

# County Convention At Imperial Hotel On Sunday

THE Cork County Camogie Board hold their annual convention at the Imperial Hotel, South Mall, on Sunday, beginning at 2 p.m.

A large attendance is expected as there are many interesting motions down for discussion. Among these is yet another call for a uniform change. This motion, which looks for a divided skirt and 1-length stockings, in place of gym tunics and long black stockings, has been coming up at convention for a number of years now and this season the proposers are South Presentation Past Pupils, the present County champions. Certainly, the younger players are all in favour. But, of course, even if it is passed on Sunday it has then to go through Munster and Central Council for ratification. So it is likely to be a difficult task as many counties are still against any change. Last year there was a major breakthrough in Cork when schools were allowed to wear their recognised "gym" uniforms which in many cases comprised of the suggested new uniform. So it would appear that South Pres. could have a chance of getting the motion through this time.

## UNDER 18 COMPETITIONS

There are two motions which concern the Under-18 competitions. This grade was introduced this season and both St. Fanahan's and Old Aloysians are calling for a levelling of the standard. Both suggest that the Under-18 teams should be confined to players of junior standard. This is a very worthy grade as it gives an interest to those young players who may find the going too difficult in the higher grades and everything should be done to keep the interest alive.

Old Aloysians are also calling for the winners of both Junior Championship and League to be promoted to the Intermediate grade. The Intermediate grade is a very valuable one as it helps to bridge the gap between junior and senior and too often the number of teams in this middle grade is too small. On the other hand there are a very large number of junior sides and the best of these should be capable of holding their own in the higher grade. It will be interesting to see how the junior clubs react to this motion.

Following Cork's defeat for the second successive season in the Junior All-Ireland final, Old AIs came up with a motion concerning this competition. It reads: "That only the All-Ireland winning junior team be excluded from competing in the following year's competition." As it stands Cork had to field two completely new teams for their two appearances in the competition. As they had taken the Munster title in the previous season the girls on this team were not eligible for selection for the second time. This made it very difficult for the selectors and though the team selected last season did a tremendous job in reaching the final, the task of fielding a completely new side was too great. So players and followers alike must be expected to look for a change here.

## DANCES

The controversial cell and old waltz dances come under fire again. The rule stands: "Any council, committee or club which organises any dances other than cell shall be suspended for six months." South Pres are asking that the rule be changed to read: "A council, committee or club which organises any dance other than cell and old waltz shall be suspended for six months."

This motion is likely to inspire a lively discussion between the younger followers who feel that

cell alone is no longer good enough to draw any sort of large attendance, especially in the city, and that the adding of old waltz could greatly improve the position. Of course, there are very many who feel that there should be no change in this tradition. However, it is very difficult for clubs to raise funds of any kind and on this basis alone the motion could be passed.

South Pres. have one other motion which is likely to cause controversy. This refers to Rule 116 which reads: "The referee shall allow a substitute to replace an injured player. Only three substitutes will be allowed on any team in the course of the game." Now South Pres suggest that it be altered to read: "The referee shall allow a substitute



Blanche Gibbons (South Presentation).

to replace a player," the second part of the rule to remain unchanged. Here again there are many reasons for and against and it should arouse plenty of lively discussion.

There are a number of other interesting motions listed and the meeting should be a lively one.

## NOMINATIONS

Reading down through the list of nominations for the various offices it is not surprising to see that Mary Moran of Old Aloysians has been returned unopposed as chairman, Mary, who will be facing her third year in this unenviable position has done a tremendous amount of work to improve the all round efficiency of the board as well as the image of camogie in Cork. She thoroughly deserves this honour of "no objection" and no doubt she will continue to fulfill this role with her usual efficiency.

There are two names listed for the important post of vice-chairman. These are Eleanor Cummins of South Presentation Past Pupils and Mrs. Nora Newman of Glen Rovers. Eleanor, of course, will be better known for her tremendous success on both the Cork and Munster teams while Mrs. Newman has done tremendous work for Glen Rovers down through the years. Both these nominees would be worthy officers and a very keen battle is likely between them.

Catherine O'Regan of Old Aloysians is returned unopposed for secretary. Here is another position which involves a tremendous amount of work but Catherine has proved that she is more than worthy of the Board's faith in her.

The position of treasurer rests between three girls. Mary O'Callaghan of Inniscarra is the outgoing treasurer and she could have some difficulty in retaining her post against Kitty Hallisey of Marshfields and Mary Heelan of Blarney. However, Mary O'Callaghan is a dedicated camogie follower and if she is re-elected she will continue to work as hard as ever at her post.

There are three names listed for registrar also. These are: Blanche Gibbons of South Pres. Mrs. Newman of Glen Rovers and Mary O'Callaghan of Inniscarra. Of course the last two named are already in line for other offices and if they are selected to these then they will automatically be withdrawn from the second ballot.

The outgoing press officer, Mrs. Joan Morley of Old Aloysians, is being challenged by Mary Crowley of South Presentation Past Pupils.

Certainly there is plenty to talk about in this season's agenda and delegates are asked to be there at 2 p.m. so that all the business can be dealt with in the time allowed.

The draws for the Cork Schools' Championships have now been made and are as follows: Senior—Drishane v. Old Aloysians "A"; Presentation Youghal v. Macroom.

Intermediate—School of Commerce v. St. Marie's of the Isle; St. Aloysius "B" v. Loretta Convent, Fermoy; Cobh v. Mount Mercy "A"; St. Patrick's "A" a bye.

Junior—Macroom "B" v. Ballinlough; Scoil Eanna v. St. Vincent's; Mount Mercy "B" v. Coachford; St. Aloysius "C" v. St. Patrick's "B".

## Cork Convention

# New uniforms for camogie players

THE annual convention of the Cork County Camogie Board was held at the Imperial Hotel yesterday. A large number from city and county clubs attended.

The motion was passed to congress by 43 votes to one.

## NEW UNIFORMS

In the course of her address, the chairman, Miss Mary Moran, said the strength of Cork camogie could be assessed by the strength of its clubs.

"We are living in changing times when girls have many counter-attractions to camogie and therefore players expect more than previously," she said.

Miss Moran spoke of clubs which were formed without giving enough details to club meetings, club records and the proper running of a club.

"The success of a club depends on whether the girls are able to improve the standard of their game and hold their own with other teams in their grade, but the efficient running of a club demands a high degree of organisation."

She gave practical advice on how to run a club efficiently and advised all clubs to contact Miss Mary Crowley, the county organiser, if in difficulties.

## LACK OF FACILITIES

The president, Mrs. I. O'Shea, said it took great enthusiasm to play camogie in Cork. They had not got a pitch and there were no changing facilities available on the grounds where they did play.

"I feel the city fathers are falling down on the job by not providing open spaces in the suburbs for playing fields."

She said that Cork compared very unfavourably with Dublin, where there were many pitches available for camogie.

Of the 12 motions on the agenda, the one which raised the most comment was the question of whether or not to allow old waltz with cell. The proposers, South Presentation Convent, felt that if old waltzes were allowed, many more people would attend cells. The president said that the North of Ireland, especially Belfast, was very rigid on this rule and said that cell should include songs, recitations and music as well as dancing.

One delegate said that old waltzes were being played at cellithe and it would be better if it were allowed in the rules. However, another delegate said that if old waltzes were allowed it would not be long before the twist and shake would be played at cell.

Another motion which resulted in a heated discussion was the question of uniforms. It was proposed by South Presentation Convent that the gymslips and black tights be changed for a divided skirt and knee socks.

The delegates from South Pres said that the uniform was a hindrance, especially in summer-time. It was felt that the clubs should move with the times and bring in a more modern uniform.

There were many speakers on this motion, but the general opinion was that a new uniform should be introduced. The motion was passed by 33 votes to five.

A motion referring to rule 116 — "that the referee shall allow a substitute to replace an injured player" — be changed to read: "The referee shall allow a substitute to replace a player" was also passed.

A motion from Old Aloysians that the under-18 league be confined to players of junior club standard was overwhelmingly defeated.

A motion from Glanmire that the winners of the championship in each grade (excepting senior) be automatically promoted to the next highest grade for the next championship was also defeated.

The secretary, Catherine O'Regan, said that during the year 25 clubs affiliated to the Cork County Board. These affiliations, she said, included many new clubs, which means that camogie is now well established in all areas of the county.

One of the major steps forward during the year was the formation of a Munster Colleges Council, which is a step in the right direction for camogie at schools level, said the secretary.

Election of officers resulted: chairman, Miss Mary Moran; vice-chairman, Mrs. Nora Newman; secretary, Miss Catherine O'Regan; treasurer, Miss Mary O'Callaghan; registrar, Miss Blanche Gibbons; press officer, Mrs. Joan Morley.

Draw for the senior championship, 1970: Old Aloysians v. Glen Rovers, South Presentation v. Youghal, Imokilly v. U.C.C.; St. Gobnait's a bye.

The following selectors were elected: Senior — Miss B. Power, Mrs. N. Newman, Miss M. O'Callaghan, Mrs. C. Hurley, Junior — Miss M. Moran, Miss A. Crotty, Miss E. Cummins, Miss A. Heelan, Miss M. O'Callaghan.

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**GAMOGIE CONVENTION**—Delegates who attended the Cork Co. Gamogie Board's annual convention in the Imperial Hotel, Cork, yesterday.



**Officers at the Cork Co. Gamogie Convention in the Imperial Hotel, Cork, yesterday (from left): Miss Mary Growley, organiser; Miss Anne Camertford, vice-chairman; Ido Bean Uí Shé, M.A., president; Miss Mary Moran, chairman; Miss Catharine O'Regan, hon. secretary; and Marie Ní Goallachain, hon. treasurer.** ("Gelio")

# Old Als And Glen Rovers Meet In Senior League

OUTSTANDING game this weekend in Camogie is the clash of old rivals Glen Rovers and Old Alysians in the Senior League on Sunday. These sides produced a tremendous game when they met in the semi-final of the County Championship last season; and although this is not the best time of the year for top class camogie, the encounter promises to be an exciting one. South Presentation Past Pupils (the holders) and U.C.C. meet in the second senior tie of the day; while there is a junior league game at Our Lady's Hospital Grounds.

On the schools front, championship time begins to-morrow (Saturday).

Both Old Alysians and Glen Rovers have lost one game in the present senior league while South Presentation Past Pupils, the holders, have won the only game they have played. St. Als. have played three games, from which they have taken four points but should they lose again on Sunday it could prove too much for them at the end of the competition as South Pres. have always a very consistent league side and with the winning of last season's championship and league double behind them, they must be a major force again this season. Old Als. held their annual general meeting recently and Anne McAuliffe was elected as captain. Anne has been one of the club's top players for some years now and must make a good leader, while she should get great assistance from another fine club member, Marie Garvan, who was elected as vice-captain.

## PLENTY OF TALENT

When Old Als. defeated Glen Rovers in the semi-final of last season's championship they looked well on the way to success. However, in the decider against South Pres. they did not look so impressive and they will be determined to restore the confidence of their followers on Sunday. Certainly, they have plenty of talent in the side, including Liz Garvan, Mary Moran, Nora McAuliffe and Mary Murphy and as they will be meeting Glen Rovers in first round of the county championship this season, they will be very anxious to do well against them on this occasion.

Glen Rovers have lost a number of their long serving players

for the coming season. Teresa Murphy has taken up a position in Malta while Margaret Buckley and Nora O'Mahony will not be playing this season. Stephanie O'Connell will not be lining out in the Glen colours this season either, she has decided to play with the junior club St. Fannah's.

Glen had a tremendous run of seven successive championships, until they were defeated last season. Now on top of this defeat they face the loss of four top players and they must turn their attention to team building.

Glen, like their opponents on Sunday, held their general meeting recently and they chose Deirdre Sutton to lead them this season with Maura Coleman as her deputy. Both these players have given great service to the club and must be expected to inspire them. Of that tremendous Glen side of recent years Anna Crotty and Peggy Dorgan also remain and no doubt Glen will use these girls as a nucleus around which to build their side. Returning this season too, they will have Cary Buckley while they have a number of new, and very promising players in Miriam Higgins, Martina Keenan, Mary Nott and Breda Porter. Certainly, Glen have always managed to find top players in the past and no doubt on Sunday followers will see a team with plenty of spirit and ability.

## DIFFICULT TASK

U.C.C. have a very difficult task on their hands when they meet South Pres. in the league on Sunday. Although the University girls are in training for the forthcoming Ashbourne Cup competition they will hardly be good enough to overcome the highly successful South Pres. side.

## CAMOGIE

A motion to confine camogie players to representing their own parishes will be before the county convention of the camogie board in Thurles at the end of the month. Up to now, a camogie player could play with any club in the county, irrespective of where the player resided, and the idea behind the motion is to encourage the spread of the game in all areas, rather than have it concentrated in certain strongholds. The current county champions, Thurles, included players from Roscrea, Gortnahoe, and Moycarkey in their side this year, and it is to stop this type of thing the motion is aiming. Another motion to come before the convention is one seeking to have the ban on ladies football for camogie players, lifted. Ladies football is becoming very popular in the south of the county at the moment, and at least three prominent players have been suspended for infringing this rule.

## GIRLS 'STAR' AT CONVENTION

Camogie players were the heroes of Cork's marathon G.A.A. Convention at the School of Commerce yesterday. The Convention ran for almost a round of the clock, ending at 11 p.m.

Members of the Camogie Association provided a teatime cafeteria service in the building so that the Convention business went on uninterrupted from 3 p.m. to the late hour ending.

## THREE CHEERS

But by far the most popular decision of the day was that of the Cork Camogie Board to send half a dozen of its girls along to the Convention to provide a cafeteria service at tea-time on a low-profit basis. It was a happy change from last year when delegates debated through the night on empty stomachs. Convention began at 11.30 a.m. and ended at 11 p.m.

At the end of it all, 300 delegates gave three cheers for six girls.

## Attitude of nuns to camogie criticised

A Cahil housewife who has given 19 years service to the County Tipperary Camogie Board leaves office today with some hard things to say about the religious communities throughout the county who have failed to organise camogie in their schools.

She is Mrs. Kathleen O'Flaherty, from Loughloher, secretary of the Board who, in her annual report to the county convention, says: "There seems to be a hockey team in most convents and I feel bitterly disappointed that the good nuns who seem eager to help all branches of the community refuse to try to organise camogie in their schools."

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Mrs. O'Flaherty who congratulates the only two convents in Tipperary where camogie is played — Carrick-on-Suir and Newport, represented her county and province on the playing fields. She hits out at the Central Council of the Camogie Association and their policy on dancing.

"The refusal of Central Council to allow old time waltzes at celtic organised by camogie clubs seems to be ridiculous and narrow minded. The G.A.A. allow old time waltzes and if we are to attend any of their functions are we then making ourselves illegal?"

## Tipperary will play their part

"MUCH is being said and written nowadays about the part to be played by ladies in Irish sport and concerning proposed Government financial aid for sports and pastimes" said Mrs. Mairiad Hyland, chairman of Tipperary County Camogie Board, at the annual convention in Thurles.

"We in camogie" she said "are willing to play our full part in co-operation with other national organisations such as the G.A.A., whose outlook and ideals we share."

They were willing, she said, to accept assistance from the proper quarters but, even though the board had no playing fields or recreational centres, they proposed to continue their work for Tipperary womanhood. In this they knew they could depend on the clubs and players for their continued support and co-operation.

The county secretary, Mrs. K. O'Flaherty, in her report, said she regretted the increase in rough play and in the abuse of referees and officials. These could only be stamped out by severe action on the part of the board.

She expressed the hope that 1970 would see the affiliation of more schools and colleges to the ranks of camogie, which seemed to be cast aside in favour of hockey in some girls' educational establishments in the county.

## OFFICERS

Officers elected: chairman, Mrs. M. Hyland; vice-chairman, Mrs. Helen O'Meara; secretary, Mrs. K. O'Flaherty; treasurer, Miss Monica Ryan; delegates to Munster convention, Mrs. Hyland, Josephine Marshall, Paddy Doyle, Tommy Dowd and Phil O'Meara; delegates to national congress, Ml. Brophy and secretary.

Amongst motions passed were: that ladies' football be permitted; that the upper crossbar be abolished in camogie games; that each divisional board run its own championships, but that an open senior championship also be held under County Board control.

A motion that the parish rule be implemented in camogie, which was expected to produce an amount of controversy, was deferred to the next meeting of the County Board.

## Include Camogie

SIR. — I was amazed at your exclusion from the Munster sports awards of the year awards of the game of camogie, which has a great number of fans and players in Munster.

In Cork alone we have many fine players like Eleanor Cummins, Sally Long and Mary Noonan, who has been outstanding in the cause of camogie. Surely these great players deserve some recognition in your awards.

I believe your annual sports awards can and are playing a major role in promoting sport and the great individuals in these games, but I think camogie being a great game and also one of our national games deserves its place without doubt.

A reason for the exclusion of camogie from the awards, even at this late stage, would I am sure calm many of the angry camogie fans.

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# Camogie losing to jet-set games

INTERNATIONAL "jet-set" games like volleyball and basketball are scoring widespread victories in many Irish girls' schools over camogie.

Gamesmistresses in many schools claim the girls prefer the games with an international flavour, with the result that camogie is losing some of its appeal.

Last weekend at Cahir, Co. Tipperary, housewife, Mrs. Kathleen O'Flaherty, from Loughloher, retiring after 19 years' service to the Co. Tipperary Camogie Board, criticised religious communities for failing to organise camogie in their schools.

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Yesterday a phone call to Mr. Sean O'Siochain, Secretary of the G.A.A., revealed that quite a number of convent schools do not favour the game.

"All Irish schools should favour every aspect of Irish culture and tradition, and on the playing field camogie represents that culture and tradition," Mr. O'Siochain added. He emphasised the fact that the game was eminently suited for young ladies.

It would appear that the religious are not entirely to blame for this sudden apathy among schoolchildren.

The gamesmistress in the Holy Faith Convent, Glasnevin, said that interest in the game had "just waned." Pupils were favouring the international type of game, and this year the school found that there was no point in trying to take up a camogie team.

No comment on the matter was available from Mount Anville School, but a spokesman for a Jesuit Dominican convent on the south side of the city said the pro-camogie cycle among students comes in waves.

Three years ago the interest in the game was very great, but nowadays the "in-games" were hockey and basketball.

Seniors in schools, she said, were mainly responsible for making games popular, and a game like camogie was very much dependent on whether a senior with a good personality was spearheading the team.

She described allegations that religious were against camogie as being "utter nonsense," and laughingly added that most of the nuns had played camogie themselves in their younger days.

She utterly rejected reports that nuns were against the game because it was "rough" and "undignified for girls."

# Munster Convention, Ashbourne Cup And Munster Colleges Semi-final This Weekend

MUNSTER convention, the Ashbourne Cup, a semi-final of the Munster Colleges championship and a number of important league fixtures are all listed for this weekend. This means that players officials and followers are in for a busy time.

Munster convention will be held at the G.A.A. Rooms, Cork, this year and big news of the convention so far is the decision of Mrs. Aedin McCarthy not to seek re-election as treasurer. Aedin is one of the most popular camogie officials in the country and has held the post of treasurer since 1952. During this 18-year spell Aedin has given wonderful service not alone on the financial side of Munster Council, but also to every other aspect of the game at club, county and provincial level. She is a member of Old Aloysians Camogie Club and her decision not to go forward this year will be greeted with disappointment by all Munster officials.

But though Aedin will not be on the council this year, Cork will still have a strong representative in Lil O'Grady who is returned unopposed as chairman. Cork could still hold on to the position of treasurer also as Mary Moran, the Cork County chairman has been proposed by Cork and Limerick. In opposition Mary will have Kitty Flaherty (nominated by Waterford) and Kerry's Angela O'Sullivan, the county's secretary. Cross O'Connell has also been nominated by Tipperary but as she is likely to retain the position of vice-chairman she would then automatically withdraw from the race for treasurer. So Mary must have a good chance of taking over from Mrs. McCarthy.

Eithne Neville of Limerick, the present secretary and Kitty Flaherty of Tipperary the present registrar are unopposed for their positions while Cross O'Connell is challenged by Emer Hutchinson of Kerry for the vice-chair. However, Cross has done a tremendous amount of work for camogie in Munster and Emer will hardly have the experience to take the post from her.

### THREE MOTIONS

There are only three motions listed for convention—all from Kerry. One of these is a call for the insurance of school children taking part in Munster colleges games. Central Council have already looked into this and found that it was not possible to insure schoolgirls. Another concerns the appointment of men to referee matches. Kerry are asking that they should not be allowed to do so. This is already in existence in Cork but problems could arise in Limerick and Tipperary

where they depend a lot on men to referee their games.

Tomorrow is a big day for the schoolgirls when St. Aloysius 'A' the holders, meet Convent of Mercy, Newport, Co. Tipperary in the semi-finals of the Munster Colleges championship. The winners will then go on to meet Drishane in the decider.

Newport are section three winners. This group was made up of all newcomers to competitive camogie and it is hard to assess their strength. However, they won all their games in the competition so far and if they follow in the Tipperary tradition they will have plenty of fighting spirit and will not admit defeat easily. However, St. Aloysius have an abundance of talent on their side including Liz Garvan, Anne O'Dwyer, Rosie Hennessy and Margaret O'Sullivan and for tomorrow's game they are hoping to have Rose Long back in the side. Rose has been out of the side for almost four months because of an appendix operation and her return should further strengthen this grand St. Ais team whose greater experience should see them through to the final.

