off, if that is the proper word into the Community Games later in the year. Many of the players, who figure on Club teams in the Feile, subsequently line out for their Community teams at Mosneev.

The vast increase in interest through the Feile and the Community at Under-14 level has already led to an appreciable im-

provement in standards in the All-Ireland minor competitions, which are for the Under-16s and has also led to a great levelling up between the counties. There was scarcely a puck of the ball between the several Leinster teams in the recent provincial champions in this grade with Wexford just pipping Dublin in a very exciting final. This is the first time Wexford has ever won a Leinster minor title, but they will have to wait until the end of August to play in the concluding stages of the competition.

Due to the new arrangement decided upon by the Easter Congress in Cork the semi-finals of the minor championship, which nowadays is also the Willwood Tailteann Camogie championship, will be played over one week-end at the same venue, rotating through the provinces in turn.

Connacht is the first province to have the honour of staging the series but the venue cannot be decided until the Connacht champions are known. The semi-finals will be on Saturday, August 25, with the winners meeting in the final on the following day, and the beaten semi-finalists playing off for third place.

Meanwhile the Coaching Courses will continue as usual this year at Gormanston College with the National Course from July 20-22 and the special students and teachers Colleges Course August 10-12.



# Cork Juniors On The Glory Trail

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LAST week-end Cork minors had a marvellous win over Clare in the final of the Munster Championship. And on tomorrow (Saturday) the county junior side will try to emulate that success when they meet the same county in the final of the junior campaign.

On the senior inter-county front Cork will also be in action as they meet Tipperary in the National League, while in the All-Ireland Championship Cork's conquerors Kilkenny will be meeting Antrim in the quarter-final.

The club scene continues to be a busy one with an under 14 league final, a senior league tie and two junior "B" championship games among a long list of fixtures for the coming week.

Last season Cork junior

reached the All-Ireland final, where they lost to a superior Derry team and this year they are determined to go one step better. Tomorrow they can take a major step towards that goal by winning the Munster Championship title when they meet Clare at Douglas. The Cork side lost three players to the senior team this season in Martha Kearney, Mary Maher and Annette O'Donovan, but they can still field quite a formidable side with strong players in each sector. Pat Fitzgibbon is an excellent goalie while backs Christine Pinfield, Carmel Mulcahy, Betty Joyce and Eileen Dineen are all proven defenders. Anne Delaney, Ger Leahy and Eileen Galvin make up a useful centrefield trio while forwards Claire Kelleher, Grainne Mackey, Noelle O'Driscoll and Eileen Kavanagh have proved their worth with county champions Eire Og.

Clare are still disappointed about their two defeats last week-end (in minor and senior) and they badly need a win to boost their morale. They have top players in Eileen Coffey and Carmel Moroney in the forward line, Claire Jones in the centre and Chrissie Daly in the defence. On their way to the final Clare beat a useful Tipperary side and will not be easy opponents.

However, Cork, who disposed of a very good Limerick side in the earlier round, should retain the title.

Cork — out of the senior All-Ireland — are hoping to make a better impression in the league. There are three teams in their section — Cork, Tipperary and Wexford. Both Tipp and Cork have beaten Wexford so the points on Sunday when Cork meet Tipp are vital as the winners go forward to the League semi-final. Cork will be missing Marie Ryan who is indisposed at present and with other players likely to be on holidays the actual line-up for the game will not be known until Sunday. But no doubt such stalwarts as Marian McSweeney, Patricia Riordan, Nancy O'Driscoll, Mary Geaney and Marion Sweeney will be in the side.

Tipperary, who are through to the All-Ireland semi-final against Limerick, are on the crest of a wave at the moment and a win over Cork would be a great boost to them. And with players such as Siobhan and Maolmhuire Tynan, Deirdre Lane and Mary O'Brien, all in top form at the moment, they could surprise Cork.

In the big club games Eire Og will be expected to defeat Glen Rovers in the Senior League, in the Junior B championship Killeagh should have too much strength for Macroom but Watergrasshill will probably find it difficult against Douglas. And in the under-14 League final, Blackrock with Joan Hyde, and the Deasy

sisters, Judy and Frances, should beat Killeagh who will be depending on Patsy Kiniry and Shelly Spillane.

## TEAMS

Cork Junior Team — P. Fitzgibbon (Killeagh), C. Pinfield (Douglas), C. Mulcahy (Glen Rovers), B. Joyce (Killeagh), E. Dineen (Eire Og), A. Delaney (Glen Rovers), G. Leahy (Cobh), E. Galvin (Eire Og), C. Kelleher (Eire Og), G. Mackey (Eire Og), N. O'Driscoll (Eire Og), E. Kavanagh (Eire Og), subs: M. Coughlan (Na Piarsaigh), M. Power (Youghal), E. Barrett (Aghabullogue), J. O'Sullivan (Glen Rovers), G. McCarthy (Nemo Rangers), L. Zinchant (Sarsfields), M. Barry (Sarsfields), G. Murray (Glen Rovers), L. Lynch (Douglas).

Cork Senior Panel — M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Maher, A. O'Donovan, M. Twomey, C. Landers, P. Riordan, Nancy O'Driscoll (capt.), A. Higgins, C. Hackett, M. Sweeney, M. Kearney, M. O'Leary, M. Geaney, E. Kavanagh, Noelle O'Driscoll.

## FIXTURES

Tonight (Friday) — Under-18 League at Ballinlough, 7.30 p.m., Ballinacollig v. Inniscarra (Ref. Eire Og). Under-16 League at Mitchelstown, 7.30 p.m., Killeagh v. St. Panahan's (Ref. Watergrasshill).

Saturday, 28th July — Munster Junior Championship at Douglas, 7.00 p.m., Cork v. Clare (Ref. Limerick).

Sunday, 29th July — National Senior League at Littleton (Co. Tipperary) 3.00 p.m., Cork v. Tipperary. Senior All-Ireland Championship at Ranelstown (Belfast) 3.00 p.m., Kilkenny v. Antrim (Ref. M. Davern, Clare). Junior B Championship at Killeagh, Killeagh v. Macroom (Ref. Fr. O'Neill's).

Tuesday, 31st July — Junior B Championship at Watergrasshill, 7.30 p.m., Watergrasshill v. Douglas (Ref. Sarsfields). Intermediate Championship at Carrigtwohill, 7.30 p.m., Carrigtwohill v. Sarsfields (Ref. Chchurchtown).

Wednesday, 1st August — Senior League at Mon Field, 7.30 p.m., Eire Og v. Glen Rovers (Ref. Na Piarsaigh). 1978 Under-14 League Final at Killeagh, Killeagh v. Blackrock (Ref. Douglas). Under-14 League at St. Finbarr's, 7.30 p.m., St. Finbarr's v. Ballinlough (Ref. Ballinlough).

Thursday, 2nd August — Under-16 League at Bishopstown, 7.30 p.m., Old Als v. Bishopstown (Ref. Nemo Rangers).



Betty Joyce (Cork) racing out of defence, sets up another attack against Clare in the Munster Junior Camogie Championship final at Douglas. Cork won 4-6 to 1-1. ("Examiner")

## CORK GET OFF TO A FLYING START

CORK 5-2;  
CLARE 1-2

TWO QUICK goals gave Cork a dream start in their Munster Junior Championship final against Clare at Douglas. And they capitalised on this opportunity by taking the title most comprehensively by 5-2 to 1-2.

Last season Cork lost the Junior All-Ireland final to Derry, and this time they are determined to go one better. On Saturday they took a vital step in this direction as they are now through to the All-Ireland semi-final in which they meet Cavan, in Cavan on August 12.

Cork's marvellous opening flurry marked the beginning of the end for a disappointing Clare side in this tie. They never really recovered from this setback and although Eileen Coffey did

look effective in the forward line, they had no real finishing power.

In this sector, however, they were up against Cork's strongest line in which Betty Joyce and Eileen Dineen were at their brilliant best. Cork's forwards too were very good, with Eileen Kavanagh, Noelle O'Driscoll and Clare Kelleher most effective. However, Cork did look scrappy at times and had many misses which might have been more serious had the game been closer. So they will need to improve somewhat for their clash against Cavan.

Scorers: Cork — N. O'Driscoll 2-1; C. Kelleher 1-1; G. Mackey 1-0; E. Kavanagh 1-0. Clare — E. Coffey 1-1; C. Moroney 0-1.

DUBLIN 5-10;  
WEXFORD 4-4

Dublin qualified for the final of the Leinster Senior Camogie Championship after extra time at Russell

Park, Dublin. They opened with a quick goal by Orla Ni Riain, and added another goal and a point, leaving them in a comfortable position at half time.

Wexford, however, came back led by the Walsh sisters, and it took a late free by Orla Ni Riain to bring the game to extra time with the score at 3-6 to 4-3.

Although Dublin dominated in extra time, their defence had to withstand much pressure.

DUBLIN 1-5;  
WEXFORD 0-2

Dublin captured the Leinster Junior title with a six point victory over Wexford at Blanchardstown. The home side did most of the attacking in the first half but led by only 0-5 to 0-2 at the interval. The single goal in the second half clinched it for Dublin.

Leinster U-14 Championship Semifinal: Wexford 4-1; Dublin 9-1.



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Cork's junior camogie full-back, Christine Pinfield, blocking down this high ball as Clare attack in the final at Douglas. (Echo)

**BLACKROCK TRIUMPH**

Blackrock 4-2  
Killeagh 1-1

Physically stronger and playing with the advantage of a stiff breeze in the opening half Blackrock led by 2-2 to nil over Killeagh at the latter's venue and sowed the seeds for a merited win in the 1978 under 14 county league.

Scorers for the winners: Judy Deasy 1-2 (all from 30's), Ann Lyons 2-0, Joan Hyde 1-0.  
Killeagh: Monica Motherway 1-0, Patsy Keniry (0-1 from 30).



The Cork team (top) which played Clare in the Munster Junior Camogie Championship Final at Douglas. (Echo)

**CLOSE CALL FOR BALLYAGRAN**

BALLYAGRAN 4-3  
CROAGH KILFINNY 2-5

All-Ireland club holders, Ballygran were far from impressive in their first defence of their title against Croagh Kilfinny, 1976 winners in the Limerick Senior Camogie Championship final at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick. Although there was a four point margin at the end, it was only a last puck point and the final whistle that brought relief to the champions after a nail biting second half.



# Spotlight On Minors

THIS year for the first time the Minor All-Ireland Championship semi-finals and final will be played over the same weekend. This idea of a minor weekend was decided on at this year's Congress, with each province acting as host in turn. The 1979 weekend will be held in Ballinasloe this coming Saturday and Sunday with the four provincial winners, Cork, Wexford, Cavan and Galway, battling it out for the Minor All-Ireland title.

Because it is the August weekend there are no local fixtures but there are games listed for Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Cork and Wexford who meet in one of the semi-finals of the Minor Championship on tomorrow, are regarded as the two top sides in minor camogie this season, and their meeting should be an exciting affair. Cork, the holders, have had to field an almost completely

new side this season, and the selectors have also made two changes from the side which defeated Clare in the Munster final two weeks ago. Patsy Keniry comes into the Cork defence at the expense of Mary Delea while in the attack Sinead O'Donovan loses her place to Claire Higgins.

Cork have won the Minor crown on three occasions, since the inception of the competition in 1974 — in '75,

76, and 78. For their part this is Wexford's first year coming out of Leinster, and on their way they disposed of Wicklow, Kildare and Dublin. Wexford have had the heartbreaking experience of going out of the competition in Leinster by a single point for the last four seasons, so this year they are determined to make up for all that disappointment by taking the All-Ireland championship.

The captain of the Wexford side is Imelda O'Leary who is a sister of that brilliant Wexford senior Margaret, while they have other very competent young players in Margaret Codd, Jacinta Keogh, and Eileen Boland.

So Cork can expect a tough battle for a place in Sunday's decider, but if they can produce the form they showed against Clare then Ger McCarthy, Joan Hyde, Lillian Zinkant, Ann Currid and company could make it.

In the second semi-final Cavan meet Galway. Cavan, like Wexford, won their

provincial title for the first time this season and they expect to do well over the weekend. In the Ulster final they defeated Down on the score 12-3 to 1-2 and with forwards capable of scoring 12 goals, they must be good. They have their best players in E. Clarke, A. O'Sullivan, A. Denny, J. Edwards and B. O'Callaghan.

Not an awful lot is known of Cavan's semi-final opponents, Galway who defeated Roscommon to win the Connacht title. But one thing is certain, they will be in a position to field a number of players and with such a nursery to draw from they must be good.

In addition Galway have already won the minor crown only two years ago, so they will not be overawed by the occasion. So in all an exciting weekend must be on the cards for all and even for the unsuccessful two who go out in the semis, there is a Losers Play-off on Sunday as a curtain raiser to the final proper.

Cork team: C. McCarthy (Na Piarsaigh), F. McCarthy (Blackrock), P. Keniry (Killeagh), M. Owens (Glen Rovers), J. O'Riordan (Aghabullogue), J. Hyde (Blackrock), S. Fitzgibbon (Glen Rovers), P. Goggin (Na Piarsaigh), L. Zinkant (Sarsfields), A. Currid (Glen Rovers), G. McCarthy (Nemo Rangers) (capt.).

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## Cumann Camógaíochta



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WILLWOOD TAILTEANN ALL IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

SEMI-FINALS and FINAL

DUGGAN PARK BALLINASLOE

SATHARN 4/8/'79:

Semi-Finals - CORCAIGH v LOCH GARMAN - 2.00 p.m.  
AN GHAILLIMH v AN CABHAN - 3.30 p.m.

DOMHNACH 4/8/'79:

F I N A L - 3.30 p.m.

Losers' Final 2.00 p.m.

Clar Oifigiúil

Luach 10p



# Fourth minor title for Cork

FOR the fourth year since its inception, six years ago, Cork have won the All-Ireland minor camogie title. This year the semi-finals and final were played over the same weekend at Ballinasloe and from the four provincial winners: Galway, Cavan, Wexford and Cork — the girls from the Lee emerged victorious, defeating Wexford in the semi-final and Cavan in the final to retain the minor crown.

Cork were best served in this game by goalkeeper Clare McCarthy, Patsy Keniry, Joan Hyde, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Ger McCarthy, and Clare Higgins, while Cavan had outstanding players in Noreen McGovern, Julie Edwards, Eileen Clarke and Patricia McPhillips.

Scorers: Cork — G. McCarthy 2-1; L. Zinkant 1-2, C. Higgins 2-0. Cavan — J. Edwards, A. O'Sullivan and E. Clarke 1-0 each.

Cork: C. McCarthy, F. Deasy, P. Keniry, J. O'Riordan, M. Owens, J. Hyde, S. Fitzgibbon, P. Goggin, L. Zinkant, A. Currid, G. McCarthy (Capt.), C. Higgins. Sub: A. M. Landers for P. Goggin.

Cavan: A. McKiernan, M. Hastings, L. O'Neill, N. McGovern, F. Cahill, K. Smith, B. O'Callaghan, P. McPhillips, M. Denning, J. Edwards, A. O'Sullivan, E. Clarke (capt.).

In the semi-finals played on Saturday, Cork after a very slow start proved vastly superior to a slow moving Wexford side winning by 5-6 to 1-1 while Cavan defeated a disappointing Galway side by 5-1 to 0-5. But Galway did get some compensation yesterday when they took the Losers Trophy from Wexford by 4-6 to 2-6.

**Cork 5-3, Cavan 3-0**  
This was Cavan's first ever All-Ireland final and for long periods in this game Cork found their almost exclusively ground camogie difficult to handle. However, when Cork opened up the game and played their own brand of overhead camogie Cavan in turn found themselves in trouble.

Cork had the boost of an early goal from Angela Higgins and were 3-2 up before Cavan managed to open their scoring. In the opening period the losers missed some gilt-edged chances but also came up against a strong Cork defence. Cork for their part snapped up their chances efficiently to lead at half time by 3-3 to 2-0.

In the second period Cork added two further majors while Cavan only managed one to give Cork a deserved 5-3 to 3-0 win at the finish.

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# Not just a pretty face

By SEAN MANNION

BORN IN Tipperary, brought up in Clare and now living in Dublin where she works in the personnel department of Aer Lingus, at least one constant in the life of Liz Howard, who is better known to most as the regular panellist on RTE's "The Sunday Game", is her devotion to sport, no matter what shape or size the stick or sphere may come in.

Though her understanding and judgement of the flow of a game are well testified by astute comment, her manner too, suggests that she is in no way unsettled at being the only woman on a show where normally the performances of thirty men are under scrutiny.

"I suppose if you grow up in a small community down the country you generally find that sport is a family affair and not recognised as anybody's preserve," says Liz. "Everybody had an interest in sport or at least that interest was nurtured."

Liz first remembers her own interest in sporting activity as that which was generated by the American boxing programmes which came crackling across the radio in the early hours of the morning.

"My father was an avid fan of those programmes," says Liz, "which were in the pre-television days, of course. I remember getting up with some of the family and going down to listen to the contest with my father. We would also listen at anytime to rugby or racing commentaries. Soccer—no; strangely enough there wasn't that much interest in the game really until England won the World Cup."

On the playing fields, as well, the Howards have distinguished themselves, with father, Garret Howard doing particularly well, winning five All-Ireland medals with Limerick's hurling team. But there was also family involvement in the administration and organisation of games.

"We moved to Biddy Early's country, Feakle, in County Clare when I was about eight, mentions Liz. "We then helped start up a local camogie team and had to prepare uniforms and other small but numerous tasks. What pleases me now is that there occurred at that stage a revival of interest in camogie which has maintained itself right down to this day."

Liz's first job in the Post and Telegraph section of the civil service meant coming to Dublin. She was practically adopted, as she says herself, by a family by the name of Cooney, and as luck, or destiny, would have it, she found herself among another family whose passion was sport.

"Of course there was no need for encouragement. I joined the Celtic camogie team with a friend of mine. I remember it was trained by a woman called Nell McCarthy who coached some very successful teams."

SOME thought she was just a pretty face which RTE wanted to adorn their new programme "The Sunday Game" but Liz Howard has turned out to be an astute commentator on both GAA games. Here she talks about her passion for all forms of sport.

In 1966, Liz joined Aer Lingus as a ground hostess and later became an air hostess. It was then that she got involved with the promotion of sport which led her ultimately into RTE.

"It was the custom of Aer Lingus on St. Patrick's day in America to give lectures on aspects of Irish life at centres in St. Louis, New York and elsewhere." For Liz, naturally, it was lecturing on sport in Ireland. She then followed this with a career guidance programme for Club na nOg on the radio.

"It just happened that Mick Dunne, RTE's GAA commentator, had been listening. At that time RTE had been looking for somebody to do previews of Camogie All-Irelands. I was asked if I would do it and I accepted."

Liz did those programmes for three years before moving on to the radio on All-Ireland day discussion programmes where thoughts would be aired before, during and after the game. Following that came the offer to be a panellist on the stations new sports programme, "The Sunday Game." Liz admits to enjoying the whole atmosphere of the programme, and not just the broadcast itself.

"It's really exciting to see the whole studio in a buzz just before the actual transmission, the pressure that is on to edit the game, looking at clips, meeting deadlines and what-nots. It is amazing what is done in so short a time."

On the GAA itself Liz confesses to being an admirer of the Dubs.

"As a Tipperary woman people might think that strange. But I think, like all country people, I really enjoy a team that plays attractive football and will cheer them loudly. They have also done much good for football in Dublin where the game is not the social institution that it is down in the country."

Despite her admiration, Liz believes that if Roscommon click at centrefield in the second football semi-final then Dublin's days are numbered.

"You see, Roscommon have now taken a leaf out of Dublin's copybook. They now plan tactics, train assiduously and prepare themselves mentally for the big games." One thing Liz is sure of, however, is that, if both teams are on song, we are promised the match of the year.



Liz Howard of "The Sunday Game"



# LIMERICK ARE FANCIED TO REACH DEC

By AGNES HOURIGAN  
Three All-Ireland semi-finals will be decided on Sunday (3.0). The senior game between Limerick and Tipperary at Bruree and the two junior semi-finals between Cavan and Cork at Crosskeys, and Galway and Dublin at Ballindereen.

Limerick, who are having a successful season so far, must start favourites for their game against Tipperary. They scored a hard-earned victory over Dublin in the championship quarter-final.

They have defeated Kilkenny and Clare in their National League engagements and have qualified for the semi-final.

Tipperary had an easy victory over Down in their quarter-final, defeated Wexford in the National League but went down badly to Cork in another league tie.

Limerick have a very sound goalie in Helen Butler, powerful defenders in Geraldine O'Brien, Margie Neville and Liz Hayes. Helen Mulcair and Bernadette O'Brien will be hard to master at midfield while Brid Stokes and Bridget Darcy are very effective in attack.

Tipperary are also well served in goalie Mary O'Brien, defenders Monica Butler, Maura Hogan and Maol Mhuire Tynan.

Deirdre Lane and Marian Troy are strong at midfield while Agnes Brophy, Siobhan McDonnell and Maureen Maher have the skill to get the scores in attack.

This should be a well-contested game with plenty of entertaining play and though Limerick get the vote to reach

the final it is well within Tipperary's capabilities to upset that forecast.

After Cavan's defeat by Cork in the Willwood Tail-teann minor final last Sunday, the Breffni girls will be very keen to come out on top as this is their first time to win the Ulster title since this junior All-Ireland was inaugurated in 1968.

Four of last Sunday's players will be on duty again. One of these, Bernie O'Callaghan from Castletara, played a brilliant game in the minor final and will be a great asset to her junior colleagues. Noleen Kiernan, Anna Lynch and Teresa McDermot are other outstanding players for Cavan.

Cork travelled this road last year when, by defeating Wicklow after a draw, they reached

the final against Derry who won their second junior title after nine years.

Many of those players are still available. They include Betty Joyce and Eileen Dineen in defence, Ann Delaney and Liz Lynch at the centre line and Eileen Kavanagh and Annette O'Donovan in attack.

Cork are the more experienced and should qualify for the decider.

In the second semi-final between Dublin and Galway the scales weigh in the Leinster champion's favour. Dublin were well tested in the province and their final with Wexford was a very close game even though the score was 1-5 to 0-2.

Galway had an easy passage against Mayo and Roscommon, but if they are fit and have all their players available, they

will give the

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## Tipperary end Limerick's hopes

Tipperary.....1-6  
Limerick.....0-6

Limerick's bid to gain a place in their first ever All-Ireland senior camogie final was thwarted at Bruree on Sunday, when they failed to Tipperary in the Penultimate stage.

The home side failed to produce anything like their best form. Victory went to tenacious Tipperary, who will have to show tremendous improvement if they are to overcome either Antrim or Wexford.

With the assistance of a fresh breeze in the opening half, Limerick squandered many scoring opportunities. They could only manage two points in this moiety, while the opposition chalked up a goal and two points.

Limerick threw away a gift chance of a goal after the resumption. Inspired by this let-off, Tipperary set about their task in earnest, and their close marking and first time pulling paid dividends.

Maolmhuire Tynan, Sheila Delaney, Mary O'Brien, Monica Butler, Deirdre Lane and Siobhan McDonald were outstanding for the winners. Margie Neville, Helen Butler, Joan O'Shea, Bernadette and Geraldine O'Brien, Angela Sullivan and Bridget Darcy tried hard for the losers.

Tipperary—M. O'Brien, M. Butler, M. Hackett, D. Lane, R. Ryan, M. Maher, S. Delaney, A. Gleeson, M. Griffin, M. Tynan, M. Quigley, B. McDonald.  
Limerick—H. Butler, J.

O'Shea, M. Neville, E. Hayes, G. O'Brien, A. Sheehy, H. Mulcair, B. O'Brien, B. Darcy, V. Mackey, B. Stokes, A. Sullivan. Subs.: A. Sullivan, P. McCarthy. Referee: M. Higgins (Dublin).

The County Camogie Board wishes to thank Seamus Sexton and the Bruree I.C.A. for their help and co-operation before and after the game.

## TIPP GIRLS HOLD OUT

TIPPERARY.....1-6  
LIMERICK.....0-6

Tipperary qualified for the All-Ireland senior camogie championship final at Bruree, yesterday but they had to battle all the way for their one goal victory over Limerick in the semi-final.

In a very closely contested game the sides were level a few minutes from half time when Tipperary had a goal that gave them an interval lead of 1-2 to 0-2. There was little between them in the second half with Limerick somewhat unlucky not to come on terms particularly in the closing stages. However, the spirited Tipperary side showed their character by holding on grimly in an exciting finish.

Scorers: Tipperary — S. Delaney (0-4), M. Griffin (1-0), M. Tynan, M. Stokes (0-1 each). Limerick—P. McCarthy (0-3), H. Mulcaire, B. Darcy, B. Stokes (0-1 each).

TIPPERARY — M. O'Brien; M. Butler, M. Hackett, D. Lane, R. Ryan, M. Maher, S. Delaney, A. Gleeson, M. Griffin, M. Tynan, M. Quigley, B. McDonald. Subs.: S. Brophy for A. Gleeson; M. Stokes for B. McDonald.

LIMERICK — H. Butler; J. O'Shea, E. Hayes, G. O'Brien, M. Neville, B. O'Brien, A. Sheehy, H. Mulcaire, B. Darcy, V. Mackey, B. Stokes, A. O'Sullivan. Subs.: P. McCarthy for A. Sheehy; A. O'Sullivan for A. O'Sullivan.

Referee: Miriam Higgins (Cork).

## TIPP AND CORK FOR FINALS

TIPPERARY 1-6; LIMERICK 0-6

TIPPERARY qualified for the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Bruree yesterday when they beat Limerick in the semi-final.

It was a very closely contested game, and the sides were level a few minutes before half time when Tipperary had a goal that gave them an interval lead of 1-2 to 0-2. There was nothing at all between the teams in the second half, with Limerick somewhat unlucky not to come on terms particularly in the closing stages, but Tipperary held on grimly to the goal lead in an exciting finish.

Scorers: Tipperary, S. Delaney 0-4, M. Griffin 1-0, M. Tynan, M. Stokes 0-1 each. Limerick, P. McCarthy 0-3, H. Mulcaire, B. Darcy and B. Stokes 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: M. O'Brien; M. Butler, M. Hackett, D. Lane, R. Ryan, M. Maher, S. Delaney, A. Gleeson, M. Griffin, M. Tynan, M. Quigley, B. McDonald. Subs: Brofey for A. Gleeson, M. Stokes for B. McDonald.

LIMERICK: H. Butler, J. O'Shea, E. Hayes, G. O'Brien, M. Devlin, B. O'Brien, A. Sheehy, H. Mulcair, B. Darcy, V. Mackey, B. Stokes, A. O'Sullivan. Subs: McCarthy for A. Sheehy, A. O'Sullivan for O'Sullivan.

Referee: M. Higgins, Cork.

CORK 2-6; CAVAN 2-2

CORK dominated the first half of this All-Ireland junior semi-final but in the second half Cavan grew more confident and had Cork worried for much of the period.

Cork's best players were Betty Joyce and Eileen Dineen in defence, Ann Delaney at centre field and Sarah Ryan and Eileen Cavanagh in the forward line.

Cavan's best were Mgt. Hastings and Bernadette Callaghan in defence, Noleen Kiernan at centre field and Ann Lynch and Eileen Clarke in the forward line.

Scorers for Cork, Eileen Cavanagh 1-5, S. Ryan 1-0, A. Delaney 0-1. Cavan, E. Clarke 1-0, C. Clarke 1-0, Lynch 0-2.

Cork now meet Galway in the All-Ireland final.

## Galway Go On

GALWAY.....2-4  
DUBLIN.....3-0

Galway qualified for the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final when they defeated Dublin by 2-4 to 3-0 in the semi-final at Ballaghaderreen yesterday.

The winners scored 2-1 in the first half while the losers failed to score.

After the interval Galway increased their lead to 2-2 but the City side had two quick goals to reduce that lead. Galway had a further point and Dublin another goal to draw level with seconds remaining. From the puck out Una Jordan soloed up field to score a great point to ensure victory for Galway.

Scorers: Galway—Mary Mullins (1-0); Marian Freaney (1-0); Mary Kelly (0-2); Una Jordan (0-2). Dublin — Edel Murphy (2-0); Una Crowley (1-0).

Referee—Rita Traynor (Fermanagh).

## DUBLIN NOT EXTENDED

Dublin 4-11; Derry 1-2  
DUBLIN yesterday gained another victory in the Senior Camogie League by defeating Derry at Blanchardstown. In a very one-sided game which never really came to life, Dublin managed to defeat Derry without ever really coming under pressure.

Dublin started well with a point from Orla Ni Riain, who shortly after added a goal. After a period when Dublin shot numerous wides and Derry's defence was sound, Dublin started to score again, and by half-time had 1-8 on the scoreboard, Mary Mernagh and Orla Ni Riain had contributed most. Derry's only score in this half was a point from Bridgid McLoughlin.

Dublin continued to dominate the second-half and when Marion Conroy

goalied, and Edel Murphy did Derry had no answer. Orla added another point for Dublin then Derry's Patricia Quinn scored the side's first goal.

However, it came too late. Murphy quickly replied for Dublin with another goal. Sarah Ryan scored a nice point for Dublin trying hard throughout, and Orla Ni Riain in shooting. The work of Mary Mernagh, Orla Ni Riain and Edel Murphy was well rewarded. Anne O'Brien earned Dublin this clean-cut win.

Scorers for Dublin — S. E. Murphy 2-6; M. Conroy 1-0; Mernagh 0-2; C. Ledwidge 0-1; P. Quinn 1-0; B. McLoughlin 1-0.

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# Little Between Semi-finalists

WHO will join Tipperary in the All-Ireland Senior Final? That is the question to be answered when Antrim and Wexford meet at Randalstown on Sunday next. It is six years since these sides faced one another in the championship. Antrim came off the field with four points to spare in Wexford Park in the 1973 semi-final. Both counties field very changed teams for the coming encounter.

Antrim drew widespread attention to themselves by their victory over Kilkenny. Following Kilkenny's win over champions Cork, they were hotly tipped to go all the way. A spirited and skilful display by Antrim caught Kilkenny unawares. If Jo McClements, Mairead McAtamney, Philomena Gillespie and Kathleen McCaughey can repeat that performance, Antrim must stand a great chance of reaching the final.

Wexford had a dozen points to spare over Clare in the quarter final. Margaret Lacey, Elsie Walsh, Kathleen Tonks, Mairead Carty and Maggie Hearne are tried and proven stars in the Wexford colours. As these teams play vastly contrasting styles of camogie, it is difficult to forecast a winner.

Tipperary have contested five All-Ireland senior finals but, as yet, have not put their name on the O'Duffy Cup. Their last visit to Croke Park was in 1965 when they met a Dublin side in scoring mood. At Bruree last Sunday they held out to defeat a Limerick side which could not find their usual form.

The All-Ireland Junior final will be played between Cork and Galway. Both counties are included in the list of previous winners. While Cork have played in six junior deciders, their only success was against Galway.

A Cork side have yet to win the All-Ireland Club Championship. This omission is one Eire Og would dearly love to rectify. On Saturday night they travel to Waterford to take on Gaultier in the opening match. While they will line out without four of their championship winning team, Eileen Galvin, Grainne Mackey, Mary O'Driscoll and Marion McCarthy, they should carry too much power for Gaultier who defeated Portlaw to take the Waterford title. In action for the Mid-Cork side will be Eileen Dineen, goalkeeper Marion McCarthy, Mary Geaney, Eileen Kavanagh, Nancy O'Driscoll and maybe former Glen Rovers and Celtic player, Miriam Higgins, who has recently joined the club.

On Sunday afternoon Killeagh act as hosts for a junior tournament. The home side will be in action and the visitors will be Watergrasshill, Glen Rovers

and Old Als. Two semi-finals and the final will be played in what should be an enjoyable and busy evening.

Joan Hyde, Frances Deasy, Colette Murphy and Judy Deasy should see Blackrock through in the under 16 Championship against Ballypheane. In the same competition, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Anne Currid and Mary Owens will lead Glen Rovers challenge against Aghabullogue who look to Joan O'Riordan and Mary Barrett for inspiration.

### FIXTURES

Saturday, August 18: Munster Club Championship at Gaultier at 7.45, Eire Og (Cork) v. Gaultier.

Sunday, August 19: All-Ireland senior semi-final at Randalstown at 3.00, Antrim v. Wexford. Ref. P. Breslin, Dublin.

Senior tournament at Killeagh: Killeagh v. Old Als at 2.00; Glen Rovers v. Watergrasshill 3.15. Final at 7.00.

Wednesday, August 22: Under 16 Championship at Ballinure at 7.15, Blackrock v. Ballypheane. Ref. Douglas.

Under 16 Championship at Coachford at 7.15, Glen Rovers v. Aghabullogue. Ref. Eire Og.

## TOP-FORM ANTRIM GIVEN FINAL VOTE

TIPPERARY, who contested their last All-Ireland final in 1964, are back in the decider this year after their defeat of the favourites Limerick last Sunday.

### CAMOGIE by TAOBH LINE

The second semi-final is arranged for Sunday next, between Antrim and Wexford at Randalstown (3.0). These two counties met in the All-Ireland semi-final of 1968 at Glengariffe.

That was the first time that Wexford won the Leinster title and they went on to take their first All-Ireland crown after defeating the holders Antrim in the semi-final at that lovely North Antrim venue and Dublin in the final.

As a matter of interest, 1967 was the last time that the Northern girls won the O'Duffy Cup although they reached the decider in '69 and '73 losing to Wexford and Cork respectively.

This present Antrim outfit, which has been building up for the past few years has proved the surprise team of this year's competition. They regained the Ulster Championship early in the season defeating Derry and holders Down on their way. They scored a decisive victory over pre-match favourites Galway, in the quarter final, scoring 3-9 to Antrim's 0-2.

In their next outing, they were hosts to Kilkenny, who had at that stage become the long-odds favourites to regain the All-Ireland title after their 4-5 to 0-10 victory over champions Cork.

Antrim promoted four of their junior side, who had lost the Ulster title to Cavan and successfully mounted the second hurdle by defeating the Kilkenny girls by 5-5, to 4-3.

In addition to these four promoted players, Mairead Donnelly, who played at right back and had the arduous task of marking Kilkenny's ace forward Angela Downey, Jackie McAtamney was sound at left-back, her sister Susan was at left wing and Kathleen McCaughey filled the full-forward berth with distinction. The experience of Josephine McClements at centre back Mairead McAtamney at midfield Ann McAlister at centre-forward, Rita Moran and Phil Gillespie on the left gave Antrim the inspiration they needed for success.

Wexford, who were very unsettled and somewhat unsure at the beginning of the season, have since shown a good improvement. They lost their first two league games to Cork and Tipperary but scored a 4-7 to 1-4 victory over Clare in the quarter-final of the championship.

They were beaten by Dublin in the semi-final of the Leinster Championship after extra time but I understand that they scored a decisive victory over Dublin in a recent challenge game.

Kathleen Lanks in goal, Deirdre Cousins, Gretta Quigley, are very strong in defence. Margaret Hearne, Mairead Carty the Walsh sisters, Dorothy and Elsie and the long-serving Margaret Lacey are all very skilled and experienced players and could upset the Antrim girls who most, because of their recent performances, get the vote to reach the final against Tipperary.

## ANTRIM CRUISE TO ALL-IRELAND FINAL

ANTRIM ..... 3-5; WEXFORD ..... 0-1

ANTRIM QUALIFIED for the All-Ireland senior final for the first time since 1967, with a most impressive victory over Wexford at Randalstown, Co. Antrim, yesterday. Antrim, already having caused one surprise by defeating Kilkenny, proved by this comprehensive victory that they will not be halted easily in their bid to take their first title in 12 years when they meet Tipperary in Croke Park on September 9.

Backed by a strong breeze in the first half, Antrim began with great determination and speed. Anne McAllister scored three points from frees in the first quarter. Though Antrim were in control from the start, their first goal did not come until the 15th minute. Five minutes later, a long clearance from Mairead McAtamney found Kathleen Graham loose inside the back line and she drove the ball to the net. A further point from Anne McAllister left Antrim 2-4 to nil ahead as they turned to play against he breeze.

### WEXFORD'S HOPES SHATTERED

A further goal for Antrim after four minutes of the second half shattered any hope of a Wexford revival. So effective was Josephine McClements at centre-back that the rest of the back line was scarcely tested. Carol Blayney in goal did have to bring off a few good saves in the second half and showed how difficult it will be for Tipperary forwards to find a path to the Antrim net.

It was not Wexford's day. With the exception of Elsie Walsh, none of them reached their usual standard. Though Elsie worked extremely hard from her centre-field position she managed only one point and this was Wexford's only score.

SCORERS—ANTRIM—K. Graham (2-0), A. McAllister (0-5); P. Gillespie (1-0); WEXFORD—E. Walsh (0-1).



# UNUSUAL PAIRING IN SENIOR FINAL

ONCE again the Camogie Final preview clashes with the publication date of Gaelic Sport so perhaps we should look at the All-Ireland records of the both Counties in the past.

The senior contestants of 1979 are unusual as Antrim and Tipperary have never met in a decider before.

They have however contested three semi-finals. In 1950 Antrim beat Tipperary 4-3 to 1-2 while in their next meeting in 1961 Tipperary conquered winning 6-3 to 5-5. At Casement Park in 1964 Antrim qualified for the final on the score 6-8 to 3-3. A highlight of that game was a feat of Maeve Gilroy's, a star of many Antrim teams. She scored six points from placed balls and shortly before she had won the Cuchullain Award as the Camogie Star of the year.

However, not including the current year Antrim have appeared in fifteen All-Ireland finals and have been victorious on five occasions. Indeed some of the 'almost' times are worth recalling. The successful years were 1945-47, 1956 and 1967. In 1952 a very strong Antrim side narrowly defeated Cork in the semi-final at Corrigan Park 5-2 to 1-5 and reached the final against Dublin who had ousted Galway.

Antrim led midway through the first half but Dublin hit back to lead 2-1 to 1-1 at half time and increased the lead to 4-1 to 1-1 early in the second half but Antrim rallied magnificently to draw level. Maeve Gilroy pointed a free for Antrim in the closing stages. A great goal which was worked by Eileen Bourke, Annette Corrigan and Sophia Brack

in the dying minutes of the game denied Antrim the title which seemed to be theirs. Some of the great players for Antrim that day were Peg Dooly and Madge Rainey (Dunloy) Moya Forde (Aghhill) and Maeve Gilroy (St. Malachy's).

The 1950 final was also a heart-break for the Antrim players and fans. Dunloy had a very strong team at this period. Five were chosen to represent their county. The sides were level at half time and the teams were neck and neck until the last few minutes when the Metropolitans took command to win 6-5 to 4-1. Again the Dooly sisters, Moya Forde, Eithne Dougan and Madge Rainey were outstanding.

The 1957 final was the most exciting game between Antrim and Dublin. Antrim took an early lead and were ahead 2-1 to 0-2 at the interval. They still lead 3-1 to 2-5 a minute from time and then Brid Reid scored the winning goal for Dublin and justified the four-leaved shamrock with which Annette Corrigan was presented before the game. Eileen Duffy saved a rasper from Marian Kearns in the last second. The final score was 3-5 to 3-1 in favour of Dublin.

But the greatest Camogie game of an All-Ireland series, in my memory, was the All-Ireland semi-final between Dublin and Antrim in 1956. After three quarters of the game Dublin were two points ahead 5-1 to 4-2. Both sides added a goal. Antrim rallied and Marian Kearns, who was a skilled player, goalied to

put her side in front. A Dublin attack failed in a desperate effort to take the game out of the fire so the Northerners were in the final against Cork and won their fourth title that year.

Tipperary qualified for the All-Ireland finals of 1949, '53, '58, '61 and '65. Each time they had to face the then perennial champions Dublin who finished on top on each of the five occasions. Although Dublin were always easy winners on the scoreboard Tipperary had some fine players over all that period.

These included the England sisters, Mary and Kathleen, the Griffin sisters Terry and Kathleen, Kathleen Flaherty, Bridie Scully, Honor O'Flynn, Kathleen Downes, Peg Maloney the Graham sisters, the Long sisters and last but not least Anne Carroll who won three All-Ireland medals in the seventies with Kilkenny after she went to live there.

Indeed that was a final Tipperary could have won. They matched Dublin in every sector but disaster struck when Tipperary got disorganised for a few minutes while a substitution was being made and Dublin scored four goals in as many minutes. The challengers tried hard to get back on top but the Dubliners maintained their advantage and won 10-1 to 5-3.

No matter who wins this unique final, the outcome which crowns new champions can only be good for the game, which has been dominated through the past decade by Cork, Kilkenny and Wexford.



Married recently at St. Coleman's Church, were Mr. Eddy O'Donovan of Ballybutler, Ladysbridge, Co. Cork and Miss Marie Costine of Cloyne, Co. Cork. Miss Costine is the well known Camogie player and the holder of a number of All Ireland Camogie medals.

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Picture shows Mary Moran, presenting her b Association.

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Picture shows: Angela Higgins (left) presenting her book "History of Camogie" to Mary Moran, president of the Camogie Association.

# ANGELA'S 'HISTORY OF CAMOGIE'

By JOAN MORLEY

"ANY Association has to grow out of its past and if this past is not put down on paper then it is lost forever..." This was just one of the reasons why Angela Higgins decided to write "History of Camogie," which has just been published.

Angela, who has a deep love for the game, also felt that coming up to this, the 75th anniversary year of the Association, it was a great shame that nothing of the game's past had been chronicled. And so was born the idea of a history.

Angela originally chose to write the "History of Camogie" as a thesis which was partial complement of a B.A. degree at the Thomond College of Education in Limerick. The thesis was written under the supervision of Dr. John O'Halloran, while Angela was a student at the college and the book represents further development of that thesis with the addition of a great deal more information and a generous sprinkling of photographs.

This gives it a far wider interest, and not only for those connected with the game.

The book begins by outlining the structure of camogie as it is today and shows how it is organised under the Cumann Camogaiochta. It then reverts back to the very beginning and shows how it came into existence. Camogie, like any new game, had its ups and downs and in the third part of the book Angela highlights the various attempts made to organise the game on a strong footing, and then finally shows how, with the aid of the Tailteann Games, camogie took huge strides forward and became organised on a national basis with the founding of Cumann Camogaiochta as we know it today.

Angela needs no introduction to camogie followers. She is a regular member of the Cork senior team, and won an All-Ireland medal last season. She has also just been selected on the Munster team to play Connacht on October 14.

Now a P.E. teacher in the Mercy Convent, Macroom, Angela is already guiding that school to greater things on the camogie field. So in work and play Angela is deeply immersed in the game she loves.

# Tipperary girls to end county's camogie bogie?

By AGNES HOURIGAN

TIPPERARY reached their first All-Ireland senior camogie final in 1949, when they froze completely in the first half of the decider and trailed 7-4 to 1-1 at half time. They recovered somewhat in the second half, during

which they scored three goals, but it wasn't enough and the Dublin team went on to win 8-4 to 4-1.

That Tipperary team was drawn from Roscrea, Clonmel, Loughmore and Cahir. Most of these players were on the side that won the Munster title the following year but they lost the semi-final to Antrim at Casement Park 4-3 to 1-3, and after coming out of Munster for the third year in a row they went down to Dublin in the semi-final.

Back to contest their second title in 1953 the Tipperary girls had no better luck against Dublin.

The Griffen sisters, Terry and Kathleen, Mary England, Kathleen Downes and Kitty Kirwan were Tipperary stalwarts that day.

Five years later in 1958 the girls from the Premier County reached their third All-Ireland final. They started with great spirit and led Dublin 1-1 to 0-0 after eight minutes. However, sides were level at half-time and the Metropolitanans went on to win 5-4 to 1-1.

They were back in the final again in 1961 when on a famous day in October the great Kathleen Mills won her 15th All-Ireland medal to set up a record which is unlikely ever to be equalled.

But there was no joy for the Munster champions on this occasion and they were again denied the title by Dublin, who seemed to have a magic grasp of the O'Duffy Cup in those years.

Tipperary won out in Munster again in 1964 only to be beaten by Antrim in the semi-final but they came back the following year, the last time they reached the decider.

Again, however, disaster struck. They did quite well to start but during a few minutes in the second quarter Dublin scored four goals — a blow from which Tipperary could never recover.

One good point in Tipperary's favour this time is that they are not facing their bogey team, Dublin.



WON GOLD FOR CORK — Two of the Cork Community Games competitors who won gold for Cork in the recent national finals at Mosney. Six-years-old Alan O'Connor (Mayfield Community) won the under-8 freestyle, and Deirdre O'Shea (Farranree Community) won the girls long puck final.



# CAMOGIE PERSONALITY

Interviewed by LIZ HOWARD

If Tipperary are to win their first Camogie title much will depend on centre-back Deirdre Lane. I am not suggesting that this is a one-girl team but Deirdre's display will be a key factor in the outcome.

This Dublin based player has long established herself as one

of the all-time greats. Looking every inch the complete athlete this strikingly attractive titan-haired girl spoke to me recently about her introduction to camogie, her views on the game, her other interests and, of course, the coming final.

Born in Lorrha, a small

village in North Tipperary, she is the youngest in a family of five. Her sister Mary is one of the driving forces behind the present Tipperary squad, while brothers Noel and Jim both wore the Blue and Gold. Noel won an All-Ireland in 1971, while Jim threw in his lot with Louth.

Both brothers had a big influence on Deirdre and introduced her to a hurley and sliothar at an early stage. She says "I learned more from Jim, he made me practice the more difficult skills."

When Deirdre was about twelve a local team was formed and her potential was soon spotted. She became a regular with both Tipperary and Munster. Unfortunately

the local team folded and she joined the Thurles club which led to a trip to the USA.

Thurles camogie club in conjunction with Thurles Sarsfields visited New York and Philadelphia and played games in both cities. Deirdre was impressed with the standard on the other side of the Atlantic and would welcome regular international competition.

Deirdre moved to Dublin and after a short spell in the Department of Social Welfare took up her present job in the Dail. Working with her are former Dublin stars Cathal O'Leary and Paddy Behan.

In Dublin Deirdre joined the famous Celtic Club and played no small part in the numerous successes. In 1977 Celtic won the All-Ireland Seven-a-Side and Deirdre was named Player of the Tournament.

More players should become involved in the administrative side of the game, is a strong view which Deirdre holds. She feels that closer links with GAA clubs are necessary and cites Na Fianna and Crokes Kilmacud as successful examples.

Apart from camogie, Deirdre plays competitive soccer with Castle United - winners of the League and Shield this year. The emphasis on team work in soccer helps her camogie. She also enjoys tennis and swimming for relaxation.

A regular spectator of hurling and football - she particularly admires "Eamonn Cregan and Tadgh O'Connor for that extra commitment, and Jimmy Keaveney and Peter Rooney, because of their touches of class."

Mentioning the impending final, the determination was clearly etched on her face. Naturally she was cautious but very positive that no effort would be spared to carry the Blue Riband back to Tipperary. Team trainer Timmy Delaney, who played for Tipp hurling teams and whose wife Sheila is a member of the present camogie team, has instilled confidence in the panel. At present he is putting a lot of emphasis on combination and hopes to have peak fitness built up by All-Ireland day.

Tipperary for the title? "I won't think about that. I had better go home - it's early to bed for me - I'm in training."

## DEIRDRE LANE TIPPERARY



Deirdre Lane . . . quietly confident that Tipperary will lift the title.



# Women's games not getting a sporting chance

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SUNDAY next, twenty-four teams will go to Croke Park, not unless the ancient weather of our predecessors, or judge in a hostile display of male aggression, but to compete in all the skills that make a Camogie All-Ireland.

Yet, only a small percentage of the 51,000 who endured the page of the Hurling Final like that it is taking place.

Camogie, like so many men's sports, is a minority and, it seems, as far as the media are concerned, that's the way it can be. While every detail of secular prowess in male sport is illuminated, women come to take a back-seat.

Last year, RTE, for reasons known to themselves, decided to send out a camera to record the Camogie Final. When it was televised in previous years, the picture was so poor that the skill and speed of the players was totally obscured. This was probably due to the fact that only one camera was employed.

This year, the Station will televise the Final, but it will not be until the following Saturday, when the game will be well and truly have lost its impact. The fact that only a few minutes of the match will be transmitted should do little to enhance its image.

But the media argue that they are merely barometers of public opinion. They supply the demand, and as yet, women themselves have raised little protest and cry about those who regard their as second class citizens.

So, when Tipperary and Antrim line out next Sunday, a proverbial "roar from the gan Stand" should not be heard.

No trumpet has been blown for the emancipation of women in sport, and while the idea of a war on the playing field for the purpose of sportsmanship, discrimination must be eliminated.

Unfortunately, the only ones who do this are women themselves, but, according to Camogie Association administrators, and other sports people, they are often among the worst offenders.

CAMOGIE, like so many women's sports, is a minority game. Next Sunday Antrim and Tipperary line out in the All Ireland final. But as MAOL MUIRE TYNAN reports, the game will only get limited coverage from RTE and scant interest from a male-dominated world.

While our educational system has constantly turned out great sportsmen, girls who achieve recognition on the playing field, have done so outside the school walls, without encouragement from their educational peers.

Past President of the Camogie Association, Mrs. Purcell, says lack of support for female sport is due to male disinterest.

"My main gripe is that so many girls go to men's finals, while we get such little support from the boys. But, I would hope that, this being our 75th year in existence, we would get more recognition for our Final."

The present President, Mary Moran says: "I would like to see much more publicity for the game and women's sports in general. While we do get routine coverage of fixtures, we rarely get extra publicity, but I do not blame the media totally for any existing lack of support."

"Girls themselves are the worst offenders for not supporting their own games."

Sean O Siochain, past secretary of the GAA, puts the blame squarely on the shoulders of disinterested men who don't attend girls sports "because of ignorance."