### ASHBOURNE CUP

Ashbourne Cup time is around again this weekend. U.C.C., who have been training very hard for some time now face a very difficult opening game when they take on U.C.D. Dublin have a powerful side that includes Jo Golden the Kilkenny goalkeeper, Anne Carroll a Leinster and Kilkenny regular, Marjorie Doohan of Anane, who has played for Munster, as well as Vera Sullivan, A. M. O'Loughlin, Nora Stuart and Joan Traynor all very capable players.

Cork too have their stars including Mary Ita O'Sullivan, Deirdre Garvan, Anne Roche and Rosemary O'Halloran while this year they have the addition of Honor Lynch from Old Aloysians. Honor must be a great asset to the side as she is a strong, stylish player, who is equally at home in a number of positions. U.C.C. have had two good victories to their credit in recent weeks. They defeated Anane in a friendly last weekend and South Presentation Past Pupils in the league the previous weekend. These wins must give them confidence and if they could defeat Dublin then they must become favourites to take the title. However, their big test must come first.

There is one senior league tie listed for Sunday. In this Youghal travel up to town to meet Glen Rovers. Both clubs are experiencing difficulty at the moment. Youghal were at the losing end of some transfers in recent months. Their inter-county player Marie Costin has gone to new club Coyne while a number of others have gone to Our Lady's Hospital. Glen Rovers for their part have lost a number of players through retirements and now Mary McDonald has been added to the list. Mary, who was unfortunately injured when playing for Cork juniors in the Munster championship, has decided to retire from the game because of this injury. So this could be anybody's two points.

Watergrasshill who meet Fermoy in the Junior League should take the points in this game while Clonworth must be expected to win their under 18 league tie with Sarsfields. Both these games are fixed for Sunday.

# 'Must meet the challenge of the seventies'

THE Munster Camogie Convention was held yesterday in Cork. Delegates from all the Munster counties, except Clare, attended.

In the course of her address, the chairman, Miss Lil O'Grady, said they should take a broader outlook in the running of the Association to meet the challenge of the seventies. In the past, she said, girls turned naturally to camogie, but nowadays with so many games available they tend to attract some of the Association's members and it was up to the Association to gear themselves not only to compete with these games but to extend and expand the Association.

Foundations, she said, should be built with the schools and colleges. "To encourage new schools to compete calls for tact and consideration rather than criticism and a condemning attitude to schools who do not participate in our competitions."

The Camogie Association of Ireland leads the field in Irish sporting life for women, but, said the chairman, we must not confine our interests and activities to the sport alone. "It is very necessary that every member of the Association realises that she has an obligation to the ideals of the Association in carrying out their chosen project of furthering the appreciation of Irish music and dance, and the

day to day speaking of the Irish language."

Miss O'Grady paid tribute to the treasurer Mrs. Aedin McCarthy who did not seek re-election this year.

Secretary's Reports from all the Munster counties, except Clare, were read, in which it was apparent that camogie was in a strong position in all the counties.

There were only three motions on the agenda all of these from Kerry. The motion that men should not be allowed to referee matches as they are not strict enough was carried by ten votes to seven. Speaking on the motion, the Kerry delegates said that any match which was refereed by a man resulted in two or three accidents. They felt that the men were refereeing the game on a hurling basis and were much too lenient with rough play and foul language. The Limerick delegates said they never had any trouble when a man refereed their matches.

The chairman said that she felt that men referees were very, very lenient with camogie matches and rough play and language should never be tolerated.

On the motion of insuring schoolchildren in Munster Colleges games the chairman pointed out that it was not possible to insure schoolchildren under the Camogie scheme as they were under age.

Election of officers: Chairman, Miss Lil O'Grady; Vice-chairman, Miss Chris O'Connell; Secretary, Miss Eithne Neville; Treasurer, Miss Mary Moran; Registrar, Mrs. Miss Mary Moran; Delegate to Central Council, Miss Esther Neville.

### DRAWS

Senior Championship draws for 1970:

Tipperary v. Waterford (A), Kerry v. Cork (B), Clare v. winners of "A", Limerick v. winners of "B"

Junior Championship 1970: Tipperary v. Cork (A), Kerry v. Waterford (B), Clare v. "A", Limerick v. "B"

Inter-club championships: Limerick v. Clare (A), Cork v. Limerick v. Kerry v. "A", Tipperary (B), Kerry v. "A", Waterford v. "B"

Secondary Competition: Cork v. Limerick (A), March 1; Waterford v. Kerry (B), March 8; Tipperary v. "A", Clare v. "B"

Kerry withdrew from this competition.

## ST. ALOYSIUS THROUGH TO FINAL

St. Aloysius 2-4; Mercy Convent, Newport 0-0.

St. Aloysius are into the Munster Schools Camogie final in which they meet Drishane on February 28 at Coachford. On Saturday at St. Ais Grounds, Cork they made it one-way scoring traffic against Newport (Co. Tipperary) Mercy Convent.

St. Ais were the shrewder bunch of player who held the midfield area and whose forwards were much sharper than the visiting side. But there was no doubt that without an outstanding keeper like Kathleen Harvey, Newport would have fallen on a heavier scoreline.

Time and time again she coolly took the ball away as the St. Ais forwards with good passing movements and some very direct striking almost made the mark. In this area Rose Hennessy and Judy Walsh were the key players for the winners while Liz Garvan at midfield and Marie O'Leary in defence were also outstanding.

Their scorers were Rose Hennessy (1-1), Marese O'Regan (1-0) Anne O'Dwyer (0-2), Liz Garvan (0-1).

# U.C.D. will be all out to retain Ashbourne Cup

The annual Ashbourne Cup intervarsity games will be played in Dublin this weekend, at Belfield and Croke Park.

Dublin, Cork, Galway and Queen's universities are fielding strong teams. Dublin, holders of the trophy, will pit their strength against Cork in the opening round at Belfield tomorrow (3.30 p.m.), while Galway line out against Queen's at 2 p.m. For the first time the final will be played at an enclosed venue—Croke Park, on Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Interest in this competition has never abated since the first games were played in 1915. Dublin (25) have had the greatest number of wins; Cork (17) follow, and Galway (11) come next. Queen's fielded a team for the first time in 1934 but, so far, have failed to have their name on the plinth. Though weather conditions have, for the most part, proved unfavourable, the competition has had to be abandoned only on two occasions—due to the emergency in 1943, and in 1963.

### CUP'S HISTORY

The trophy was presented by Lord Ashbourne (MacGiolla Brighde) who was a well-known Irish language enthusiast. It was in Belfast, in 1935, where the donor threw in the ball for the Galway/Dublin match that he saw his first game. Dressed in national costume, his lordship was received with applause.

This year's games will be played under the new rules as agreed by the Ashbourne Committee and Cumann Camoguidheachta na nGaedheal.

# Dublin, Galway Ashbourne Final

Last year's finalists U.C.D. and U.C.G. have again qualified for the final of the Ashbourne inter-varsity camogie Cup, but while Galway had a comfortable victory yesterday over Queen's, holders Dublin had a major battle on their hands before pulling away from a tenacious Cork side in the last ten minutes at Belfield.

**U.C.D.** ..... 4-4  
**U.C.G.** ..... 1-1

Dublin captain Anne Carroll, well marked through the first 40 minutes by Mary Coakley, really took charge of this game in the closing stages. The unfancied Cork girls were leading by a point when the Kilkenny star first balanced the scoring from a free and then added a goal and two points to put her side on the high road to victory.

Joan Traynor then crashed home a great Dublin goal and Anne Carroll added another point, and the hard-working Sheila Murray clinched Dublin victory with a late goal.

Dublin, against wind and hill, led 1-0 to 0-1 at half-time but did not take their half-chances, and can thank a great defence, in which Jo Golden, A. M. O'Loughlin, Pat Rafferty, Nora Stuart and Vera Sullivan all starred, for holding some fierce Cork onsets before Anne Carroll turned the tide.

Outstanding for Cork were Honor Lynch, Margaret Long, Mary Sullivan, Mary Coakley and Mary O'Driscoll.

**Scorers—U.C.D.**—A. Carroll (1-4), M. Doohan (1-0), J. Traynor (1-0), S. Murray (1-0). **U.C.G.**—B. Field (1-0), M. O'Sullivan (0-1).

**U.C.D.**—J. Golden, A. M. O'Loughlin, P. Morrissey, V. Sullivan, N. Stuart, V. Fingleton, A. Carroll, M. Coogan, J. Traynor, S. Murray, M. Crossick, M. Doohan.

**U.C.G.**—M. Lynch, M. O'Brien, M. Long, H. Lydon, M. O'Driscoll, J. O'Brien, M. Coakley, M. O'Sullivan, B. Field, A. Roche, D. Garvan, R. O'Halloran.

**Referee**—Miss L. Spence (Antrim).

**U.C.G.** ..... 6-0  
**QUEEN'S** ..... 1-0

Although Galway were the superior side, the score-line does not do justice to the Belfast girls who missed two easy first-half chances against the breeze and then, when they had something more than an equal share of the play in the second-half, again missed several golden opportunities.

Galway who led 4-0 to 0-0 at half-time had a great forward in Pat Feeney who accounted for all their goals, and had good outfield players in Grace Divilley, Kivv Murphy, Anne Tierney, Jane Muroby and Claire Connery. Francis McGuinness was outstanding for Queen's and Pauline O'Boyle scored their goal.

**U.C.G.**—O. Hanniffy, K. Cassidy, A. Tierney, G. Divilley, E. Burke, M. Fox, M. Brady, B. Moran, M. Kinella, J. Muroby, C. Connery, P. Feeney, Sub A. Brassi for P. Feeney.

**QUEEN'S**—I. Rankin, F. McGuinness, P. Grant, R. White, M. Fullen, A. Marrion, K. Fee, S. Daly, B. Hamilton, A. Berry, A. McGuirk, P. O'Boyle.

**Referee**—Miss A. Ashton (Dublin).

# St. Aloysius On

**MERCY CONVENT, NEWPORT ... NI**  
**ST. ALOYSIUS** ..... 2-4

St. Aloysius are into the *Mercury* Colleges' Camogie final, in which they will meet Belsanna on February 28 at Cashford, Co. Cork.

Yesterday they had a one-way win against the Tinnervy side, Mercy Convent, Newport, in Cork. But for the outstanding display given by Newport's goalkeeper, Kathleen Harvey, the score could easily have been doubled.

**Scorers** for the winners were: Rose Hennessy 1-1, Theresa O'Riordan 1-0, Ann O'Dwyer 0-2. **Referee** 0-1.

# Dooohan Goals Sink Galway

By AGNES HOURIGAN

**U.C.D.** ..... 6-0  
**U.C.G.** ..... 1-0

There was consternation among U.C.D. supporters at Croke Park yesterday, when it was announced that their captain, Ann Carroll would be unable to play against Galway in the final of the Inter-varsity camogie Cup.

Ann had aggravated an old knee injury and will be out of the game for some weeks. But the rest of the side rose to the challenge magnificently, particularly Sheila Murray who moved out to mid-field and full-forward Margery Doohan, who scored five great goals that assuredly kept the Cup in Dublin for the 26th time.

U.C.G. favoured by the cross-wind in the first half, did much of the early attacking, but Margery Doohan put Dublin in front after seven minutes with a great goal.

Almost from the puck-out, Pat Feeney equalised with a spectacular goal for Galway, but that was the only occasion when the losers really beat a superb Dublin defence.

### Well beaten

Three more well-taken Doohan goals in the ten minutes before the interval left U.C.D. ahead 4-0 to 1-0 at half-time, and her fifth goal, immediately after the interval, gave promise that the U.C.D. star might be going to set up a record. However, her luck then deserted her—she subsequently hit the woodwork with three rasping shots.

Nora Stuart, Pat Morrissey, Anne Marie O'Loughlin, and Vera Sullivan combined to form a magnificent U.C.D. defence. Sheila Murray took almost complete control around mid-field, ably assisted by the diminutive Marian Coogan and Veronica Fingleton, while the U.C.D. attack would not have been badly rewarded had they got twice the number of scores.

Ollie Hanniffy in goal, Grace Divilley, who moved to full-back in the later stages, Anne Tierney and Jane Murphy were most prominent as Galway fought a vain but gallant losing battle.

**Scorers:** U.C.D.—M. Doohan

(5-0), M. Crossick (1-0), U.C.G.—P. Feeney (1-0).

**U.C.D.**: J. Golden, A. M. O'Loughlin, P. Morrissey, V. Sullivan, N. Stuart, V. Fingleton, S. Murray, M. Coogan, J. Traynor, L. Tallent, M. Crossick, M. Doohan.

**U.C.G.:** O. Hanniffy, K. Carmody, A. Tierney, G. Divilley, E. Burke, M. Fox, M. Brady, B. Moran, M. Kinella, J. Murphy, C. Connery, P. Feeney.



● Mrs. Rosina McManus, President of the Camogie Association, with former bantamweight boxing champion Mr. Jim McCann and the cup he has presented for the Ulster club camogie championship.

# Tough Game For U.C.C.

**U.C.C.** ..... 2-5  
**QUEEN'S** ..... 1-0

Showing three changes from the team that lost to U.C.D. on Saturday, U.C.C. had to fight surprisingly hard to defeat Queens in the Ashbourne Belfield final at Belfield yesterday. The winners led 1-2 to 0-0

at the interval, but, had Belfast a scoring forward, the Queens' girls must have gone very close to victory.

**Scorers**—U.C.C.: B. Field (2-0), A. Roche (0-2), R. O'Halloran, D. Garvan, M. O'Sullivan (0-1 each); Queens: A. Berry (1-0).

# Students Name Camogie Side

The combined Universities camogie team to play Cork at Easter is:—O. Hanniffy (U.C.G.); M. O'Brien (U.C.C.), M. Long (U.C.C.), V. Sullivan (U.C.D.), K. Carmody (U.C.G.); K. Fay (Q.U.B.), A. Carroll (U.C.D.) captain, A. Fingleton (U.C.D.); A. Berry (Q.U.B.), S. Murray (U.C.D.), D. Garvan (U.C.C.); M. Doohan (U.C.D.).  
**Reserves**—J. Golden (UCD), H. Lynch (U.C.C.), A. Marrion (Q.U.B.), M. Coogan (U.C.D.).

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● Mrs. J. J. Stuart, President, U.C.D. Camogie Club, presents the Ashbourne Inter-varsity Cup to the U.C.D. captain Ann Carroll in the Crofton Airport Hotel last night. Also in the picture are, from left, Annie Roche (U.C.C. capt.), Rosemary Hamilton (Q.U.B. capt.) and Grace Divilley (U.C.G. Captain).

## SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK



★ The U.C.D. camogie team faced an acid test at Croke Park on Sunday last when, in the Ashbourne Cup final, they had to take on U.C.G. without their captain, Ann Carroll, whose brilliant leadership had carried them to a hard-fought semi-final victory over U.C.C. 24-hours before.

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But every member of the Dublin team responded to the added challenge and no one more magnificently than full-forward Margery Doohan, who cracked home all her college's first-half goals and utterly shattered any lingering Galway hopes when she shot a fifth goal shortly after the restart.

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But then third-year Arts student Margery is no newcomer to the camogie limelight. Last year she played with Limerick and Munster and in the All-Ireland club-championship final with Ahane. A couple of seasons further back—she was then Margery Moroney, member of a famed Limerick sporting family—she was a youthful prodigy on Limerick and Munster teams.

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On Sunday she became one of the few married students ever to win an Ashbourne medal—and the first to be named as our Sports

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Convent of Mercy (Tipperary) break out of defence to launch an attack on the St. Als' end during the Munster colleges game in Cork on Saturday. ("Echo")



A hectic midfield tussle during the St. Als v. Convent of Mercy (Tipperary) Munster colleges game in Cork on Saturday. — ("Examiner")

# Kilkenny girls were too good

Presentation Convent, Kilkenny ..... 6-2  
St. Aloysius, Cork ..... 4-3

Outclassed in the first half, Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, staged a dramatic recovery to defeat the Munster champions, St. Aloysius, Cork, by five points in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Colleges' senior camogie championship at the Cork Athletic Grounds on Saturday.

Having turned over at the interval leading by 3-1 to 2-1, and with the advantage of the wind, St. A's failed to repeat their first half form and were surprised by a more determined and effective Kilkenny team which settled down to play the type of camogie which brought them victory over the Cork girls in the All-Ireland final last year.

It was a meritorious victory by the champions who included ten of last year's winning side. Against a more spirited and lively St. A's team in the first half, they looked sluggish in defence and slow thinking in attack where they failed to make use of their wind advantage.

St. A's, cheered on enthusiastically by the majority of the thousand-plus fanatical school-girls, were more settled from the start of the game and were given a great boost when their inter-provincial star, team captain Liz Garvan pointed a 'thirty' after only two minutes to put them in the lead.

Indicative of the grip held by

Liz and her team-mates on the play, is the fact that they were not led until thirteen minutes of the second half of the twenty-five minutes period. Early pressure on the Kilkenny goalmouth was rewarded by a goal in the 11th minute when Liz Garvan's side-line puck was crossed from the right by Ann O'Dwyer and Mairead O'Regan first timed it to the bank of the net.

Kilkenny hit three wides before they reduced the arrears with a goal from Carmel Doyle in the 14th minute but two minutes later Mairead O'Regan had her second goal from Liz Garvan's free. A minute later Helena O'Neill pointed a free for Kilkenny and in the 21st minute her free puck from forty five yards out went into the net off the bar upright. A goal shortly afterwards by Rose Hennessy saw St. A's leading 3-1 to 2-1 at half-time.

The high standard of camogie reached in most unsuitable conditions was a tribute to both teams, and their respective trainers.

The start was delayed fifteen minutes when the Antrim referee (Mrs. N. Murray) went to the wrong venue and the game was on for five minutes when it was temporarily abandoned because of a snow blizzard.

Records — Presentation Convent — H. O'Neill 1-1; C. Doyle 1-0; A. Phelan 1-0; M. Hennessy 1-0; M. Barry 1-0; P. Byrne 1-0; L. Neary 0-1; St. Aloysius; M. O'Regan 2-0; L. Garvan 1-3; R. Hennessy 1-0.

Presentation Convent — E. O'Neill; P. Coady, A. Phelan, C. Conway, C. Dowling, H. O'Neill, M. Hennessy, C. Doyle, B. McEvoy, P. Byrne, L. Neary, M. Barry, St. Aloysius — J. Burns, M. O'Leary, N. Jennings, Geraldine Flynn, M. O'Sullivan, V. O'Dwyer, L. Garvan, C. Desmond, J. Barry, A. O'Dwyer, R. Hennessy, M. O'Regan, Referee — Mrs. N. Murray (Antrim).



Josie Young + Gus Healy (Old Abs)



## CLUB NA nGAEL AWARD FOR CORK CAMOGIE STAR

Club na nGael recently announced their second annual awards to former prominent players of Gaelic games. The recipient of the camogie "Stars of the Past" award was Peggy Hogg now Mrs. Fitzgerald of Meadowlands, Wilton Road, Cork, who in the halcyon days of Cork camogie was one of their greatest stars.

Peggy began her career with St. Aloysius School, Cork, and at the tender age of 12 was goalkeeper for the Cork senior team. During her career she won four All-Ireland medals in 1933, 1939, 1940 and 1941. In fact Peggy was a member of the last Cork team to bring the All-Ireland to Cork as the title has not been here since that 1941 win. During her inter-county career Peggy also captained the Cork team in 1942.

In addition to her tremendous achievements on the inter-county scene Peggy also played a major role at club level. She was one of the founder members of Old Aloysians Camogie Club and was one of their best ever players. During her time with Old Abs, she won numerous County Championship medals and in fact during the course of her career, she won every honour the game had to offer.

Now Peggy's daughter, Geraldine, a pupil at St. Aloysius School, looks like following in her mother's footsteps. Fifteen-year-old Geraldine is showing keen interest in camogie and is a member of the St. Aloysius "B" team this season.

CAMOGIE — Top: Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, who had a good win over St. Aloysius, Cork (below) in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Colleges' Senior Championship at the Cork Athletic Grounds.



# GOLDEN YEARS OF SEAN O'DUFFY— 'MR. CAMOGIE'

By PADRAIG PURSEAL

For nearly half-a-century now Sean O'Duffy has been "Mr. Camogie" to All-Ireland, a tall, spare man, who though the weight of more than four-score years is bringing a stoop at last to those broad shoulders, still, on a fine day insists on cycling in and out of Dublin from his Harold's Cross home, and still occasionally makes his way to Blackrock for a swim in the hush of a summer's morning.

As "The Camogie Man" Sean O'Duffy is known to Gaelic Games enthusiasts everywhere, but the Mayo-born Dubliner's link with the game goes back far, far beyond the present All-Ireland Camogie Championship which was set up in 1932. Camogie, originally described as 'a modified form of hurling for ladies' first took shape in the Ard Craobh and Craobh an Ceitinnigh Branches of the Gaelic League away back in 1903.

## HIGH TIME

Maire ni Cinneide, Maire de Buitteir and Cait nin Donnachada were among those who then decided it was high time the girl-Gaels should have a field-game all their own.

Seamus O Braonain, then a Dublin All-Ireland footballer and still happily with us, the late J. J. O'Leary (Scelbig) whose memory is now perpetuated in the All-Ireland Colleges' camogie cup, and the late Tadhg O Donnachada (Torna) were the men who helped translate the dream of a Gaelic game for girls into a reality even at a time when the idea of girls playing field-games in public was, in many quarters, considered little short of sinful.