"Men do not give them due support, and it is difficult to see why," he says. "They are not aware of the very high standards that women achieve and, if they did, I believe they would be astounded by the sportsmanship and skills they produce."

But, it is not just on the Camogie pitches that support is lacking. Dublin's F3 Motor Racing driver, Fiona Butterfield has had to fight her way in a sporting world that is totally male dominated.

She says: "Women's sports certainly do not get as much coverage as men's, but I think this is improving somewhat now. The popular sport is one which people can identify with, and if the public see women's sports on television and in the newspapers, they pay more attention to them."

"Because of this women are becoming much more promotable than men, especially in the field of motor-racing."

But, girls like Fiona and all sportswomen continue to break down the conventional pattern of women and sport, making it "nice" for feminine ladies to be athletic.

## ANTRIM GIRLS BID FOR SIXTH CROWN

By AGNES HOURIGAN

ANTRIM will be bidding for their sixth All-Ireland senior camogie championship when they take on Tipperary at Croke Park on Sunday.

They first appeared in the final in 1944, but there was no dream ending to that campaign as they found defending champions Dublin too much to handle.

However, the Northern girls didn't have to wait long before getting their hands on the O'Duffy Cup, for the year they won the first of three successive titles.

Included on that three-in-a-row team were such stalwarts as Cella Quinn, Kathleen Rainey, Peg and Kathleen Dooley (all from Dunloy), Winnie Storey, Bridie O'Neill and Nancy Mulligan, now Mrs. Murray, a recent president of the association.

### Rally In Vain

Although Antrim reached the final three times from '50-'52, they lost each one to Dublin.

Of these three games the last one, in 1952, is worth recalling. Antrim took the lead early on, but Dublin hit back to lead 2-1 to 1-1 at the interval. The Metropolitanans increased their margin to 4-1 to 1-1 early in the second half but Antrim rallied magnificently to take the lead 4-2 to 4-1.

However, shortly before the

end, Sophia Brack, Dublin's star full forward and captain, scored the winning goal to foil Antrim once again.

Antrim won their fourth title in 1956 when they broke the Dubliners stronghold on the O'Duffy Cup, which they had held since 1948.

But, Antrim had to fight hard for this honour. Leading 4-1 to 4-0 at half time in the semi-final, they came from behind in the closing minutes to win 6-2 to 6-1.

The story was similar in the final when the lead changed hands several times before Antrim finally pipped Cork by 5-3 to 4-2.

A new set of Antrim stars helped the established players on that day — Teresa in goal and Winnie Kearns from Dunloy, Marian Kearns, no relation, and Chris Hughts from St. Malachy's.

### Another Defeat

Nineteen-fifty-seven provided another last-minute defeat in the final. They led all the way only to see Dublin's Brid Reid score the winning

### 40 YEARS AGO

CORK easily won the Munster Senior Camogie championship final by defeating Waterford by 7-4 to 1-1 at Waterford. The teams were:- Cork N. O'Sullivan, J. Cotter, M. Brennan, B. Cronin, K. Coughlan, M. Vallely, N. O'Dowd, M. Cronin, J. O'Sullivan, K. Buckley, E. Casey, R. Fitzgerald. Waterford S. Duggan, M. Darmody, M. Hayes, M. Walsh, G. Green, N. Long, K. O'Sullivan, K. Hayes, P. Walsh, A. Fanning, M. Costelloe, B. Duggan.



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# MUNSTER DOUBLE ON THE CARDS

By Joan Morley

TIPPERARY, who last contested the All-Ireland final in 1965, are back in Croke Park for All-Ireland day on Sunday, where, in the senior final they meet Antrim. Cork will be there too, but unlike last season when they contested both finals, they will have to be satisfied with a place in the junior decider against Galway this time.

## Galway Girls Bid To Salvage Pride

THE HONOUR of Galway Camogie is very much at stake on Sunday when the county's junior squad face Cork in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park (2 p.m.).

For, by and large, the current season has been an utterly forgettable one for fans of the game in Galway what with the disastrous showings of the senior side and the financial troubles of the Co. Board.

Much then rests on the shoulders of the young junior squad to salvage some pride from a season that cannot end quickly enough for Galway camogie folk.

They face a daunting task, however, as Cork, like their hurling counterparts, can always be relied upon to supply formidable opposition.

Still, Galway showed in their semi-final conquest of Dublin at Ballinacorney three weeks ago that they possess the required ability.

That victory was soured somewhat by a subsequent unsuccessful Dublin objection over ground conditions, but the Galway girls have not allowed their spirit to be affected.

They have been training rigorously in recent weeks at the Agricultural College grounds in Athenry and are reported to be in tip-top shape.

With 21 players in contention for a place on the team - the biggest ever panel to represent the county - the selectors had some difficult decisions to make when arriving at their final choice.

The team is (with brief pen pictures):

VALERIES O'NEILL (goalie), from Ballymacward. Her first season playing inter-county.

ANNE POINARD (full-back) from the famous Athenry Club. Has

never previously played at the heart of defence.

BREDA KING (right wing back) from Castlegar. In her first season of inter-county fare.

CHRIS SILKE (centre-back) from Meelick-Eyrecoort, plays Ashbourne Cup camogie with Maynooth. Chris is a sister of county hurler Sean who plays in the same position.

BRID HOLLAND (left wing back) from Oran-Maree. Also in her debut season.

OLIVE COADY (right centre) from Athenry. One of the team's most experienced performers.

BRIDIE CUNNIFFE (centre), from Castlegar. A member of the All-Ireland winning minor team of 1977; she is also a regular on the Galway ladies football team.

MARY KELLY (left centre) from Ballygar. Another member of the victorious minor squad of two years ago.

UNA JORDAN (right wing forward) from Athenry. Normally a midfielder, the selectors have decided to utilise Una's scoring power in attack. Also a member of the successful 1977 minors.

BERNIE LINNANE (centre forward) from Ballinacorney. A sister of Gort and county hurling player Sylvie who made an appearance in last Sunday's All-Ireland final.

MARY MULLINS (left wing forward) from Ballymacward. A newcomer to the county scene with a very bright future. Mary also lines out with the ladies senior county football team.

MARIAN FREANEY (full forward) from Athenry. The only married member of the team, her husband Tony is a prominent Athenry player. She is captain of the team.

Tipperary have contested five finals in their history but so far have failed to take the coveted title. Their final appearances were in 1949, '58, '61, and '65, and since then they have been having rather a lean time - that is until this season when they came back with a bang.

They have a good side with a number of top class players, including goalie Mary O'Brien, Deirdre Lane and sisters Maolmhuire Tynan and Siobhan McDonnell, and are very determined to make this a year to remember.

### GREAT CREDIT

Antrim, who deserve great credit for keeping the game going in that county, had two marvellous victories on their way to the decider - against Wexford and Kilkenny, and no doubt they will start as favourites. They too have top players in the persons of

Mairead McAtamney, Carol Blayney, Jo McClements and Anne McAllister and having disposed of two of the top sides in the country it is hard to see them losing.

However, Tipperary have always been known for their determination against the odds, and in spite of their failure in the final in the past (all five were lost to Dublin) they will not allow this golden opportunity to slip between their hands easily.

### GRAND SLAM

Last season Cork were chasing a marvellous grand slam of three titles. This year, they already have the minor to their credit but the seniors have been beaten. On Sunday the juniors, who were the only ones to lose last season, can make it a double for the county.

The Cork team was selected last evening and

there are many fine players on the side including Patricia Fitzgibbon, Betty Joyce, Ger Leahy, Ger McCarthy, Claire Kelleher and Eileen Kavanagh, who captains the side. Cork have trained hard and must be there with a very good chance.

### FORMIDABLE SIDE

However, Galway can always field a formidable side in any grade, and with such players as Anne Poinard, Chris Silke, Olive Coady and Una Jordan to call on they will not be easy opponents.

So both finals promise to be closely contested affairs and anyone who travels to Croke Park can expect a marvellous afternoon of camogie.

Fixtures - At Croke Park: All-Ireland finals, Junior Cork v. Galway, 2.15 p.m. Senior, Antrim v. Tipperary 3.30 p.m.



The Cork Junior camogie team captain - Eileen Kavanagh.



THE Galway Junior Camogie panel who meet Cork in the All-Ireland Final at Croke Park on Sunday. From left (front row): Sadie Higgins, Mary Mullins, Mary Bligh, Marian Freaney, captain; Mary Kelly, Brid Holland and Paula Carr. Back row: Mary Rooney, Joan Tannian, Valerie O'Neill, Breda King, Ann Poinard, Olive Coady, Una Jordan and Bridie Cunniffe.



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The Cork team receiving some advice from their trainer, Mary Nott.

# All-Ireland Finals Hold The Interest

ALL ROADS lead to Croke Park on Sunday next when teams from Antrim, Tipperary, Cork and Galway take over the hallowed turf to contest the finals of the Junior and Senior All-Ireland Championships. There are no local fixtures listed for the coming week.

There will be great support for both sides in the senior final, even outside their own counties as both are deserving of this title for different reasons.

Tipperary, in spite of marvellous teams down through the years, have failed to take even one Senior All-Ireland title. They contested finals in 1949, '53, '58, '61 and '65, all of which they lost to Dublin. Since then they have been going through a rather lean period but this season came back to top form and are now only one step from that elusive title yet again.

The Tipperary side includes a number of top class players including goalie Mary O'Brien, a P.E. student at Thomond College, Deirdre Lane, a very effective centre-

back and sisters Maolmhuire Tynan and Siobhan McDonnell.

Antrim, for their part, have five titles to their credit, 1945, '46, '47, '56 and '67. Since their last success they have played in and lost two finals in 1969 against Wexford and 1973 against Cork.

The Antrim girls deserve the greatest admiration for keeping camogie alive in their trouble-torn county and a win for them would be a great boost. They had two marvellous victories this season over top notchers Wexford and Kilkenny, and with first class players in Mairead McAtamney, Mairead Diamond, Jo McClements, Rita Moran and Sue McLarnon, they must be there with a chance. In any event it must be a thrilling and worthy final.

Last year Cork were chasing the grand slam of the three All Ireland titles. They won the senior and minor but lost to Derry in the Junior decider. This year the seniors are gone but they have already won the minor title and could add the junior to their tally on Sunday

when they meet Galway in the final.

Cork lost three players to the senior side this season, all in one game. Mary Maher had to replace the indisposed Marie Costine, the youthful Martha Kearney was called in at the last minute when Pat Moloney declined the field and Annette O'Donovan was called in the closing minutes of the rather disastrous game — the first round All-Ireland clash against Kilkenny. These changes were all quite necessary at the time, but rather unfortunate for the juniors. However, the juniors excelled themselves in spite of the setback and are now in the All-Ireland final.

The Cork team has a plentiful sprinkling of really good players. In goal Patricia Fitzgibbon is excellent while the defence of Geraldine Murray, Christine Pinfield, Eileen Dineen and Betty Joyce will not give too much away.

At centrefield Cork have a handy trio in Geraldine Leahy, Liz Lynch and Eileen Kavanagh, while the forwards, Geraldine

McCarthy, Sara Ryan, Claire Kelleher and Noelle O'Driscoll, are all worthy exponents of the attacking game.

Galway, however, can also field a formidable side and Cork will need to be in top form to win. Three of the Galway side, Bernie Cunniffe, Marian Freney and Una Jordan, have played with Connacht, while Mary Kelly has won an All-Ireland Minor medal. Other well known players include Anne Poniard, Chris Silke (a sister of Sean) and Olive Coady, and they will not give up the chance of an All-Ireland title without a fight. So here again we can expect a thriller. Teams:—

**TIPPERARY:** M. O'Brien, M. Butler, M. Hackett, D. Lane, B. Ryan, M. Tynan, S. Delaney, M. Maher (capt.), M. Quigley, A. Brophy, M. Griffin, S. McDonnell. Subs: B. Feehan, P. Starr, A. Gleeson, A. Ralph.

**ANTRIM:** C. Blayney, M. Donnelly, M. McMullen, J. McClements, J. McAtamney, S. McAtamney, M. McAtamney, B. Moran, P. Gillespie, M. Diamond, A. McAllister, K. McCaughey. Subs: S. Dillon, K. Kelly, E. McLroy, M. O'Hagen.

**CORK:** P. Fitzgibbon, G. Murray, C. Pinfield, E. Dineen, B. Joyce, G. Leahy, L. Lynch, E. Kavanagh, G. McCarthy, S. Ryan, C. Kelleher, N. O'Driscoll. Subs: C. McCarthy, J. O'Sullivan, A. Delaney, M. O'Callaghan, M. Power, M. Coughlan, P. O'Connor, L. Zinkant.

**GALWAY:** V. O'Neill, A. Poniard, B. King, C. Silke, B. Holland, O. Coady, B. Cunniffe, M. Kelly, M. Moran, B. Linnane, U. Jordan, M. Freney.

**FIXTURES**  
At Croke Park — All-Ireland Finals: Junior, Cork v. Galway, 2. p.m.; Senior, Antrim v. Tipperary, 3.30 p.m.

## 40 YEARS AGO

OLD Aloysians "A" won the six-a-side camogie tournament at the U.C.C. Grounds, by defeating Lough Rovers by 7 goals 1 pt. to no score in the final. Other teams who took part were: Dunlops, Old Als "B," Ballinlough, Lee Hosiery and Lough Rovers "B." The winning Old Als "A" team was: Misses E. Crowley, P. Hogg, N. O'Dowd, M. Fitzgerald, E. Casey and K. B. Murphy.



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## Noted Irish writer dies

Mr. Padraig Puirseal, G.A.A. correspondent of the Irish Press for over twenty years, died today at the age of 64.

In addition to his encyclopaedic knowledge of G.A.A. affairs he was a prolific writer, a historian and a novelist of distinction.

He was born in the famed hurling parish of Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny, and graduated from U.C.D. in 1933.

He travelled the length and breadth of Ireland as sports reporter for the Irish Press and was particularly interested in coursing as well as hurling and football.

He is survived by his wife and four children.

Among the many tributes which have been paid to him already is one from the President of the G.A.A., Mr. Padraig Mac Floinn, who said that the Association had lost "a good and trusted friend who used his pen with an honesty and understanding bred of a love of Ireland and her traditions".

## Camogie board pays tribute

Cumann Camogalochta na nGael yesterday paid the following tribute to the late Padraig Puirseal: A shadow lies across the 1979 All-Ireland-Camogie Finals because a man who has contributed so much to our Association for a great part of its 75 years will not be with us.

Let us pay a very special tribute to a man who was very special in his contribution, who loved camogie, who through the spell of his golden words introduced our game to many who knew little of it, who by his writing gave it a prestige and a national standing, a man of gentle scholarship, an inexhaustible source of information given readily in his

inimitable and unassuming way, a man who was such a personal friend of many of us, old and young, in the Association that his passing has left us almost unbearably bereft.

Paddy Purcell somehow always seemed inextricably set in the background of the green sward of the Ireland he loved and served so well. May that green sward lie lightly on his kindly soul. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam díllig.

Déanaimid cómhbrón croi lena bhean chéile Una, lena dheirfiúr Máire, lena iníon Aine agus lena mhac Seán, Risteard agus Pádraig. Solás Dé go raibh acu agus ag a gcíann uilig.

# Padraig Puirseal —sport was his passion

THE death occurred yesterday of Mr. Padraig Puirseal, The GAA Correspondent of THE IRISH PRESS for more than 20 years. He was aged 64. A prolific writer as well as being a historian and novelist, his passions were Gaelic football and hurling.

"I doubt if anybody in the country knew as much about the GAA as he did," said his life-long friend and colleague, Mr. Dave Guiney, former Sports Editor of The Irish Press.

Born in the famed hurling parish of Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny, he was educated in the local national school; Mount Sion CBS, Waterford, and St. Kieran's, Kilkenny. He entered UCD in 1933 and graduated with a BA and MA.

From that time until the present, he maintained close links with the university and was actively involved through all those years with the hurling and football clubs, being vice-president of both clubs at the time of his death.

After graduating, he wrote a number of novels, including Hanrahan's Daughter, Fiddlers Green and the Quiet Man. Hanrahan's Daughter, which he wrote in 1934, was one of a trilogy of books.

He worked for a period with Cahills, the Dublin publishing house, and later joined the staff of Independent Newspapers Ltd. as a sub-editor.

After joining Irish Press Ltd. in December 1953 as a sub-editor, he later attained the position of Features Editor. His great love of sport beckoned, however, and he transferred to the sports department with which he remained, travelling the length and breadth of Ireland to report events, particularly coursing, for which he was the paper's correspondent for many years and, of course, hurling and football.

During his long and distinguished career in newspaper journalism, he produced the Gaelic Sportsman successfully for several years until it was taken over. It was later to become known as the Gaelic Weekly, to which he continued to contribute until it closed in recent years.

Padraig, known with affection by G.A.A. officials and players throughout this country as well as abroad, contributed to many publications of the G.A.A. code down the years, and was involved with Dave Guiney in writing the Guinness Book of Hurling Records in 1959.

He contributed the Dublin Letter to the Kilkenny People for some 30 years as well as writing All in the Day's Sport for THE IRISH PRESS for almost as many years. Numerous articles by Padraig appeared under the name "Moondearg". For a number of years he was a contributor to a weekly programme on Radio Eireann.

His wealth of knowledge of Gaelic football and hurling and, indeed, of the forerunner of football, laid, marked his writings. Since the inception of the G.A.A. All-Star Awards in 1971 Padraig was one of the panel of selectors which annually selected the teams to travel abroad, he himself accompanying the teams to report for THE IRISH PRESS.

This year he was given the McNamee Award for the best G.A.A. match report by a national newspaper journalist during 1978. His winning report of the Kerry-Dublin All-Ireland football final was selected by a Communications Committee of the G.A.A. as the outstanding work of the year. That match, in fact, was the 100th All-Ireland Final he attended both as a spectator and in his capacity as a reporter.

On that occasion, the then president of the G.A.A., Mr. Con Murphy, paid a tribute to Padraig who, he said, had given a lifetime of service "to the coverage of our games".

His wife, Agnes Hourigan, is a former president of the Camogie Association. She won an All-Ireland camogie medal with Dublin in 1938 as well as several Ashbourne Cups, Dublin championships and Leagues with U.C.D.

He also leaves three sons, Padraig, John and Richard, daughter, Ann, and his sister, writer Mary Purcell.

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# Player's tribute to Paddy Purcell

It was with deep sorrow I heard the news of Paddy Purcell's death. His death has removed from the scene one of the kindest and most knowledgeable G.A.A. men I ever met. Long before I met him in person his novel "Hanrahan's Daughter" was almost a bible in our house. His "Gaelic Sportsman" newspaper, the forerunner of the "Gaelic Weekly" was also avidly devoured.

Paddy was an indefatigable writer, for as well as being so prolific in THE IRISH PRESS field, he contributed to periodicals and G.A.A. monthlies under various pen-names such as Old-Timer, Terence Ronayne, Moondharrig and Rambling Rory. I'd recognise his easy racy style anywhere. As "Rambling Rory" in the old "GAELIC WEEKLY" — a weekly assortment of facts and figures, stories and tit-bits from up and down the country — he was in his element. He knew every village in Ireland, every placename somewhat like Benedict Kiely.

He was always very kind to players and his post match comments never carried a cutting reference. He was also very keen on coursing, and his marriage to camogie star and enthusiast Agnes Hourigan ensured a lifelong interest in the camogie game. But as Dave Guiney wrote, his encyclopaedic love of sport embraced sports such as American football, a love he shared with my late brother Fr. Paddy, another aficionado.

Paddy Purcell wrote often about their mutual interests,

One seat in the Pressbox at Croke Park was empty yesterday for the first time in over a hundred All-Ireland finals. It was that of Pdraig Puirseal, Irish Press GAA Correspondent, who died just over a week ago. Here, former Galway footballer Jack Mahon, remembers him.

about Notre Dame and their great coaches Knute Rockne and Frank Leahy. It was fitting indeed that Paddy should receive a McNamee Award from the G.A.A.'s Communications Committee last March and I was delighted to be present to share in what was one of his proudest moments. He seemed a wee bit ill at ease. To be the recipient of an award. To be at a function as one of the stars and not be in a working capacity. But his smile was full of happiness and he was thrilled too that Michael O'Hehir was present in the prizewinners group to receive the Hall of Fame Award.

It was always a pleasure meeting him at venues up and down the country. My last meeting with him was in the car park alongside Dr. Hyde Park in Roscommon on the occasion of the Galway v Roscommon S.F.C. game last June. He always called when visiting Galway prior to an All-Ireland appearance.

Another occasion he loved was the annual All-Star banquet. He really loved mixing with all his friends from up and down the country. He knew them all. It was the great meeting place. He will

be missed from these functions in the future.

Perhaps I'm wrong but I like to think that the G.A.A. reached its greatest popularity in the late fifties and early sixties, just prior to Ireland's TV age.

And for that credit must be given to many people — the organisation itself from Paddy O'Keefe right down to so many great club officials, ace radio commentator Michael O'Hehir and very high up that group of national G.A.A. sports journalists which included the late John D. Hickey, Paddy Downey, Mick Dunne, Donal Carroll and Paddy Purcell among others.

G.A.A. was their life. They loved it and their reports and previews of every game were read and re-read in every corner of Ireland. Even to this day nobody wants a favourite's tag attached to them especially before a final. It is a heavy burden. But it reflects the great power of the G.A.A. press.

It's hard to accept that Paddy Purcell is dead. But for me at least Paddy Purcell will never die for he epitomised everything I hold dear in an Irishman.

He really loved the Rackards

and Sean Purcell and Iggy Jones and all Kilkenny hurlers. U.C.D. was a great part of his sporting heart. You could always depend on him for a good review of any book with a G.A.A. theme.

It is a great pity that he didn't write the history of the G.A.A. for he had done much research and it was indeed entirely fitting that his last pre-All-Ireland preview should have dealt with his historical research of the first ever All-Ireland Hurling final.

But when I think back on Paddy I know that what I will miss most of his weekly writings is the column called "All In The Day's Sport" which he usually wrote for a Friday and which saw him at his best.

In this column he often wrote the most delightful tributes to G.A.A. men who had died, talked about significant feats and those peculiarly quaint old G.A.A. stories that were his speciality.

He often returned in his reverie to the scenes of his youth, to his first games in Dan Framer's Field in Dungan, to Mooncoin and Slievenamon.

It is imperative that the G.A.A. perpetuate his memory in some significant way such as inaugurating the Paddy Purcell G.A.A. Scholarship at U.C.D.

May the sod rest gently on his kindly soul. To his wife Agnes and family I tender my heartfelt sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

J. M.

# Con Houlihan's tribute to Paddy Purcell

Frank O'Connor used to tell a story about a small girl he met one time in Donegal who said to him: "I like your stories — they are about our own kind of life."

When I was very young down in Kerry I felt that way about Paddy Purcell.

His novels may be half-forgotten now but like everything he ever wrote they were very easy reading.

And they were more than that: Paddy Purcell had a great knowledge of Irish life — and the kind of shrewd brain that could distil its essence.

## Fascinating

A few years ago some of his early work was serialised on Radio Eireann — it came over fresh and fascinating.

He might have gone on to be a successful novelist in both senses of the term — it was not to be.

But he had made his mark — and in his own quiet way he was proud of those young books.

He was a strange man — his talent for masking his essential self was endless.

He had been a brilliant academic — but few outside his undergraduate comrades suspected it.

He remained a formidable scholar — and if it ever happened that he got entangled with an intellectual heavy, I would mortgage my goods and have the lot on Paddy.

## Admired

For a great many years I admired him from a distance — and met him at last in rather unusual circumstances.

It was at a charity soccer game at Milltown between the Dubs and a Shamrock Rovers selection that I first spoke to my boyhood hero.

By then we were working under the same roof and sitting only the handpass of a ball from each other — but I was too awed to make the first move.

Never was awe so unfounded — I found him to be so modest and easy of manner that sympathy in the Greek sense of the word was instant.

As a colleague he was a well of information — and delighted in imparting it.

His work as a Gaelic games writer is fully appreciated only by those who work on the same ship.

The reader sees the Monday morning report — he does not always realise the turmoil of

nervous energy that produced it.

Paddy Purcell was a meticulous reporter, utterly lucid and fair to a fault.

But his best sports writing was often that done in quieter days of the week.

## At his best

Occasionally he wrote a piece that had more to do with life in general than with any sport in particular.

And that was Paddy at his best — it was the novelist re-asserting himself.

He will be remembered chiefly as a writer about Gaelic football and hurling — but he would have excelled in any field.

His knowledge of sport was boundless and his interest never waned.

And in that he was a product of his age.

He was a child of the pre-war age of innocence and it left a stamp on him forever.

And if you had to write his epitaph in a few words, you might say that for over 40 years he brought pleasure to a great many people.

And when all is said and done that is no small achievement.



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# ANTRIM STALWARTS

**Carol Blaney (Williams', Belfast):** Goalkeeper: Played for St. Dominic's H.S. and St. Mary's T.C., Belfast. Is a brilliant goalkeeper from a county famous for its goalkeepers. Also a useful wing forward who can score. Is a student teacher and holds an All-Ireland Colleges' medal. Played on Ulster senior and junior teams for the past three years and was on many Antrim teams in all three grades in recent years.

**Mairead Donnelly (Deidre, Belfast):** Full Back: Is a dental secretary/receptionist. Referees club matches and is a team coach. Has acted as coach and player for a team in Vancouver, Canada. Was a pupil of St. Genevieve's School. Has shown great form this season. Comes from a family of great Gaelic tradition. Her mother, the former Miss Moya Brannigan was a very stylish player who received many honours on the Camogie field.

**Mary McMullan (Loughiel):** Right Back: Is a student. Referees at club level. Played with Loreto College, Coleraine. Hold two Ulster senior colleges' medals. Hold one Ulster senior championship medal. Has one Ulster minor championship medal and has Antrim senior, junior and minor medals. Also has an Ulster Minor League medal. Is also a goalkeeper of high merit. A very steady defender, fast to the ball and with lot of skill.

**Josephine McClements (Loughiel):** Centre Back: One of Antrim's most dependable players and holds many medals, including Ulster championship. Is a very strong and tireless player who never gives up and is always ready to break up attacks and set her forwards off with long clearances.

**Jacqueline McAtamney (Portglenone):** Left Back: Played for her school, St. Mary's, Clady. Hold medals in all grades of Antrim and club camogie. Also holds Ulster medals. Is not yet out of minor grade. Has an Ulster Minor League medal for 1977. Has been on Ulster junior sides. Is a fast and courageous player with plenty of "go". Recently received three medals on the one day, when she played on the three Portglenone teams which won this year's Antrim championships — senior, junior and minor.

**Siobhan McAtamney (Portglenone):** Right Centre Field, Student. Played for St. Mary's, Clady, a nursery for notable players. Played on Antrim teams in all grades and was also honoured by the Ulster selectors. Holds an Ulster minor league medal for 1977. Is fast and forceful with good stroke and always sticks well to her op-

ponent.

**Mairead Magill (nee McAtamney) (Portglenone):** Centre Field: Is a teacher. One of the best-known players in Ireland, with a very high reputation. Has very many awards including an All-Star Cuchullian Award and a County Antrim Player of the Year Award.

Is a regular on Ulster senior provincial teams and Antrim senior teams and holds two All-Ireland medals, one for Antrim's victory in '67 and one for Ulster's Inter-Provincial success also in 1967.

Has numerous Ulster senior and Ulster club medals. Is a most stylish and polished performer and plays the game at its best. Mairead is highly respected and admired throughout Ireland, and is captain of the Antrim team. Is a prolific scorer, especially from frees.

**Rita Moran (nee McAteer) (Creggan):** Left Centre Field: Is a teacher. Holds a certificate as a camogie coach, and played for St. Mary's, Magherafelt, whilst at school. Is a member of the Ulster team and has been on the Antrim senior team since 1970. Also played on Antrim junior and minor teams. Has numerous Ulster senior championship medals and club medals. A very fast and intelligent wing player, with many skills.

**Philomena Gillespie (Loughiel):** Right Wing Forward: Is a secretary/Receptionist. Holds medals for Ulster senior and minor championship. Was on Ulster team in 1978. Holds medals for all grades of Antrim county games and a Maguire Cup medal for 1977. Is a steady player with a good eye for scoring opportunities.

**Mairead Diamond (Bellaghy):** Centre Forward: Is a secretary in the N.U.U. and both coaches and referees at club level. Another very well-known player who was on the 1967 All-Ireland winning team. Also has an All-Ireland provincial championship medal and has numerous other awards. Was a regular on the Antrim senior team. As Mairead Quinn was a player for Creggan Co. Antrim. Married Mr. Laurence Diamond, famous Bellaghy and Derry County player and is now domiciled in Derry, but still declares for her native Antrim. Is a good, reliable "no-nonsense" player with splendid striking power.

**Anne McAllister: (St. Teresa's, Belfast):** Right Wing Forward: Works for Aer Lingus in a clerical capacity. Played for St. Dominic's H. S. and Queen's University and Combined Universities. Has been on Antrim teams in all grades since 1971, when she first graced the Antrim minor selection and

holds many Ulster medals. Anne is another famous player, with tireless energy, noted for her solo runs with ball on stick. A prolific scorer, she is seeking her first senior All-Ireland medal and was on the winning Combined Universities teams 1976 - '77 - '78.

**Kathleen McCaughey: (Ahoghill):** Full Forward: Housewife. Is a referee of club matches and a newcomer to the Antrim senior team. At school, played with St. Patrick's, Ballymena and was very successful at full-forward and was transferred to the senior team.

Is a first-class full forward with an excellent scoring record. Will give the Tipperary star, Deidre Lane, an outsized headache during the course of the match.

**Susan Dillon: (Portglenone):** Goalkeeper: Secretary/Receptionist. In a County renowned for its goalkeepers — Lily McMillen, Patsy Smyth, Anne McGarry, Teresa Cassidy, to name but a few, Sue Dillon takes her place with the best. Sue was Antrim goalkeeper after the reign of Teresa Cassidy, (nee Kearns) and filled the post with distinction. Was Ulster senior goalkeeper for years and has many Ulster senior medals, won with the Antrim team.

**Kathleen Kelly (St. Ergna's, Moneyglass):** Full Back: Book-keeper. Is Antrim Registrar, also is a referee of Inter-County standard. Holds two All-Ireland senior medals one for Antrim in 1967 and one for the Ulster Inter-Provincial team 1967. Has innumerable Ulster senior championship medals has been on the Ulster team for years and on the Antrim team for a long time. Is a cool and reliable player, very quick to grasp a situation and take immediate action.

**Eithne McLroy (St. Teresa's, Belfast):** Left Wing Back: Student social worker. Played for Rathmore Grammar School, then St. Teresa's and was on all three grades of Antrim teams since 1974. Is a holder of Purcell Cup (All-Ireland Colleges') medal won with N. I. Polytechnic in 1979. Is a steady and intelligent defender with good stick work.

**Maeve O'Hagan (St. Teresa's, Belfast):** Midfield Player: Bio-Chemistry student. Played with Rathmore Grammar School and played for all three grades of Antrim teams from 1974 till now. Played on Combined Universities winning team in 1979. Maeve is a fast and stylish player with excellent stickwork, who is a match for any midfield opposition.



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Galway defender Ann Poinard clearing from Cork forward Sarah Ryan during the All-Ireland junior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. —(Echo)

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● Tipperary's Agnes Brophy misses her shot at goal as Antrim's Siobhain McAtamney runs in to tackle. Our photographer at Croke Park was BRIAN BARRON

# BLANEY STARS IN ANTRIM'S VICTORY

By GERRY MCCARTHY

ANTRIM ..... 2-3

TIPPERARY ..... 1-3

**ANTRIM** won the All-Ireland senior camogie championship for the sixth time when they had a goal to spare over Tipperary in an exciting, keenly-contested final at Croke Park yesterday. The attendance, on a glorious afternoon, was most disappointing and looked in the region of 3,000.

In one respect, it was a sad occasion, because it was the first time since 1933 that my late, and respected, colleague, Paddy Purcell, was absent from the girl Gael's annual show-piece. The flag over the Cusack Stand flew at half-mast as a mark of respect and one minute's silence was observed in his honour.

It was also suggested to me that the most fitting memorial to the gentle scholar from Moonsharrig would be the endowment of a scholarship in journalism at U.C.D. or some other seat of learning.

When this final is recalled I think it will be conceded that the chief contribution to Antrim's victory was made by their goalkeeper, Carol Blaney, whose first-half expertise denied Tipperary at least four goals.

At that time the losers, aided by the breeze, enjoyed pronounced territorial dominance as they attacked the Canal End and their full-forward, Siobhan McDonnell, was a constant threat to the opposing defence.

She did score one great goal but was foiled of three others by Carol Blaney's brilliance. In addition, the Antrim

goalkeeper denied Mary Griffin of what looked a certain goal just before the break, when Tipperary led by only two points, 1-1 to 0-2.

## Command

Straight from the resumption, Antrim took command and within four minutes were in the lead with a goal that would hardly have been allowed in hurling.

Ann McAllister's shot was deflected on route but Mary O'Brien's reflexes were not found wanting and she brought off a smart save. However, she could not hold the ball, the forwards piled in, a melee developed and the sliothar was eventually forced over the line.

Within a minute Tipp had a lucky escape when Ann McAllister's "30" rebounded from the crossbar and the same player saw a similar effort come back into play off an upright in the 38th minute.

Mairead Quinn put Antrim two points clear after 34 minutes and the decisive score arrived in the 40th minute when Mairead Magill's cross from the left found Ann McAllister with all the room

in the world to power the ball to the losers' net.

That score, their last, left Antrim leading by 2-3 to 1-1 and from that to the end they had to survive some sustained if disjointed, Tipperary pressure.

Agnes Brophy's point with six minutes remaining left four points between the teams before the losers switched Siobhan McDonnell outfield and brought Ann Ralph in at full-forward.

However, Tipperary's only reward was a pointed free by Deirdre Lane two minutes from the end, though I thought she had twice charged with the ball in her possession before the winners' defence was penalised.

Antrim had the last say when Philomena Gillespie forced Mary O'Brien to effect a smart save.

Apart from Carol Blaney's contribution, Antrim owed much to the skilful play of Ann McAllister and Siobhan McAtamney, both of whom gave outstanding second-half performances.

Mairead Magill's striking was a joy to behold, her sideline cuts being consistently long and an example as to how such strokes should be taken.

Those were the main architects of Antrim's victory and it is interesting to note that Mairead Magill (nee McAtamney) and Mairead Quinn (nee Diamond) were also on the team that captured the county's last title in 1967.

In addition, Mairead Magill and her nieces, Jackie and Siobhan McAtamney, must have set some sort of record by figuring on an all-Ireland winning team.

Tipperary's outstanding per-

formers were goalkeeper Mary O'Brien, Monica Butler, Maura Hackett, Mary Griffin and Siobhan McDonnell. Indeed, their defence and midfield can be absolved from blame for this reverse, but Siobhan McDonnell lacked support up front.

Still when they reflect on this final, they can truthfully state: "But for Carol Blaney we would have won the O'Duffy Cup for the first time".

**Scorers — Antrim —** A. McAllister (1-2); K. McCaughey (1-0); M. Quinn (0-1). **Tipperary —** S. McDonnell (1-0); S. Delaney, D. Lane and M. Griffin (0-1 each).

**ANTRIM—**C. Blaney; M. Donnelly; M. McMullan, J. McClements, J. McAtamney; S. Atamney, M. Magill (capt.), R. Moran, P. Gillespie, M. Quinn, A. McAllister; K. McCaughey, Sub.—M. O'Hagan for M. Quinn

**TIPPERARY —** M. O'Brien; M. Butler; R. Ryan, D. Lane, M. Hackett, M. Maher (capt.), S. Delaney, M. Tynan; M. Quigley, A. Brophy, M. Griffin; S. McDonnell, Sub.—A. Ralph for M. Griffin.

**REFEREE —** S. McNamee (Dublin).



# Second Half Rally Earns All-Ireland Crown For Galway

GALWAY 4-3     CORK 3-2

YEARS OF FRUSTRATION in the Camogie wilderness finally ended for Galway at Croke Park on Sunday when the Galway girls captured the All-Ireland Junior title in spectacular fashion.

And it took a life saving second half performance to give Galway the title after the Munster team had held the whiphand for long periods of this classic encounter.

The historic victory was a personal triumph for Galway's captain Marian Freaney, who scored three goals to rescue her team from what looked to be inevitable defeat.

Galway's problems stemmed from defence and the Cork girls took full advantage of this deficiency particularly in the first half when they had three goals on the scoreboard.

After just 17 minutes of play Cork had accumulated a massive 3-0 to 0-2 advantage and the signs were ominous for Galway.

Noelle O'Driscoll punished an indifferent Galway defence in the opening minutes when she goaled from close range. Cork increased their advantage minutes later when a poor defensive clearance allowed Sarah Ryan in for their second goal.

Though Galway threatened a midfield takeover, Cork continued to dominate matters on the scoreboard, and they duly notched up their third goal.

In between Galway had two points from Una Jordan and the Athenry girl handed her colleagues a life line just before half time when she scored a goal after been set up by Bernie Linnane.

Miss Jordan's goal provided Galway with a launching pad for an epic second half revival which saw them eventually eclipse the Munster champions.

Cork, however, restarted in a winning mood when Claire Kelleher landed the sliotar between the posts from the middle of the field.

The score only served to expedite Galway's revival but the Westerners experienced further frustrations before assuming control.

Bernie Linnane was presented with a gilt edged opportunity to score Galway's second goal when she was set up in front of the Cork posts by Bridie Canniffe but she amazingly fumbled the chance.

Undaunted, Galway continued to pressurise the enemy and after six minutes of the second half Miss Freaney scored the first of her three goal salvo.

Mary Mullins was the instigator of the goal and it was her pass which sent Miss Freaney on her way for the all important goal.

The Galway captain had the ball in the Cork net once more shortly afterwards and this time it was Bernie Linnane who supplied the vital pass.

But it was the Mullins-Freaney combination which finally secured victory for Galway when the deadly duo combined again for Miss Freaney to score Galway's match winning goal.

Galway's second half revival was based on reliable defensive work coupled with deadly finishing power in the front line.

Having looked vulnerable in defence in the opening half Galway tightened up considerably in this sector in the second period and here Chris Silke, a sister of County Star, Sean Silke, earned the accolades.

In the midfield area Mary Kelly, Olive Coady and Miss Cunniffe ensured a healthy supply of possession for the attack which reached match winning proportions in the second half.

Galway: V. O'Neill, A. Poniard, B. King, C. Silke, B. Holland, O. Coady, B. Canniffe, M. Kelly, U. Jordan 1-3, B. Linnane, M. Mullins, M. Freaney 3-0. Substitute: B. Morgan for V. O'Neill.

Cork: P. Fitzgibbon, C. Pinfield, G. Murray, B. Joyce, E. Dineen, G. Leahy, L. Lynch, E. Kavanagh, C. Kelleher 0-1, G. McCarthy, N. O'Driscoll 2-1, S. Ryan 1-0. The Cork girls were the early pacemakers. Noelle O'Driscoll hit two of Cork's three first half goals with Sarah Ryan taking the other. It meant that Cork led by 3-0 to 0-2 after 17 minutes but a goal from Una Jordan just on half time kept Galway nicely in touch for the second half.

Referee: C. Clancy (Limerick).

# CAROL PROVE SAVING STAR

ANTRIM ..... 2-3     TIPPERARY ... 1-3

ALWAYS the bridesmaid and never the bride! That seems to be Tipperary's in All-Ireland camogie. They came to Croke Park yesterday with every chance of breaking the duck and lifting their first senior title after a number of appearances only to be thwarted by the brilliance of Carol Blaney in the Antrim and a Glens team that responded admirably to lift their game in the second half.

## GALWAY BRING HOME THEIR SECOND TITLE

GALWAY, 4-3; CORK, 3-2

FOR A long time in this All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final, at Croke Park yesterday, Galway did not appear to have much to offer in the way of scoring but they came good, thanks to full forward and captain, Marian Freaney in the second half, to take their second title at the expense of Cork.

The Cork girls were the early pacemakers. Noelle O'Driscoll hit two of Cork's three first half goals with Sarah Ryan taking the other. It meant that Cork led by 3-0 to 0-2 after 17 minutes but a goal from Una Jordan just on half time kept Galway nicely in touch for the second half.

But it was Cork's Claire Kelleher who hit the first score on resumption — a well taken

point on the run. However Galway's avalanche followed. Mary Mullins laid on the pass for the team captain from Athenry to hit her first goal after six minutes of the second half and Bernie Linnane put the captain through for her second. Mary Mullins got in the scoring pass for Miss Freaney's third to clinch the title for Galway.

Scorers — Galway — M. Freaney (3-0), U. Jordan (1-3). Cork — N. O'Driscoll (2-1), S. Ryan (1-0), C. Kelleher (0-1).

Galway — V. O'Neill; A. Poniard; B. King, C. Silke, B. Holland; O. Coady, B. Canniffe, M. Kelly; U. Jordan, B. Linnane, M. Mullins; M. Freaney. Sub.—B. Morgan for V. O'Neill.

Cork — P. Fitzgibbon; C. Pinfield; G. Murray, B. Joyce, E. Dineen; G. Leahy, L. Lynch, E. Kavanagh; C. Kelleher, G. McCarthy, N. O'Driscoll; S. Ryan. Sub.—A. Delaney for L. Lynch.

Referee—C. Clancy (Limerick).

This all-Ireland decider rate among the lowest in the finals but, unquestionably, Blaney contributed to the win in the first half when she off five excellent saves. Her efforts, which would surely have yielded goals against the 'keeper.

With that wonderful performance the Antrim girls got more in keeping with what that was playing for its first Ireland title. The experienced Mairead Magill and Joan McClements had a marked influence on the team's improved performance and the hitherto confident Tipperary defence was to wilt.

Thanks to Miss Freaney Antrim were only two down at the break, 1-1 to 2-3.

Ann McAllister, who given Antrim the lead after four minutes and proved to be their most effective attacker, hit their first goal minutes into the second half. She gave the Antrim girls a they never relinquished. Tipp's all-out efforts.

The real killer blow for Galway came 14 minutes into the second half when after Magill muffed a 30 yards free — the ball was swung away to the left and swept back to the right where the ever alert McAllister was standing all alone to score home a beauty to the net.

Although it was still 2-3 to 2-3 Antrim appeared to have the whiphand now especially as the side, as a whole, seemed to fitter and better prepared to skill well distributed in the ranks.

Those first half saves at the expense of Siobhain McDonnell who was particularly lucky and Mary Griffin sealed the issue. Another outstanding player, who deserved better reward, was Monica Butler, the full back from Drom and Inch.

Siobhain McDonnell switched out of the full back position to get more involved around midfield in the second half but it was generally Catharine McClements, Mairead Magill, Mairead Quinn and Ann McAllister who did all the positive work for Antrim.

Scorers: Antrim — A. McAllister (2-2), M. Quinn (1-1). Tipperary — S. McDonnell (1-1), A. Brophy, D. Lane and A. Delaney (0-1 each).

Antrim—C. Blaney; Mairead Griffin; M. McAllister, J. McDonnell, J. McAtamney; S. McClements, R. Moran; P. Gilroy; M. Quinn, A. McAllister; K. McClements. Sub.—M. O'Hagan for M. Quinn. Tipperary—M. O'Brien; M. Maher, S. Delaney, M. Gilroy, M. Quigley, A. Brophy, M. McDonnell. Sub.—P. Scott for M. O'Brien.

Referee—Sheila McNamee.

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A midfield tussle in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final, between Antrim and Tipperary, at Croke Park.



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# Tipperary fail in All-Ireland final

Antrim ..... 2-3  
Tipperary ..... 1-3

**TIPPERARY** camogie must wait for yet another year in their efforts to capture that most elusive first All-Ireland camogie title.

At Croke Park on Sunday last before an attendance of approx. 3,000 camogie enthusiasts the Tipperary team seemed set to capture the O'Duffy Cup for the first time when to the jubilation of their large contingent of supporters they stormed into an early lead through the great goal scored by Siobhan McDonnell.

This, helped in no small way to have a settling effect on the team which was now beginning to display some wonderful skills of the game and carried the game to Antrim. Aided by the breeze blowing into the Canal End the Tipperary forwards enjoyed a pronounced supply of the ball due to the high workrate of a great defence and with the Antrim goalkeeper Carol Blaney in devastating form many of the efforts at goal in the first half would long be regretted after the final whistle.

With Mary Griffin being foiled for what should have been two major scores, Tipperary retired at half-time leading by just two points 1-1 to 0-2. Many felt as that success had come to Tipperary but the feeling was to be shortlived as on the resumption Antrim seemed a rejuvenated side and within four minutes had scored a goal to lead by one point, a lead they were never to relinquish. Mary O'Brien in goal was called on to save brilliantly from Antrim's Ann McAllister and was unlucky not to have been granted a free as in the course of the save she was charged

by the incoming forwards with the goal as a result.

Mairead Quinn added a further point for Antrim before the same player contributed to Ann McAllister's goal in the 40th minute. Tipperary replied with points by Deirdre Lane and Agnes Brophy and were now just three points in arrears and with time running out the Tipperary mentors must have regretted those missed scoring chances and the brilliance of Carol Blaney.

The final whistle came to leave Antrim All-Ireland champions by 2-3 to 1-3. Along with Carol Blaney, Ann McAllister and Siobhan McAtamney, the ageless Mairead Magill (nee McAtamney) contributed much to this victory.

For Tipperary no blame for this defeat can be attributed to Mary O'Brien, Monica Butler, Maura Hackett, Rose Ryan, Maura Maher or Siobhan McDonnell.

Scorers—Antrim: A. McAllister 1-2; K. McCaughey 1-0; M. Quinn 0-1.

Tipperary: S. McDonnell 1-0; S. Delaney, D. Lane, A. Brophy 0-1 each.

Antrim: C. Blaney, M. Donnelly, M. McMullan, J. McClements, J. McAtamney, S. McAtamney, M. Magill, R. Moran, P. Gillespie, M. Quinn, A. McAllister, K. McCaughey. Sub.: N. O'Hagan for M. Quinn.

Tipperary: M. O'Brien, M. Butler, R. Ryan, D. Lane, M. Hackett, M. Maher, S. Delaney, M. Tynan, M. Quigley, A. Brophy, M. Griffin, S. McDonnell. Sub.: A. Ralph for M. Griffin.

# Munster teams fail at final hurdle

**THE** two Munster teams involved in yesterday's All-Ireland finals at Croke Park had to content themselves with runners-up medals, with Tipperary going down to Antrim by a goal and Cork failing to Galway by four points.

Both games were highly exciting with victory at all times in the balance and in all it was a most entertaining afternoon of camogie which was attended by Mr. Michael O'Kennedy, Minister for Foreign Affairs; Mr. Jim Tunney, Minister of State for Sport; Mr. Fred Cogley, Head of Sport, RTE; and three past presidents of the G.A.A., Messrs. Jim Ryan, Joe Stewart and Hugh Byrne.

**TIPPERARY** ..... 2-3  
**ANTRIM** ..... 1-3

Antrim came to Croke Park with a big reputation having already defeated Kilkenny and Wexford. But it was not until the second half that they showed their true form. In fact in the opening quarter Tipperary looked as if they might be on their way to their first All-Ireland title when they threw everything at Antrim. Siobhan McDonnell was particularly devastating at this stage and had the Antrim defence in difficulty. But the Northern goalie Carol Blaney brought off some miraculous saves in this period, and gradually Antrim began to get into the game.

Tipperary were ahead by 1-1 to 0-2 at the interval but on the resumption Antrim tightened up in defence, began to take over at midfield and their forwards grabbed the vital scores in spectacular style. Tipperary never gave up trying but in

the second half they could only manage two points which left them trailing at the end of the day by 2-3 to 1-3.

Captain Mairead Magill, her niece Siobhan McAtamney, Carol Blaney and Anne McAllister were Antrim's top players, while Monica Butler, sisters Maolmhuire Tynan and Siobhan McDonnell, and Maureen Maher were outstanding for Tipperary.

Scorers — Antrim: A. McAllister 2-2, M. Diamond 0-1. Tipperary: S. McDonnell 1-0, A. Brophy, S. Delaney and D. Lane 0-1 each.

Antrim — C. Blaney, M. Donnelly, M. McMullan, J. McClements, J. McAtamney, S. McAtamney, M. Magill, R. Moran, P. Gillespie, M. Diamond, A. McAllister, K. McCaughey. Sub.: M. O'Hagan for M. Diamond.

Tipperary — M. O'Brien, M. Butler, M. Hackett, D. Lane, R. Ryan, M. Maher, S. Delaney, M. Griffin, M. Quigley, A. Brophy, M. Tynan, S. McDonnell. Sub.: P. Starr for M. Griffin.

**GALWAY** ..... 4-3  
**CORK** ..... 3-2

Cork, who were also beaten in last year's final, began this game in brilliant style and after 20 minutes were ahead by 3-0 to 0-2. But in this period Galway had thrown away a number of gilt-edged opportunities and only the most partisan supporter could feel that Cork had it all their own way.

A dramatic goal just before half-time put Galway back in the game — leaving the half-time score 3-0 to 1-2 in Cork's favour — and in the

second half the winners took over at centrefield and their forwards found their scoring touch. Cork fought gallantly to the finish, but in the end they had to bow to a superior Galway team.

Una Jordan, Bridie Cunniffe, Mary Kelly and Bernie Linnane were Galway's top players, while Betty Joyce, Noelle O'Driscoll, Clare Kelleher and Ann Delaney were most effective for Cork.

Scorers for Galway: M. Freaney 2-0, U. Jordan 1-3, M. Mullins 1-0. Cork: N. O'Driscoll 2-1, S. Ryan 1-0, E. Kavanagh 0-1.