Sean O'Duffy was at that time an active hurler and footballer with the Crokes, and was later a well-known Gaelic referee. He was also keenly interested in camogie but it was a few years before he first took a hand in fostering the game.

## ENTHUSIASM

After the flush of early enthusiasm, camogie tended to suffer from lack of organisation, and by around 1908 the game was almost moribund. Here it was that Sean O'Duffy first came to the rescue organising matches at feiseanna and other Gaelic gatherings and tirelessly writing letters to the evening papers of the time advocating the spread of the game.

Largely through his efforts competitive camogie was revived in Dublin and the Camogie Association of Ireland was eventually set up in 1911, with that remarkable woman Eleanor, Countess of Fingal as President and Sean O'Duffy, Organiser.

He is National Organiser still.

## SPARE TIME

Through the years that followed Sean O'Duffy worked hard at promoting the game that today stands as a living monument to him all Ireland over. It was he who organised the first full inter-county match ever played in Dublin between Louth and Dublin in July, 1912. Played appropriately enough at Jones's Road.

And remember, Sean O'Duffy was doing this work in his

spare time, for he was busy at his trade as an electrician. He told me once that he helped instal the electric lighting system in Rathkeale for instance, one of the first country towns to have such a modern amenity.

That was back in 1913, a year in which Sean also found time to referee a tournament at Croke Park in aid of the Strikers' Dependents and was also one of the stewards at the historic meeting in the Rotunda Winter Gardens at which the Irish Volunteers were formed. An enthusiastic Volunteer from that day on, Sean helped organise the procession at O'Donovan Rossa's funeral in 1915—the Dublin Camogie Board marched that day, its first public appearance — and Sean O'Duffy himself marched out again on Easter Monday 1916 in the grey-green Volunteer uniform that remained until recently his most cherished possession.

He fought that whole week through with the Houlihans and the Shouldices, and at least half the Crokes Club in what proved the bitterest battleground of all, the Church St.-North King St. sector.

Deported and imprisoned, he managed, in some magical fashion to hold on to that uniform, and smuggled it back to Ireland on his release, though

he can hardly have imagined then that he would live to wear it so proudly at the Golden Jubilee Commemoration of that 1916 Rising — and had then to se. ch Dublin for the last bolt of the original cloth to allow for the insertion into the original of a panel or two to accommodate extra poundage accumulated through the fifty years.

Sean O'Duffy took the Republican side after the Treaty — when I first set eyes on him, himself and Ted Moore from Mooncoin were canvassing South Kilkenny for Kevin Barry's brother in a post-Civil War election in South Kilkenny.

But when the wars were all over Sean O'Duffy went back to spend his spare time . . . organising camogie. Thanks to work he did, particularly say between the mid-twenties and the mid-forties, camogie today has hundreds of clubs and numbers its members by the thousand.

No journey for him was too long, no task too big, or too small. Sure to this day you can see him putting down the sideline flags or putting up the nets for Sunday matches in Phoenix Park.

Add on the fact that when camogie calls allowed he has for decade after decade been one of the most active of the voluntary Croke Park stewards at matches large and small, and we may all begin dimly to realise exactly why the choice of the All-Star Committee unanimously chose Sean O'Duffy for the Cuchullain Award.

Sean himself of course will never understand it. His reaction, I imagine will be, "What codology are they up to giving an award to me?"

Owing to the eternal enemy, pressure of space, a vital reference was missing from my attempt last week to sum up the life's work of Sean O'Duffy for camogie. Behind every devoted man there is usually a devoted woman, and Mrs. O'Duffy, has, in her own right, a place in the history of the game second only to Sean himself.

Formerly Kathleen McKeown, and a native of historic Omeath in County Louth, Mrs. O'Duffy, like her husband, has never found any task too great, or too menial, where the advancement of camogie is concerned.

## REMARKABLE

An accomplished player in her time, she has, through the past 30 years, built up the remarkable record that she has officiated at more matches than any referee in any other game, and she is still refereeing as efficiently as ever!

Moreover, she has travelled to every county in Ireland to referee, and she coaches and organises school teams, as well as being chairman of the Dublin Colleges League.

# A Busy Time Ahead For Mrs. McManus

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Mrs. Rosina McManus will be elected unopposed as president of the Camogie Association when the Annual Congress meets in two-day session at Bru na nGaeil, Dublin, tomorrow, starting at 1 p.m. and Sunday, starting at 11 a.m.

And Antrim's Mrs. McManus will have a very busy Congress over which to preside, for this is a rules revision year and there are a number of controversial motions among the 47 listed on the agenda.

Time was when the question of changes in the traditional tunic and blouse uniform aroused considerable controversy. With shorter, neater tunics, and the advent of cheap and reliable tights, the question is not quite as urgent as it once used to be, but Cork, always advocates of the divided skirt, again ask for that change this year, with three-quarter length see a for good measure.

Congress, however, may prefer a motion from Roscommon which asks that there be a general examination of a change.

## THAT CROSSBAR

The points cross-bar, which has so long been so distinctive a feature of the camogie fields has been under constant fire in recent seasons, this year several counties led by Limerick, Tipperary and Antrim ask for its abolition.

Dublin on the other hand, ask that the second cross-bar be made a rule, rather than, as it is at present, a recommendation, and the Metropolitan also ask for a larger parallelogram than at present.

Monaghan ask that only women referees be allowed to officiate at competitive games, while there seems to be a very strong body of opinion in favour of allowing three substitutes for players in the course of a game irrespective of whether the players retiring are injured or not.

Limerick, however, are unlikely to get much support for their proposition that a substitute be allowed for a player sent off the field for a misdemeanour.

## A BIT MUCH

Fermanagh and Tipperary both seek to have the ordinary camogie posts, crossbar and parallelogram as in hurling and football, but the width between the posts and the height of the crossbar would surely be a bit much for camogie players.

Last year a motion to allow old-time as well as celi dances at official camogie functions narrowly failed to secure approval. Since then old-time dances have been permitted by the G.A.A. and with half a dozen counties sponsoring the old-time waltz motion this time it looks likely to get through.

The outlawing of camogie players taking part in football competitions of any kind a couple of years ago, was not too favourably received in quite a number of counties. This time several counties raise this matter again and

it is hard to say what the outcome will be.

Antrim bring up what seems a very sensible motion, that the All-Ireland club championship be played in the Spring.

Dublin and Limerick both have motions which would make the rules governing tackling stricter and which would cut out any inclination towards rough play.

The general secretary, Miss Sheila McAnulty, reviews a very busy year, while the financial statement shows that for the first time in a couple of seasons, Central Council revenue has exceeded expenditure.

# DANCE BAN IS LIFTED

Camogie teams may now have three substitutes irrespective of whether the player going off is injured or not.

This motion, put forward by Limerick, Cork, Kildare, Roscommon and Galway, was passed twenty-four for and five against at the resumed Congress of the Camogie Association in Dublin yesterday.

Rule 19 which forbade camogie Councils, committees or clubs to organise any dance other than celi has now been deleted from the Official Guide.

## Motions Withdrawn

Various motions covering Rule 19 were, after discussion, withdrawn in favour of the Galway motion: "Delete Rule 19 from the Official Guide". The voting resulted 28 for, three against.

In future only the winning All-Ireland Junior Team will be debarred from competing in the following year's Junior Championship. Heretofore the Provincial Champions were not eligible.

The Cork motion advocating the divided skirt and knee socks was defeated in favour of a Roscommon motion further down the agenda.

But when the Roscommon motion was due there was no proposer from Roscommon present.

All the officers were elected unopposed:

President: Mrs. R. McManus (Antrim); secretary: Miss S. MacAnulty (Down); treasurer: Miss L. Spence (Antrim); organiser: Mr. S. O'Duffy (Dublin); trustees: Mr. S. O'Duffy and Mrs. I. Leonard (Dublin).

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# Cork Field Experimental Side Against Combined Universities

THE Cork senior camogie team will take the field for the first time this season when they meet the Combined Universities at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, for many years these sides met annually to compete for the Cronin Cup and there were many one games played. However, the sides have not met since 1961 and it is good to see a revival of this challenge game and it is hoped that it will once again become an annual affair.

Cork who reached the All-Ireland final in 1968, did not get out of Munster last season, when they were defeated by Tipperary. After this disappointing performance the Cork selectors are anxious to get a "new look" side and for their game on Sunday they are fielding a rather experimental one.

This is a good opportunity for the selectors to make changes, for although the Combined Universities will field a very strong side, it does not mean the end of Cork's All-Ireland hopes if they are beaten.

will be at wing-forward and on the other wing will be Nuala Humphries. Nuala played in all the matches with Cork in their successful run to the final in 1968 and, although she is more accustomed to centrefield, the selectors are giving her a chance to win a regular position at right-forward. Anna Crotty and Liz Garvan, who need an introduction to followers, complete this sector.

## PLENTY OF TALENT

Certainly there is plenty of individual talent in the side but the big question will be whether they will work together as a unit, especially the players who are in strange positions.

What of the opposition on Sunday? There is plenty of talent in the Combined Universities side. Oily Haniffy, who will be in goal, has played for the Galway county team, while Anne Carroll is a member of the Kilkenny and Leinster teams.

## ELEANOR CUMMINS' NEW BERTH

Big talking point is the selector of Eleanor Cummins in the defence. Eleanor has been tremendous in goal for the last few seasons, but this year the selectors have decided to put her in the backline to make room for Deirdre Sutton of Glen Rovers, Deirre. It will be remembered, was Cork's top goalkeeper up to a few years ago. The Glen girl has never been tried in the Cork defence, whereas Eleanor has proved her worth outfield more than once and was picked for Munster as a defender last season. It is difficult when there are two top goalkeepers and this would seem to be the best solution. However, Sunday will tell a lot about the worth of this switch.

This season Cork will be without Sheila Dunne, who is going to America for the summer months, so the selectors did not consider her for Sunday. Again this is a wise decision as Cork will need all the experience they can get by playing together. In spite of the loss of Sheila Dunne the Cork defence looks a very strong one with Hannah Dineen, Mary Jo Ryan and Marie Costline completing the sector.

## SCHOOLS SEMI-FINALS

On tomorrow (Saturday) the schoolgirls will again be in action with the semi-finals of the Cork Schools Championship down for decision at the Cork Athletic Grounds. In the first of these Presentation (Youghal) meet Convent of Mercy (Macroom) and here it looks like a win for the Youghal girls. The latter were heavily defeated by St. Aloysius in the Munster Championship, but when they met again in the League they showed a vast improvement. They have a star player in Pat Moloney, who is a sub for the Cork seniors on Sunday, and should be too good for the Macroom girls.

Old rivals St. Aloysius and Fermoy Ref.

Drishane meet once again this season. In their last meeting, in the Munster Championship final, the St. Als were successful and Drishane will be anxious to reverse that result. However, relieved of the pressure of the All-Ireland Championship following their defeat by Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, on Saturday last, St. Als should be able to account for Drishane once again. In any event these games should be well worth seeing.

In the remaining game of the weekend Churchtown will meet Glanworth in the Intermediate League and here the former with strong players in Mary Salter, Noreen O'Reilly, Nuala Gully and Mary Barry, should take both points.

Away from the field of play the Question Time run by the Cork County Board is now at the semi-final stage. On Monday Ovens meet Old Aloysians in what should be a highly exciting encounter. The winners then go on to meet South Presentation. Past Pupils on the following Monday night in the final.

Congratulations this week to Mrs. Fitzgerald, better known as Peggy Hogg, who has been awarded a "Star of the Past" award for camogie. Peggy won three All-Ireland medals with Cork and must have been one of the youngest players ever to win an All-Ireland medal. She was only 12 when she played in goal for Cork to take her first medal. She also won several Co. Championship medals with Old Aloysians and she still takes an interest in both her old school and club.

## TEAMS

Cork: D. Sutton (Glen Rovers), M. Cummins (S.P.P.P.), E. Dineen (do.), M. J. Ryan (Youghal), M. Costine (Clayne), A. McAuliffe (Old Aloysians), M. Mahon (Munster Institute), A. Comerford (S.P.P.P.), N. Humphries (Glen Rovers), L. Garvan (Old Aloysians), R. Hennessy (do.), A. Crotty (Glen Rovers), Subs: M. Higgins (Glen Rovers), R. Surque (S.P.P.P.) and P. Moloney (Youghal)

Combined Universities: O. Haniffy (U.C.C.), M. O'Brien (U.C.C.), M. Long (U.C.C.), V. Sullivan (U.C.C.), K. Carmody (U.C.C.), K. Fay (Q.U.B.), A. Carroll (U.C.C.), A. Finlayson (U.C.C.), A. Beary (Q.U.B.), S. Murray (U.C.C.), B. Garvan (U.C.C.), M. Doohan (U.C.C.)

## FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Sat.) Cork Schools' Championship Semi-Finals at Cork Athletic Grounds: Pres. (Youghal) v Convent of Mercy (Macroom); 3 p.m. St. Aloysius v. Drishane; 4 p.m. Ref. M. Cummins (S.P.P.P.) Sunday, at U.C.C. Mardyke, 3 p.m. Cronin Cup: Cork v. Combined Universities. Ref. L. O'Grady. Intermediate League at Glanworth: Churchtown v. Glanworth, 2.30 p.m. Fermoy Ref.

# Youghal and St. Aloysius through

**HOLDERS St. Aloysius and Presentation Convent, Youghal, recorded good wins over Drishane Convent and Convent of Mercy, Macroom, in the semi-finals of the Cork Schools Championship played at the Cork Athletic Grounds on Saturday.**

Pres. Youghal ..... 11-2  
C. of M., Macroom .... 0-1

Convent of Mercy, Macroom, were outclassed from the start by a fit and determined Youghal side. The Youghal players were faster to the ball, better strikers

and, by half-time, had built up a lead of 4-2 without reply. Star of the winning team was, undoubtedly, Pat Moloney, who displayed skill and stickwork with a first-class performance. She received good support from Mary Joyce, Rose Hughes and M. O'Regan. Macroom were best served by Mary Noonan, Nora Long and Helen Kelliher.

Scorers — Youghal: R. Hughes (4-0), M. O'Regan (4-0), P. Moloney (2-2), M. Joyce (1-0). Macroom: M. Noonan (0-1).

## ST. AL'S SUPREME

St. Aloysius ..... 7-6  
Drishane Convent .... 3-0

St. Al's confirmed their superiority over their great rivals Drishane when they met for the third time this season. The winners had already defeated the Millstreet team in the League and Munster Championship.

St. Al's got off to a very good start with goals by Rosie Hennessy and Anne O'Dwyer. Drishane came more into the game and held the champions to two further points by half-time.

A pair of quick goals by Mairead O'Regan and Liz Garvan put St. Al's well on the road to victory. Relieved of the pressure of their All-Ireland exertions of the previous Saturday, they showed skill, teamwork and confidence and will pose many problems for Youghal in the final.

While all the members of the side played well, Liz Garvan, Val O'Dwyer, Marion O'Leary and Judy Walsh were most prominent. Drishane, who were unsettled by those early goals, never gave up trying and were coming into their own as the game concluded. Their goals came too late in the game to affect the result but were nevertheless, well-taken scores. Valerie Collins, Joy O'Brien, Marion O'Regan and Michelle Crooper impressed for Drishane.

Scorers—St. Al's: A. O'Dwyer (3-0), L. Garvan (1-1), M. O'Regan (2-0), R. Hennessy (1-1), Drishane: J. O'Brien (2-0), E. Cronin (1-0).

## Camogie FACILE VICTORY FOR CORK SIDE

Cork County 5-0  
Combined Universities 0-0

Cork County had an easy win over Combined Universities in their Cronin Cup camogie game at the Mardyke, Cork, yesterday. A goal from A. Crotty in the first few minutes gave Cork a lead which they retained right through the match. The half-time score was 3-0.

Combined Universities were unfortunate in that they lined out without three of their team including Leinster interprovincial player Ann Carroll, and failed to get in enough team practice.

The standard throughout the game was low, which may be first time the Cronin Cup has been played since 1961. Best for Cork were L. Garvan, A. Comerford and P. Moloney, while S. Murray, M. Long and M. O'Brien shone for the combined side.

Scorers were A. Crotty (2-1), A. Comerford (2-1), L. Garvan (1-1), R. Hennessy and B. Sugrue (0-1).

The Cup was presented by Eide Bean Uí She, President, Cork Co. Board.

The referee was M. Crowley.

## UNIVERSITIES CAMOGIE TEAM

The following players were selected after the Ashbourne Inter-Varsity Competitions at Bellfield last month to represent Combined Universities against Cork County at U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, tomorrow at 2 o'clock. O. Haniffy (U.C.C.), goal; M. O'Brien (U.C.C.), K. Carmody (U.C.C.), M. Long (U.C.C.), V. Sullivan (U.C.C.), A. Carroll (U.C.C.), K. Fay (Q.U.B.), V. Sullivan (U.C.C.), A. Finlayson (U.C.C.), A. Beary (Q.U.B.), S. Murray (U.C.C.), B. Garvan (U.C.C.), M. Doohan (U.C.C.), A. Mairion (Q.U.B.), M. Cosgan (U.C.C.).

This competition was instigated by the Cork Co. Board in 1945. Mrs. Sean Cronin, Lord Mayor, Alderman Sean Cronin, Lord Mayor of Cork, donated a cup for this series — known as the Cronin Cup. The late Mr. J. J. Walsh, postmaster general, donated a set of medals for the inaugural match.

# THANK YOU MR. MOLLOY!

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The outstanding news on the camogie front over the past week has been the granting of £1,000 to the Association by the Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Molloy, in the allocation of grants to sporting organisations.

While I notice that some other organisations have been critical of the amounts they received, that certainly has not been the case with the Camogie Association which down the years has long grown well accustomed to living on its own meagre resources and within its limited means.

Now, this grant provides at last the opportunity of devoting to organisation, coaching courses and referees-courses the money which the Association had hitherto lacked for

such activities, and a great advance in the overall position of camogie should result.

One assumes that a special meeting of Central Council will be summoned to decide how best to use the £1,000 now available.

Coaching courses and organisational seminars are almost certain to be among the priorities, and certainly the coaching courses held through the past week proved how effective such gatherings can be.

The Dublin Board course over the Easter weekend at Gormanston College was again very well attended, and the enthusiasm of such long-famed stars of the game as Una O'Connor, Orla Ni Shiochain, Anne Carroll and Ethne Leech must have been a considerable inspiration to the rest.

In midweek the scene moved to Mountmellick where the Leinster Colleges course attracted players, puns, P.E. teachers and coaches alike. This was an innovation in its own way and will, one feels, provide a great filip for the same among the schools.

Certainly it should add to the interest in the All-Ireland Colleges final in which the holders, Presentation Convent, Kilkenny meet St. Clare's of Newry at Croke Park on next Saturday week, April 18.

To add a real All-Ireland flavour to the occasion, the defeated semi-finalists, St. Aloysius of Cork and the girls from Presentation Convent, Oranmore will provide the sustenance in which they play off for the third and fourth places.

# Two County Championship Ties Down For Decision

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**CORK County Championship** time is around again, with two first-round ties listed for Sunday next. The holders, South Presentation Past Pupils, meet Youghal in their first-round tie, while old rivals Old Aloysians and Glen Rovers meet in the second game.

South Presentation Past Pupils won the title for the first time in their history last season, when they had a tremendous run in the competition. They had been "knocking at the door" in the championship for many years, and it was a memorable day for them when they had a grand victory over Old Aloysians in the final. The latter had disposed of seven-in-a-row champions Glen Rovers, so that the South Pres. was a very fine one, indeed.

Youghal school team, which has qualified for the Cork Schools Championship final.

## A THRILLER.

The names of Glen Rovers and Old Aloysians dominated the County Championship for a decade prior to the emergence of South Pres. last season. Glen Rovers, of course, won seven-in-a-row, but before that Old Aloysians had taken three-in-a-row. Now these sides clash in the first round of this season's campaign, and the game has all the ingredients of a thriller. When the sides met in the semi-final of last season's Championship, Glen Rovers were expected to win, but Old Als, against all odds, emerged as worthy winners. Now the contest will be determined to prove that that victory was no fluke, while at the same time Glen will be more than anxious to get back on the victory trail.

Since their County Championship success, the champions have lost two of their key players in Sheila O'Sullivan and Joan Fitzpatrick, both of whom have retired. However, they have plenty of all-round strength, and with players of the calibre of Eleanor Cummins, Anne Comerford and Hannah Dineen to lead them, they must be expected to take the first step towards retaining their title when they meet Youghal on Sunday at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke.

## GOOD SIDE.

However, they cannot treat the Youghal challenge too lightly. Youghal, since their entry into camogie in the junior ranks, have had a good deal of success. In two short years, they won promotion from junior to senior ranks, and although they have yet to take a senior title, they have been one of the few junior or intermediate clubs who have been able to hold their own in the top grade. They always play with great spirit and determination, and they have a number of players with inter-county experience. Mary Jo Ryan is one of their big stars, while they have the very promising Pat Moloney, who had such an impressive debut for the Cork seniors when they met the Combined Universities recently. Mary Barron, Mary Cronin, Caly Leamy, Pat O'Riordan and Eileen Huxton are other players in their line-out, while they also have a number of the

There is plenty of talent on these two sides. Old Aloysians have a grand goalkeeper in Mary Nolan, while they have very sound defenders in Marie Garvan, Nuala Jennings, Nora McAuliffe and Marion O'Leary. In the centre-field, they have power too in the persons of Liz Garvan and Mary A. Murphy. In the attack, they have their very stylish captain, Anne McAuliffe, while in a young forward fast making a name for herself is Rose Hennessy.