Galway — V. O'Neill, A. Poinard, B. King, C. Silke, B. Holland, O. Cody, B. Cunniffe, M. Kelly, U. Jordan, B. Linnane, M. Mullins, M. Freaney. Sub.: B. Morgan for V. O'Neill.

Cork — P. Fitzgibbon, C. Pinfield, G. Murray, B. Joyce, E. Dineen, G. Leahy, L. Lynch, E. Kavanagh, C. Kelleher, G. McCarthy, N. O'Driscoll, S. Ryan. Sub.: A. Delaney for L. Lynch.



Antrim full-forward Kathleen McCaughey flicking the ball towards goal with Tipperary goalkeeper Mary O'Brien waiting anxiously watched by her team mates Rosie Ryan and Monica Butler, during the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.



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# Antrim's sheer talent bests Premier County

AFTER AN All-Ireland, words are superfluous. The defeated are dejected, the victorious are elated, and yesterday's final was no exception.

"It's only a game", say the well-meaning. But of course it is much more. For the superb Antrim side, it is the resurrection of camogie in Northern ranks, while we in the Premier County, with our long, impressive tradition of hurling, must painfully carry out the post mortem on our sister game.

Yesterday's weather in Croke Park provided the perfect setting to an exciting duel. It was regrettable that these natural elements were not complemented by properly defined sidelines or freshly-painted goal posts.

Yet this game was a cracking performance of speed and skill. The few thousand supporters, all confined to the Hogan Stand, showed their appreciation as enthusiastically as the 16,000 who thronged it the previous week, and neither side envisaged defeat.

The first twenty-five minutes were magical for Tipperary. We had complete control from goalmouth to full-forward, and by half-time, it seemed that the O'Duffy was southward-bound.

But our confidence was unjustified; the scoreboard did not reflect the run of play. And, while our forwards were running through a crumbling Antrim defence, their efforts

Our reporter Maol Muire Tynan, who played for Tipperary in yesterday's All-Ireland Camogie final in Croke Park.



rarely came to a fruitful conclusion.

This was due to the incredible anticipation displayed by

Antrim goalkeeper, Carol Blaney, who celebrated her 21st birthday in style. She obviously came of age on the camogie pitch a long time ago.

Spirits were high in the Tipperary dressingroom at the interval, and our rivals were more than slightly depressed with the two-point margin. But they were first back on the sod and within minutes, supporters and players alike knew they were determined to satisfy their hunger for victory.

At last they took a grip of the game and displayed such speed and grit that we no longer wondered why they had shattered super-team Kilkenny.

But even when the lead slipped from us, we fought back, desperate to inscribe our name on an All-Ireland trophy.

But, Fate, or should I say, Antrim's sheer talent and abundant stamina, interfered with our plans. Anyway, when the referee's whistle was heard all over Croke Park, the Northern girls had joined that elite group of O'Duffy Cup winners.

And Tipperary? Well, we did try. But, it is no mean achievement to reach the Fiddler's Green of all GAA enthusiasts, and, while it is no consolation at all, there is always next year.

Meanwhile, Antrim have successfully overcome the restrictions and difficulties the game has faced during the past decade. They are indomitable. The score: Antrim 2-3, Tipperary 1-3.



● The Antrim team (above) which beat Tipperary (below) by 2-3 to 1-3 in the All-Ireland senior camogie championship final.





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# MARIAN PLAYS CAPTAIN'S PART

GALWAY ..... 4-3      CORK ..... 3-2

FOR A long time in this All-Ireland Junior Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday, Galway did not appear to have much to offer in the way of scoring, but they came good, thanks to full forward and captain Mairin Freeney in the second half to take their second title at the expense of Cork.

The Cork girls were the early pacemakers, chiefly because they showed a remarkable facility to snap up the scores, while Galway, with every bit as much, if not more, of the play, were sluggish.

Noelle O'Driscoll hit two of Cork's three first half goals with Sarah Ryan taking the other. It meant that Cork led by 3-0 to 0-2 after 17 minutes but a goal from Una Jordan just on half time kept Galway nicely in touch and well positioned to strike decisively in the second half.

But it was Cork's Claire Kelleher who hit the first score of the second half, a well taken point on the run.

However, Galway's avalanche followed, although it did not look too promising for them when Bernie Linnane missed after having been placed in front of goal by Bridie Cunniffe.

Mary Mullins laid on the pass for the team captain from

Athenry to hit her first goal after six minutes of the second half and Bernie Linnane put the captain through for her second. It was Mary Mullins who got in the scoring pass for Miss Freeney's third and the clincher for Galway.

Scorers—Galway: M. Freeney (3-0); U. Jordan (1-3). Cork—N. O'Driscoll (2-1); S. Ryan (1-0); C. Kelleher (0-1).

GALWAY—V. O'Neill; A. Poinard; B. King, C. Silke, B. Holland; O. Cody, B. Cunniffe, M. elly; U. Jordan, B. Linnane, M. Mullins; M. Freeney. Sub: B. Morgan for V. O'Neill.

CORK—P. Fitzgibbon; C. Pinfield, G. Murray, B. Joyce, E. Dineen; G. Leahy, L. Lynch, McCart—

E. Kavanagh; C. Kelleher, G. McCarthy, N. O'Driscoll; S. Ryan. Sub: A. Delaney for L. Lynch.

Referee — C. Clancy (Limerick).



A nun demonstrates her support for Antrim at the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.



Plenty of vigour in the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park yesterday as Maolmhuice Tynan of Tipperary (left) attempts to retain possession from the challenge of Antrim's Josephine McClements, backed up by Mary McMullan. —(Photograph: Pat Langan.)



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● HIGH JINKS . . . in the Autumn goalmouth as 'keeper Carol Blaney clears with Mary McMullen (3) and Mairead Donnelly (2) holding off Tipperary's Siobhan McDonnell.



Cork forwards Noelle O'Driscoll and Sarah Ryan tussling for possession with Galway players Ann Poinard, Brid Holland and Brenda King during the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final at Croke Park.

# Antrim's win a real lesson

ANTRIM'S achievement in winning the O'Duffy Cup for the sixth time is indeed a lesson in commitment and dedication to all Camogie Boards in the other counties of this divided and beloved country of ours.

The credit for the healthy state of the game in the county can be claimed by many many people.

The greatest contribution, in my humble opinion, has been made by two camogie bodies, the Antrim Board and the Ulster Colleges Council. But then when you ponder on the personnel available for the promotion of the game in Antrim, their achievements on the field are not surprising.

Three ex-Presidents guide or have guided camogie affairs in our most northern county over recent years. Miss Lily Spence, the present treasurer of Ard Choiste who lives in Belfast, was President in the late fifties. Mrs. Rosina McManus, a native of Killeel, but now living in Belfast, was the head of camogie in the early seventies while Mrs. Nancy Murray, one of our famous and top referees guided the affairs from 1973-75.

### DEVOTED TRIO

These three devoted ladies are also involved in the Colleges Councils from which activities come the camogie stars of the day and from where all this year's champion side perfected their camogie skills.

Maureen Smyth, who through her pen, has played her part in promoting the game in Antrim and throughout the province of Ulster and must fill justly proud of her county's victory.

To Mrs. Mary . . . the secretary. . . last by . . . the trainer of the . . . rgy, whose own . . . the whole side . . . premier award in . . . say, well done!

For Tipperary, . . . did not succeed . . . to find words to . . .

### TIPP POTENTIAL

But, remember, the county has a potential which I trust the promoters of the game will foster to obtain their ambition to win their first senior title O'Duffy Cup, in the near future.

The second junior in Galway is also a great advantage that attracts the promotion of a game the underage section members.

Colleges camogie in has always, long before were colleges counties popular and it was during recent times that the stars of Athlone, Monaghan, Loughrea, and Ballinacorney winning of an All-Ireland.

Hard luck to Cork who suffered defeat for the second time in succession, but there is much camogie played in every level. I feel confident the Rebel County will win shortly again.

## What a terrific present



WHAT the heck . . . rules are made to be broken . . . if the reason is good enough.

At least that's what we decided on the sports desk this week and we name Antrim camogie goalkeeper Carol Blaney as our Octopus HEADLINER OF THE WEEK. How could we pass the quiet-spoken Carol after that spectacular display in Croke Park last Sunday?

Carol's exhibition between the Antrim posts when the Saffrons won their sixth All-Ireland title — their first in 12 years — was absolutely magnificent. And what none of us realised until later was that Carol was celebrating her 21st birthday.

"It was certainly a memorable way to celebrate my 21st," smiled the final French student.



"Really, I don't remember much about the game except running out on to Croke Park and then the parade of the teams. After that things happened so fast that I hadn't time to concentrate on what was happening."

Carol is one of four sisters who plays club camogie with the Tom Williams team in Belfast . . . and she normally plays outfield. She has been four years in Antrim senior league teams but played junior championship up until last season.

"This was a great year to win the title," said Carol. "Because it is the 75th year of the Camogie Association we got special medals. I'm chuffed too at winning the Octopus award and maybe I'll get something for the youngsters in our club."

Tony McGee



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# THE CON HOULIHAN COLUMN



TOP SPORTS WRITER

**TWENTY-TWO** minutes past four at Croke Park yesterday evening Seamus Deasy turned away from play for a few moments and focussed on the middle of the Hogan Stand.

Thus R.T.E.'s brilliant cameraman indicated that he judged the issue to have been decided — and he wished to share some of Antrim's jubilation. He was proved right, but it was like Waterloo—a close-run thing: Tipperary put in an almighty rally—and at the end only a puck of a ball behind. That puck would have had to put the ball in the net—and thereby hangs the key-story to this amazing game. To put the ball into Antrim's net was as daunting a task as finding the Queen of Diamonds in the three-card trick. Time and time again Tipperary had pulled down the drawbridge to the Antrim castle — and yet failed to get in. The last guard they had to pass was a lissom lass called Carol Blaney who if she ever falls upon bad times can make an excellent partner for a knife-thrower in a circus. In the first half yesterday when it seemed that Tipperary could reduce Antrim to a besieged army hoping for no more in good surrender terms she all but broke their young hearts. And when the story of this great victory is told in the years to come, the less naive of the children will respect Mammy and Daddy of exaggeration. But the more naive will be right: Carol not only did her routine work with the utmost coolness and competence — she made several saves of which Noel Skehan and his comrades in craft would rightly be proud. And to her must go the biggest hurrah in acclaiming Antrim's winning of their sixth camogie All-Ireland.

## The brightest star

And yet for a long time it seemed that she might be the brightest star and yet finish on the losing side. And I have no doubt that after the first sad tide of emotion had receded, the Tipperary girls were asking themselves how they managed to fail. In the first half they had been by far the more impressive. But it must be conceded that this statement is incomplete without a sadly familiar postscript — 'except when it came to scoring'. Rosecommon's footballers and Galway's hurlers are wryly acquainted with those words. And the Tipperary girls yesterday knew the frustration of discovering that possession in itself is no guarantee of success. In the first half they won the ball in a ratio of two out of three — but led by only two points at half-time. Carol Blaney's virtuosity was one factor that thwarted them — their own failure to pick off the points was another. They had a shower of wides. And yet they had started as if they would get a shower of scores. Antrim opened quickly with a stylish point by Ann McAlister — but the cheers were still echoing when Tipperary struck heavily back. Siobhan McDonnell ran through the middle and from 18 yards fired a great shot shoulder-high to the net. And as Tipperary surged forward again and again the cameramen assembled around the Canal goal. A treasure awaited them — but not of the kind they had expected.

## ALL-IRELAND NECKLACES!

That All-Ireland senior camogie win by Antrim has set a new ladies fashion in the county. The proud players have made their medals into necklaces. Explained star goalkeeper Carol Blaney: "These were specially designed medals because of this being the 75th anniversary of the Camogie Association and they make excellent pieces of jewellery. They are just beautiful ... engraved 'Cs' with a hurley

## Full stop to a shot!

In the 12th minute Siobhan again ferried the ball through the middle — but this time saw the keeper's hurley put full stop to her well-hit shot. A minute later she seemed set to make amends—again Carol's magic wand kept the ball out. And then Antrim's keeper showed her fallibility — she was caught too far out by a high dropping ball. She got a touch but only deflected it goalwards — and then amazingly scooped it back and whipped it far downfield in almost the same motion. Her best save of all came a few minutes before the interval — and was almost a copy of one made by Seamus Horgan from Mick Crotty in the final of '73. Mary Griffin wriggled through on the left and from only a few yards palmed the ball towards the net — somehow it was kept out. Ann McAlister and Sheila Delaney exchanged points from frees, both beautifully struck. And so Tipperary went in leading only 1-1 to 0-2. It had been a first half of hard rather than brilliant hurling. The commitment had been total—and space as hard to come by as a bed for the end of the month in Knock. Tipperary had looked the stronger and better organised. Monica Butler had been the pivot of a defence that funnelled back into a barrier that gave Antrim hardly a look at goal. And the keeper, Mary O'Brien, had gobbled up whatever had crept through. And Deirdre Lane and Mona Quigley and Maolmhuire Tynan had been the outfield leaders who kept the ball flowing towards the Canal goal.

## A confident save

The second half started more or less as the first had ended—with Antrim's keeper making a confident save. But soon the pattern of play changed as Antrim seemed to feel that the day might be theirs after all. Now they were hurling with both fire and crispness — and their clean striking on the ground looked more effective than Tipperary's tendency to lift into the hand. And again the thrills were to come at the Canal End—even though the sun was shining into the eyes of the keeper in the other goal. Tipperary's resourceful defence gave no presents—but it fell in a goalmouth frenzy in the sixth minute. A welter of hurleys imprisoned the ball—until something very akin to a pushover try forced it across the line. Antrim now swarmed forward as if determined to knock Tipperary clean out of the ring—and within a minute the ball rattled off the crossbar at the Canal End. And if Antrim's keeper was their first-half heroine, their midfield centre, Mairead Magill, was the big wheel of their revolution. Her energy seemed to grow the more she expended it—and her striking was quick and long and well-directed. And such is fate that one of her few mistakes brought Antrim's decisive second goal. She failed to lift the ball from a close-in free—and then saw her ground stroke blocked by Maolmhuire Tynan. Tipperary scooped the ball out to their right but could not get it clear—and Mairead managed to hit it back square across the field.

## Starlings in an alderberry tree

It came waist high to Ann McAlister who took it on the run—and with a swift stroke she sent the ball flying to the net like a swallow late for work. And then the camera was turned away from the pitch to the crowd. And as Antrim rejoiced, their heroines swarmed back like starlings to an alderberry tree. When Tipperary got off the ropes and fought back they were five points behind. Deirdre Lane was their highly mobile source of inspiration — but Tipperary got no clear chance of the goal that she several times threatened. And if they had, one felt that the ball would have needed to take on the soul of a snipe to get past Carol Blaney. Two points were to be their lot—and that left the final score: Antrim 2-3, Tipperary 1-3. It had been a magnificent game—and in a normal year Tipperary would have won their first championship. But such is life. Galway won the junior title: their girls, like their men, seem to have the rare gift of not being daunted by Cork. They, like Antrim, came from behind: they were led 3-0 to 1-2 at half-time. Their captain and full-back Marian Freaney, put in three goals in the second half. The final score was: Galway 4-3, Cork 3-2. Mairin's acceptance speech was a happy string of commendations. Cork's captain, Eileen Kavanagh, broke new ground by calling for three cheers for Galway—and then for Cork. And then the western girls did a joyous lap of honour. But I doubt if it was a lap—I suspect it was a reindeer. It was good to see the maroon-and-white in flower. And at half-time in the senior game the news from Kilkenny told that a nice double had come up.



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Rosina McManus, a member of Cospoir (The National Sports Council) jogging in preparation for "Sport For" All Day" on Sunday.



The backroom team who helped Antrim win the All-Ireland: Back row: from left Briegh Mui (Secretary) Father Delargy (coach and Manager) and Deidre McAfanney. Sitting: From Left, Kelly, (Co Registrar), Rosina McManus, (Co Treasurer) and Maureen Smith (acting Co Antrim man).



The Antrim camogie team, winners of the All-Ireland title pictured at a welcome home reception at Casement Park.



# Only One Game Listed

THE weekend will be a quiet one for camogie followers. Because of the Papal visit there is only one game listed, an Under-16 Championship tie in which Old Aloysians will be expected to have too much strength for Macroom.

This will only be a temporary lull on the camogie scene, however, as included in a busy schedule over the next few weeks are a National League semi-final and the Gael Linn Cup championships.

Ten Cork players have been honoured by the Munster selectors for this year's interprovincial championships. Four: Angela Higgins, Mary O'Leary, Mary Geaney, who captains the side, and Marian Sweeney, will be playing on the senior side and six: Patricia Fitzgibbon, Eileen Dineen, Ann Delaney, Eileen Kavanagh, Noelle O'Driscoll and Geraldine Leahy, will be on the junior twelve.

The teams are: Senior — M. O'Brien (Tipperary), M. Butler (do.), M. Neville (Limerick), J. O'Brien (do.), M. Hackett (Tipperary), H. Mulcaire (Limerick), A. Higgins (Cork), B. O'Brien (Limerick), D. Lane (Tipperary), M. O'Leary (Cork), M. Geaney (Cork), capt., M. Sweeney (Cork). Subs. — P. O'Riordan (Cork), N. O'Driscoll (do.), M. McCarthy (do.), C. Harrington (Clare), S. Tynan (Tipperary).

Junior — P. Fitzgibbon (Cork), C. Tuohy (Clare), A. Gallery (Clare), E. Dineen (Cork), A. Flynn (Limerick), H. Clifford (Limerick), C. Jones (Clare), G. Leahy (Cork), A. Delaney (do.), E. Kavanagh (do.), N. O'Driscoll (do.), E. Coffey (Clare). Subs. — H. Sheehy (Limerick), B. Joyce (Cork), M. O'Sullivan, S. Ryan (Cork), and M. Lynch.

The Cork senior panel are also in training at present for the National League semi-final on October 21. Clare Cronin made a welcome return to senior camogie on Sunday last, following injury, and she will be a big asset to the Cork side in their league efforts.

The Cork Camogie Board as their contribution to National Sports Day on October 7 have decided to organise a "Walk to County Final Day". There will be two walks and all are welcome to take part. The Junior County Final between St. Finbarr's and Na Piar-saigh will be the destination for one walk — which

commences at Turners Cross Church at 10.15 p.m. and it will go via Ballyphehane to St. Finbarr's Grounds for the 11.30 p.m. game.

The second will be to Pairc Ui Chaoimh for the Senior G.A.A. County Final between Blackrock and St. Finbarr's. This one commences at the City Hall at 1.30 p.m. and go via Marina to the Park. For this one it was suggested that people leave their cars in town and walk from the City Hall.

A meeting of the committee organising the 75th anniversary celebrations in Cork will be held on Monday night next at Pairc Ui Chaoimh at 8 o'clock, and with C.C.D. time just around the corner the time ahead will indeed be busy. For the C.C.D., entries should be sent without delay to County Secretary, Rose O'Leary.

Sunday — At Old Als Grounds: U-16 Championship, Old Aloysians v. Macroom, 3.30 p.m. (referee Blackrock).

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The safest hands in the game . . . Carol Blaney holds aloft the O'Duffy Cup.



Mairéad McAtamney, captain of the winning team with her nieces Jackie and Siobhan McAtamney, who also won All-Ireland medals on Sunday.

## Glen Rovers

### too strong

#### GLEN ROVERS 3-6 OLD ALOYSIANS 1-2

As expected Glen Rovers were too strong for Old Aloysians in this Cork Senior club tournament tie played at Glen Rovers pitch yesterday.

Old Aloysians led for a short period in the first half, but by half time Glen were ahead by 2-2 to 1-0 and by the end had notched up 3-6 to 1-2 in their favour.

Cork senior Claire Cronin made a welcome return off Old Als in this game, following injury. But overall Old Als had no real answer to a Glen side strong in all sectors.

Scorers: GLEN ROVERS: A. O'Donovan 1-2, A. Currid 1-1, M. Whelton 0-3, F. Hurley 1-0, C. Hackett 0-1. Old Aloysians: A. Ryan 1-1, A. O'Connor 0-1.

Teams: Glen Rovers: D. Sutton, M. Owens, G. O'Donovan, M. O'Brien, M. Whelton, C. Hackett, A. Connolly, J. O'Sullivan, M. Nott, A. O'Donovan, A. Currid, F. Hurley.

Old Aloysians: M. Kelleher, E. Hackett, D. Aherne, N. Jennings, M. O'Keeffe, M. Fitzpatrick, C. Cronin, A. Russell, A. O'Connor, A. Ryan, C. Madden, M. Russell.



# DUBS V KILKENNY SENIOR DECIDER

DUBLIN AND Kilkenny meet once again in the 1979 Leinster Senior Camogie Championship final. This competition, which is not now related to the All-Ireland Championship, has nevertheless retained its competitiveness and there have been many great games between the three top teams in the province — Wexford, Kilkenny and Dublin.

Sunday's final at Russell Park, Blanchardstown (3.0) should be no exception. The counties have not come into opposition previously this season, as they are now in different zones in the National League and their paths did not cross in this year's championship. However, the personnel of the Kilkenny team is practically the same this season but a number of the Dublin stars of the past few years have retired.

Back on the Dublin team is Orla Uí Riain and she has strengthened the Metropolitans' attack considerably. Other prominent members of the side include Sheila Wallace and Catherine Docherty in defence, Anna McManus and Barbara Redmond at centrefield, with Mary Mernagh a force also in attack.

For Kilkenny, Angela and Ann Downey, Bridie Martin, STeresa and Helena O'Neill, Mary Fennelly, Mary Purcell and Jo Dunne make formidable opposition for any team.

Also on Sunday next, Broad-

ford the Kildare champions travel to Dunlavin (3.0) to play the Wicklow champions, Kiltegan, in the final of the Leinster Junior Club Championship. The winners enter the senior club competition at the semi-final stage. Their opponents in the later game will be Celtic, the Dublin champions.

Buffers Alley (Wexford) and St. Pauls (Kilkenny) are in the second semi-final.

Passed at the last annual congress was a proposal that a Junior National League be inaugurated. Ard Choiste has now named the zones and made some fixtures for the competition.

In Zone A, Mayo, Roscommon, Armagh, Meath and Louth are in opposition, while Zone B includes Kerry, Waterford, Carlow, Kildare and Offaly.

The fixtures arranged start on October 7, with Roscommon playing Louth and Carlow hosting Kildare.

Oct. 21 — Mayo v Armagh.

Nov. 4 — Louth v Mayo; Armagh v Meath; Kerry v Carlow.

Nov. 18 — Meath v Roscommon; Kildare v Waterford.

Nov. 25 — Offaly v Kerry.

Side by side with the Junior League, the vital Senior League game between All-Ireland champions Antrim and Dublin to decide the winner of the fourth zone, is arranged for Whitehill on October 7.

The semi-finals and finals of the Senior and Junior Gael-linn Interprovincial are fixed for October 14 and 28, respectively.

THE DRAWS for the Munster Senior and Junior Colleges Camogie Championships have been made. This year the junior championship is divided into four sections in order to reduce travelling, and of course, the respective winners of the championships will go forward to represent the province in the semi-finals of the All-Ireland Colleges championships.

Senior (First round all on October 13) (A) St. Patrick's, Shannon v St. Aloysius, Cork; (B) Scoil Pol, Kilfinane v Sacred Heart, Cork; (C) Mercy, Macroom v Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis; (D) Mount Mercy, Cork v North Presentation, Cork; (E) Loreto, Youghal v Scoil Mhuire, Cashel; (F) Presentation de la Salle, Hospital v South Presentation, Cork; (G) St. Mary's Nenagh v St. Patrick's Cork. (The first named college has a home venue in first round).

Quarter finals: (All on October 27) (H) Winners of G v Winners A; (I) Winners of C v Immaculate Heart, Cork; (J) Winners of F v Winners of D; (K) Winners of E v Winners B. Semi Finals: (Both on November 17) Winner of H v. Winner of I. Winner of J v. Winner of K.

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The venues for the finals, semi-finals, be decided at a late date.  
JUNIOR: (All round on October names having been decided on October 2 November 10).  
Section 1: (A) Me Scoil Pol, Kin Presentation de la Fermoyle; Semi Mhuire Cashel v Loreto Youghal v W  
Section 2: (A) So tion, Cork v North Cork; (B) Ursula Sacred Heart Cork; Winners of A v Patrick's, Cork.

Section 3: (A) Convent v Pr Killarney; (B) Lore v Vocational Killa; finals Winners of A late Heart, Cork; Me Cork v Winners B.

Section 4: (A) So Tulla v St. Job Cahiracon; (B) St. Shannon, v Vocational Semi Finals: Winners Mary's Nenagh; Winner Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis

The semi finals will be on December 1 as in Winners of Section 2 v Section 4 and Winners Section 3 v Section 1.

## Eire Og make exit

Ballyagran (Limerick) 3-1  
Eire Og (Cork) 1-4

For the third successive season Eire Og, the Cork Co. Champions, were knocked out of the Mupster Club Championship by Limerick champions, and All Ireland title holders, Ballyagran.

Yesterday the sides met in this season's semi-final and after an exciting tussle at Ovens, Ballyagran emerged victorious by 3-1 to 1-4.

The winners had the advantage of the wind in the first half and in spite of some missed chances led at half time by 2-1 to 1-4.

On the resumption Eire Og had a great deal of the play, but they too missed gilded opportunities.

In the second semi-final of the competition Shannon, the Co. Clare champions defeated Newport (Tipperary champions) by 7-9 to 0-3 at Tipperary yesterday.

## Dublin take title

DUBLIN 6-3; KILKENNY 4-8

DUBLIN yesterday won the Leinster Camogie Championship at Russell Park in a highly exciting match. After their semi-final defeat of Wexford, Dublin came out looking a very confident side and showed great skill and determination throughout, overcoming a strong Kilkenny side 6-3 to 4-8.

Dublin, who led 3-2 to 6-6 at half-time, again opened the scoring in the second half when Marion Conroy goaled from a Barbara Redmond sideline pass. But Kilkenny now came into the game and Angela Downey broke through with a great goal. Angela added another point and Jo Dunne scored another goal for Kilkenny. But, when Anne Downey scored a great goal from a long-distance free, Kilkenny went ahead for the first time and Dublin looked in real trouble.

However, Marion Conroy came to the rescue, and scored another goal for Dublin, from a free. But Kilkenny did not give up and Angela Downey came through with another goal and a point.

This time, it was Mary Mernagh who saved the day for Dublin; it was the last minute of the game when she raced through and goaled. It was a fitting climax to a most entertaining game in which Dublin took their scores well, especially Mary Mernagh and Marion Conroy who worked their way through a strong Kilkenny defence.

Yet Kilkenny never gave up and the Downey sisters, Margaret Farrell and

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Bridie Martin certainly tried hard to win this Leinster title.

Scorers, Dublin, Marion Conroy (3-1), Mary Mernagh (2-0), Orla Ní Riain (1-2), Kilkenny, Angela Downey (2-7), Anne Downey (1-0), Jo Dunne (1-0), Margaret Farrell (0-1).



BRIDIE UÍ  
MHAOLAGÁIN

## DUBS PUT OUT ANTRIM GIRLS

Dublin, 1-4; Antrim, 0-3

DUBLIN qualified for the National League semi-final when they defeated All-Ireland champions Antrim 1-4 to 0-3 at Randalstown yesterday. Dublin held out with great determination in an extremely close and exciting game. Underfoot conditions were far from good.

Dublin dominated the opening quarter but failed to convert their superiority into scores. Indeed they had to survive some scrambles in their own goalmouth before Marion Conroy got the first point of the game from play.

Dublin's goal was misjudged by goalie Carol Blaney. Dublin added two more points before half-time while Antrim failed to score.

Antrim failed to get the vital scores and had many wides especially from frees before Anne McAllister scored their first point.

Scorers — Dublin — Marion Conroy (1-2), Orla Ní Riain (0-2), Antrim — A. McAllister (0-2), M. McGill (0-1).  
Referee — Belle O'Lochlainn (Down).



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The five members of the Geraldine's Camogie Club, Portlengone, who won All-Ireland championship medals—Siobhan McAtamney, Jackie McAtamney, Maraid Mac Gill (with the O'Duffy Cup), Susan Dillon and Anne Marie O'Neill.



Jackie McAtamney and Bronagh McIlvenne, who played in all three championship finals.



Members of the minor, Junior and senior Geraldine's Camogie teams, who made a clean sweep of County Antrim titles.

# Lifelong ambition achieved by Camogie girls

The Geraldines Camogie Club, Portlengone, are known and feared throughout the length and breadth of Ireland for their achievements. Recently, however, they fulfilled a lifelong ambition when they become the only club in Antrim ever to win the minor, junior and senior championship. Indeed, having completed the treble on the same day must give them the unique distinction

of being the only club in Ireland to perform such a feat. At minor level the under eighteens defeated Cushendall while Ardoyne failed to match the talent of the junior side. The seniors, who last season advanced to the All-Ireland semi-final, accounted for Creggan. Although they have this to boast about they can claim another record. Five members of their senior

team collected All-Ireland medals just a fortnight ago when Antrim won their sixth title. Sisters Siobhan and Jackie M'Atamney, their aunt Mariad Magill, Susan Dillon and Anne Marie O'Neill were the fortunate quintet. Despite their success the

team remains in training for the forthcoming All Ireland series where they meet Donegal champions Letterkenny in the first round on Saturday. Good luck, girls! All that you have to achieve now is the All Ireland club crown.



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Sarsfield and Eire Og girls battling for possession during the county intermediate final at Riverstown. (Echo)



An Eire Og defender is left behind as these two Sarsfield girls make for the ball during the county intermediate camogie final at Riverstown.

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## SARSFIELDS MAKE NO MISTAKE

**SARSFIELDS 2-6;  
EIRE OG 1-3**

HAVING failed in the final for the last two years, against fellow East Corkonians, Watergrasshill and Youghal respectively, Sarsfields made no mistake on this occasion and accounted for last year's junior champions Eire Og in a thrilling game at Riverstown on Saturday night.

By virtue of their win, Sarsfields collected their first Intermediate title and deprived Eire Og of the grand slam this year, as they already hold the senior title and won last year's junior title earlier this year.

Eire Og were encamped in the Sarsfields half for long periods, but except for Clair Kelleher, Rose McCarthy, Anne O'Keefe, Mary O'Donovan and

Sheila O'Brien, they could never match the Sarsfields girls, who had wonderful players in Etna Barry, Kay Kenneally, Lilian Twomey, Geraldine Barry, Lilian Zincant, Geraldine Crowley and Mary Murphy.

Scorers for the winners: Lilian Zincant 0-4 (all frees); Angela O'Keefe 1-1, Valerie Brett 1-0, Geraldine Crowley 0-1. Eire Og: Anne O'Leary 1-0,

Clair Kelleher 0-3 (all frees).

**SARSFIELDS:** E. Barry, G. Barry, K. Kenneally, L. O'Connor, L. Twomey, L. Zincant, A. O'Mahony, E. Noonan, G. Crowley, M. Murphy, V. Brett, A. O'Keefe. Sub: C. Kenneally for E. Noonan.

**EIRE OG:** T. Kelleher, E. Madden, S. O'Brien, D. Crowley, A. Brennan, M. O'Donovan, A. O'Keefe, R. McCarthy, C. Kelleher, P. Cullinane, P. O'Reilly, A. O'Leary. Sub: M. Lombard for A. O'Keefe. Referee: Annette O'Donovan, Glen Rovers.

## GAEL-LINN TIES HEAD THE BILL

THE MAIN attraction on the Camogie scene this weekend is the semi-finals of the Gael-Linn Interprovincial Competitions. As was the case last year there are competitions for senior and junior players once again this time round.

The Senior series, first inaugurated in 1954 as a commemoration of the 50th Anniversary, continued without a break until 1975. Congress that year decided to give the Juniors a chance for the next three years — a change which proved most successful.

Last season when the question came up for discussion it was decided to run a competition for both grades. Leinster won the senior and Munster took the junior titles.

Leinster are at home to Ulster in both grades at Russell Park Blanchardstown on Sunday starting with the Junior tie at 1.45 and the Senior at 3.0. The home side is drawn from the three senior counties, and includes Bridie Martin, Angela Downey and Helena O'Neill of Kilkenny, three former players of the year, Orla Uí Riain of Dublin and Elsie Walsh of Wexford.

Newcomers Mary Mernagh, Ann O'Brien and Anna McManus of Dublin and Margaret Farrell of Kilkenny have made a reputation for themselves during the season.

Ulster place their trust in eight players from the All-Ireland champions Antrim, and includes the star of the final, the goalie Carol Blaney, Josephine McClements, Mairead Magill and Ann McAlister; Stephanie Kelly and Joan Hamilton of Down and Sarah Ann Quinn and Brigid McLoughlin of Derry.

A lively game in this semi-final is expected with the powerful Leinster side likely to advance.

### SECOND SEMI

For the second semi-final Munster have chosen a very strong side, Limerick, Cork and All-Ireland finalists Tipperary share equally in the selection. Mary O'Brien, Tipperary, who was so brilliant in the All-Ire-

land final is in goal and has her colleague Monica Butler in front of her.

The O'Brien sisters Geraldine and Bernadette, Helen Malone and Margie Neville of Limerick are very skilled players who are forward line, with Mary O'Leary, Marian Sweeney and Mary Geaney of Cork and Debbie Lane of Tipperary, has plenty of drive.

Connacht, which has only one Senior county, Galway, will probably place their confidence on that county alone. This was proved successful when they won the title with an all-Galway side in 1973 and '74 and could be an advantage but I favour Munster to advance this time.

Cavan, who won the Ulster Junior title for the first time in forty years have three representatives on the Ulster selection for the junior team. Their opponents, Leinster, have drawn their team from six counties — Kilkenny, Dublin, Wicklow, Kildare, Louth and Carlow. Leinster should advance to the final.

### THE MAJORITY

All-Ireland Junior champions Galway are sure to provide the majority of the Connacht team for the second Junior semi-final against Munster, but they will find the opposition no easy side to conquer.

All-Ireland finalists Cork have six players on the team. Limerick and Clare share the other half equally. Such players as Eileen Kavanagh, Noelle O'Driscoll, Ann Delaney, Ger Leahy and goalie Patricia Fitzgibbon, all of Cork, all have plenty of experience.

Dublin gained the fourth place in the National League semi-finals when they defeated All-Ireland champions Antrim on Sunday. They travel to play Cork for that game on October 21. Limerick are hosts to Down in the other semi-final at Adare on the same day.

Maigh Chuilinn won the Gael-tacht competition at Spiddal last week-end. They defeated the team drawn from Teasdale Gaelacha in Dublin in a close final (1-0) to 0-2. The President, Miss Mary Malone, presented the trophies to the winners.

Dublin Camogie Board held its annual Convention at Glenalbyn on Saturday starting at 10.0.

The huge agenda of reports of the past year, activities of the Senior, Junior and Minor Boards as well as reports of Schools' Camogie at Primary and Post-Primary level.

The Board, which is interested in enlarging the Phoenix Park Grounds, has suggested a number of fundraising activities which include a dinner and a sale of



## Camogie double for Munster

MUNSTER 4-8  
CONNACHT 0-2

MUNSTER 2-3  
CONNACHT 2-2

By JOAN MORLEY

MUNSTER scored a double over Connacht at Paire Uí Chaoimh yesterday, when the sides met in junior and senior semi-finals of the Gael Linn Cup Interprovincial Series. The seniors won by an impressive 4-8 to 0-2 but the juniors had only a point to spare in their 2-3 to 2-2 victory.

Cork stars Mary Geaney and Nancy O'Driscoll and Limerick's Helen Mulcare were in devastating form in the senior game, with Nancy scoring three goals, Mary 1-3 and Helen 0-5.

In fact, the all-Galway Connacht had no real answer to this trio, in spite of the gallant efforts of Margaret Killeen, Olive Coady and Mary Daly and from an early stage it was obvious that Munster were destined to advance to the final.

Scorers for Munster: N. O'Driscoll 3-0, M. Geaney 1-3, H. Mulcare 0-5. Connacht: M. Daly and U. Jordan 0-1 each.

MUNSTER: M. O'Brien, C. Harrington, M. Maher, G. O'Brien, M. Neville, H. Mulcare, A. Higgins, B. O'Brien, N. O'Driscoll, D. Lane, S. McDonnell, M. Geaney.

CONNACHT: M. Killeen, M. Kilkenney, A. Duane, N. Treacy, C. Silke, E. Howley, O. Coady, U. Jordan, M. Kelly, M. Hobbins, A. Delaney, T. Duane.

Subs: M. Daly for M. Kelly, B. Linnane for E. Howley, A. Poniard for M. Hobbins.

Referee: C. Clancy (Limerick).

Munster had to fight every inch of the way for their junior victory. The Galway dominated Connacht side were ahead at the interval by 2-1 to 1-2 and with top class performances coming from Martina Collins, Brenda Morgan and Brid Holland, seemed set for victory.

However, Munster, who had six Cork members on the side, and had their best players in Ann Gallery, Clare

Jones, Eileen Dineen and Noelle O'Driscoll, fought back to snatch a one point victory in a most exciting second half.

Scorers for Munster: N. O'Driscoll 1-1, S. Ryan 1-0, C. Jones and G. Leahy 0-1 each. Connacht: M. Collins 2-0, U. Jordan and M. Mullins 0-1 each.

MUNSTER: P. Fitzgibbon, E. Dineen, B. Joyce, A. Gallery, H. Clifford, C. Jones, G. Leahy, A. Delaney, E. Kavanagh, N. O'Driscoll, E. Coffey, C. Fouhy. Subs: S. Ryan for E. Coffey, M. O'Sullivan for G. Leahy.

CONNACHT: C. Collins, B. Morgan, B. Holland, C. Silke, A. Murray, M. Kelly, B. Linnane, O. Coady, U. Jordan, M. Collins, M. Mullins, M. Blythe. Subs: P. Carr for M. Blythe, B. King for A. Murray.

Referee: M. Higgins.

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## Leinster leaders from the start

Leinster 4-6; Ulster 0-1

IN A GAME which produced a fine display of camogie, Leinster defeated Ulster in the Gael Linn (International) Senior semi-final at Russell Park yesterday. Leinster combined amazingly well for a provincial side and two well-taken goals from Anna McManus and Orla Ni Riain gave them an early lead. Leinster continued to dominate and were rewarded with a 3-2 to 0-1 score at half-time. Ulster's only score, a point, came from Anne McAllister.

Although played in poor conditions, the second half continued with both teams playing with great will. Bridie Martin and Helena McCormick showed a wealth of skill and speed for Leinster in this second-half and both girls "fed" the forward-line with some fine passes, through-out.

Orla Ni Riain and Angela Downey added four points between them for Leinster, while Ulster had far too many wides from the limited possession they enjoyed. For Ulster Sarah Anne Quinn and Stephanie Kelly looked strong as well as goalkeeper, Carol Blaney who played a sound game in goal. But it was the superior striking of Anne Downey, Bridie Martin and Mary Mernagh that had Leinster to this decisive victory.

Scorers: Leinster: O Ni Riain (1-3) Angela Downey (1-1), Barbara Redmond (1-0), Anna McManus (1-0), Bridie Martin (0-2). Ulster: Anne McAllister (0-1).

MUNSTER 4-8; Connacht 0-2

In the other semi-final, Munster easily defeated Connacht in a disappointing one-sided match, in which Connacht failed to score at all in the first half. Nancy O'Driscoll, originally listed as a sub, scored 3 of Munster's goals.

Scorers: Munster: Nancy

O'Driscoll (3-0); Mary Geaney (1-3), Helen Mulcare (0-4) and Deirdre Lane (0-1). Connacht — Una Jordan (0-1), Anne Delaney (0-1).

Ulster, 5-2; Leinster, 1-2

Ulster Juniors easily defeated Leinster in the Junior Inter-provincial competition yesterday. Playing with much determination they always looked stronger than their Leinster counterparts. They led at half-time with a score of 2-2 to 0-0.

Ulster continued to dominate play in a fast second half and their strong defence, especially goalkeeper Teresa McDonnell thwarted the Leinster attack time and time again. Ursula Jordan added a further goal for Ulster before Dublin scored for the first time, a point from Una Crowley. Eileen Clarke and Noreen O'Prey each goaled before Mairead Bergin scored Dublin's first goal.

In fact, these two players, as well as Goalie Teresa McDonnell were most impressive for an Ulster side who combined well together. Leinster never looked threatening and it was Edel Murphy and Catherine Ledwidge who were most effective.

Scorers — Ulster — Noreen O'Prey (2-2), Eileen Clarke (2-0), Ursula Jordan (1-0). Leinster — Mairead Bergin (1-0), Una Crowley (1-0).

Munster ..... 2-3; Connacht ..... 2-2

In a very close and exciting game throughout, Munster were lucky to come out on top as Connacht led at half-time 2-1 to 1-2, in this Junior semi-final.

Munster now go on to meet Ulster in the Junior Final.

Scorers: Munster—Noelle O'Driscoll (1-1), Sarah Ryan (1-0), Ger Leahy (0-1), Claire Jones (0-1). Connacht—M. Collins (2-0), U. Jordan (0-1), M. Mullins (0-1).

Leinster Colleges, Senior — Voc. Sch., Wicklow, 8-2; Carnow, 0-0. Maryfield, 4-2; Pres., Terenure, 0-2.

Leinster Colleges, Junior—Voc. Sch., Wicklow, 4-1; Carnow, 0-0. Maryfield, 4-0; Pres., Terenure, 3-1.

### Youth Award



GERALDINE MCCARTHY  
(Camogie)

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# Lack Of Match Practice Could Affect Cork

**CORK v Dublin and Limerick v Down.** These are the pairings for the National League semi-finals, both of which will be played on Sunday next, the first named in Cork and the second at Adare. Two Munster under 18 championship games will also be held, and the same day there is one under 16 championship tie, and three league games listed. On tomorrow (Saturday) the second-round ties of the Munster Junior Colleges Championship will be decided.

Ballinlough will be the venue for the Cork v Dublin semi-final and this should be a very good tie. Dublin surprised All-Ireland champions Antrim in their section final and will travel to Cork full of confidence after that fine win. These sides last met in the All-Ireland final last season when Cork had a marvellous victory, but since then Dublin must have improved greatly to have taken Antrim, so Cork

cannot expect it so easy this time. Dublin, who only lost one game this season, to Limerick in the Championship have top players in Mary Murphy, Mary Mernagh, Orla Ni Riain, Catherine Docherty and Sheila Wallace. Another thing in Dublin's favour will be their recent match practice whereas Cork have not had a competitive game since July 29 when they defeated Tipperary in the league. Before that Cork had their last game in May, when they were knocked out of the championship. So Cork could be suffering from lack of games.

Also Cork have had to make a number of changes this season and the newcomers have had very little chance of fitting into the set up. From last season's All-Ireland winning side Cork will be without Marie Costine, Marie Ryan and Pat Moloney and their places will be taken by Annette O'Donovan, Mary Maher and Martha Kearney. Patricia Riordan, out of the Munster side last weekend because of injury returns and so does Clare Cronin, who was out with a broken leg for most of this season. So the Cork side is very different from their championship team, but if Clare and Patricia can find their top form and the newcomers fit in then, with a home venue, they could reach the final. But following Dublin's win over Antrim, and their impressive defeat of Kilkenny in the Leinster final, they must start as favourites.

**Cork:** M. McCarthy (Eire Og), A. O'Donovan (Glen Rovers), M. Maher (Ballinlough), A. Higgins

(Watergrasshill), P. Riordan (Ballinlough), N. O'Driscoll (Eire Og), captain; C. Hackett (Glen Rovers), C. Cronin (Old Aloysians), M. O'Leary (Watergrasshill), M. Sweeney (Killeagh), M. Kearney (Na Piarsaigh) and M. Geaney (Eire Og).  
**Subs:** M. O'Sullivan (St. Finbarr's), M. Twomey (Canovee), E. Dineen (Eire Og), E. Kavanagh (Eire Og), G. Leahy (Cobh), N. O'Driscoll (Eire Og).

In the second League semi-final Limerick should have too much power for Down, while in the under 18 championships Clare and Limerick should advance at the expense of Kerry and Waterford respectively.

In the under 16 championship Nemo Rangers with Ger McCarthy, and Mary Delea in their line out should defeat St. Fanahans while in the Leagues Eire Og with Regina O'Brien, Mary O'Donovan and Claire Kelleher will be expected to beat Ballincollig who will be depending on Claire McCarthy, Mary Henning and Mairead O'Sullivan; Fr. O'Neill's should account for Youghal and Killeagh take two points from Dungourney.

To complete the fixture list there are eight Munster Junior Colleges second round ties listed for tomorrow (Saturday).

### FIXTURES

**Saturday:** Scoil Pol Kilfinane v Loreto, Youghal; Hosptial v Scoil Mhuire, Cashel; Crishane v Immaculate Heart; North Presentation v St. Aloysius; Ursuline Blackrock v St. Patrick's, Cork; St. Joseph's Tulla v Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis; St. Patrick's Shannon v St. Mary's, Nenagh; Mount

Mercy v Killarney. (All first named have home venue).

**Sunday:**  
At Ballinlough, National League semi-final, Cork v Dublin, 2.30 p.m.

At Adare, N.L., semi-final, Limerick v Down, 3 p.m.

At Kerry U 18 M.C., Kerry v Clare.

At Waterford, U 18 M.C., Waterford v Tipperary.

At Ballinure, U 16, C., Nemo Rangers v St. Fanahans, 2 p.m. (Ref. Ballinlough).

At Ballincollig, U 18, L, Eire Og v Ballincollig, 12.00 (Ref. Ballinora).

At Youghal, U-14 L, Youghal v Fr. O'Neill's, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Youghal).

At Killeagh, U 14 L, Killeagh v Dungourney, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Dungourney).

Dublin and  
Cork end  
all square

Cork, 4-9; Dublin, 4-9

THE National Senior League semi-final between Cork and Dublin ended in stalemate at Ballinlough yesterday, extra time had been played, final score was four goals and nine points each.

Dublin got off to a fast start, and Orla Ni Riain scored them 2-2 to no score within five minutes. Cork retaliated and Clare Cronin, Martha Kearney, Mary O'Leary had five points between them before the minute, while Dublin's reply was a Barbara Redmond point. Then before half-time Ediel Murphy first goaled then pointed for Dublin.

Marian Sweeney goaled for Cork in the first minute of second half, and they added further points within minutes. Anna McManus rep with Dublin points. Dublin seemed to be losing their on the game. Goals from M O'Leary and Clare Cronin were only one point from Dublin Cork ahead as full-time approached. It was Orla Ni Riain who pointed a free to leave sides level at 3-7 each at end of normal time.

Extra time was even more keenly contested. Dublin led 1-1 to 1-0 at the interval extra time. Two points from Mary O'Leary put Cork ahead the second period, but Anna McManus ended a superb score run to equalise for Dublin.

Scorers for Cork were: M. O'Leary (1-4), M. Geaney (1-0), M. Sweeney (1-0), C. Cronin (0), M. Kearney (0-2), C. Hackett (0-1). Scorers for Dublin were: O. Ni Riain (2-4), E. Murphy (2), A. McManus (0-2), B. Redmond (0-1), and S. Wallace (1-0).

**Limerick, 4-2; Down, 0-4**  
LIMERICK dominated in the other semi-final played at Adare where they beat Down by 4-2 to 0-4. The O'Brien sisters played a large part in Limerick's victory while Margie Neville, Liz Hayes and Helen Mulcare, who scored 2-1 also did well.

Down never threatened Limerick's supremacy, but Kathleen Rice, Joan Hamilton, Stephanie Kelly and Sheila McCartan were the most impressive of the side.

Scorers for Limerick were: Helen Mulcare (2-1), Bridie Stokes (2-0), and Pauline McCarthy (0-1). Scorers for Down were: Marion McGarvey (0-1), Noreen O'Prey (0-1), Sheila McCartan (0-1) and Mary McGrath (0-1).

Leinster Colleges Senior Championships - Presentation Castleknock 2-2, St. Brigids Cavan 0-5.



Cork's Clare Hackett (left) beating Dublin's Ann McManus during the National League semi-final at Ballinlough yesterday. —(Echo)



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A vital second half goal for Cork as Dublin keeper Phyllis Breslin fails to hold a shot by Mary O'Leary (right) during the National League semi-final at Ballinlough yesterday.

Camogie

# Cork and Dublin must meet again

Cork 4-9; Dublin 4-9  
(after extra time)

CORK and Dublin will have to meet again in the National Camogie League semi-final. At Ballinlough yesterday the sides ended all square even after 20 minutes of extra time. A draw was probably the fairest result on this day as neither side really deserved to lose this tension-packed struggle.

Dublin came to Cork as favourites, fresh from their outstanding win over All Ireland champions, Antrim. And when they were ahead by 3-4 to 0-5 at the interval, a Dublin win looked very much on the cards.

But Cork, without four of their 1978 All-Ireland winning side, had other ideas, and, playing with the wind in the second half, they gradually reduced the arrears.

However, only five minutes remained when Cork went ahead for the first time in this game and from there until the final whistle it was a ding-dong struggle, with Dublin snatching a late equaliser in both the actual game and extra time.

Annette O'Donovan, Claire Cronin, Mary O'Leary and Claire Hackett, were Cork's best players in this game, while Dublin had their top performers in Orla Ni Riain, Anna McManus and Edel Murphy.

Scorers — Cork: M. O'Leary 2-4, C. Cronin and M. Geaney 1-1 each, M. Kearney 0-2, C. Hackett 0-1. Dublin: O. Ni Riain 2-4, E. Murphy 1-2, S. Wallace 1-0, A. McManus 0-2, B. Redmond 0-1.