What of Glen? They must be expected to have most of their regulars back in action. Peggy Dorgan, Maura Coleman, Margaret and Cary Buckley are all likely to be in action, as well as their captain, Deirdre Sutton, Anna Crotty, Joan Twomey, Nuala Humphries, Dolly Murphy and Miriam Higgins.

So it would appear that Glen Rovers have plenty of talent in their line-out and will be no easy hurdle for Old Als.

## OTHER GAMES.

Other games listed for Sunday are an Intermediate League tie at Churchtown, where the home side should defeat Inniscarra, and an Under-18 League final tie in which the very useful Glanworth team could be too good for Bishopstown.

Congratulations this week to South Presentation Past Pupils for their fine win in the Question

Time final on Monday last, when they defeated Old Aloysians. Congratulations, too, to Sheila O'Sullivan, who took the individual award.

## FIXTURES.

Sunday.

U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, Senior County Championship—Glen Rovers v. Old Aloysians, 3.0 (ref. M. Collins); S.P.P.P. v. Youghal, 4.0 (ref. C. O'Regan).

# Easy for Old Aloysians

Old Aloysians 9-12, Glen Rovers 0-1 South Pres. 1-3, Youghal 1-2

0-1

AS the scoreline shows, Old Als had a runaway victory over Glen Rovers in their first-round Cork County Championship tie at the Mardyke yesterday.

The Glen were no match for a lively Old Als team who were quicker on the ball, took all their chances, and had a scoring expert in Rose Hennessy. It was a disappointing match, with the result never in doubt but, to their credit, Glen Rovers kept trying but were unable to stop their quick-scoring opponents.

Glen Rovers began well, with Anna Crotty having a good shot at goal, which was saved by Mary Moran. Ten minutes later, Old Als got their first goal and then added two further points. Glen Rovers' only score came from Peggy Dorgan, who got a point. From then on, it was Old Als all the way, with goals and points coming from Rose Hennessy, Liz Garvan and Catherine O'Regan, which left the score 5-9 to 0-1 at half-time.

Glen Rovers had an almost impossible margin to narrow at the re-start and Old Als pulled further away with a quick point from Liz Garvan and another from Rose Hennessy. Both these players had excellent games, Liz Garvan giving a great service to her forwards, as well as having a shot at goal herself, Rose Hennessy beat two or three defenders on several occasions to score a personal tally of 3-9.

Scorers — Old Als: Rose Hennessy 3-9, Ann O'Dwyer 2-0, Catherine O'Regan 3-0, Liz Garvan 1-3; Glen Rovers: Peggy Dorgan 0-1.

Old Aloysians — M. Moran, N. Jennings, M. Garvan, N. McAuliffe, M. O'Leary, C. Desmond, A. McAuliffe, J. Walsh, L. Garvan, C. O'Regan, R. Hennessy, A. O'Dwyer.  
Glen Rovers — D. Sutton, T. Reynolds, K. Harrington, M. O'Callaghan, M. Higgins, M. Natt, M. Murphy, J. Twomey, P. Dorgan, A. Boland, A. Crotty, S. Collins.

A young and lively Youghal team put up a great fight against the more experienced South Pres side and were narrowly beaten by one point in another first-round tie of the Cork County Championship, also at the Mardyke yesterday. Try as they might, the Youghal forwards were unable to get that vital one point which separated the sides throughout the entire second half.

Youghal opened the scoring early in the first half with a well-taken point by Mary Jo Ryan. A minute later South Pres took the lead when Angela Cronin guided the ball into the net. Both sides played good open hurling and 20 minutes later were rewarded with a point each. Youghal's only goal came shortly before half-time, when Marie Sweeney put the ball in the net. Angela Cronin added a point for South Pres which left the sides 1-2 each at half-time.

Ten minutes after the change-over, Angela Cronin set a crackling shot at goal which was well saved by goalie Mary Barron and resulted in the ball going over the bar for a point. This was the only score in the second half. There were plenty of missed chances from both sides, and Youghal must be regretting some very near misses shortly before the final whistle.

Mary Jo Ryan, Patricia Moloney, Carmel Harnody and Marion Sweeney were the pick of the Youghal team, and for South Pres, Mary Whelton in defence and Angela Cronin had good games.

Scorers — South Pres: Angela Cronin 1-2, Ann Comerford 0-1; Youghal: Marie Sweeney 1-0, Mary Jo Ryan 0-2.

South Pres — E. Cummins, B. Aherne, M. Crowley, M. Whelton, H. Dineen, A. Comerford, B. Gibbons, B. Sugrue, M. McCarthy, A. Cronin, K. Dunne, E. Bohane.  
Youghal — M. Barron, C. Stack, C. Harnody, P. O'Riordan, S. Parker, C. Leamy, M. J. Ryan, P. Moloney, M. Sweeney, M. Hennessy, M. Joyce, B. Power.

# OLD ALS SHOCK THE GLENS

The big camogie sensation happened in Cork last Sunday where, in the first round of the county championship, Old Aloysians scored a runaway victory over the famed Glen Rovers. True, Old Als also beat Glen Rovers last season, but only narrowly.

This time the Old Als selectors pinned their faith on youth, they fielded no fewer than seven of the St. Aloysius senior College side, and the result was that they swept the Glen Rovers stars off the field.

This shock result will whet interest in the remainder of the Cork championship campaign, especially as the holders South Presentation only scraped through their first round game against Youghal by a single point.

On Sunday next the championship campaign starts in Dublin with holders, Eoghan Ruadh facing Celtic and Naomh Aoife taking on U.C.D.

## POOR START

After a very poor start to the season Eoghan Ruadh who are seeking their fourth title in a row have recovered something like their past fluency and confidence, and will be en-

couraged by a recent league win over Sunday's opponents.

With Margaret O'Leary and Kay Lyons in top form, Eoghan Ruadh will be favourites but Celtic had a lively spin against Naomh Aoife on Sunday last and Kitty Murphy, Una O'Connor and company will not be easily beaten.

## ATTRACTION

Naomh Aoife might well prove the surprise team of this championship. The return of Kay Ryder has given great heart to the side, and interhearted to the side, and interhearted provincial star Judy Doyle almost snatched victory from almost snatched victory from a Celtic last Sunday with a whole succession of well-taken scores.

Their opponents, U.C.D. have had only one outing since the Ashbourne and though they are the only side with an unbeaten league record it may take them all their time to get past this revived Naomh Aoife side.

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Youghal goalkeeper, Mary Barron, looks at the ball in the net as a jubilant Angela Cronin scored for South Presentation P.P.U. in the Cork Co. Senior Camogie Championship at the Mardyke, Cork.



Old Aloysians' top scoring forward Ross Hennessy, about to pick this ball despite the close attention of Glen Rovers' backs Noreen O'Callaghan and Kay Harrington, in the Cork Co. Camogie Championship at the Mardyke yesterday.



BACK:-

- M. HEELAN
- R. GIBBONS
- M. MCCARTHY
- M. WHELTON
- N. GUILLEY
- M. COSTINE
- M. HIGGINS
- K. LUNNE

FRONT

- P. O'BRIEN
- M. O'LEARY
- R. HENNESSY
- M. HARRINGTON
- K. RYAN
- M. MAHER
- P. MOLON

team which defeated Tipperary 4-5 to 2-1 in the Munster

# Cork Face Tipperary In Secondary Semi-final

Cork and Tipperary meet in the semi-final of the Munster Secondary Championship at St. Finbarr's Grounds, Toghher, on Sunday in what promises to be a highly exciting game. The game was originally fixed for 3.30 p.m. but Tipperary requested an earlier start because of the big game at the Cork Athletic grounds, and now the game will be played at 2.30 p.m.

On tomorrow (Saturday) all eyes will be on the Cork Athletic Grounds where the Schools Championship finals will be played.

Cork defeated Limerick by 0-4 to nil in the first round of the Secondary Competition. Limerick were a very fancied side in this game and Cork put up a tremendous performance in advancing. Despite this, however, there are three changes on the side and the selectors are confident that these girls will strengthen the side further. Marion O'Leary of Old Aloysians was an automatic choice for the side following her brilliant display in the County Championship against Glen Rovers; Pat Moloney was given a run with Cork seniors against the Combined Universities and made the selectors take notice with a first class display while Nuala Guilley has been playing consistently well for her Club and deserves a chance to prove herself in inter-county fare.

These three newcomers are expected to be highly successful in the Secondary side and of course good performances could help them to win places on the senior twelve.

What of the rest of the secondary side? In goal is Kay Dunne such a stalwart of South Pres. for so long, while at full back they have the very strong Marie Costine. The half-back line is made up of Peg O'Brien, Marion O'Leary and Miriam Higgins, three girls with plenty of natural talent and great determination.

There is no lack of talent either in the centre where Maisy Murphy, Mary Whelton and Pat Moloney should make up a very formidable trio.

Rosie Hennessy had a tremendous game for Old Aloysians on Sunday last and if she can repeat this form on Sunday the Tipperary defence will have a difficult task on their hands. Mary Mahon and Kay Ryan, who captains the side, together with Nuala Guilley complete a very useful forward line.

What of Cork's opponents on Sunday? Tipperary are never an easy side and no doubt they will have many of their juniors, who gave Cork such a close call in the Munster Junior Final last July. In any event Cork will need to be on their toes if they are to advance to meet Waterford in the final.

Teams:—  
Cork: K. Dunne, (S.P.P.P.), M. Costine, (Cloyne), P. O'Brien, (Fermoy), M. O'Leary, (Old Aloysians), M. Higgins, (Glen Rovers), K. Murphy, (Watergrasshill), M. Whelton, (S.P.P.P.), P. Moloney, (Youghal), N. Guilley, (Churchtown), M. Mahon, (Munster Institute), K. Ryan, (Watergrasshill), (Captain), R. Hennessy (Old Aloysians), Subs: M. Keenan, (Blarney), M. Mee,

(Glanworth), B. Gibbons, (S.P.P.P.) M. McCarthy, (do.).

**Tipperary Selection:—**J. Gleeson, M. Gleeson, E. Keane, B. Heffernan, A. Ferrcombe, (Ballytrasna), B. Caplis, E. Carey, B. Lacy, (St. Mary's), E. Power, (Carrickon-Suir), S. Harkins and M. Butler, (Drom and Inch), C. Mannion, M. Brophy, A. Brophy and T. Houltham, (Lochra), M. Quinlan, K. Birmingham, K. Ryan, (Thurles), A. Roche, (U.C.C.).

St. Aloysius "A", although disappointed by their failure to reach the All-Ireland colleges final this year must have a good chance of adding the Cork Schools Championship to their Munster Championship title when they meet Youghal in the senior final at the Cork Athletic Grounds on tomorrow (Saturday).

St. Aloysius have a very talented side and have the added experience of playing in the All-Ireland colleges competition for the last two seasons. On Sunday last five of their players were in brilliant form for Old AIs, seniors and if Judy Walsh, Colette Desmond, Liz Garvan, Rosie Hennessy and Marion O'Leary can repeat their performances in this game then Youghal can hardly be expected to win.

However, the seaside girls have their "stars" too in the persons of Pat Moloney, who will be playing with the Cork side on Sunday, Mary Joyce, Siobhan Parker and M. Hennessy and these girls will not admit defeat before the full time whistle has sounded. Whatever the result this game promises to be a thriller for the large contingent of supporters expected from both schools.

As a curtain-raiser to the senior game St. Vincent's will meet St. Aloysius "C" team in the Junior Championship final. St. Vincent's have been doing quite well this season mainly through the efforts of Miriam Higgins, who will be in action again on Sunday for Cork. Miriam will take a great deal of watching in this game and if St. AIs, cannot hold her then the junior title must go to St. Vincent's.

The remaining games of the weekend are two Junior League and one Intermediate League tie. Our Lady's Hospital are doing very well in their section of the Junior League and should be too strong for St. Panahans, whom they meet at the former's grounds.

Churchtown are so far unbeaten in the Intermediate League and should retain this record when they meet Canovee at Churchtown. The remaining tie between Araglin and Sarshields could end in a draw.

**Fixtures**  
Tomorrow at Cork Athletic Grounds  
Cork Schools Championship Finals.  
Junior—St. Vincent's v. St. Aloysius "C" 2.30 p.m. Senior—St. Aloysius "A" v. Youghal 3.30 p.m.  
Sunday at St. Finbarr's Grounds, Toghher, Tipperary v. Cork 2.30 p.m. (Limerick Officials).  
Intermediate League at Churchtown  
Canovee v. Churchtown 2.30 p.m. (Youghal Referee). J. L. at Our Lady's Hospital Grounds. Our Lady's Hospital v. St. Panahan's 3.30 p.m. (Munster Institute Referee). J.L. at Riverstown Araglin v. Sarshields 3.30 p.m. (St. Ita's Referee).



South Presentation Convent P.P.U. team who scored a point victory over Youghal in the first round of the Cork Co. senior camogie championship game at the Mardyke, Cork. (Sheehan)

## St. Aloysius were much too good

St. Aloysius "A" 7-6.  
Presentation Convent, Youghal 1-1

Champions St. Aloysius School, Cork, brought off a spectacular and well-earned double at the Cork Athletic Grounds on Saturday, when their "A" team added the Cork Senior Schools Championship to their Munster trophy, and their "C" team won the junior title, both teams winning by high margins.

In the senior game, the champions were in complete control of the game all through, even though the Youghal Convent team came in to their own in the closing quarter of the game.

By half time St. AIs had built up a commanding lead of four goals and three points. In a fast moving game where the standard was very high, a comprehensive "AIs" XV made no mistakes. The second half saw them increasing their lead substantially. This was due to some very good work for St. AIs by Judy Walsh, Geraldine Flynn, Nuala Jennings, Val O'Dwyer and Liz Garvan. Pat Moloney, Siobhan Parker, and Carmel Harnedy were in good form for the Youghal side.

Scorers — St. Aloysius: A. O'Dwyer 4-1, M. O'Regan 2-1, R. Hennessy 1-1, L. Garvan 0-3; Youghal: P. Moloney 1-1.

## FACILE WIN

St. Aloysius "C" 7-0, St. Vincent's Convent nil

Completing the second half of their exciting double, St. Aloysius "C" defeated St. Vincent's to take the Cork Junior Championship title in no uncertain manner.

Despite the fact that several players on both sides were comparatively new to the game, an excellent standard of camogie was produced. Undoubtedly St. AIs were by far the better all round team and were in no danger at any part of the match. Geraldine Butler, Vera Warren and Phil Walsh were particularly impressive for the winners, whilst in a heroic St. Vincent's team who played spiritedly throughout the game, Miriam Higgins, Ann Sorenson and Eileen Moore tried hard to reduce the arrears.

## Cork girls complete double

Cork 6-5, Tipperary 2-1.

A goal immediately after the throw-in gave Tipperary an early lead in the semi-final of the Munster Secondary Championship at Toghher yesterday. But Cork came back strongly to ensure entry into the final against Waterford.

A concentrated attack on the Tipperary goal payed off with a fine goal from K. Ryan. Following this, Cork picked up two points before Tipperary replied with a goal from B. Caplis. The half-time score was Cork 3-2, Tipperary 2-1.

Following the change-over Cork completely dominated the game. Playing with the strong wind they scored a further 2-3 without reply.

Forward Rosie Hennessy was marked almost out of the game in the first half but managed to score 1-3 in the second half.

For Cork Marion O'Leary, M. Mahon, Pat Moloney and Marie Costello played well. For Tipperary B. Caplis had a good game, while in goal C. Manning saved some hard shots.

Scorers—Cork: K. Ryan (5-0), R. Hennessy (1-3), N. Guilley and P. Moloney (1-1 each); Tipperary: B. Caplis (1-1), A. Brophy (1-0).  
Cork—K. Dunne, M. Costine, P. O'Brien, M. O'Leary, M. Higgins, M. Murphy, M. Whelton, P. Moloney, N. Guilley, M. Mahon, K. Ryan, R. Hennessy.  
Tipperary—C. Manning, J. Gleeson, E. Carey, M. Brophy, M. Gleeson, S. Harkins, A. Ferrcombe, T. Houltham, A. Brophy, A. Minogue, B. Caplis, J.

## UNIVERSITIES CAMOGIE TEAM

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Margaret O'Leary, the Wexford All-Ireland Camogie star, received permission from the Leinster Camogie Council to transfer from Eoghan Ruaadh, Dublin, to Buffers Alley, Wexford. This means that Miss O'Leary will take part in the Wexford County Championship, but may finish out the Dublin League with Eoghan Ruaadh.

Draws and fixtures for the Leinster Camogie Championship.

**SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**  
July 3 Semi-final — Dublin v. Wexford.  
July 19 Final — Kilkenny v. Wexford.

**JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**  
1st Round — June 7 — Meath v. Kilkenny; 14—Wicklow v. Louth; 21—Dublin v. Laois; 21—Kildare v. Wexford.



# KILKENNY GIRLS TO RETAIN TITLE

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The girls from Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, made camogie history a year ago when they won the first All-Ireland Colleges' Championship. They will strive to add another chapter to that historic achievement tomorrow at Croke Park when they will be bidding to win the title and An Corn Sceillge for the second, successive year.

But they will face worthy opposition from northern representatives, St. Clare's, Newry, who, though somewhat surprise winners of the Ulster title, showed their worth when defeating Presentation Convent, Oranmore, in the semi-final and looked very impressive last weekend when defeat-

ing a U.C.D. selection at Belfast.

The Newry side has excellent players in centre-back Anne McCone, Armagh camogie player of the year, full back Mary McKeown and right back Patricia Browne, daughter of that great football trainer Gerry Browne.

They have a star midfielder in Anne McGuinness, ably assisted by Anne Rooney, sister of Down football star Peter, and lively forwards in Kathleen McAnulty, Patricia McKeown, sister of the full-back and Bernadette Burke.

But the Northern girls face

a big task in taking on a confident Kilkenny side, the vast majority of whom have already won All-Ireland medals a year ago, while three, Anne Phelan, Helena O'Neill and Liz Neary, have also won All-Ireland club championship medals with St. Paul's.

Catherine Conway, Mella Hennessy, Bee McEvoy, Carmel Doyle and Mary Barry are other notable players in the holders' line-out, and Kilkenny also have the advantage that Croke Park holds no fears for them.

On experience and past performance Kilkenny must start

favourites, but over-confidence on their part might give the eager Newry girls the chance which they are well capable of snatching with both hands.

The beaten semi-finalists, St. Aloysius of Cork and Presentation, Oranmore, should provide a very lively curtain-raiser as they play-off for third and fourth places.

Meanwhile the Leinster junior competition has reached the closing stages. Presentation Convent, Killocock, are already through to the final and will know their opponents on Sunday when Dominican Convent, Eccles Street, travel to Callan to meet the local Convent of Mercy in the remaining semi-final.

Callan showed fine form when defeating Clontarf last week and must be fancied to win now on home ground.

The opening games in the Dublin senior championship, put back by last Sunday's bad weather, have been re-fixed for Phoenix Park on Sunday next.

Eoghan Ruadh, holders of the title for the past three years, have meantime suffered a severe blow in the transfer of their great star Margaret O'Leary to her native Wexford.

## A SEVERE BLOW

Margaret has long been the sheet-anchor of the side, and her absence now will be a severe blow to the morale of the side who would in any case have had it hard enough to defeat keen rivals Celtic.

In the circumstances Celtic will now probably start favourites, but Eoghan Ruadh are such a determined team that they might well overcome adversity and achieve victory.

In the second game, unbeaten League leaders U.C.D. can take nothing for granted against Naomh Aoi'e, revived by the return of Kathleen Ryder.

### Colleges teams:

**Kilkenny**—T. O'Neill; A. Phelan; C. Conway; M. Hennessy; P. Cody; C. Doyle; E. Neary; B. McEvoy; P. Byrne; H. O'Neill; C. Dowling; M. Barry.

**Newry**—E. Keenan; M. McKeown; P. Browne; A. McCone; D. Curley; A. Rooney; A. McGuinness; V. Cummins; K. McAnulty; M. Hughes; McKeown; B. Bourke.

## ANOTHER BOOST FOR CAMOGIE

By AGNES HOURIGAN

ANYONE who had any doubts about the future of camogie would not have remained in doubt very long had they been at the Cork Athletic Grounds on the first Saturday in March when last year's All-Ireland finalists, the holders, Presentation Convent Kilkenny and St. Aloysius of Cork met in the semi-final of this year's competition.

This, mark you, was a bitterly cold day, with snow-showers threatening, and yet you would not have believed the size of the crowd that gathered there beside the Lee. Not to speak of support for the local side, seven bus-loads of supporters travelled from Kilkenny and there were Central Council and Colleges Council officials down from Belfast and from Dublin.

Disaster seemed to have struck when a couple of minutes after the game had started down came the snow, and lasted so long that there seemed little prospect of playing the game.

But then, just when hope was al-

most abandoned, out came the sun, the teams, after some slight uncertainty got back on the field, and despite conditions that were by then all against good play served up the thriller that had been so confidently expected of them.

Right through the first-half it looked as though St. Als, roared on by their supporters were to avenge last season's final defeat. With their All-Ireland and inter-provincial star Liz Garvan playing brilliantly around mid-field they seemed to have the edge on a Kilkenny side that looked a bit unbalanced by the move of Liz Neary to centre-forward where she was comparatively anonymous through that first half.

But, even though they had to face the slight breeze in the second half, it was then we really saw why these Kilkenny girls are such an outstanding team. First they began to get a grip on the game in every sector. Then they set about winning this game with an extraordinary efficiency.

Helena O'Neill, far happier when restored to her favourite post of centre-forward, started her side on the victory road with a crashing goal from a '30' and the champions hammered home the advantage to race into what looked a commanding lead with less than ten minutes to go.

However, St. Al's were not yet done with and rallied well to cut their deficit to a single point, but Kilkenny came back to clinch victory with the last score of the afternoon.

And so, the Kilkenny girls are in the All-Ireland final for the second consecutive year, and again in the final last analysis, their success is due not to individual stars, although, particularly in Liz Neary and Helena O'Neill they have very talented players, but in their magnificent team-work and understanding.

Liz Garvan for Cork, and what a

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magnificent young player she is, was the player of the game, but she never got the all-round support that every Kilkenny player provided for each other.

And so Liz Neary who has already captained her team to Leinster victory will be hoping to bring Corn na Sceillge back with her to Kilkenny on April 18 when the second All-Ireland Colleges Camogie final will be played.

Already she has had a wonderful twelve-months, with her two colleagues, Helena O'Neill and Anne Phelan for all three have won two All-Ireland medals since last April, that first Colleges medal, and the club championship with St. Paul's, while Liz Neary herself was a reserve on the Leinster side that won the Gael-Linn Cup.

● And, by the way, anybody who has been wondering about the attitude of the convents in Counties Cork and Kilkenny to camogie, should have tried to count the number of nuns present at that game in the Athletic Grounds.

● Congratulations to Sean O'Duffy, for so long organiser of the Camogie Association, for gaining the Cuchulainn award in tribute for his services to the game.

Sean's work can never be even assessed, he has done so much, and what is more he has done a great deal of it almost 'unbeknownst to anyone' as the saying is. But there is no harm in pointing out that his wife, Kathleen, herself in her youth a camogie player of some renown, has also contributed more than her fair share to the advancement of the game, as coach, as player, as referee, as organiser and official, especially among the Dublin schools and colleges.

A native of Omeath, Kathleen O'Duffy must hold one unique distinction. In her lifetime she must have refereed more games than anyone else in Ireland, irrespective of code. And what is more, she is still doing so.

**Camogie Convention** — On Thursday night of last week, Charles Camogie Club held their 6th annual convention in the Glenmorgan House. It was their most successful convention yet—held before a very large attendance. Officers elected for the coming year were — Hon. President: Rev. R. Ryan; Chairman: Paddy Doyle; Secretary: Miss Olive Doyle; Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Hanna O'Toole; Joint Treasurers: Mrs. Bernie Dowd and Mrs. Breda Loughnane; Trainer: Seamus Loughnane; Assistant Trainer: Pat Ralph; Team Captain: Margaret Cleary (if available); Vice-Captain: Kay Bermingham; Other Committee members are — John Troy, K. Boland, E. Cronin, K. Ryan, J. O'Toole, J. Quinn, Mrs. A. Ralph, Joan Maher, Mary Quinlan and Mary Graham. At Fr. Ryan's suggestion it was decided to run a County Camogie Talent Contest. Details of this contest will be sent to all clubs in the county later in the year.

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### Pres. Convent make history

Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, 2-3;  
Sacred Heart Convent, Newry, 1-1  
**PRESENTATION CONVENT,**  
Kilkenny, made camogie history at  
Croke Park yesterday when they  
won An Corn Sceilge and the All-  
Ireland Colleges' Championship for  
the second successive year, thus  
monopolising the honours of this  
competition to date.

At the end of the first quarter  
Newry went a point ahead but the  
champions regained the lead  
immediately and were in front 1-2  
to 1-0 at half-time. It was nip and  
tuck right through the second half  
before Mary Barry made the issue  
safe for Kilkenny with a goal shortly  
before the end.

Best for the winners were  
Patricia Cody, Marian Heffernan and  
Ann Phelan in defence with Liz  
Neary, Helena O'Neill and Carmel  
Doyle prominent farther afield.

Mary McKeown, Dolores Turley,  
Anne Rooney, Bernie Burke and  
Kathleen McAnulty were best for  
Newry.

Scorers—Kilkenny—M. Barry (1-1),  
C. Doyle (1-0), H. O'Neill (0-1), L.  
Neary (0-1).

Newry—K. McAnulty (1-0), A.  
Magennis (0-1).

Kilkenny—T. O'Neill, A. Phelan,  
P. Cody, M. Heffernan, C. Conway,  
C. Dowling, L. Neary, C. Doyle, B.  
McEvoy, P. Byrne, M. Barry, H.  
O'Neill.

Newry—E. Keenan, M. McKeown  
(capt.), P. Brown, D. Turley, A.  
McCone, A. Magennis, A. Rooney,  
V. Cummins, M. Hughes, B. Burke,  
K. McAnulty, P. McKeown.

Referee—Miss L. O'Grady (Cork).  
St. Aloysius Convent, Cork, 2-6;  
Presentation Convent, Oranmore, 2-0  
St. Aloysius Convent, Cork,  
proved more expert at picking off  
points when they defeated Presenta-  
tion Convent, Oranmore in the  
curtain-raiser between the semi-  
finalists.

Scorers—St. Aloysius—R. Hen-  
ry (1-4), A. Dwyer (1-0), L.  
Kelly (0-2). Oranmore—J. Kelly  
(1-0), A. Burke (1-0).

## Imokilly And U.C.C. Meet In Senior Championship

**THE** Cork senior county camogie  
championship continues on Sun-  
day with Imokilly and U.C.C.  
meeting in the last of the first  
round ties. This game will be  
played at the U.C.C. grounds, Mar-  
dyke and the Cork selectors are  
also making use of the date to  
hold a trial match as a curtain  
raiser to the tie.

Imokilly are a new divisional  
side selected from four clubs—  
Churchtown, Cloyne, Watergrass-  
hill and Sarshields. Four of last  
Sunday's Cork secondary team,  
who had such a fine win over  
Tipperary will be available for  
the side. They are Kay Ryan,  
Nuala Guillevy, Misie Murphy and

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Mairie Costine and with these  
girls forming the nucleus of the  
team they must be in a position  
to field a very formidable twelve.  
In recent friendlies they defeated  
Youghal and South Presentation  
Past Pupils and they will take a  
great deal of beating on Sunday.  
U.C.C. have a strong side this  
season. Before the Easter holidays  
they were playing very well but  
the break could have upset them.  
However, they have plenty of tal-

ent on their side with Annie Roche  
who played for Tipperary against  
Cork last Sunday, Honor Lynch,  
M. Long, Deirdre Garvan, Mary  
Ira O'Sullivan, Rosemary O'Hallo-  
ran and M. O'Brien. All these  
girls have plenty of experience  
and with the determination the  
College girls have shown in the  
new year this game promises to  
be a hard-fought and highly en-  
tertaining game with victory at  
all times in the balance.

### FINE WIN

The Cork secondary team had a  
fine win over Tipperary on Sun-  
day last. On Sunday week they  
meet Waterford in the Munster  
final. In addition the Cork senior  
side will be in action in the not  
too distant future so in an effort  
to help the selectors there will be  
a trial game on Sunday before  
the championship tie.

Of course with Imokilly and  
U.C.C. meeting in the senior tie  
players from these sides were  
not considered for the trial game.  
Also St. Aloysius school team, who  
could provide some players to the  
trial sides were not considered as  
they are travelling to Croke Park  
on tomorrow (Saturday) to play  
Presentation, Oranmore (Co. Gal-  
way) in a challenge before the  
All Ireland colleges final.

Taking all this into considera-  
tion the selectors have still  
managed to name two very strong  
sides and the trial game should  
be well worth seeing. The teams  
are:

Senior—M. Cummins, D. Sutton,  
H. Dineen, M. J. Ryan, S. Dunne, A.  
McAuliffe, B. Sugrue, A. Comerford,  
P. Humphries, P. Dorgan, M. Doherty,  
A. Crotty; subs. B. Aherne, M.  
Moran and N. O'Brien.

Secondary—K. Dunne, P. O'Brien,  
M. Whelton, H. Higgins, M. Mee, M.  
McCarthy, B. Gibbons, P. Moloney,  
C. O'Regan, M. Mahon, J. Twomey,  
A. Cronin; subs. N. Lucey, M.  
Heelan, and M. Humphries.

## Impressive Win

Imokilly ... .. 5-3  
U.C.C. ... .. 3-4

In the senior camogie champion-  
ship at the Mardyke on Sunday,  
Imokilly, after a lapse of twenty  
years, had an impressive win of  
five points over a more fancied  
U.C.C. side. Imokilly, playing with  
the advantage of a stiff breeze ran  
up a score of four goals within the  
first ten minutes from star full for-  
ward Marie Costine from Cloyne.  
The city girls, after recovering  
from this initial shock, warmed up,  
and came more into the game with  
three fast goals, but a grand Imokilly  
defence nullified all attempts in  
the dying minutes.

Scorers for Imokilly: M. Costine  
4-0; M. Salter 1-0; Kay Ryan 0-2;  
K. Horgan 0-1. For U.C.C.: H.  
Lynch 1-4; D. Garvan and A. Roche  
1-0 each.



On the ball together as M. Murphy clears downfield for  
Imokilly in the Cork Co. Senior Camogie Championship  
against U.C.C. at the Mardyke.



CAMOGIE.—Top: Frodilly team who had a 5-3 to 3-4 win over U.C.C. below in the Cork Co. Championship played at U.C.C. Grounds on Sunday.



Miss Mary Humphreys and Miss Mary Healion photographed at the Inniscarra Camogie Club dinner at Sunset Lodge Motel.



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At the Blarney Camogie Club dinner at Sunset Ridge Motel, were (l. to r.)—Misses Gretta McCarthy, Anna Gaffey, Pauline Humphreys and Cora Humphreys.

# MID CORK CAMOGIE CLUB NOT NEGLECT SOCIAL



At the Inniscarra Camogie Club annual dinner at Sunset Ridge Motel, Killeens, were Miss Mary Moran, chairman, and Mrs. Nora Newman, vice-chairman, Cork Co. Camogie Board.



At the Inniscarra Camogie Club dinner at Sunset Ridge Motel were sisters Kay O'Brien, club hon. secretary, and Nora O'Brien, intermediate captain.

WHILE there is no direct contact as such between G.A.A. clubs and camogie clubs there is a spirit of co-operation or close relationship between the two sports. This is definitely true as regards rural clubs involved in the two sports, as I learned when I attended two annual dinners celebrated some time ago by two rural camogie clubs, in Blarney and Inniscarra.

In both instances, the ladies told me that they are strong supporters of their local G.A.A. clubs and regularly attend hurling and football matches. The men likewise attend the camogie games when the home teams are playing. This, as I say, is especially true in the case of rural clubs, but as I learned from Mary Moran and Mrs. Nora Newman the same does not hold for city clubs, many of whom are attached to schools, unless they come from areas of the city which produce G.A.A. teams. Mary is chairman of the Camogie Co. Board and comes from Cork where she works with the Munster and Leinster Bank. Mary who has played with the Cork team, holds a Dublin Co. Championship medal and Cork Co. Championship medals playing with the Old Ais club. This is her third year as Chairman.

Mrs. Newman is from the Glen Rovers Club, and is Vice-Chairman of the Co. Board. A housewife with four children, she is a native of Aughabullogue, Coachford, but has been in Cork for nearly 30 years. Both Mary and Mrs. Newman say that the Board's greatest drawback is not having a pitch of its own but they are hopeful they will get one from the Corporation when the proposed scheme comes about. They also say that clubs which work with G.A.A. clubs, are in a much better position than school clubs and those that exist on their own.

Both dinners were held at the Sunset Ridge Motel, Killeens, but on different dates, the Inniscarra ladies celebrating on the first occasion. From this club which is four years old and celebrating its second annual dinner, I met the Chairman, Mary O'Callaghan, who is Treasurer of the Co. Board. The Vice-Chairman, Pat O'Sullivan, played with the Cork team some years ago. The Treasurer, Kathleen McSweeney, works in a solicitor's office in Cork. All the girls play camogie.

Kay O'Brien, who is club secretary, has two other sisters in the club, Nora and Anne. Kay works at Skerry's College, where she was formerly a student. Nora captains the intermediate team, and Anne who is 15 and a pupil at St. Als. plays on the under 18 team. Margaret Lane captains the junior and under 15 teams. The club has around 40 members and this is their first year

fielding an intermediate team. Last year they went to the Junior Championship final.

The Blarney Club which is five years old and has some thirty members, is one with quite an impressive record. This year they are fielding three teams also, intermediate, under 18 and under 14. In 1965 they were runners-up in the Junior League, winning it in the following year. In 1967 they won the Junior League and Championship and the following year won the Intermediate League and are still in the Intermediate League.

Not long ago the club held its annual general meeting at which the officers elected were: President, Fr. M. Twohig, C.C.; Chairman, Anna Gaffey; Hon. Secretary, Pauline Humphreys; Treasurer and Vice-Captain, Mary Healion; Intermediate Captain, Mary Humphreys.

Anna Gaffey, who is a national teacher in Blarney, plays full-back on the intermediate team and serves her first year as Chairman. Pauline Humphreys is also involved in Macra na Feirme and for two years was Secretary of Whitechurch branch.

Mary Healion, who captained the 1969 winning team also captained the Cork junior team which reached the All-Ireland final in 1968. Mary plays in goal. She is also a member of the Legion of Mary which does tremendous work in the Blarney area. She by the way is the holder of a Munster medal.

Mary Humphreys, sister of the Secretary, is a former club chairman, and at the moment is Secretary of Whitechurch Macra na Feirme club. Mary who works as a comptometer operator in Cork, is also the holder of a Munster medal.

Another club member who holds a Munster Medal is Mrs. Angela Doelling, who played on the Cork secondary team in 1967. Captain of the under 18 team is Noreen Kiely and Patricia Mackey captains the under 14 side.

Co. Board delegates include Cora Humphreys, Maria Mackey, Nuala Kiely, the Secretary, Treasurer and Intermediate Captain.

One of the guests at the Blarney dinner was Fr. T. Browne, C.C., Hazelwood, who founded the club.

# Cork Oppose Waterford In Secondary Final At Tallow

CORK travel to Tallow tomorrow to take on Waterford in the final of the Munster Secondary Competition. The Secondary Cup has not come to Cork since 1967 but the present Cork side, on their displays in previous outings, can rectify this situation. Waterford had an easy passage to the final. They were drawn against Clare who are generally regarded as the weakest Munster county. As a result of a two-goal victory they qualified for next Sunday's game.

Cork, on the other hand, had two hurdles to clear. They surprised Limerick at Glanworth and went on to topple Tipperary in the semi-final. In a trial match last Sunday the secondary team beat their senior counterparts. However, the most gratifying aspect of the trial game was that all 30 players selected were present. This demonstrates the eagerness of the girls to win places on the various Cork sides. With proper training this should be a good season for Cork.

Let us take a look at Cork's line-out for Sunday's game. Kay Dunne needs no introduction to followers. Though more accustomed to an outfield position she recently moved into goal with considerable success. Marie Costine is a really fine fullback. Wingers, Peg O'Brien and Miriam Higgins, are difficult players to beat. Newcomer, Marion O'Leary, belied her tender years and inexperience at this level with a polished performance against Tipperary.

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Cork make one change at centre-field. The strong, stylish Marion McCarthy comes back onto the side. She will be flanked by Maisy Murphy and Pat Moloney, thus forming a powerful line. Centre-forward, Mary Mahon, is a player who gets through an amount of work and never gives up trying in her first outing in the Cork colours. Nuala Guilley succeeded in getting her name among the scorers. Kay Ryan and Rosie Hennessy are capable of picking off both goals and points. However, there is a tendency among

the forwards to go it alone. If they passed to a better placed colleague, when their path to goal is blocked, they would be a more effective unit.

Waterford and Cork have not met at any level since the 1968 Munster senior final. Memories of that occasion, when Cork scraped home in extra time, should make Cork tread warily on Sunday.

Waterford will have some of those players in action. Helen Phelan, Mary Gough, Mary Sheehan, J. Kennedy and J. Cummins are playing together for some time now on the Waterford side. Though their form at the moment is not known it can be taken that, with a senior championship fixture with Tipperary on Sunday week, the team will be well tuned up. With two good victories behind them, Cork can take the Secondary Cup and set a headline for the Cork senior and junior sides for the remainder of the season.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE

The 1970 Junior League gets under way at St. Aloysius Grounds on Sunday morning when Bishopstown face Old Als. Bishopstown, who were runners-up in the Under-18 League, have fine players in Frances Barry-Murphy, Helen Walsh and Jacqueline Waugh. Old Als. won their section of the 1969 League but have since lost two of their best players, Judy Walsh and Colette Desmond, to their senior side. However, they still have a number of useful players, including Margaret O'Sullivan, Vera Warren and Geraldine Butler, and could take the points.

Cork — K. Dunne (S. Pres.), M. Costine (Cloyne), P. O'Brien (Fermoy), M. O'Leary (Old Als.), M. Higgins (Glen Rovers), M. Murphy (Watergrasshill), M. McCarthy (S. Pres.), P. Moloney (Youghal), N. Guilley (Churchtown), M. Mahon (Munster Institute), K. Ryan (Watergrasshill), R. Hennessy (Old Als.), Subs: M. Heelan (Blarney), M. Mee (Glanworth), B. Gibbons (S. Pres.), M. Whelton (S. Pres.).

## FIXTURES

Munster Secondary Final, at Tallow at 3.30, Cork v. Waterford (Tipperary officials).

1970 Junior League, at St. Aloysius School at 11.30, Old Als. v. Bishopstown (referee U.C.C.).

# Easy for Cork in secondary final

Cork 6-2; Waterford 0-1

Cork won the Munster Secondary Camogie final at Tallow yesterday without having to exert themselves. The Cork girls were never in any real trouble from a Waterford side who were outplayed throughout.

Cork, who played against the wind in the first half, started the scoring after six minutes with a goal by Rosie Hennessy, and added further scores from Nuala Guilley, Pat Moloney and Kay Ryan to lead at half-time by 5-1 to 0-1, the losers' point being scored by Nuala Morrissey. Waterford, who were very much under pressure in the first half, rallied during the second period, and due mainly to the efforts of their goalkeeper, Theresa Devoy, allowed Cork to add only a goal and a point during this half.

Cork's best player was undoubtedly Pat Moloney, who played at centrefield, and she got excellent support from Marian McCarthy, Kay Ryan, Nuala Guilley, Peg O'Brien and Marion O'Leary. Waterford were best served by Nora Morrissey, Bernie Curley, Mary Sheehan and Rita Costin.

Cork — K. Dunne, M. Costin, P. O'Brien, M. Higgins, M. O'Leary, M. Murnhy, M. McCarthy, T. Moloney, M. Mahon, N. Guilley, A. Ryan, R. Hennessy.

Waterford—T. Devoy, M. Ryan, M. O'Donnell, R. Costin, M. Gough, M. Fitzpatrick, N. Morrissey, M. Sheehan, B. Curley, B. McCabe, A. Kennedy, A. Lee. Sub H. Gleeson for M. Ryan.

Referee—T. Cummins (Waterford).



Mr. Sean O'Duffy, national organiser of the Camogie Association of Ireland, presenting his own cup to Alva Fitzgerald, captain of the Cross and Passion (Maryfield) team, who beat Dominican College, Eccles street, in the colleges' final at Croke Park.

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## SEAN O'DUFFY, WINNER OF THE CUCHULAIN AWARD, TALKS TO AGNES HOURIGAN

ALMOST since camogie was first instituted in 1904, Sean O'Duffy has been the man who by devoting so much of his spare-time and abundant energy to the organisation of the game, has built the organisation into the force it is to-day.

His work was finally recognised when, on St. Patrick's Eve, he was presented with the Cuchulainn Award for his contribution not alone to Camogie but to the whole Gaelic ideal, a fitting tribute to a great Gael, and an old 1916 man.

He was recently interviewed for GAELIC SPORT by our Camogie correspondent, Agnes Hourigan.

A.H.—Sean, exactly how far back does your association with Camogie go?

S. O'D.—My Association with the game started about 1906 when, as a member of the Crokes Gaelic Club I helped to encourage our girl-members to play the game. Our club included in its programme football, hurling, camogie, Irish dancing and singing, concerts. A monthly lecture was given by prominent Irishmen, the last by Francis Sheehy Skeffington.

A.H.—When did Camogie really "arrive" as a national game?

S. O'D.—When Camogie teams were given pride of place in the Tailteann games of 1928 and 1932

A.H.—What is your most pleasant memory of all your camogie years?

S. O'D.—In 1930, when on a visit to the U.S.A. I saw that a camogie game was to be played in Inisfail Park, New York. There I met an old friend, Wedger Meagher, who then insisted that I referee the game, which was between Dublin and O'Faly.

A.H.—And the day you took most pride in the Association?