Cork: M. McCarthy, A. O'Donovan, M. Maher, A. Higgins, P. Riordan, C. Cronin, C. Hackett, N. O'Driscoll, M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, M. Kearney, M. Geaney. Subs.: G. Leahy for M. Sweeney, E. Dineen for G. Leahy, M. Sweeney for A. Higgins, E. Kavanagh for M. Kearney.

Dublin: P. Breslin, A. O'Brien, A. McGrath, C. Docherty, M. Murphy, B. Redmond, M. Conroy, E. Murphy, A. Byrne, S. Wallace, A. McManus. Subs.: F. Sutton for M. Murphy, M. McMahon for A. Byrne, C. Ledwidge for A. McManus, M. Murphy for M. McMahon, A. McManus for M. Conroy. Referee: E. Walsh (Wexford).

Limerick 4-2; Down 0-4

In the second semi-final Limerick made no mistake in their 4-2 to 0-4 win over Down. In this excellent game Limerick played Vera Mackey and Pauline McCarthy in the attack and they made the vital openings from which Limerick scored. Helen Mulcaire and Brid Stokes scored two goals each while Pauline McCarthy and Ber O'Brien got Limerick's two points.

Down were better than the score might suggest, but they did not capitalise on their opportunities as well as the winners and paid the price at the finish. They only managed one point in the first half to Limerick's 3-1 and added only three minors after the interval.

## Levi Youth Sports Awards

THE Sports Editors of the national daily, evening and Sunday newspapers along with the Sports Editors of BBC Northern Ireland have nominated the following sporting organisations for Certificates of Merit in the 1979 Levi Youth Sports Awards:

ORGANISATION	NAME
Irish Acrobatics Assoc.	Anne Casserly and Carmel Lalor
Irish Water Ski Assoc.	Barry Galvin Jun.
Irish Amateur Rowing Union	Michael Nolan and Pat White
Leinster Cricket Union	Mark Coen
National Cycling Assoc.	Edward Keehan
N.I. Olympic Wrestling Assoc.	Tony O'Neill
Northern Billiards and Snooker C.C.	Thomas Murphy
Basketball Assoc. of Ireland	Ellis Ni Laoire
Ulster Council — I.A.B.A.	Roy Webb
Irish National Archery Assoc.	Paul O'Connor
Ladies' Handball Club	Mary Twomey
Squash — I.W.S.R.A.	Marjorie Burke
Irish Yachting Assoc.	Justin Maguire
Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael	Helen Mulcaire
Northern Ireland A.A.A.	Philip Beattie
Irish Netball Assoc.	Ann Nesbitt
N.I. Volleyball Assoc.	Tom McGowan
Irish Water Polo Assoc.	Maurice Linnane
Irish Trampoline Assoc.	Rachel Spiri
F.A.I. National Youth Council	Dermot O'Neill

ST. PAT'S ADVANCE

St. Patrick's Comprehensive, Shannon 2-4  
Mercy Convent, Macroom 0-1.

While Mercy Convent, Macroom struggled hard for the hour a much superior St. Patrick's Comprehensive advanced to the Munster Senior Colleges Camogie final at Kiltishen, Co. Clare on Saturday. Shannon will now meet the winners of next Saturday's semi-final between Kinfinane and North Presentation, Cork.

## Minister approves officers

APPROVAL for the employment of Development Officers in youth and sport organisations was granted by Minister of State, Jim Tunney yesterday.

The Minister, who has special responsibility in these areas, has allocated 5,000 to each organisation to employ a Youth Officer.

He sees the move as a significant contribution to increased involvement in youth and sport activity — two areas which he regards as vital to the proper development of the community.

The Youth and Sport Organisations listed by Mr. Tunney yesterday were:

- Association for Adventure Sports.
- Amateur Basketball Association of Ireland.
- An Olge.
- Leinster Branch Badminton Union.
- Camogie Association.
- Gaelic Athletic Association (3 officers).
- F.A.I. (National Coaching and Development Committee).
- Glenane Sailing Training Centre.
- Irish Amateur Boxing Association.
- Irish Canoeing Union.
- Irish Hockey Union.
- Irish Judo Association.
- Irish Wild Bird Conservancy.
- National Community Games.
- National Athletic and Cycling Association.
- Irish Cycling Federation.
- Irish Cycling Association.
- National Cycling Association.



# Munster To Win — But It Won't Be Easy!

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SUNDAY is Gael Linn finals day with Munster involved in both deciders. In the senior, Munster meet holders Leinster, and in the junior, Munster (holders) meet Ulster in what should be a most entertaining double-decker.

Saturday will also be a busy day with the four quarter-finals of the Munster Senior Colleges Championship down for decision. This year the interprovincial finals will be played in Co. Meath, as part of the

75th anniversary celebrations. The first camogie match ever was held in Navan.

Munster had a rather easy win over Connacht in the senior semi-final two weeks ago, but there is no way they will have things as easy against holders Leinster in the final on Sunday. Leinster have three top camogie counties in their area — Kilkenny, Dublin and Wexford — and with such marvellous players as Angela Downey, Bridie Martin, Ann McManus, Helena O'Neill and Orla Ni Riain to call on, Munster can expect a tough time.

However, Munster will not give up easily and if Helen

Mulcaire, Mary O'Brien, Deirdre Lane, Siobhán McDonnell, Nancy O'Driscoll and Mary Geaney can reproduce their form of the semi-final, then they could cause an upset.

The juniors had a tough struggle in their semi-final against Connacht and can expect it to be even harder in their decider against Ulster. Following Antrim's win in the All-Ireland senior final this season, camogie has got a big boost in the Northern province. They will field such well-known players as Margaret Moriarty, sister of Paddy, the Armagh footballer; the O'Prey sisters, Noreen and Margaret, and goalie Teresa McDonnell, and will fight all the way for victory.

But Munster are the holders of this title and with fine players in Patricia Fitzgibbon, Clare Jones, Eileen Kavanagh, Noelle O'Driscoll and Eileen Dineen, they could make it, but it will be close. Teams:

**Munster Senior** — M. O'Brien, C. Harrington, M. Maher, G. O'Brien, M. Neville, H. Mulcaire, A. Higgins, B. O'Brien, N. O'Driscoll, D. Lane, S. McDonnell, M. Geaney. Subs — M. O'Leary, M. McCarthy, M. Sweeney, P. Riordan, A. O'Donovan, M. Butler.

**Leinster** — T. O'Neill, A. Ryan, A. Downey, D. Cussins, B. Martin, A. McManus, M. Farrell, B. Redmond, O. Ni Riain, H. O'Neill, A. Downey, M. Murnagh.

**Munster Junior** — P. Fitzgibbon, E. Dineen, B. Joyce, A. Gallery, H. Clifford, C. Jones, G. Leahy, A. Delaney, E. Kavanagh, N. O'Driscoll, E. Coffey. Subs — S. Ryan, M. O'Sullivan.

**Ulster** — T. McDonnell, M. O'Prey, M. Moriarty, B. O'Callaghan, J. O'Loughlin, U. Jordan, N. Kiernan, B. Hasson, M. Ogle, A. Jordan, N. O'Prey, E. Clarke.

## Gael-Linn Finals

THE Gael-Linn Interprovincial Finals, inaugurated in 1956, as a result of the successful 50th commemoration competition in 1954, return to Co. Meath this year, the 75th Anniversary of the Association, to commemorate the first competitive game played at another Co. Meath venue — An Uaimh — in 1904.

Athboy is the venue for Sunday's games. Leinster and Munster contest the senior final at 3.15 with Munster playing Ulster in the junior decider at 2.0.

Leinster, the holders, who have won the title 14 times as against six for Munster, two for Connacht and one for Ulster, scored a convincing victory over Ulster in the semi-final two weeks ago. On the same day Munster routed Connacht to qualify for Sunday's final.

In their last meeting, at the semi-final stage last year at Cork, Leinster emerged victorious 5-0 to 1-6. Although the eastern province had two goals to spare at the end that was a very keen and enjoyable game

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which could have gone either way.

The majority of the players are the same so the fans may expect an interesting and skilled game from the cream of the two provinces. Bridie Martin, the Captain of Leinster and a brilliant centre back from Kilkenny, will be helped by her own teammates, Helena O'Neill, Angela and Anne Downey, goalie Teresa O'Neill and the youthful Margaret Farrell, Deirdre Cousins and the Walsh sisters, Elsie and Dorothy of Wexford, Orla Ui Riain, Ann O'Brien, Anna McManus and Mary Mernagh of Dublin.

Munster's stars include Helen Mulcaire, Bernadette and Geraldine O'Brien and Margie Neville of Limerick, Nancy O'Driscoll, Mary Geaney, Mary O'Leary and Marion Sweeney of Cork and Mary O'Brien and Monica Butler of Tipperary.

The Junior Gael Linn, which started as a Trial experiment for

three years, proved so popular, that it became a permanent event as a result of a motion at Congress 1978. Over the four year period Munster captured the title three times with Leinster taking the honours in '76.

Ulster on the other hand were completely on top in their semi-final encounter with Leinster, scoring 5-3 to 1-2, and on that showing should make a brave bid to take their first junior title and wash away the memory of last year's final between these two provinces, which Munster won, on the score 3-2 to 2-1.

At the annual fixtures meeting of C.C.I.A., the Third Level Council, dates and venues were decided for their top competitions, at Belfield last Saturday.

The Ashbourne Interschool Competition will be at Belfield this year. The quarter finals are arranged as follows and will be played on January 26.

A. U.C.G. v N.U.U. at Galway.

B. T.C.D. v Q.U.B. at Trinity.

C. Maynooth v U.C.C. at Maynooth.

Feb. 9 — Semi-final at Belfield — A v C;

Feb. 10 — U.C.D. v B. Final.

Purcell Cup at Polytechnic, Belfast.

Preliminary Round (date to be arranged). A — Kevin St. v Carlow.

Quarter Finals — December 8 — B — St. Pat's v Thomond. C — M.I. v Carysfort. D — St. Mary's v A.

Semi-finals — C. v Polytechnic; B. v D.

At Belfield — Nov. 17 — Freshers seven-a-side (11.0).

The League which embraces all the colleges is divided in three zones and gets underway immediately.

The Second Round of the Munster Senior Colleges Championship is fixed for Saturday. The pairings are: Holders and All-Ireland champions Cashel v Scoil Pol Kilfinane at Cashel; Macroom v Immaculate Heart, Cork; Hospital v North Pres., Cork; St. Patrick's, Cork v St. Patrick's, Shannon.

## EASY FOR LEINSTER

LEINSTER 1-5, MUNSTER 0-4

LEINSTER WON THE Gael Linn interprovincial title at Athboy, Co. Meath, on Sunday, by defeating Munster by four points. Leinster, considering their overall superiority, should have had a bigger margin of victory but they failed to convert their control outfield to scores. Although the game got off to a lively start the standard of play gradually deteriorated, due mainly to underfoot conditions, which were very poor.

Anna McManus was first to score for Leinster, a point from play and she added another, some five minutes later, directly from the sideline. The Leinster backline, with Anne Downey in great form, quickly cleared any Munster attacks but Leinster forwards failed to get scores and tended to crowd the goalmouth. This policy did not suit the ground conditions and the play was very scrappy at times. Munster's Helen Mulcaire and Leinster's Orla Ni Riain exchanged points before half-time.

Munster started the second half with more enthusiasm and Helen Mulcaire added another point from a free. Leinster soon regained the upperhand but despite having most of the play failed for a long period to register any scores. It wasn't until the 65th minute that Angela Downey scored another point for Leinster. But after Deirdre Lane replied for Munster, Leinster applied great pressure on the Munster backline and were rewarded when Margaret Farrell got the only goal of the game. Both sides added a point to the scoreboard before the final whistle.

The standard of this game never reached any great heights. However, Anne Downey and Anna McManus showed considerable style and class for Leinster, while Helen Mulcaire, Nancy O'Driscoll and goalie Mary O'Brien worked very hard for Munster.

SCORERS—Leinster: Margaret Farrell (1-0), Anna McManus (0-3), Orla Ni Riain (0-1), Angela Downey (0-1). Munster: Helen Mulcaire (0-2), Deirdre Lane (0-2).

ULSTER 0-4; MUNSTER 1-0

ULSTER captured the Gael Linn junior title for the first time by defeating Munster by a single point at Athboy, Co. Meath, on Sunday. Despite the

close score the game was not very exciting, as the players were unable to cope with the very heavy ground. The first quarter was the most lively of the game. Ursula Jordan opened up with a point from play after two minutes for Ulster. Munster's only score of the game came when Mary Lynch netted from 20 yards out. Anne Jordan added another point for Ulster and as they came more into the game, Ursula Jordan equalised in the 15th minute. Despite being well in control until half-time, Ulster failed to score again.

Just after half-time Bernie Hassen put Ulster a point ahead. Bernie O'Callaghan at centre-back kept the Munster attack at bay for a long time. The play tended to be very sluggish and was constantly interrupted by the whistle. In the last quarter, Munster staged a comeback, spearheaded by Betty Joyce and substitute Anne Delaney. They were unlucky not to at least equalise but they failed during this period to score from numerous placed balls. So Ulster held out, with centrefield Eileen Gough helping out in the backline at this stage and when the final whistle blew, were well rewarded.

If Munster had played right throughout in the same manner as in the last seven minutes the result would have been very different, but Ulster's consistency throughout won the day. Ulster were a very balanced side, but centre-back Bernie O'Callaghan, Ursula Jordan on the wing and Noreen Oprey in the attack were particularly impressive.

For Munster — Eileen Kavanagh and Betty Joyce worked hard but lacked support at times.

SCORERS—Ulster: Ursula Jordan (0-2), Bernie Hassen (0-1), Anne Jordan (0-1). Munster: Mary Lynch (1-0).

### OTHER RESULTS

Leinster Colleges Senior Championships: Kilmuckridge 2-2 (P. O'Brien 1-2, L. Kane 1-0), Wicklow 2-1 (M. Byrne 1-0, A. Doyle 1-0, M. Whelan 0-1).

Leinster Colleges Junior—Castlecumber 6-0 (M. Brennan 2-0, R. Brennan 1-0, C. Dwyer 1-0, J. Brennan 1-0, M. Coogan 1-0), Pres. Kilkenny (B) 0-0.

### COLLEGES CHAMPIONSHIP

Three of the four quarter-finals of the Munster Senior Colleges Championship will be played in Cork tomorrow. St. Patricks, Immaculate Heart and North Presentation all have home venues against St. Patricks (Shannon), Macroom and Presentation de la Salle (Hospital) respectively.

In the fourth quarter-final Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, are at home to Scoil Pol. Pick of these games could be that between the two Presentations, North of Cork and De La Salle of Hospital, which will be played at a Cork venue. The "battle" of the St. Patricks could also be a keen one, with the Shannon girls travelling to meet the Cork side. Immaculate Heart and Macroom could be close with Macroom slight favourites here, while in the clash at Cashel the powerful Scoil Mhuire could have too much strength for Scoil Pol.



# Replay looks top quality

THE DATE for the final of the National Camogie League has had to be postponed from Sunday next to November 18 because the semi-final between Dublin and Cork ended in a draw and the sides were still level after two ten minute periods of extra time in a game that in the early stages Dublin seemed to be set for victory, but actually were lucky to survive.

The replay is fixed for Sunday next at Russell Park, Blanchardstown and will be played at 2.30.

The dominance of the Liffey-siders through the first period and the cool persistence of the Leesiders in the second half which reduced the 8 point lead and went a point ahead a few minutes from full time only to be overtaken again makes Sunday's game all the more intriguing.

Even in the extra time periods the pattern was much the same, the visitors were first to score again, Cork caught up and Dublin took a one point lead before the interval.

On the restart Cork levelled, went a point ahead, Dublin had to point a last minute free to get another chance at reaching the decider, an honour which neither side has ever gained while Limerick qualified for their second final in a row, by defeating Down.

Celtic, who have been Dublin champions for three years, have not been successful in winning out the Club final but they still have a chance to do so in this their Golden Jubilee year.

They are down to play Kiltegan, the Leinster Junior champions, at Russell Park on Sunday morning at 11.30 and should qualify for the final against the holders, Buffer's Alley who eliminated St. Pauyls, Kilkenny, in the other semi-final recently.

## STEADY PROGRESS

The Junior National League inaugurated this season is making steady progress. Eight counties are engaged on Sunday.

Louth are at home to Mayo at Knockbridge (1.30). Meath travel to Madden Park (3.0) to play Armagh. Kerry entertain Carlow at G.A.A. Grounds, Killarney (3.0), and Waterford are hosts to Offaly at Polyberry (3.0).

Louth and Armagh are already two points up from their games with Roscommon and Mayo

while Carlow lost their opening game to Kildare, Meath, Kerry, Waterford and Offaly are out for the first time in this competition.

Leinster players and officials were elated to win the Gael Linn Senior Interprovincial title in this, the Association's 75th Anniversary, when they defeated Munster at the historic Athboy pitch last Sunday and Ulster were no less pleased when their junior representatives took their first junior interprovincial title by scoring over Munster.

Neither game came up to the expected standard which these games have established.

The pitch, which was sticky from the rain of the previous few days, slowed down the speed of the ball and also made it difficult to pick up the sliothar which this may also have attributed to the low scoring in each game which for the records were: Senior—Leinster 1-5, Munster 9-4, Junior — Ulster 0-4, Munster 0-3.

Anne Downey, Bridie Martin (Kilkenny), Anna McManus, Orla Ni Riain (Dublin) and Deirdre Cousins (Wexford) were outstanding for Leinster.

Noleen Kiernan, the captain of Ulster and Cavan, Ursula Daly, Tyrone and Margaret Moriartt Armagh, were the most prominent for Ulster.

## CHAMPS SHOCKED

The defeat of the All-Ireland Senior Colleges' Champions, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, was the shock result in the Muster Senior quarter finals last Saturday. Their conquerors, St. Pauls, Kilfinane, have been trying to break through for a couple of seasons.

St. Patricks, Shannon were surprised by St. Patricks Cork, who held them to level scores. Mercy, Macroom qualified for the semi-final ousting Immaculate Heart, Cork. The fourth game, North Pres. versus Hospital had to be postponed as the ground was unplayable.

## DUBLIN INTO DECIDER

DUBLIN ..... 5-5; CORK ..... 3-4

DUBLIN scored a well-deserved victory over Cork by 5-5 to 3-4 in the replay of the National Camogie League semi-final at Russell Park, Blanchardstown, yesterday. Dublin now meet Limerick in the decider.

Cork attacked first, looked very threatening. In this short period of domination, Cork only registered a single score—a point from Mary O'Leary.

Marion Conroy soon pointed for Dublin from a free, Anna McManus then scored for Dublin, and two goals from Edel Murphy put Dublin comfortably ahead at half-time by 3-2 to 0-1.

As the second half began, Mary O'Leary goaled from a placed ball for Cork. Mary O'Leary was on target again for Cork and goaled from a free, and she added three points in the next ten minutes.

Cork's forwards were putting Dublin under much pressure for a period until a long clearance from Mary Murphy was picked up by Barbara Redmond who goaled for Dublin. Yet again Mary O'Leary goaled for Cork but a point from Marion Conroy put Dublin safely ahead.

Scores for Dublin were: Marion Conroy (1-4), Edel Murphy (1-0), Anna McManus (1-0), Barbara Redmond (1-0) and Mary Mernagh (0-1). Mary O'Leary scored all of Cork's total.

## OTHER RESULTS

National League—Louth, 11-4; Mayo, 1-0.  
Ulster Club Final—Portlorn, 6-2; Swarragh, 1-1.  
Leinster Club semi-final—Celtic 0-0.  
(Dublin), 5-7; Kiltegan (Wicklow).

## Facile win for Eire Og

Eire Og 8-10  
Watergrasshill 3-4

Cork Co. champions, Eire Og had little difficulty in disposing of Watergrasshill, in the first round of the Senior Club Tournament played at Ovens yesterday. Playing with the wind in the first half Eire Og were in marvellous scoring form notching up 7-4 to Watergrasshill's 1-2 in this period. On the resumption Watergrasshill did try to get into the game, but on the day they had no real answer to the champions.

Teams, Eire Og: M. McCarthy, Mairead O'Brien, John Shannon, R. O'Brien, M. Higgins, M. O'Donovan, E. Kavanagh, N. O'Driscoll, E. Dineen, C. Kelleher, G. Mackey, M. Geaney, Sub. M. McCarthy for E. Kavanagh (injured).

Watergrasshill: E. Gardiner, N. O'Riordan, B. O'Callaghan, M. Mackey, M. O'Callaghan, A. Higgins, D. Fenton, H. O'Callaghan, C. Higgins, M. O'Leary, A. Barry, M. Curtin. Subs. S. O'Leary for M. O'Callaghan. Referee, A. O'Donovan (Glen Rovers).

There was a most entertaining day's camogie in Bishopstown on Saturday afternoon, staged as part of the 75th anniversary celebrations. The Long Puck competition was won by Cork senior Mary O'Leary of Watergrasshill, with Joan Shannon of Eire Og in second place and Marian McCarthy, also of Eire Og third.

Three seven-a-side competitions were held, the results of which were: Senior and intermediate Eire Og; Junior "B" Castlemagner. A "Golden Oldies" competition was also played and proved most entertaining with many past players showing their skills.

## Kerry are completely outclassed

Carlow 9-5, Kerry 0-0

A most skilful Carlow combination completely outplayed an understrength Kerry side in a National junior camogie league tie on a heavy sod at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney, yesterday.

The winners asserted their superiority from the start and with full forward Bridget Doran in top form chalked up two goals and a point in the first ten minutes. Kerry never looked like scoring and Carlow led by 2-3 at the interval.

On the resumption Carlow went on a seven goal spree and Kerry soon gave up trying. The sliothar never once entered the Carlow half during the second period.

Scorers, Carlow: B. Doran 4-2, Margaret Ryan, Mary Ryan, B. Foley, 1-1 each, S. O'Brien, E. Wilson 1-0 each.

Carlow: M. Doyle, B. Foley, B. Bowe, M. English, A. Finlan, T. Doran, S. O'Brien, M. Ryan, E. Wilson, M. Ryan, N. Smithers, B. Doran.

Kerry: J. O'Callaghan, C. Devlin, M. O'Callaghan, K. O'Connor, S. O'Shea, P. O'Callaghan, K. O'Connor, B. Carroll, M. O'Shea, B. O'Shea, M. Treacy, M. O'Connor.

Referee: B. Stokes (Limerick)

## CORK UNDER 18'S HAD IT EASY

CORK 8-13  
WATERFORD 0-0

The ease with which Cork advanced to the final of the under-18 Munster camogie championship at Togher yesterday is reflected fully in this incredible scoreline.

Waterford were outclassed totally from start to finish and after 15 minutes the game was as good as over, for by then Cork had raced into a 1-7 to 0-0 lead against a stiff breeze, and it was quite clear that they would be able to record a big tally.

They went from strength to strength after that inspired by the brilliant play of full forward Clare Kelleher who eventually ended up with a personal score of 5-8.

She was not the only star however, as virtually all of the Cork side contributed handsomely to the victory.

Scorers: C. Kelleher 5-8, L. Zinkant 1-3, M. Power and G. McCarthy 1-1 each.

Teams: Cork: C. McCarthy, M. Maher, G. Murray, G. O'Donovan, M. Kearney, J. O'Sullivan, R. O'Brien, H. Fox, C. Kelleher, G. McCarthy, L. Zinkant, M. Power.

Waterford: S. Curley, A. Kelly, A. Allen, J. Barry, J. Hutchison, A. Hannon, J. Phelan, B. Hutchison, J. Phelan, B. Casey, T. Barry, P. Bolger.

## 40 YEARS AGO

MRS. R. WILLIAMS' (Ovens) Muskerry Cream set a new track record for the 700 yards when he he won his race in a time of 40.45 seconds at the Cork Greyhound Track.



CORK qualified for the final of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship by defeating Louth by 6-2 to 2-3 in their semi-final game at Dawer, Co. Louth, where the craft of the Cork girls proved too good for the home team. Scorers for Cork were E. Casey, R. Fitzgerald, L. Kirby, K. Buckley, while P. Hogg in goal, B. Cronin and K. Coughlan were outstanding in defence. (Picture shows the Cork team prior to their departure from Cork for the game).



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# Buffers Alley capture title

**BUFFERS ALLEY, 4-7;  
CELTIC, 3-2**

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BUFFERS ALLEY (Wexford) captured the Leinster Club Camogie Championship title by defeating the Dublin side, Celtic, in a one-sided game (4-7 to 3-2) at Monamolin yesterday. The Wexford side were clearly superior to Celtic and were deserving winners at the end of a somewhat disappointing game.

Buffers Alley settled down very quickly and Maggie Hearne had their first point in the third minute. Although it was not until the 20th minute when Teresa Hobbs got her side's first goal Buffers Alley were clearly in control and Maggie Hearne

added two more points. Before Celtic had time to recover Buffers Alley got a further goal and points.

Celtic came out in the second half facing a 2-6 to 0-0 scoreline but having made many switches they looked promising when Deirdre Lane goaled in the first minute. A goalmouth melee five minutes later ended when the same player pushed the ball into the net.