S. O'D.—When, on October 23, 1932, the teams of the Dublin County Board, some six hundred players, marched from 41 Parnell Square to the Phoenix Park, where Professor Agnes O'Farrelly opened the No. 2 Ground. It was also a proud moment to assist at the opening of No. 3 and No. 4 pitches on Sunday, June 20, 1967. And, of course, another unforgettable day was when a record crowd of 9,136 turned up at Croke Park on October 17, 1943, for the All-Ireland final between Dublin and Cork.

Other proud occasions were provided by the setting up of the provincial councils in 1934, and the playing of the All-Ireland semi-finals for the first time at Croke Park on November 1, 1935.

A.H.—And your greatest wish for the future?

S. O'D.—To see an efficient County Board functioning in every county, so that we could

truly say ours is an All-Ireland Association. The encouragement of school and college teams should be a primary duty for all such boards.

The popularisation of the game rests with the enthusiastic members of the Association. Lady teachers can play a big part, but in the past few years it has been a great pleasure to welcome to our aid so many nuns who are willing workers in our cause. And we should always remember that our Association has a national ideal.

A.H.—Do you think there is any need for rule changes?

S. O'D.—I think the rules are good enough, what we need are more and more teams especially from schools and Colleges and young enthusiastic people coming forward at all levels to carry on the "staff-work."

A.H.—Do you think the G.A.A. could be a greater help?

S. O'D.—The G.A.A. has always helped in many ways, but I would not advise that our matches should be played in conjunction with big hurling and football matches. There could be exceptions, as for instance the occasion recently when the interprovincial final was played before the Oireachtas hurling final.

A.H.—How does the standard of play to-day compare with that of say fifty years ago?

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S. O'D.—There can be no real comparison with the days when the old-time maxi trailed the mud, and there was considerable debate on a rule that skirts be six inches from the ground, and only goal-keepers could use the skirt to stop the ball. It was a long time before any but the best players could "lift and strike,"

Standards first came up with the Tailteann Games of 1928, and have been steadily improving ever since.

A.H.—You have seen all the great players since the start of organised camogie. Who would you rate the greatest of all?

S. O'D.—That is an impossible question to answer because each generation produces its own stars. Miss M. Gill, President of the Association for many years, was perhaps one of the greatest

stylists. Perhaps it is wiser if I confine my listings to players of time past, Kathleen Hanratty of Louth, Jean Hannon of Bray, Dublin stars Emmy Delaney, Maura Carroll, Sophia Brack, Eileen Duffy, Kathleen Mills, Brid Kenny, Doreen Rogers, Angela Egan, Ita McNeill, Peggy Griffin and Peg Morris (Galway), Peggy Hogg (Cork), and then of course we have the great stars of to-day from Wexford, Antrim, Dublin and elsewhere.



Miss N. McAnnally

# Cork Juniors Travel To Clonmel To Play Tipperary

FOR the past two seasons Cork have contested the All-Ireland Junior Final. On Sunday next, they set out on the long, arduous road which leads to Croke Park. Tipperary provide the first obstacle to be cleared when the sides meet at Clonmel as a curtain raiser to the senior championship pairing of Waterford and Tipperary.

Cork collected the Munster Secondary title at Tallow last Sunday and, due to the new grading, will be able to field eleven of this team against Tipperary. The sole absentee will be Marie Costine, who is a senior inter-county player. While Cork will undoubtedly miss her, they are fortunate in having Peg O'Brien, who has filled this post on several occasions. Peg moves from the right-back position and Mary Whelton comes on to fill the gap. Mary played for Cork throughout the Junior campaign last season.

The Cork defence only conceded a point last Sunday but they can expect a harder time from the Tipperary forwards. The midfield trio of Pat Moloney, Marion McCarthy and Moley Murphy are all fine players. A good supply of the ball from this sector will be necessary to provide scoring opportunities for the forward line. If the forwards can repeat their first half form of the Waterford game, scores should be forthcoming. There is plenty of ability and endeavour in this Cork side. Tipperary on their home ground will be no easy task. Certainly, Cork can expect a better and more organised Tipp side than they faced in Secondary competition.

### SENIOR GAME

In the senior game, Tipperary should have little difficulty in disposing of Waterford. The latter did not look up to senior standard at Tallow. Cork supporters will be interested in seeing what Tipp have to offer this season.

O'Duffy Cup matches between the Dublin and the Cork schools have always been very special dates in the school players' calendar. It usually provides these girls with their first representative game in the Cork colours. While this will be the case with some of the present panel, players like Liz Garvan, Rosie Hynes, Pat Moloney, Miriam O'Shea and Marion O'Leary are

already established in the inter-county front.

With so many schools playing the game in Cork at the moment, the former practice of including at least one representative of each school is no longer feasible. The obvious alternative was to select the best players available, and the panel for Saturday's game was picked in this way. As well as those previously mentioned the selection contains many useful players including Michelle Cooper, Margaret Higgins, Anne O'Dwyer and Margaret O'Shea.

In recent years the Dublin Schools have not figured very prominently in the Leinster Colleges Championships. Schoolgirls in Dublin are confined to playing for their school sides only and are not permitted to play inter-club camogie. With the result the Dublin team is completely unknown and may be lacking in experience. Though Dublin have a far larger pool of players to draw from, the Cork side looks good enough to retain the trophy.

### JUNIOR LEAGUE

There are a number of Junior League ties down for decision also. Ballinlough make their debut in competitive camogie on Tuesday night when they face South Pres. They could take the points in this game as South Pres juniors have not been very prominent of late.

**Cork Juniors**—K. Bunn, Peg O'Brien, M. Whelton, M. O'Leary, M. Higgins, M. Murphy, M. McCarthy, P. Moloney, N. Guille, M. Mahon, K. Ryan, E. Hennessy. Subs—M. Keenan, B. Gibbons, E. Lynch, N. Lucey and N. O'Brien.

**Cork Schools**—M. Cooper, M. O'Shea and F. Day (Busnans); C. Harnady, P. Moloney and S. Parker (Pres. Vaughn); F. Eary-Murphy (Mount Mercy); Liz Garvan (capt.), Nuala Jennings, J. Walsh and O'Dwyer.

M. O'Leary and R. Hennessy (St. Abs.); M. Higgins (St. Vincents); MGT. Higgins, D. Barry (Loreto, Vermoy) and K. Carr (Sch of Commerce).

**FIXTURES**  
Saturday, 2/5/70—At Phoenix Pl., Dublin at 2 p.m., Dublin Schools v. Cork Schools.  
Sunday, 3/5/70—At Clonmel Munster Championships—3.0, Junior, Cork v. Tipperary; 4.0, Senior, Tipperary v. Waterford.

## Tipp Never In Danger

TIPPERARY ..... 7-1  
WATERFORD ..... 2-2

Tipperary and Cork shared the honours in the Munster Camogie Championship games played at Clonmel yesterday. The Cork juniors scored a most impressive 7-4 to 0-1 victory over the home side while Tipperary seniors had an equally comfortable 7-1 to 2-2 win over Waterford.

Tipperary seniors were never in any danger of losing and have now qualified to meet Cork in the provincial decider. They had outstanding players in Mary Cleary, Bridie Conroy, Peggy Graham and Siobhan Tynan, who had played earlier in the junior game.

Waterford lacked the experience and team work of the champions but have players of great potential in Teresa Devoy, Mary Sheehan, Rita Costin and Josephine McNameara.

**Scorers: Tipperary**—P. Graham (3-0), B. Conroy (2-0), M. Loughnane (1-1), Siobhan Tynan (1-0). **Waterford**—M. Sheehan (1-1), A. Lee (1-0), N. Morrissey (0-1).

## Cork Impress

CORK ..... 7-4  
TIPPERARY ..... 0-1

The junior game resulted in a clear-cut win for a most impressive Cork side. Tipperary had their only score in the fourth minute when Siobhan Tynan pointed a 30-yard free. After that it was a succession of Cork scores, and they were leading 3-2 to 0-1 at the interval. After the break they underlined their superiority by adding a further four goals and two points.

**Cork**—M. McCarthy (2-1); R. Hennessy (2-2); K. Ryan (1-1); M. McMahon, N. Gilley (1-0 each).

## EOGHAN RUADH THROUGH

Eoghan Ruadh, Dublin senior camogie champions for the past three seasons, qualified for the final once again when, at Croke Park last evening they defeated Celtic.

In the other semi-final Austin Stacks defeated University College in a lively encounter. The final will be played in Croke Park next Wednesday.

**EOGHAN RUADH** ..... 1-2  
**CELTIC** ..... 0-1

In a hard-fought game, which was not so exciting or spectacular as the first game, Eoghan Ruadh, who scored a goal and two points from placed balls, led 1-2 to 0-0 at half-time.

Both sides missed chances in the second half, when again the only score came from a thirty-point for Celtic by Sheila Creevy.

The winners outstanding players were Kathleen Lyons at midfield, Susan Dooley, Maureen Brennan and Ann Ashion. Kitty Murphy did most work for Celtic, while the Pennelly sisters, Sheila Creevy and Rita White also tried hard.

**Scorers: E. Ruadh**: K. Lyons (1-2); Celtic: S. Creevy (0-1).  
**AUSTIN STACKS** ..... 2-4  
**UCD** ..... 1-4

University College after leading most of the second half were ripped almost on the last by Austin Stacks in the opening game. With College a point ahead Pauline Brennan shot a goal for Austin Stacks and Orla Ni Shiochain added a point to give them a narrow victory which they earned by a late fight-back.

Stacks led 1-2 to 1-2 at half-time and College missed a great chance of the equaliser with the last puck of the game.

Best for the winners were Sheila Murray in goal, Orla Ni Shiochain, Mary Ryan and Bridget Keenan. Anne Carroll, Annette Corrigan, Ann Marie O'Loughlin and Pat Morrissey were best for the College.

**Scorers—A. Stacks**—O. Ni Shiochain (0-4), M. Sherlock (1-0); P. Brennan (1-0); U.C.D.—A. Carroll (0-4), J. Traynor (1-0).

## Austin Stacks Gain Revenge

AUSTIN STACKS ... 2-6  
EOGHAN RUADH ... 1-3

Beaten in the last three finals by Eoghan Ruadh, Austin Stacks had well earned revenge when, at Croke Park last night, they regained the Dublin Senior Camogie title for the first time since 1963.

An early goal from a free by Orla Ni Shiochain and another well-taken goal nearing the interval by captain Mary Sherlock, who had an outstanding game at full-forward, gave Stacks a 2-2 to 0-2 half-time lead and a grip on the game that they never relaxed.

The winners stretched their lead slowly but surely through the second half and then held off a brave late rally by Eoghan Ruadh.

Vera O'Sullivan was the key player in a solid Stacks defence and received most assistance from Bridget Keenan and goalkeeper Sheila Murray. Orla Ni Shiochain had half her sides total while Anne Sheehy and Rita Halpin fed Mary Sherlock well in attack.

Anne Carey in goal, Maureen Kearns, Colette Nolan, Kay Lyons and Dolores Barber tried hard but vainly for Eoghan Ruadh.

**Scorers**—Austin Stacks—O. Ni Shiochain (1-3); M. Sherlock (1-2); P. Brennan (0-1); Eoghan Ruadh—K. Toner (1-0); K. Lyons (0-2).

## CELTIC QUALIFY FOR SEMI-FINAL

Celtic ..... 4-3 (15)  
Naomh Aoife ..... 1-0 (3)

Celtic qualified for the senior championship semi-final by defeating Naomh Aoife 4-3 to 1-0. Giving one of their best displays, Celtic played up in style and will be a force to be reckoned with when they meet Eoghan Ruadh at Croke Park in the semi-final on Wednesday.

**Scorers: Celtic**—Una O'Connor (0-4), M. Pennelly (1-2), B. Feeley (1-1); Naomh Aoife—J. Doyle (1-0).

## NEW DUBLIN CHAIRMAN

LONG SERVING chairman of the Dublin Camogie Board, Miss Nell McCarthy, was defeated by Miss Anne Ashton at the annual Convention in Bru na nGael. All the other outgoing officers were re-elected.

**Vice-chairmen**, Mrs. Timmins, Miss White; **sec.**, Miss Lucey; **treas.**, Miss Fitzgerald; **Registrar**, Miss Brack; **Leinster Council**, Miss McCarthy.

**Junior Board officers: Chairman**, Mrs. Mangan; **vice-chairman**, Miss U. Carroll; **sec.**, Miss Rafferty; **treas.**, Miss Fay (outgoing); **Registrar**, Miss Wallace.

OLD ALS AND SOUTH PRES FANCIED

# Semi-Finals Of County Championship At Mardyke

MAY 1970

THE semi-finals of the Cork Co. championship take place at the Mardyke tomorrow. Old Aloysians meet Naomh Gobnaith in the first match while County champions, South Pres., face the challenge of Imokilly in the second game.

Naomh Gobnaith are a selection picked from the intermediate clubs of the county. To date they have not been able to make any real impression in the senior championship. This year they received a bye into the semi-final and therefore, their current form is unknown. There are many fine players available to their selectors. Though the actual line-out is not to hand it is reasonable to assume that Mary Heelan of Blarney will be first choice as goalkeeper. Cork senior, Sheila Dunne, will probably lead the defence from the centre-back position. Anna Gaffey, Margaret Mee, Hannah Connors and Betty White will be in the running for the other backline places. They can also call on Mary Mahon, a star of the Cork secondary side, Noreen Lucey, Anne Kirby, Nora O'Brien, Mary and Pauline Humphries. Much will depend on whether these players can blend together to form an effective unit.

### A DREAM START

Old Als made a dream start in their bid for championship honours. On a day when everything went right for them they ran up a very big score against Glen Rovers. It is most unlikely that they will get it as easy again. The championship had eluded them since 1961. The present side, which contains a good mixture of talented schoolplayers and experienced past pupils, carries hopes of a return to former glory for the club. With the services of such players as Ann McAuliffe, Liz Garvan, Mary A. Murphy, Marion O'Leary, Rosie Hennessy and Kathryn O'Regan, they must feel hopeful of victory.

Imokilly gave camogie fans plenty to talk about with their display against College. Some followers felt that the Easter recess upset College. Others thought that those early goals did all the damage. However, all should be able to assess the real worth of Imokilly when they come up against South Pres.

Imokilly certainly showed the benefit of hard preparation in their previous outing. Marie Costine, either at full-forward or full back, poses a problem for South Pres. The three Cork juniors, Kay Ryan, Nuala Guilley and Maisy Murphy are playing very well at the moment. The side which also includes Noreen O'Reilly, Mary Salter and K. Horgan, possesses plenty of talent and determination and will be hard to stop.

### FINE PLAYERS

South Pres were far from impressive in their championship outing against Youghal. They will need to step up on that performance if they are to retain their co. title. However, they are definitely capable of raising their game considerably. Melon Cummins is the top goalkeeper in Cork and she should get good cover from Hannah Dineen, Mary Wholton, Mary Crowley and Bridie Aherne. Anne Comerford, Betty Surgrue and Blanche

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Gibbons have shown their ability time and time again. Joan Fitzpatrick is thinking of coming back to the game. She would be a welcome asset to the side and of assistance to fellow forwards. Marion McCarthy, Angela Cronin and Kay Dunne.

On first round form the vote must go to Imokilly but South Pres will hardly relinquish the cup easily. They will be anxious to prove that last year's success was no flash in the pan. A general improvement can be expected from them and this may be good enough to see them through.

Last Saturday the Cork Schools team had a good win over the Dublin Schools. On the score of 3-5 to 0-1, they retained the O'Duffy Cup. Liz Garvan, Miriam Higgins, Nuala Jennings and Frances Day were mainly responsible for Cork's big win. Progress continues in the 1970 intermediate and junior leagues but it is too

early as yet for the league tables to take shape.

### FIXTURES

Tomorrow—At Mardyke: 5.30 at 3 p.m. Naomh Gobnaith v. Old Aloysians (ref. P. Dorgan). 4 p.m. South Pres v. Imokilly (ref. M. Moran).

## Old Aloysians convincing

Old Aloysians ..... 6-6;  
Naomh Gobnaith ..... 1-0.

OLD ALOYSIANS had a convincing win over Naomh Gobnaith in the semi-final of the Cork Co. Championship at the Mardyke yesterday. They had all the play with Naomh Gobnaith's only score coming in the last second of the game.

Naomh Gobnaiths never settled down as a team and left too many gaps for the Old Als girls, who took all their chances.

A point from 40 yards opened the scoring for Old Als and then a high dropping ball from Liz Garvan was doubled on by Rosie Hennessy into the net. The play opened up somewhat with Naomh Gobnaiths putting pressure on Old Als backline, but with goalkeeper Mary Moran in top form and the defence closing all the gaps Naomh Gobnaiths were unable to score. Kathryn O'Regan put the ball in the net after some very stylish passing among the Old Als forward line, and the half-time score was 2-3 to 0-0. Following the change over Old Als netted two quick goals, which disheartened the opposition.

Mary Heelan in goal for Naomh Gobnaiths had many fine saves and full back Ann Gaffney also worked hard, but their forwards were unable to penetrate the solid Old Als defence. Nora O'Brien got a consolation goal for Gobnaiths with half a minute to the final whistle.

Scorers: Old Aloysians, K. O'Brien 3-0, R. Hennessy 2-5, A. O'Dwyer 1-0, M. Murphy 0-1; Naomh Gobnaith, N. O'Brien 1-0.

Old Aloysians—M. Moran, G. Garvan, N. Jennings, M. O'Leary, N. McAuliffe, M. Murphy, A. McAuliffe, C. Desmond, K. O'Regan, L. Garvan, A. O'Dwyer, R. Hennessy.  
Naomh Gobnaith—M. Heelan, A. Gaffney, N. Lucey, M. Mee, S. Dunne, M. Anglum, M. Cummins, M. Humphries, M. Mahon, N. O'Brien, A. Kiely, N. Humphries.

South Pres., 3-4; Imokilly, 1-2.

The other Co. Championship semi-final played at the Mardyke yesterday was a much livelier game with Imokilly giving the county champions, South Pres., no chance to let up. They stormed the South Pres. goal from the throw in and but for goalkeeper Eleanor Cummins, who had an excellent game, the scoreline would be very different.

Imokilly opened the scoring with a point but South Pres. came back strongly and were rewarded with a goal from Blanche Gibbons. The game was very open with both sides going all out and playing some very good hurling. South Pres. had a narrow escape when, with goalkeeper on the

ground, a shot from K. Ryan went narrowly wide. Half-time score was South Pres. 1-2, Imokilly 0-1.

South Pres. went further ahead when Angela Cronin doubled on a high ball to score a goal. The Imokilly goalkeeper, Elizabeth Higgins, made a great save from a 20 yard free, but this did not stop the South Pres. forwards, who added a further goal and three points to their total. Imokilly got a goal five minutes from full time, but although they tried very hard it was too late to close the gap.

Scorers: South Pres., A. Cronin 1-2, B. Gibbons 1-0, K. Dunne 1-0, J. Fitzpatrick 0-1, M. McCarthy 0-1; Imokilly, K. Ryan 1-1, M. Costin 0-1. South Pres.—E. Cummins, B. Aherne, M. Crowley, M. Wholton, H. Dineen, B. Surgrue, B. Gibbons, M. McCarthy, J. Fitzpatrick, A. Comerford, K. J. Dunne, A. Cronin.  
Imokilly—E. Higgins, M. Higgins, N. Higgins, M. Salter, N. Bailey, A. N. Higgins, M. Murphy, K. Horgan, N. Gilley, J. Knowley, M. Costin, K. Ryan.

# Kilcock Move Up To Senior

MAY 1970

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The Colleges came to a very successful season conclusion last week when they won the Leinster Senior Championship and the O'Connell Cup for the first time when they defeated Dominicans at Eccles Street in a first inter-county final at Mount Shandon Park.

But the remarkable thing about the victory of the girls from Kilcock was that they had to take part in the preliminary competition before Christmas, plus the competition which they won to gain entry into the championship proper. This meant that they had to play nine games together to win title and trophy. And yet in the long run, think that the number of games that they had to play presents an advantage to the Kilcock side.

## HARD EARNED

It was this hard-earned match-play experience that brought them to a convincing victory after Eccles Street had built up a fairly lead.

Kilcock now move up into senior ranks and, I feel sure, give a good account of themselves even at the higher level.

That All-Ireland Senior Championship got a quiet start at Clonmel last Sunday when Munster Tipperary had a fairly easy win over Waterford in the opening round.

Outstanding winners were promising Bridie Conroy, Mary Graham and Stobhan who had played in the winning junior game.

In the junior game, Cork, Munster title holders of the past two seasons, gave a most impressive display routing a Tipperary side.

Top scorer for Cork was the St. Aloysius player, Rose Hennessy, who starred for Cork in the inter-county schools match against Dublin on the previous day.

## Camogie Notes

By defeating U.C.D. in a desperately close game last Sunday, holders Eoghan Ruadh brought themselves right back into the reckoning for the Dublin League competition. Both clubs are now level on points and both have two more matches to play, so that a play-off looks a very probable outcome.

Wexford, bidding for their third All-Ireland senior title

in a row, will have their great full-back Mary Sinnott back in action for this year's campaign. They also hope to have the services of former Dublin All-Ireland star Kit Kehoe.

Ruadh are now in line for their fourth consecutive double, as they meet Austin Stacks in the championship final at Croke Park next Wednesday night.

In this week's semi-finals both teams had narrow victories, but Eoghan Ruadh were slightly more impressive in their defeat of Celtic than were Austin Stacks in defeating University College.

# Camogie Attraction For Kilkenny Festival

Top club teams from Dublin, Cork, Kilkenny and Limerick will take part this month in a senior camogie tournament which will be run in conjunction with the Kilkenny Beer Festival. Connor Press, Jenkinstown, Kilkenny have presented a trophy and a set of medals for the tournament and the teams taking part are Eoghan Ruadh (Dublin), Ahane (Limerick), Imokilly (Cork) and St. Pauls (Kilkenny). The two semi-finals, in which Eoghan Ruadh oppose Ahane and Imokilly meet St. Pauls, will take place at St. John's Park, Kilkenny on Sunday, May 24 and the final at the same venue on the following Sunday.

Camogie has become very popular in Kilkenny over the past few years and this tournament should help to engender even more interest in the game in the

county. Of course, the city club, St. Pauls, have won the All-Ireland senior club championship for the past two years and include many county and interprovincial players in their line-out. Among them are Nuala Duncan, Mary Conway, Elizabeth Neary and Carmel O'Shea. However, they will be without the services of goalkeeper Jo Golden and sharpshooter Ann Carroll for the tournament.

The other three teams in the tournament are amongst the finest clubs in Ireland. Eoghan Ruadh have many Dublin and interprovincial players on their side, including Margaret O'Leary, the Wexford star, and Kay Lyons, the ex-Dublin captain.

Ahane have reached the All-Ireland club championship final for the past two years and have fine players

in Carrie Clancy, who has gained intercounty and interprovincial honours, and Marjorie Doughan, of interprovincial and U.C.D. fame.

Although this is their first year as a senior club, the Imokilly side which is picked from clubs in Glan-

mire, Watergrasshill, Clonane and Churchtown, is fancied to do very well in the Cork championship. They have county players Marie Costigan, Maire Murphy and Catherine Ryan.

## Leinster Have Fine Chance

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Although the All-Ireland camogie semi-finals next August are a long way off, the pairings as announced by the weekend meeting of Central Council make interesting reading. Connaught are at home to Leinster in one set, while Ulster travel to Munster in the other.

This would seem to give the Leinster sides a chance of qualifying for both finals, a thing they have failed to do since the junior championship was first set up in 1968.

On the other hand, the Ulster champions, who have won the junior title since its institution, will have their work cut out for them to beat the representatives of Munster on Munster ground.

Incidentally, Cork, who have been beaten in both Junior finals played, by Down in 1968 and by Derry in 1969, have been shaping well in the South.

## STRONGER SIDES

Indeed, they have been doing so well that they are already long-odds favourites to take this junior title at the third time of asking. But they can expect particularly strong opposition from Leinster where Dublin and Wexford will be fielding stronger sides in this grade than they have been able to do up to now.



CAMOGIE.—Imokilly full-forward Marie Costigan attempts to block down this clearance by South Presentation goalkeeper Eleanor Cummins in the Cork Co. Senior Camogie Championship semi-final at the Martyke.

# The Progress of Camog

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One of the most remarkable facts about camogie is the lack of knowledge about the history, the strength, the organisation and the position of the game in the whole Gaelic set-up, a lack of knowledge that exists not alone among the general public, but among large sections of the G.A.A. and even within the Camogie Association itself.

There is a large body of outside opinion which believes that the Camogie Association is, in some way, part of the G.A.A. That is not and has never been the case. Both Associations have, in many respects, the same ideals, and there is a great deal of co-operation at various levels, although this co-operation could often be improved. But the Camogie Association has always been a completely independent organisation. It is not affiliated to the G.A.A., and its existence is not acknowledged in the G.A.A.'s Official Guide.

Nor is the Camogie Association heavily subsidised out of G.A.A. funds as a number of people, even in both Associations, seem to think. The G.A.A. at top level, makes its pitches available to the Central Council of the Camogie Association for big games — the most important concession in this respect being the permanent allocation of Croke Park for the All-Ireland camogie finals each year on the third Sunday in September.

Croke Park and other venues are also granted for other camogie matches, when available, but there is no pre-arrangement in this regard.

As regards grants, the Central Council of the Camogie Association receives nothing from the Central Council of the G.A.A. Such a grant has been suggested more than once, but was turned down by the annual Camogie Congress each time, on the grounds that it might interfere with the Association's independence.

The provincial G.A.A. Councils of Ulster, Connacht and Munster do give small annual grants to the Camogie Councils in those provinces. Leinster does not give an annual grant, but did give a donation towards organisation to the Leinster Camogie Council some years ago, and oddly enough gave a grant recently to All-Ireland camogie champions Wexford. In some isolated cases, G.A.A. county boards give small grants to their local camogie boards.

That is the full extent of the G.A.A.'s financial commitments towards the Camogie Association, though it should be pointed out, in all fairness, that the Camogie Association has always chosen to stand on its own feet as far as possible. Generally speaking, except for the most important matches, camogie teams pay their own way.

Meals for players are provided only at All-Ireland finals and semi-finals and interprovincial games by Central Council. Travelling expenses of teams and other expenses have not always been met in full, for the simple reason that the funds have not been there, but county boards, teams and even players have always been quite willing to pay their way.

At the end of 1969, there were just over 400 affiliated clubs registered with the Camogie Association, and it can be assumed that there are, in the country, another dozen clubs or so that are not properly affiliated.

Allowing for the fact that half those clubs would have enough members to form one team only, one must also take cognisance of the fact that the other half can boast of two teams, or in some cases three or four, so, at a modest computation, the Camogie Association can boast of over ten thousand, and possibly up to twelve thousand, affiliated members.

Some counties are, of course, far better organis-

ed than others. In Leinster, Dublin and Kildare are very well catered for and Wexford has made tremendous headway in the past couple of years, Louth, Kil-

kenny and Meath are reasonable, but the game is almost completely dead, in Longford, Carlow, Offaly and Westmeath and Laois is only reawakening.



One of the reasons why camogie is attractive!

OLD Ignatians 6-1, Harlow 2-1.

This was the result when these two teams met in a friendly football game played at Harlow Rugby grounds in England recently. The game drew a large and appreciative attendance and was refereed by 71 years young Limerick man Albert Garrard.

The Old Ignatians rugby men have played several games of Gaelic football recently and are very anxious to popularise the game among other English rugby clubs. Naturally there were several Irishmen playing for the English side and they weren't all full-time rugby players either!

And after the match there was a Ceili Mor in the clubhouse of the Ignatians club! With this kind of carry-on in England and those Kerry fellows playing with an oval (otherwise known as a rugby) ball in Australia, I don't know what the G.A.A. is coming to at all.

Ah well, I'm sure our new President will soon get us all back on the straight and narrow path signposted by rules '27, 28 and 29!

## Irish M

THE only hope that I can

### Camogie Team

SIR—Please allow me a little space in your popular column to list the team which in my opinion could bring the O'Duffy Cup, i.e. (the All-Ireland Camogie Cup) back to the Leeside again. The following are the selected 12:

Ann Comerford, Hannah Dineen, Eleanor Cummins, Mary Joe Ryan, Sheila Dunne, Betty Sugrue, Liz Garryan, Maie Costine, Rose Heennessy, Pat Maloney, Ann McAuliffe, Anna Crotty. Thank you for your space. Yours,

LIFELONG FOLLOWER

Wexford camogie lost a long time ally recently when Carmel Fortune, on county teams for seventeen years, decided to give up intercounty competition. Carmel began camogie with the St. Ibars club in Wexford and crowned a fine career with All-Ireland championship medals in 1968 and 1969.

She has indicated that she will continue to play club camogie but her enthusiasm and experience, which was a great help to younger players will be missed at the higher level.

# Another Thriller Expected From South Pres And Old AIs

ALL Cork camogie followers will be expected to go to the Mardyke on Sunday next when South Presentation Past Pupils (the holders) and Old Aloysians meet in the Cork county final. These sides met in last year's decider also and if that game is anything to go by then another thriller must be expected.

South Pres. must start as favourites for the game. They are definitely the more experienced side with every member of the team having played for Cork at some level. They are of course, holders of the title and they are also senior league holders. In fact South Pres have been in tremendous form for the last two seasons and will take a great deal of stopping.

They have strength in all sectors. Between the posts they have a top class goal in Eleanor Cummins. In the semi-final against Imokilly Eleanor gave a tremendous display and if she can repeat this performance on Sunday then the Old Aloysians forwards will be up against it. Then they have the very sound South Pres. defence to face. In the present South Pres. team the defence have a great understanding with Mary Crowley, Bridie Ahera, Mary Whelton and Hannah Dineen doing very little away.

In the centre of the field too, South Pres. have a highly skilled trio in Betty Sugrue, Blanche Gibbons and Anne Comerford while there is a lack of scoring power in the forward line where Joan Fitzpatrick, Marion McCarthy, Angela Cronin and Kay Dunne are all very capable of turning a game in their own favour.

This season South Pres. had the harder route to the final. In their first round tie they were really up against it when they had to work very hard to beat a strong Youghal team by 1-3 to 1-2. Then in the semi-final they met Imokilly who only emerged as winners by 1-2 after a very exciting and hard game.

### IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCES

On their way to the final Old Aloysians had a fine win over

Glen Rovers in the first round. In this game Old AIs, who won by 9-12 to 0-1, were in wonderful form and this game must give them a great deal of confidence. It is very many years since Glen Rovers suffered such a heavy defeat and if Old AIs can repeat this form on Sunday then they must be in the game with a very good chance. In the semi-final Old AIs met Naomh Gobnath and here again they had a big win—6-6 to 1-0.

However they will be up against very different opposition tomorrow and they will all have to be at their best if they are to have any chance of taking the title, which they last held in 1962. Old AIs have for the most part a young side. But they have a number of very experienced players who help to give the youngsters the confidence they need in such an important tie. One of these is Mary Moran who is a very cool and confident goalkeeper. In front of her she has a useful full back in Marie Garvan, while at half back Old AIs have one of their best players in Marion O'Leary who had such a marvellous game against Glen Rovers. On the wings Old AIs have two other useful defenders in Nuala Jennings and Nora McAuliffe. Like their opponents Old AIs are very strong in the centre of the field where Mary A. Murphy, Anne McAuliffe and Colette Desmond form a formidable trio indeed.

Old AIs too have their stars in attack where Liz Garvan and Rosie Hennessy are tremendous opportunists and they should get very good support from Catherine O'Regan and Anne O'Dwyer.

When these sides met in last year's decider South Pres emerged as winners by 2-2 to 1-2 and so took their first Co. Championship title. On Sunday they will be very anxious to make this two in a row but Old AIs will be just as determined to make it their first since 1962 when they completed a highly successful run of three titles in a row. Old AIs have had some lean times since then but they

are quietly confident that this could be their year.

### WEEKDAY GAMES

Now that the longer evenings are here the County Board are taking advantage of them to hold weekday games. The most important of the games for the coming week is a 1969 junior league tie in which Our Lady's Hospital meet Ovens. In the 1969 League there were three sections. The winners of the sections were Our Lady's Hospital, Ovens and Old Aloysians. Now the first two meet on Wednesday with the winners qualifying to meet Old AIs in the decider. Ovens have been playing very well recently and will take a great deal of beating. However the girls from the Lee Road will not admit defeat easily and a very good game must be expected.

In the remaining two games of the week, Mayfield meet Bishopstown on Wednesday in the 1970 Junior League and Munster Institute meet Blarney in the Intermediate League.

### FIXTURES

Sunday at U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke: Co. Championship Final: S.P.P.P. (holders) v. Old Aloysians, 3.30 p.m. Ref. P. Dorgan, Glen Rovers.

# Camogie title for South Pres

South Presentation P.P. 3-4  
Old Aloysians ... .. 1-7

**SOUTH PRES** gained their second county championship title when they defeated Old Alys in a close fought game at the Mardyke yesterday. Although Old Alys opened the scoring, South Pres soon got on top and held a slender lead throughout the game. The sides ended level at half-time but South Pres pulled away in the second half to give them a clear lead of three points.

South Pres dominated the centre field from where they were able to give a good service to their forwards. The centre trio of Ann Comerford, Betty Sugrue and Blanche Gibbons controlled the play and it was left to Colette Desmond on the wing for Old Alys to give her forwards a share of the ball.

A point from Rosie Hennessy in the fourth minute opened the scoring and another immediately afterwards from Lis Garvan put Old Alys two points ahead. South Pres got a point from a well taken thirty by Marie McCarthy and shortly afterwards following a lot of play at mid-field the ball dropped near the goalmouth for Angela Cronin to scramble the ball into the net.

Another point from Rosie Hennessy put the sides level again but South Pres drew ahead with a goal by Joan Fitzpatrick. After a concerted attack on the Old Alys goal, the full-back Nuala Jennings saved on the line but failed to clear and Joan Fitzpatrick shot a good goal.

### NARROW MISSES

Old Alys missed a chance a few minutes later when a high ball dropped in front of the South Pres goal but the forwards

were slow to move and missed the chance. However just before half time, Ann O'Dwyer picked up a ball which goalkeeper Eleanor Cummins had kicked clear to score Old Alys only goal. At this time Old Alys were pressing hard and Rosie Hennessy narrowly missed a goal when she lofted a ball at the goalmouth but it went a little too high and over the bar for a point. The half-time score was South Pres 2-1, Old Alys 1-4.

South Pres. got well on top in the second half with a goal from M. Whelton and two further points put them well ahead. At this point Old Alys had a goal disallowed while South Pres, added to their lead when Angela Cronin palmed the ball over the bar for a point. Rosie Hennessy got a further two points for Old Alys, but South Pres went all out in attack and Mary Moran in goal was hard pressed for the last ten minutes of the game.

Scorers — South Pres: Joan Fitzpatrick (1-2); Angela Cronin (1-1); M. Whelton (1-0); Marie McCarthy (0-1). Old Aloysians — Ann O'Dwyer (1-0); Rosie Hennessy (0-2); L. Garvan (0-1).

South Presentation P.P. — E. Cummins, M. Crowley, B. Ahera, H. Dineen, M. Whelton, B. Sugrue, B. Gibbons, A. Comerford, M. McCarthy, J. Fitzpatrick, K. Dunne, A. Cronin.

Old Aloysians — M. Moran, N. Jennings, M. Garvan, N. McAuliffe, M. O'Leary, M. Murphy, A. McAuliffe, C. Desmond, L. Garvan, A. O'Dwyer, R. Hennessy, K. O'Began.

### Bon voyage

ON Sunday last at the U.C.C. Grounds, South Presentation Past Pupils won the Cork Senior Camogie Championship for the second year in succession. A young lady who played a big part in that game was **JOAN FITZPATRICK** who had a personal tally of 1-2 of her side's 3-4.

Joan has had a very distinguished career on the playing field. She first started with St. Finbarrs and while playing with them, won a junior championship medal.

She moved to South Presentation Past Pupils and in 1968 and 1969 won senior league medals, senior championship medals in 1970 and an intermediate championship medal with Scandun.

Joan has represented her



county on numerous occasions and has won three Munster championship medals (secondary competition) with Cork.

Last year she was on the Cork junior team which was defeated by Derry in the All-Ireland final.

On Sunday, Joan played her last game of camogie because tomorrow she flies out to New York to be with her fiancée **DONAL DOOLAN**, brother of **PETER DOOLAN**, the well-known St. Finbarrs hurler.

Joan is sister of **EAMONN FITZPATRICK** who captained the victorious Cork minor football team last year.

After the game on Sunday a presentation was made to Joan by her colleagues for her outstanding service to the team.



Referee Miss Peggy Dorgan (Glen Rovers), who officiated at the Cork County Senior Camogie Final at the Mardyke, Cork.



# Kilkenny Ties Big Attraction

BY AGNES HOUHIGAN

The semi-finals of the Kilkenny Beer Festival Tournament in which St. Paul's, the All-Ireland Club champions, play Cork's Imokilly and Limerick champions Ahane meet Dublin's Eoghan Ruadh at St. John's Park in Kilkenny on Sunday, provide the highlights of the camogie weekend.

For these games, both Ahane and St. Paul's will be without the services of their U.C.D. players, Margie Doohan (Ahane) and Ann Carroll and Jo Golden (St. Paul's) but both have plenty of useful replacements available.

Imokilly will be playing in Leinster for the first time, but the Divisional side gave a very good account of themselves recently in the Cork semi-final when they gave a hard run to the holders South Presentation. So St. Paul's will have to battle hard to reach the final.

## SURRENDER

In the second game, Ahane, who have been runners-up to St. Paul's in the last two club All-Irelands will have their work cut out for them against Eoghan Ruadh, even though the latter surrendered their Dublin title to Austin Stacks last week.

Big attraction down South is the final of the Cork senior championship which should draw a big crowd to the Mardyke to see a repeat of last year's final between South Presentation and Old Aloysians, South Pres. had the better of the exchanges last year, but this season have had very little to spare over either Youghal or Imokilly.

## REVENGE ?

However, they are an experienced and well balanced side all of whom have worn the Cork tunic in one grade or another. Goalkeeper Eleanor Cummins, Mary Crowley, Hannah Dineen and Anne Comerford are their best-known players.

Old Ais., beaten by a goal

a year ago, will have high hopes of avenging that defeat now. They have some seasoned defenders in Mary Moran (goal), Nora McAuliffe and Marion O'Leary.

They have Anne McAuliffe and Mary Murphy around mid-field, but they will pin their main hopes in attack on the two Colleges All-Ireland players, Liz Garvan and Rosie Hennessy.

Only one provincial championship game is listed in the South, the clash of Waterford and Kerry in the Munster junior competition, Kerry has been making progress but Waterford out of the race for senior honours will be intent on keeping their junior interest alive and should advance.

Congratulations to Austin Stacks on regaining the Dublin senior championship title, but Eoghan Ruadh though they lost their bid for a record-making fourth in a row championship title are still in the hunt for League honours.

## COMPLETED

The position is that U.C.D. who have completed their campaign have finished with a loss of four points Eoghan Ruadh are also four points down and have still two matches to play.

Those outstanding games are against Naohm Aoife and Austin Stacks, and Eoghan Ruadh must win both to face a play-off with U.C.D. for the League medals.

Teams for the Cork Final are:-

South Pres.—E. Cummins; H. Dineen, M. Whelton; B. Sugrue, B. Gibbons, A. Comerford; J. M. Crowley; B. Aherne, H. Fitzpatrick, M. McCarthy, A. Cronin; K. Dunne.

Old Ais.—M. Moran; M. Garvan; N. Jennings, M. O'Leary, N. McAuliffe; M. Murphy, A. McAuliffe, C. Desmond; K. O'Regan, L. Garvan, A. O'Dwyer, R. Hennessy.



Miss Ann Ashton, the newly elected chairman of the Dublin Camogie Board.



Liz Garvan (left) of Old Ais. clearing her lines during the Cork Co. Camogie final against South Pres. P.P. at the Mardyke, Cork, yesterday.

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## Paul's And Eoghan Rua Reach Final

St. Paul's, Kilkenny, All-Ireland Club Champions, qualified for the final of the Camogie Tournament organised by the Kilkenny Beer Festival Committee at St. John's Park, Kilkenny, yesterday.

ST. PAUL'S (Kilkenny) 3-4  
IMOKILLY (Cork) ..... 2-3

St. Paul's, fitter, faster and combining better in attack, deserved their victory in the first game.

The home side opened well and led 1-2 before Imokilly scored their only point of this half from a thirty to leave the score 1-2 to 0-1 at half-time.

The visitors got two more points after the interval but St. Paul's landed better a win convincingly.

The winners were best served by Nuala Durean, Ann Phelan, Liz Neary and the Cassin twins. Maeve Collins, Noreen Bailey and Niamh Gilly tried hard for the losers.

Scorers—St. Paul's: R. Vennard (2-0), B. Cassin (1-0), C. O'Shea (0-0), M. Cassin (0-2), L. Neary (0-1). Imokilly: M. Collins (2-3).

EUGHAN RUADH (Dublin) ..... 4-3  
AHANE (Limerick) ... 2-1

Eoghan Ruadh who displayed more teamwork and better understanding were always in command in this game and deservedly led 3-1 to 1-1 at half-time. This half was partly spoilt by a very heavy shower of rain.

The second half was better contested with Ahane trying valiantly for the vital scores.

The winners had outstanding players in the Lyons sisters, goalkeepers Carney, Margaret O'Leary and Maureen Brennan. Helma Doolan in goal, Carrie Clancy, Nilly Ryan and Phil Darcy tried hard for Ahane.

Scorers—E. Ruadh: C. Lyons (3-0), A. Turner (1-0), K. Lyons (0-2). Ahane: C. Clancy (1-1), P. Darcy (2-0).

## National Coaching Course Is Welcome

The Central Council of the Camogie Association is sponsoring a National Coaching Course which will be held at Gormanston College over the week-end, July 17 to July 19.

The chief instructors will be Des Ferguson, Donie Nealon and Fr. Tom Maher. They will have the assistance of leading camogie coaches and physical education experts.

Each affiliated County Board of the Camogie Association is entitled to nominate three candidates, and the Provincial Colleges Councils have the right to nominate six representatives.

### INTERPRETATION

This course is bound to be of immense benefit to camogie throughout the country. Not alone will it provide people in every county who will be able to instruct beginners in the basic skills of the game, but the players from the start will play camogie as it should be played.

Moreover, the fact that coaches from all counties will now have the same basic training will soon lead to a uniform interpretation of the rules all over the country.

Meanwhile Leinster will open its championship season on Sunday next when the first game in the junior championship will be played between Meath and Kilkenny.

This is a competition in which the Meath girls have always given a good account of themselves.