Buffers Alley soon regained control, however, and added a further point, but Celtic were

playing with more determination at this stage and Deirdre Lane got her third goal.

Buffers Alley sensing danger, regained complete control from then until the end and added a further two goals to their total.

**SCORERS — Buffers Alley —**  
Teresa Hobbs (2-0), Maggie Hearne (0-4), Bridie Doran (1-0), Dorothy Walsh (1-0), Carol Leary (0-2), Fiona Cousins (0-1).  
**Celtic —** Deirdre Lane (3-1), Una O'Connor (0-1).

**C.C.I.A. League —** St. Patrick's, Drumcondra, 7-3; Trinity College, 0-2.  
**U.C.D. 8-2;** Carysfort 0-0.  
**Curran Cup —** U.C.D. 5-1; Naomh Mhuire 0-0.  
**Leinster Colleges Senior —** Wicklow Vocational 6-2; Enniscorthy Vocational 0-0. Loreto, Gorey 9-0; Carnew 0-0.

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Dublin can capture first ever League Cup

# CAMOGIE LEAGUE TITLE FOR DUBS

**DUBLIN, 0-6; LIMERICK, 0-0**  
DUBLIN, the surprise team of the National League, yesterday emerged easy winners over Limerick to capture their first National League title. Playing in poor weather conditions at Russell Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin were the faster and fitter side and adapted better to these cold and blustery conditions.

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Dublin, who had played against the wind retired at half-time with a score of 0-2 to 0-0 in their favour.

Dublin's good teamwork and fitness paved the way to victory and with Anne O'Brien unrelenting in defence, Mary Murphy commanding centre-field and Marion Conroy and Orla Ryan combining well in attack, they certainly earned their victory. But Limerick provided no meagre challenge and were it not for the superb saves by goalkeeper Helen Butler, and the efforts of the O'Brien sisters, Joan, Bernadette and Geraldine, the score against them could have been much greater.

Dublin's scorers were: Marion Conroy (0-3), Anna McManus (0-1), Orla Ryan (0-1), Edel Murphy (0-1).

Dublin—P. Breslin, A. O'Brien, A. McGrath, S. Wallace, C. Docherty, A. McManus, M. Murphy, B. Redmond, O. Ryan, M. Conroy, M. McMahon, E. Murphy.

Limerick—H. Butler, J. O'Brien, M. Neville, G. O'Brien, E. Hayes, H. Mulcaire, A. Sheehy, B. O'Brien, B. D'Arcy, V. Mackey, P. McCarthy, B. Stokes.

**POLYTECH. ... 4-3; U.C.G. ... 2-1**  
ULSTER Polytechnic College had a well-earned victory over University College, Galway, in the Freshers 7-a-side blitz played at Belfield. This strong Polytech side, which featured Ulster star Sarah-Anne Quinn, defeated U.C.C. in the semi-final, while U.C.G. defeated U.C.D.

The final produced some very good camogie, even though Polytech, were always comfortably ahead.

Scorers: Polytch.—S. A. Quinn (2-1), I. McCusker (1-0), K. Diamond (0-1), P. Murphy (0-1). U.C.G.—L. Condon (2-1).

Leinster Colleges (Seniors)—Walkins (0-1), J. O'Brien (1-0), K. Diamond (0-1), P. Murphy (0-1). U.C.G.—L. Condon (2-1).

Dublin Inter 'A' League—Presentation, 2-0; Austin Stacks, 1-0.

## 40 YEARS AGO

CORK won Group A of the National Hurling League by scoring a one-point win (3-3 to 3-2) over Waterford at Waterford. The teams were — Cork: J. Buttimer, W. Murphy, B. Thornhill, A. Lotty, W. Campbell, J. Lynch, D. J. Buckley, W. Tabb, C. Buckley, J. Barrett, P. Donovan, J. Ryng, J. Quirke, T. O'Sullivan, M. Brennan. Waterford: J. Ware, P. Bluett, C. Curley, P. O'Connor, A. Fleming, P. Daly, J. Mountain, M. Hickey, M. Regan, L. Veale, C. Moylan, P. Moore, M. Foran, D. Goode, P. Greene.



OLD ALOYSIANS won the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship title by defeating U.C.C. by 3-0 to 1-0 in the final played at the U.C.C. Grounds. The teams were — Old Aloysians: P. Hogg (goal), M. Twomey, E. Crowley, M. Conlon, M. Fitzgerald, L. Kirby (Capt) N. Dowd, J. McGrath, E. Curran, K. B. Murphy R. Fitzgerald, E. Casey. Sub: J. Kelleher. U.C.C.: J. Conlon, S. Lehane, E. Brennan, B. Cronin, M. Brennan, M. Cronin (capt), E. Dineen, M. Collins, A. Healy, P. Hegarty, J. Meehan, K. Buckley. (Pic shows the Old Ais team).

LIMERICK, who lost the Camogie League Final by one point to Kilkenny last season, are back in the final again on Sunday next when they face the Leinster champions, Dublin, who are contesting the final for the first time. The game is arranged for Russell Park, Blanchardstown, and is timed for 2.30.

Limerick, who met their conquerors Kilkenny, in their first outing in this year's competition just pipped the holders, defeated Clare, to win out their Zone and scored a decisive victory over Down in the semi-final.

Dublin, on the other hand, collected full points from Derry, Wicklow and the All-Ireland champions Antrim, to win out their zone. However, it took two games and one extra time session to decide who would face Limerick — Dublin or Cork.

### EXTRA TIME

In the first game at Ballylough, the Liffesiders started off in fine form and ran up a 3-4 to 0-5 lead at half-time. Cork not only caught up but went a point in front which the visitors had to match with a point from a free. The 20 minutes extra time still left the sides level pegging.

In the replay at Dublin the home side led 3-2 to 0-1 at half-time after playing with a strong wind.

Although Cork tried to catch up, the Dubliners proved the stronger side and advanced to the final.

That extra game should stand to the Dubliners when they face Limerick on Sunday, but they will need all their stamina to conquer the Shannonsiders, who have outstanding players in Helen Mulcaire, Margie Neville, Geraldine and Bernadette O'Brien and Helen Butler.

### DETERMINATION

Dublin will place their trust in Ann O'Brien, Catherine Docherty, Mary and Edel Murphy, Anna McManus and Barbara Redmond, and because of their spirit and determination in their last three games they should take the AIB League Cup for the first time.

Because some of Ballygran's players are representing Limerick their semi-final with Buffers Alley in the All-Ireland club championship has had to be put back to November 25.

The second semi-final goes on at Athlery (2.30). The local side, Galway and Connacht champions, are at home to the Ulster champions Portlennone, Antrim.

These two clubs met in the 1977 Final, the year Athlery won their first title after failing in the finals of '75 and '76.

Portlennone are led by the Antrim All-Ireland captain, Mairead Magill, and are also lucky to have her two nieces Jackie and Siobhan McAtamney, also All-Ireland medal holders, on their team.

Athlery have a whole host of stars to call on. Breda Coady, Marion Freaney, Midge Poniard, Ann Morris, Olive Coady and Mary Kelly who are quite capable of bringing their club to their fourth final in five years.

The Third Level Freshers seven-a-side is arranged for Belfield next Saturday (11.0). There are now 18 Colleges affiliated to CCIA, the seven Universities and 11 other colleges.

### MUNSTER COLLEGES

St. Patrick's, Shannon, are at home to Mercy, Macroom on Saturday next in the semi-final of the Munster senior colleges championship. The second semi-final, between St. Paul's, Kilfinane, and North Pres., Cork, is scheduled for November 25.

Driscane, St. Joseph's Tulla, Ursulines, Blackrock and Hospital de la Salle advanced to the semi-finals of the Munster Junior Championship on December 1 at the expense of Mount Mercy, Shannon, St. Als and Loreto, Youghal respectively.

The Dublin Camogie Board have organised a Sale of Work for Saturday next (2.0) at Drimnagh Castle Hall. The finance accruing from the sale will go towards improved facilities at the Phoenix Park Grounds Pavilion.



Members of Imokilly Co-Op who received special awards at their annual dinner at Garryvoe Hotel. (Left to right): David Cooney, Player of the Year, Mick Leahy, at Garryvoe Hotel. (Left to right): Betty Joyce, represented Cork Club Chairman who made the presentation, Tony Coyne All-Ireland minor medal. (BOB HOCK)



# SEMINAR CLOSES CAMOGIE CELEBRATIONS

By AGNES HOURIGAN

This weekend is a big occasion for the Camogie Association. The 75th anniversary committee has organised a seminar and dinner tomorrow (11.15), at Hotel Cill Dara, to mark the close of the anniversary year.

The seminar will be opened by the president, Miss Mary Moran, at 11.15. The first talk "The Changing Face of Sport," will be given by Dave Guiney well-known journalist, author, and former Olympic Games competitor.

Anna May McHugh, secretary-manager of the National ploughing championship, who will address the seminar on her experiences "from playing field to committee," was a prominent Laois camogie player who won Gael-linn honours with Leinster.

The third speaker Maev Piskorski, head of education programmes R.T.E., who is a member of the well-known Conway family of Meath, will speak on "the role of the media in a changing lifestyle."

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The fourth and last speaker will be Sean O Siachain, stiur thoir, ceannaras development programme, Cumann Luthchleas Gael. His subject will be "Ar n-oidhreacht—the common bond." An t-Uasal O Siachain is the father of Orla Uí Riain who last Sunday won a National league medal with Dublin. She won her first All-Ireland championship while still a schoolgirl at Holy Faith Convent, Clontarf.

The programme will be concluded at a dinner in the hotel (7.30) at which Siobhan McKenna will be guest of honour.

## North Pres in Munster final

North Presentation (Cork) 5-4.

St. Paul's, Kilfinane 2-4  
North Presentation, Cork, made the journey to Kilfinane on Saturday and convincingly beat the local St. Paul's Convent to qualify for the Munster colleges senior camogie final.

North Presentation were in control throughout and ran out easy winners. Scorers north Pres. M. Kearney 1-3, K. Beasley 1-1, Vivian Browne 1-0, Sandra Twomey 1-0, Frances Hurley 1-0. St. Paul's: Mairead Shanahan 1-1, Ann O'Sullivan 1-1, Valerie Carroll, and Agnes Sheehy 0-1 each.

Miss McKenna was a camogie star with University College, Galway, in her student days.

The second semifinal of the All-Ireland club championship between Buffers Alley, Wexford, and Ballyagran, Limerick, will be played at Buffers Alley Monomolin on Sunday (2.30).

These two clubs contested last season's club final when victory went to the Limerick champions.

Both clubs have come through their counties and provinces without a hitch so a keen game is anticipated. Ballyagran, with the O'Brien sisters, Helen Butler, Liz Hayes, Vera Mackay and

Pauline McCarthy, all of the Limerick senior team, have practically the same side as that which captured the title

But Buffers Alley have been training hard for Sunday's game when Dorothy and Elsie Walsh, Margaret Lacey, Bridie Jacob, Margaret Hearne and Kathleen Tonks hope to reverse last year's result and qualify for their second final in a row.

The All-Ireland colleges A.G.M. has been arranged for tomorrow at Croke Park.

All the outgoing officers who will be returned unopposed are: president, Mrs. Carmel Desmond, vice-president, Mrs.

Agnes Purcell; hon. secretary, Miss Mary Moran; hon. treas., Miss Lily Spence.

Another successful year will be reported by the secretary, and a motion from the Munster council will propose that the inter-provincial competition be continued as an annual event.

Dublin won the National senior camogie league for the first time, when defeating Limerick last Sunday. As was anticipated, their busy programme over the past month proved an advantage. They were sharper and faster and

would have won by a score were it not for superb defensive work on the Limerick side.

The annual freeters competition at Belfield, organised by C.C.I.A. for all inter-colleges, was an outstanding success. Twelve teams participated and Ulster Polytechnic retained the title.

Some well-known county stars took part in the competition. Anne Quinn of Limerick lined out for the winners. Ediel Murphy who won a medal with Dublin last year was on the U.C.D. team. She is a past player of Fingert Terenure.

Liz Condon, of Limerick, comprehensive and GAA, the star of the U.C.D. team, Judging by the manner of play amongst the Freeters Ashbourne Cup and the cell Cup should prove a superb competition.

# Sunday slob sees how the other half sweats

Pictures by Bill Merriman

Basically I'm a Sunday slob. A "haler" in the morning, buy the papers and then fall asleep in front of the fire. What you would call a simple frugal way of living.

All that was shattered yesterday when I discovered how the other half lives—or rather sweats. Because perspiration is really the big thing these days.

And there is no better way to shed it than the ancient Irish game of handball. Time was we used to bash a rubber ball off the gable of somebody's house — but handball today is a sophisticated sport.

Up in Croke Park it was National Handball Day and taking part in a novelty competition to commemorate the day we met Jimmy Magee, the renowned soccer commentator who was just about to take on former G.A.A. boss Sean O'Siochain in what was described as a friendly game.

Also slotted in for the afternoon tournaments were the trendy reverends (or token priests if you prefer) Fr's Michael Cleary and Brian D'Arcy. Ann Marie McCawley of Let's Go infamy was also due to play Mary Moran President of the Camogie Association and Minister for Sport Jim Tunney got the show on the road when

he threw in the ball, or whatever they do in handball.

Croke Park has some fine courts — and Joe Lynch told us that about 20 luxury courts were built in different parts of the countre last year, at a cost of anything up to £25,000 each.

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## NOW ALLSTARS FOR CAMOGIE?

THE LADIES — God bless 'em — seem hellbent on crashing yet another male bastion — this time, the Bank of Ireland Allstars. It has just been revealed that the scheme steering committee will, at its next meeting, consider a request from the All-Ireland Camogie Council that the award system be extended to include their members — as an individual or team award.

Yet, while the thought of mini-skirted Allstars is so mind-boggling as to make one regret, even more, the passing years, it is a suggestion unlikely to find favour with the committee for one very good reason: These chauvinist pigs seldom, if ever, see a camogie match!

The idea that the Allster Scheme might, one day, be extended to include camogie players was first floated by Mrs. Agnes Purcell, a former President of the Camogie Association. Mrs. Purcell floated the idea at a GAA function in Chicago which, in common with a number of U.S. cities, boasts regular competitions in the code.

It's a fascinating suggestion, of course, and worth yfo consideration, at least. Yet, since the idea of the Allstar Scheme was conceived by the journalists and is run by the journalists, who are both the nominators and the selectors, it is difficult to see how it could be worked.

The possibility spoarks a further thought — that if the request could be acceded to, would not the Handball Council feel aggrieved at their exclusion?



# Club title for 'Buffers'

Buffers Alley 2-6; Athenry 1-2

**BUFFERS ALLEY** (Wexford) won the All-Ireland club camogie title for the first time with a deserved victory over Athenry (Galway) at Kenny Park, Athenry, yesterday.

The winners were more skilful, longer strikers and showed better combination. They also adapted themselves better to the heavy ground conditions. Buffers Alley had most of the play in the first half but finding it difficult to break through the Athenry defence, edged their way ahead by picking off points from the most favourable opportunities. By this means they managed to lead by 0-5 to 0-2 at half-time.

Buffers Alley tried hard to consolidate this lead after the interval, but seemed fated not to turn their chances into scores. Athenry stormed back to scramble home a goal and put the sides

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level, but this was the spur to Buffers Alley to raise their game to a higher level.

From then on Buffers Alley gained more and more of a grip on the game, and completed their scoring with a further goal and a point.

While this was a first All-Ireland title for Buffers Alley, one of their players, Margaret Lacey (formerly O'Leary) received her second trophy. While working in Dublin, she was a member of the Eoghan Ruadh club who were All-Ireland champions in 1967.

Best for the Buffers Alley were Elsie Walsh, Kathleen Tonka, goalkeeper and

captain, Fiona Cousins, Bridie Doran and Geraldine Duggan.

Athenry were best served by their goalkeeper Breda Coady, Noreen Treacy and Una Jordan.

Scorers for Buffers Alley were: T. Hobbs (2-0), E. Walsh (0-3) and B. Doran, M. Heon and G. Duggan (0-1 each). Una Jordan was Athenry's sole scorer.

**BUFFERS ALLEY**—K. Tonka, M. Lacey, G. Duggan, D. Cousins, M. Cousins, F. Cousins, M. Heon, E. Walsh, C. O'Leary, D. Walsh, T. Hobbs, B. Doran.

**ATHENRY**—S. Coady, N. Treacy, G. Silke, A. Duane, A. Delaney, G. Coady, M. Hobbins, A. Poniard, M. Sweeney, U. Jordan, A. Morris, T. Dunne.

Referee—Miss Marie Cribbin (Kildare).

# Buffers Ally Gain Revenge

By AGNES HOURIGAN

## CAMOGIE

Buffers Alley (Wexford) dethroned the All Ireland Camogie club champions Ballyagran (Limerick) in the semi-final last Sunday thus avenging their defeat in last year's decider.

They now face Athenry in the final next Sunday at Athenry (2.30). The home side will be appearing in their fourth decider, and won their only title in 1977.

The last time these counties met was in last year's semi-final. On that occasion Buffers Alley advanced on the score 2-6 to 0-8.

But Athenry's decisive victory over Portlengone, Antrim, in the previous week's semi-final may make the Wexford champions apprehensive despite their own runaway victory over the holders.

Both sides can field basically the same lineout as represented the clubs in last year's semi-final.

They are comprised of a blend of senior and junior intercounty players so the standard of the final should be extremely high.

Athenry, who have a splendid nursery in the local Presentation Convent, first came to prominence in 1975 when they lost the decider by one

point to Croagh - Kilfinaw (Limerick).

In '76 they were the victims of St. Paul's (Kilkenny) who hold the record in this competition having won the title five times.

However, it was third time lucky for Athenry in 1977 when they defeated Portlengone to take the title.

So this is their fifth year in succession representing the Western province.

They have outstanding players in Breda Coady (goal), Ann Duane, Olive Coady, Anne Morris and Teresa Duane, all of Galway's senior team while Ann Poniard, Chris Silke, Ann Delaney and Marian Freeney were members of the Galway Junior All-Ireland winning side this season.

Buffers Alley were, for a number of years in the early seventies, just a shade behind St. Paul's. They lost the semi-final to Athenry in '75 and failed to come out of Leinster again until they made the breakthrough last season. They won well at Athenry but did not play to form in the decider against Ballyagran.

They scored decisive victories over St. Paul's and Celtic in the Leinster competition and after last Sunday's result, they must be reasonably confident of bringing home their first title.

They have Kathleen Tonka in goal, Margaret Lacey, Dorothy and Elsie Walsh, Bridie Doran, Martina and Deirdre Cousins and Margaret Hearne of the Wexford Seniors and Fiona Cousins, Teresa Hobbs, Caroline O'Leary and Geraldine Duggan from the Juniors, all of whom performed very well on Sunday last.

The club final brings the 75th anniversary year to a close. Last weekend's seminar and dinner were outstanding successes.

Sean O'Lochain, Dave Guiney, Anna May McHugh and Maeve Piskorski gave most interesting lectures which the gathering, representative of the four provinces, greatly enjoyed.

The dinner, at which Siobhan McKenna was the guest of honour, was a great occasion for many past players and officials.

Seven past presidents were present and many old friendships were renewed.

Indeed all these former officials and many others attended from and Eadrom on Monday night. What a pity there was not more participation of the attendance in the programme.

Far too much time was spent in discussing the changes in the uniform. Those present, I am sure, would have welcomed the opportunity to state the aims and ideals of this National Association.

Munster Senior Colleges finalists are now known but the final between Shannon Comprehensive and North Presentation, Cork, will not be played until February.

The Junior semi-finals are scheduled for Saturday next. The pairings are: Ursulines, Blackrock v. St. Joseph's, Tulla; Drishane Convent v. Pres. De. S. Hospital.

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

By JOAN MORLEY

THIS year the Camogie Association celebrates its 75th anniversary and on Saturday camogie people from all over the country gathered at the Cill Dara Hotel, in Kill, Co. Kildare to celebrate.

The day began with a seminar which was chaired by Sheila McNulty. The subject was "The century ahead" and the official opening was performed by Mary Moran, the Association's President.

Four papers were read on varying aspects of the subject and the first to address the seminar was Dave Guiney, author and journalist, who was a most entertaining speaker, on "The changing face of sport." However, he did paint an almost frightening picture of the international sports scene today.

Anna May McHugh, managing director, secretary of the National Ploughing Association and former Laois and Leinster camogie star, spoke on "From playing field to committee room" and in a very interesting address showed how her administrative duties in her camogie life helped her to make a success of her present high post.

Sean O'Lochain, Sturthoif of Ceannarus, Cumann Luthchleas Gael, enthralled the gathering with his paper "The Common Bond" in which he traced the camogie and G.A.A. link from the earliest years in a most interesting way.

He appealed to the Camogie Association to continue to play a vital role across the broad front of the Irish cultural scene and to continue to progress in their own independent way.

The final speaker was Maeve Piskorski, head of Education Programmes, R.T.E., who spoke on "The role of the media in a changing life style."

Among those who attended the seminar were Mr. Paddy McFlynn, President of G.A.A. and Mr. Sean Duffy, one of the founder members of the Camogie Association and still its national organiser.

An exhibition and celebration dinner at which actress Siobhan McKenna — a former camogie player — concluded a highly enjoyable day and last evening the camogie fraternity gathered in the R.T.E. studios for a special camogie edition of *Trom agus Eadrom* which will be screened this evening.

# CORK TRIUMPH IN MUNSTER U-18 DECIDER

CORK 4-6; LIMERICK 3-0

CORK win the Munster under-18 camogie title, at Adare, Co. Limerick yesterday. The visitors proved too good for Limerick in a final in which Cork led by only two points at half time but got on top in the second half.

Lillian Zinkant and Clare Kelleher were in excellent scoring form for Cork and both scored 1-3. Joan O'Sullivan, Helena Fox and goalkeeper Clare McCarthy were others to shine for Cork.

For Limerick, Marie Fitzgerald, Sheila Murphy and Helen Clifford were best.

Scorers: Cork — C. Kelleher 1-3, L. Zinkant 1-3, H. Fox 1-0, G. McCarthy 1-0. Limerick — H. Clifford, I. O'Leary, S. Murphy 1-0 each.

CORK: C. McCarthy, M. Maher, G. Murphy, G. O'Donovan, M. Kearney, R. O'Brien, H. Fox, C. Kelleher, L. Zinkant, G. McCarthy, M. Power, J. O'Sullivan.

LIMERICK: K. Mulcahy, C. Tuohy, M. Murphy, M. Fitzgerald, H. Clifford, H. Mulcahy, M. O'Keefe, M. O'Sullivan, E. Molloy, I. O'Leary, M. Bagnall, S. Murphy.

Referee: M. Davern, Clare.

# Limerick-Cork under 18 final

THE MUNSTER Under 18 Championship final—always a game of a very high standard — is scheduled for Adare next Sunday. The participants, old rivals, Cork and Limerick, have as usual many experienced and skilled players eligible to play in this decider so the outcome could sway very slightly either way.

Limerick will have the services of the Levi Camogie nominee Helen Mulcair, who has been the star midfielder for their senior team for the past two seasons. Also on their line-out are Anne and Angela O'Sullivan, who also have senior experience.

Martina Kearney, who captained the minor side to victory in 1978 and is now on the senior side, is one of the key players on the Cork side and she is ably supported by Claire Kelleher and Ger McCarthy.

Congratulations to Buffers Alley, the Wexford Champions, who won the All-Ireland Club Championship for the first time at Athenry last Sunday. It was the realisation of a long awaited ambition for the Walsh sisters, Dorothy and Elsie, the Cousins, Martina, Fiona and Deirdre, Bridie Doran, Margaret Hearne and Margaret Leacy, who had won a similar title with Eoghan Ruadh, Dublin, when they won the title in 1967.

## CONVENTIONS

Now that all the All-Ireland competitions are completed most counties are preparing for their annual conventions. Dublin's and Antrim's are already completed and since the latter are the All-Ireland champions, and Dublin are National League champions, both counties can be very happy

with their achievements.

Four counties have arranged their conventions for Sunday. Kilkenny's meeting is arranged for the Metropole. They can feel very pleased with their very efficient handling of the Camogie Feile na nGael. Their hard work, prior to the Feile, in organising so many under-14 teams, is bound to be a great asset to the clubs, from whom the county teams should gain many good players.

Wicklow and Monaghan both participated in the senior National League for the first time. Although they didn't win any of their games they showed great promise and are bound to gain valuable experience. Kildare, too, are involved in the Junior National League for the first time. They defeated Carlow in their first game.

## TALENT FINALS

Many counties, too, are involved in the Ceol Caint agus Damhsa Talent Competition. Dublin have named their date for the finals which are fixed for December 16 at Glenalbyn.

The Munster Junior Colleges semi-finals last Saturday only produced one winner as the game between Blackrock Ursuline's and St. Joseph's Tulla ended in a draw.

Presentation - De La Salle Hospital scored a runaway victory over Drishane. The star of the game for Hospital was Jenny English of Emly who made all the difference between the sides.

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