### TOP FORM

However, it is a bit early in the season for them to have reached top form, whereas there has been plenty of activity in Kilkenny through the winter. The all-round standard in Kilkenny is very high at the moment and a victory for the

visitors seems the most likely outcome.

Former Dublin champions, Eoghan Ruadh, had some consolation for defeat at home when they defeated All-Ireland club champions, St. Paul's, in the Beer Festival Tournament final at Kilkenny last Sunday.

Ruadh, though without Margaret O'Leary, were more clear-cut winners than their one-point margin at the finish suggested. On the other hand, the Kilkenny side were also short some stars including Liz Neary, who is tied up by examinations.

## Dublin panels for Leinster tests

THE DUBLIN selectors have named the following panels from which the teams to represent the county in the Leinster championships will be chosen.

**Senior**—S. Murray, M. Ryan, B. Keenan, O. Ni Shiochlain, M. Sherlock, A. Sheehy (Austin Stacks), M. Murphy, K. Lyons (Eoghan Ruadh), A. Hussey, U. O'Connor, E. Leech, K. Murphy, S. Creevy (Celtic), P. Timmins, J. Doyle, F. Whelan (Naomh Aoife).

**Junior**—A. Carey, U. Cormican (Eoghan Ruadh), C. Harrington, V. Feeley, R. Whyte (Celtic), A. M. O'Loughlin, P. Morrissey, V. Fingleton, M. Coogan, M. Hayes (U.C.D.), V. Sullivan, R. Halpin, P. Brennan (Austin Stacks), U. Carroll (Cuchulainn), M. O'Reilly (Naomh Padraig), N. McDonald (Naomh Aoife).

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# INTER-COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The inter-county camogie championship season really gets into full swing this week-end with four junior grade games being played in Leinster and Munster.

Holdings Kildare meet 1968 Leinster champions Wexford at Naas, while Dublin take on newly returned Laois at Parnell Park.

In the South both junior semi-finals are down for decision with Limerick entertaining Kerry at Kildimo and Clare facing Cork at Cusack Park in Ennis.

Kildare, who will be fielding the team that won through in Leinster last year will be well fancied at home, but will get nothing easily from Wexford.

The game is flourishing in the Slaneyside country just now, and one imagines the chief dilemma of the Wexford selectors will be how to select the best side from the amount of talent at their disposal.

However, Kildare have the more experienced players and should be able to contain the dash of the Wexford side.

Dublin and Laois meet in an evening game. Laois, returning to inter-county competition after some years, have shown promising form in training spins against club sides.

However, this time Dublin are fielding their second best junior grade side and as a result will be very hard to beat.

They have seasoned players in the UCD quartette, Ann Marie O'Loughlin, Pat Morrissey, Veronica Fingleton and Marion Coogan, all Ashbourne Cup winners as is centre-back

Vera Sullivan (Austin Stacks). Anne Carey is a fine goalkeeper while Vera Feeley and Pauline Brennan should get scores in attack.

So Dublin must be fancied to advance and meet Kilkenny in the next round.

In the South, Cork, widely tipped as likely to retain the Munster championship in this grade for the third successive year, face a Clare side that is almost an unknown quantity.

It will be a big surprise if the Cork girls do not qualify for the final with a few scores to spare. Similarly, Limerick will be fancied to beat Kerry in the other semi-final.

The Limerick girls have a reasonably strong side, and should be too crafty for their less experienced rivals.

Louth were too experienced for Wicklow in last Sunday's Leinster junior game which attracted a fair crowd to Shillelagh. Louth are now through to the semi-final in which they will meet the winners of next Sunday's Wexford v Kildare game.

Leinster Council meets on Saturday to complete the championship fixtures, some of which may have to be amended to fit in with the coaching course arrangements.

Munster Council meets on June 24 and will fix the dates and venues for the provincial finals.

Dublin Junior Grade v Laois: A. Carey, A. M. O'Loughlin, P. Morrissey, C. Harrington, V. Sullivan, U. Cormican, U. Carroll, V. Fingleton, M. Coogan, V. Feeley, R. Halpin, P. Brennan. Reserves: M. O'Reilly, R. White, M. Hayes, N. McDonnell.

## No Trouble For Louth

LOUTH ..... 7-1  
WICKLOW ..... 1-0

Louth had an easy passage to the Leinster Junior Camogie semi-final when they readily defeated Wicklow in brilliant sunshine at Shillelagh yesterday.

Leading by 4-1 to 1-0 at half-time, the visitors were never in trouble and added three more goals to become easy winners.

The two Murphy sisters were the backbone of the Louth side and they got ample assistance from captain Timelty and Rita Keenan.

Best for Wicklow were Sal and Catherine Turner. Una Brennan and goalies Anne Clark.

Scorers—Louth—A. Murphy (4-0), E. Kearns (3-0), C. Timelty (0-1). Wicklow: U. Brennan (0-0).

## Kilkenny In Top Form

KILKENNY ..... 4-6  
MEATH ..... 1-0

Kilkenny scored a deserved victory over Meath in the first game of the Leinster Junior Camogie Championship which opened at An Uaimh yesterday.

The winners who led 2-3 to 0-0 at half-time continued to dominate the exchanges. After the interval, Meath rallied briefly after they scored the goal midway through the second half but Kilkenny were the more experienced side.

Best for the winners were Helena O'Neill, Helen Drennan, Peggy Carey and Mary Kennedy.

Anne Waters, Pauline Reilly and Dolores Hanbury tried hard for Meath.

SCORERS: Kilkenny—H. O'Neill (2-3), R. Vennard (1-1), M. Savage (1-0), P. Cary (0-1), H. Drennan (0-1). Meath: K. Collins (1-0).

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# Cork Juniors Face Clare At Ennis Tomorrow

Cork Juniors travel to Ennis on Sunday to meet Clare in the semi-final of the Munster Junior Championship. While on Tuesday next Old Aloysians and Naomh Eoin meet in the Junior League final at 8 p.m.

Cork should advance to meet the winners of the Limerick-Kerry game when they meet Clare on Sunday. Clare have never emerged as a very strong side although this year it is reported that they have a very useful twelve.

In their line-out they have a number of promising school players so that Cork would not want to take things too much for granted. However, Cork have good reason to be confident in this game. They had a fine win over Tipperary in the first round and most of their players have plenty of senior club experience.

Gaining her place on the selection, and probably the eventual team, is Deirdre Sutton who was the regular goalie for Cork and Munster, as well as Glen Rovers, a few seasons ago. Deirdre is a very sound keeper and her selection should give added strength to the defence. Another likely addition to the team is Julia Buckley, who played for Cork Juniors in 1968. Julia has been playing very well this season with Kanturk and might well gain her place on Sunday.

## STRONG SELECTION

One of the big stars of the side is Marion O'Leary but as she will still be involved with exams she

may not play. However, in this grade Cork have a very strong selection and even without Marion they will be very strong.

The actual team has not yet been selected but no doubt it will run on the following lines. In goal Deirdre Sutton, Peg O'Brien of Fermoy is the likely full-back, while M. Whelton of South Pres., and Mariam Higgins of Glen must be included in the defence. All three are fine defenders. Among the centres on the selection are: M. McCarthy, also of South Pres., and Pat Moloney of Youghal, two grand players.

In the forwards too Cork have plenty of ability with Munster Institute's M. Mahon, K. Ryan of St. Ita's, Nuala Guilley of Churchtown and Rose Hennessy of Old Aloysians, likely to make up the line.

Many of the players on the junior team are also included in the senior panel but until such time they have played a senior game they are eligible to field for the lower grade. However, the fact that they are included in the senior panel must be an added incentive for a good performance on Sunday as the senior selectors will be keeping an eager eye on the team.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE

The interest comes back to the local front on Tuesday evening with Old Aloysians and Naomh Eoin meeting in the junior league decided. This year there were three divisions in the league with Old Aloysians, Naomh Eoin and Our Lady's Hospital emerging as victors in their respective sections. Old Als then got a bye to the decider with the Owens girls defeating Our Lady's Hospital in the semi-final to qualify. This game promises to be a very close affair with Naomh Eoin having a very experienced side, which includes such grand players as Noreen Lucey, Eileen Ahern, Mariam Lucey and Ann Brennan. However although Old Als are young they have many fine players in Judy Walsh, Colette Desmond, Margaret O'Sullivan and Ann O'Sullivan.

On Friday next, (26) Fermoy meet Aragin at the former's venue in the current competition.

**Cork Junior Selection:** D. Sutton, P. O'Brien, M. Whelton, M. O'Leary, M. Higgins, J. Buckley, M. McCarthy, P. Moloney, N. Guilley, M. Mahon, K. Ryan, R. Hennessy, K. Dunne, H. Lynch, B. Gibbons, M. Murphy and G. Cummins.

## Wexford In Final

WEXFORD ..... 2-3  
KILDARE ..... 1-2

Wexford qualified for the Leinster Junior Camogie Championship when they defeated Kildare, the holders, in a well-contested game at Naas yesterday.

Kildare, though backed by a strong wind were trailing 1-1 to 1-2 at half time.

Play was of a very high standard, and the semi-final between Louth and Wexford at a Louth venue on Sunday next should be another good encounter.

Best for the winners were Elsie Walsh, Bernie Keogh, Breda Murphy and Margaret Hearne. For Kildare, Margaret Molloy, the Miggin sisters, Ann Leonard and goalie Betty Garry were best.

**SCORES—Wexford:** B. Murphy (2-0), E. Walsh (0-2), M. Hearne (0-1).

**Kildare:** J. Miggin (1-0), M. Miggin (0-1), M. Molloy (0-1).

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# Sunday Is Camogie Semi-Final Day

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The Leinster Camogie Council are certainly letting no grass grow under their feet, for, after playing off the remaining two quarter-finals of the junior championship on Sunday last, they have scheduled both the provincial semi-finals in this grade for Sunday next.

So Kilkenny take on Dublin in one semi-final at Kilkenny on Sunday evening, while Louth entertain Wexford at Knockbridge earlier in the afternoon. Both should be entertaining clashes, Kilkenny with such Colleges stars as Anne Phelan and Helena O'Neill in their line-out, were far too crafty for Meath in their first round outing at Navan and will be a more formidable force still on home ground.

## EAGER SIDE

Dublin were so much superior to an eager, but inexperienced Laois side at Parnell Park last Sunday evening that it was hard to judge the true worth of this lively Metropolitan selection. But on the evidence shown they will be a very hard team to beat. They have strong and talented players in Claire Harrington, Vera Feeley, Veronica Fingleton, Una Carroll and Rita Halpin.

Kilkenny will, I think, have shown improvement on their Navan showing, but I do not think they will be able to match the visitors in all-around strength and I think Dublin are good enough to advance to the final.

## POTENT FORCE

The other semi-final should prove equally interesting for while Wexford were very impressive when accounting for holders Kildare at Naas last Sunday, Louth showed plenty of power when disposing of Wicklow in their opening game.

Louth have a strong back-

bone of players from the great Kilkenny club, but are always a more potent force on home ground, but Wexford look to me to be the more likely side to advance to the final.

On Sunday last they were a well-balanced side right through the field and I was particularly impressed by the work out-field of two younger members of the famed Keogh family, Greta and Bernie and by Elsie Walsh at centre-back.

In attack the return of Margaret Hearne, one of the county's great stars of a couple of years back, was a tremendous asset. Margaret tells me that she has spent the last couple of years in America, but was not particularly enamoured with the way of life over there and is very happy to be home again. Certainly Wexford must be happy to have her back.

## EASY WIN

Down South, Cork on Sunday last strengthened their claims to favouritism to retain the Munster junior championship when they scored a very easy win over Clare at Ennis. In the provincial final they will now face Limerick who accounted for Kerry in the other semi-final.

Because of the Coaching course at Gormanston the Leinster Council have switched their senior championship plans.

The semi-final between Dublin and Wexford goes on on July 5 in Dublin as originally fixed. But if the final is Dublin v. Kilkenny the game will be played on July 12, while if Kilkenny v. Wexford the date will be July 26.

## Dublin Reach Camogie Final

DUBLIN ..... 3-2  
KILKENNY ..... 1-4

Only after extra time did Dublin defeat Kilkenny in this highly exciting Leinster junior camogie semi-final at Kilkenny last night.

This result did not seem possible early in the game as Dublin then never looked like getting past the Kilkenny defence. The home side led 0-2 to nil at the end of the first half and there was no further score until a minute from the end of actual time, when Marion Coogan put Dublin in front with a goal.

Kilkenny equalised from the puck-out and so the game went into extra time. The home side put a great spurt and added a goal and a point to lead 1-4 to 1-0. But Dublin lasted far better, and completely dominated the closing ten minutes.

The winners were best served by Anne Carey in goal, A. M. O'Loughlin, Claire Harrington, Veronica Fingleton and Una Carroll. Outstanding for Kilkenny were Anne Phelan, Patricia Cody, Helen Drennan and Helena O'Neill.

**Scorers—Dublin:** M. Coogan, P. Brennan, V. Fingleton (1-0 each), V. Feeley (0-1), U. Carroll (0-1), Kilkenny — M. Savage (1-0), P. Coady (0-2), R. Dennard (0-2).

## Louth In Camogie Final

LOUTH ..... 3-2  
WEXFORD ..... 3-0

Louth had to withstand heavy pressure from Wexford in the last ten minutes before winning an exciting Leinster Junior Camogie Championship semi-final at Drogheda yesterday. They now meet Dublin or Kilkenny in the final at Croke Park next month.

Louth, who led by 2-2 to 1-0 at half-time, were very well served by Bernadette Murtagh, Mary Gianety and Marie Donnelly.

**Scorers: Louth—**Anne Murphy (2-0), B. Murtagh (1-0), Rita Brannigan and Anne Harrington (0-1 each). **Wexford—**Margaret Hearne (2-0), Bridie Tobin (1-0).

## FACILE WIN FOR CORK JUNIOR CAMOGIE TEAM

Cork 9-5, Clare 2-0

Cork scored a facile win over Clare in the Munster junior camogie championship semi-final at Cusack Park, Ennis, yesterday, when they swept to a 9-5 to 2-0 victory. The Cork girls were never in danger and at half time led by 4-3 to 2-0. It was one way traffic in the second half when Clare's poor defence failed to stand up to the speed and craft of the visitors.

Mary Higgins was outstanding at half-back for Cork, and she was ably supported by Peg O'Brien at full back, Nuala Guilfoyle at centre-field and Mary O'Leary and Sinead Buckley in the forwards. Best for Clare were Margaret O'Toole at full back, Anne Burke, Catherine Collins, Pauline Ryan and Nuala Keane.

**Cork:** D. Sutton, P. O'Brien, M. Belton, M. Higgins, P. Moloney, M. McCarthy, C. Ryan, N. Guilfoyle, M. McMahon, R. Hennessy, M. O'Leary, S. Buckley.

**Clare:** M. O'Grady, M. O'Toole, P. O'Grady, A. Burke, C. O'Connell, P. Ryan, M. Scanlon, C. Glynn, C. Collins, N. Keane, P. Barry, A. ...

## Dublin Outclass Weak Laois

DUBLIN ..... 12-1  
LAOIS ..... 0-7

Dublin qualified for the second semi-final of the Leinster Junior Camogie Championship when at Parnell Park last evening they readily defeated Laois, who were only re-organised recently.

Dublin, who led 6-1 to 0-1 at half-time, dominated the play in the second half when the less experienced Laois girls tired.

Dublin were best served by Claire Harrington, Vera Feeley, Veronica Fingleton, Una Carroll and Rita Halpin. Mary Scully, Brid Lanahan, Maureen Cuddy and Betty Gee tried hard for Laois.

**Scorers—Dublin:** R. Halpin (4-0), V. Fingleton (3-0), M. Coogan (2-0), P. Brennan (2-0), V. Feeley (1-0), U. Carroll (1-0).

# The Miracle of W

**T**HE period between September 1968 and September 1969 heralded one of the quietest yet mightiest revolutions on the sports scene of Co. Wexford, a revolution which even now has its far-reaching effects. This was, the major upsurge of interest in Camogie by the Model County ladies, and at the moment the county is reckoned to be one of the foremost Camogie powers in the land.

Where two short years ago there were 5 clubs — the all-time record a few years ago was 10 — 16 entered the Wexford county championship for 1970, involving over 300 girls. Neither are they what one would call 'newcomers' for though beginners in the sense that they have never previously played Camogie as such, the closeness and regularity of competition, the publicity spotlight directed towards them and other factors have thrown up some striking new talent. Suddenly the girls have discovered a game catering exclusively for them, after years of being, at best, 'tolerated' on the male-dominated sporting scene.

Now they are as often as not 'out' themselves on Sundays, where before it was following the local hurling or football team. And this applies as much to the married ladies as the single girls.

What everyone is delighted about, however, is that young people in the 13-20 age bracket have invaded the scene — not forgetting the 9-12's either. Undoubtedly the game's unprecedented popularity on the threshold of the 70's is due to one single item — the winning of the All-Ireland senior title by the county team in 1968. In a blaze of publicity, from the local Press especially, Wexford annexed their first historic O'Duffy Cup. The fact that a code long-regarded—and rightly so at the time — to be the county's 'Cinderella' sport could win an All-Ireland title was a tremendous feat. It smacked off a fairy-tale success—the heroines, despite the odds, coming through in the end.

Year in year out, the team had won the Leinster Intermediate title but always failed to mighty Dublin in the subsequent senior final. The All-Ireland win, naturally, was an emotional, delirious affair — and that was the beginning.

The following summer (69) saw Camogie activity at its zenith: at first the new clubs trickled in, then came a Klondike-like rush. One newspaper, the Ennis-

corthy "Echo", commenced a weekly column devoted solely to Camogie events and week by week Setanta's 'Camogie Scene' chronicles the major topics of the week for an increasing readership. From the biggest club to the lowliest dealing with affairs not confined to Wexford alone, Setanta's weekly 'say', written in chatty, informa-

tive style, is a major development in the county. For it is imperative that for encouragement to players and officials, a regular news column must be initiated. And where the game increases tremendously in popularity as in Wexford, it must be seen to do so.

Aside from Setanta and the 'Camogie Scene' little or no publicity is given in

provincial papers. Only the "Limerick Chronicle" and Atlas in the "Tipperary Star" are praiseworthy in this respect, while occasionally there is mention in the "Kilkenny People," "Dundalk Democrat" 'Anglo Celt' (Cavan) and "Drogheda Independent." And while the opportunity arises, it would be no harm to mention that the national dailies also are not over-lavish in their space allotted to what is in effect the national game for the women of Ireland.

In Camogie-conscious Wexford, as well as the spread of clubs, schools have begun to realise the physical and mental advantages of the game. Up to only recently the question of a Camogie-playing school was totally unheard of, despite a reverse situation in other counties. The initial All-Ireland win of the county team, the repeating of this performance in 1969, the establishment of clubs in both rural and urban areas, have all contributed to young girls clamouring for Camogie teams in their school.

Sister M. Michael, a former inter-county player with her native Kildare, has built up a fine team in Convent of Mercy, Enniscorthy F.C.J. Convent, Buncloody (Sr. M. Mary) and St. Louis School of Home Economics, Ramsgrange (Miss Mary Redehan, a native of Dromard, Co. Longford) are the two latest schools to 'turn-on' to Camogie.

It can be mentioned, too, that the first-ever international Camogie game was held in Wexford. This was last November when Toronto Shamrock's met Galbally St. Thomas' in Bellefield, Enniscorthy. A feature of the game was the attire of the Canadians — jersey, shorts, ankle socks—which



An action shot from the 1968 senior final.

# Wexford Camogie



Wexford captain Mary Walsh receiving the cup from Association President Mrs. Roisin Mc Manus after the 1968 final.

looked quite revolutionary in comparison to the Irish girls traditional gymslips and tights.

Only in the latter end of the 60's has Camogie come into its own by Slaneyside but never has the game been truly extinct. There were always the gallant players and mentors, un-thanked and un-remembered for

but by a few, who kept the Purple and Gold flag flying. Traditionally, Camogie has been kept very much alive in the Southern half of the county — Castlebridge, Wexford, Campile, Kilmore Campile or—Aughfad, Taghmon — gave birth to the legendary Mary Sinnott, the doyen of all full-backs, and the side is at

present powered by Brigid O'Connor and the Shannon sisters; Castlebridge St. Ibar's at one stage had in

O'Leary of Garrydantel, Monamolin — the heart of historic Buffers Alley. The foundation of Adamstown

## Wexford Cam

and one of the country's most skilled players, Josie, Annie, Gretta, Bernie, Kit (Mrs. Codd) — formerly with Celtic team of Dublin and Mary (Mrs. Harrington). The eldest sister has also played while the youngest, ten-year-old Eileen, is expected by many to be the best — as they also say of Monica (12) and Eithne (8) O'Leary, sisters of Margaret (there are thirteen O'Leary's in all).

Wexford town itself has always been a real stronghold of the game. The St. John's club there is the old-

est in the county and next October celebrates its Silver Jubilee. All-time greats Joan Murphy and Lily Parle (who makes a comeback this year) and Carmel Fortune are members of the club. 'Miss Camogie' of Wexford, the county secretary and secretary of St. John's, is Eileen O'Brien, who for so long has been the chief advocate of the game. For unbroken years she has been county sec. and during this time her quite, reasoning ways have practically kept the game alive. Now, as the 70's loom, her patience has been rewarded a hundredfold with talented teams in just about every parish.

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