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CORK SENIOR TEAM—Front: Betty Sugru (South Pres.); Marlon Sweeney (Youghal); Marie Costine (Cloyne) (Captain); Ann Keane (Buttevant); Ann Phelan (South Pres), and Nuala Gully (Cloyne). Back: Maura Coleman (Glen Rovers); Cally Riordan (U.C.C.); Sheila Dunne (Canovee); Hannah Cotter (South Pres); Mary Whelton (South Pres); Deirdre Sutton (Glen Rovers); Rosie Hennessey (U.C.C.); Pat Moloney (U.C.C.) and Marion McCarthy (South Pres.).

THE year 1973 was a very special one for Cork camogie in that the county became the first to complete the coveted All-Ireland double by winning the senior and junior titles in the same year. Furthermore, Cally Riordan carved out a unique niche for herself in camogie history by winning senior and junior medals.

The Senior All-Ireland title win was Cork's fourth title in succession, and the county thus equalled a record of four-in-a-row established by Cork hurlers in the early 'forties.

Now, for a breakdown as to how the titles were won.

In the junior campaign, Cork beat Limerick by 8-4 to 2-5; Tipperary by 9-8 to 2-1; Armagh by 4-2 to 0-2, and Galway, in the final at Croke Park by 4-4 to 1-4.

In the senior grade, Cork scored a 7-12 to nil win over Derry, then had two points (3-2 to 2-3) to spare over Galway, and retained the crown by beating Antrim 2-5 to 3-1 at Croke Park.

The senior team is a most experienced one. Six of the side played on four All-Ireland winning teams — Marie Costine, Hannah Cotter, Pat Moloney, Betty Sugru, Ann Phelan and Rosie Hennessey. All the members of the side have also represented Munster.

The junior team fielded six newcomers for the 1973 campaign, and all quickly made the grade.

Cork will be endeavouring to maintain their high standard this season, and in the years ahead.

SENIOR SELECTORS— Nora Newman, Margaret McCoy, Mary Moran, Brid Power and Anna Crotty.

JUNIOR SELECTORS: Mary Fahy, Mary O'Callaghan, Kathleen Murphy, Mary Moran and Anna Crotty.

TRAINER OF BOTH TEAMS— Mary Moran.

Cork has a very strong tradition and has always been prominent in the Camogie Association. Indeed, the county has an outstanding record down the years, as is underlined by the fact that last year's titles double boosted the Cork total of All-Ireland Championship wins to 11.

Ten of those successes have been recorded in the premier grade — in 1934, 1935, 1936, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1973. The junior success of last year completes the current National Roll of Honour. In addition Cork have won no fewer than 24 Munster senior titles, and five provincial junior crowns.

This year Cork, who enjoy keen rivalry with Antrim, Tipperary, Kilkenny and Galway, will field teams in the senior, junior, under-18 and under-16 (minor) grades. The county colours are Red and White.

COUNTY BOARD OFFICERS:

Chairman: Mary Moran; Vice-Chairman: Nora Newman; Secretary: Rose O'Leary; Treasurer: Mary Heelan.



CORK JUNIOR TEAM—Front: Cally Riordan (U.C.C.); Nuala Jennings (do); Mary Mahon (Aghabullogue); Marion McCarthy (Naomh Eoin); Nancy O'Driscoll (Naomh Eoin) (Captain); Rosie O'Sullivan (Churchtown) and Mary Canavan (Sarsfields). Back: Elizabeth Higgins (Watergrasshill); Mary O'Leary (Glanworth); Brid McAuliffe (Old Aloysians); Marie Mackey (Blarney); Margo Twomey (Canovee); Val Fitzpatrick (Old Aloysians); Bernie Costine (Cloyne) and Angela Higgins (Watergrasshill).

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A BYE FOR U.C.D.

With seven universities now in the Ashbourne Cup, the inter-varsity camogie competition quarter-finals have become an essential, and two of those camogie ties will be played tomorrow. Queen's University travel to Galway to take on U.C.G., while Dublin University play Maynooth at Maynooth.

There was to have been a third quarter-final in which University College, Dublin, were scheduled to travel North to Coleraine to play the New University of Ulster, but Coleraine found they are unable to find a full side, so U.C.D. advance to the semi-finals in which they will meet the winners of tomorrow's Maynooth game.

In the other two games tomorrow, home venue should prove all-important. With some promising players at their disposal Galway should, before the local supporters, prove too lively for Queen's, while Maynooth should have the measure of Dublin University on results to date in the Higher Education Leagues.

So that would mean that U.C.G. and Maynooth would also be through to the semi-finals.

PROGRESS

These will be played at Cork on February 16, with U.C.C. as the hosts, having abye to that stage. The draw for these semi-finals is U.C.C. v the winners of U.C.G. and Queen's and U.C.D. v winners of Maynooth and Trinity.

The final will be played on Sunday, February 17, and will be preceded by the final of An Duthracht, the Ashbourne Shield which will be contested by the losers of tomorrow's quarter-finals.

Meanwhile, despite recent bad weather, some progress has been made with the colleges competitions. In Leinster, by defeating Walkinstown last weekend, Presentation, Terenure, have won out the Metropolitan Zone Seven and are now through to the quarter-finals of the Stuart Cup, the senior competition.

Zone Eight (Dublin) is not yet decided but Kings Inns Convent look the likely winner.

The last round of the Munster senior competition, which is run on the League system, takes place tomorrow. Unbeaten leaders, St. Aloysius of Cork, can regain the title if they defeat last years' junior champions Rosary Hill, Castleconnell.

The Cork girls will be slight favourites on earlier form, as they have beaten the holders Mount Mercy, who have already defeated Rosary Hill.

But with the advance of a home venue, the Limerick girls, who will have four of the county team that won the Munster championship, might win and thus throw the title back in the melting-pot. Mount Mercy should account for their Kerry rivals, Causeway Comprehensive, and this would leave the top three teams level and thus call for a three-cornered play-off.

Belfast

KILKEEL CONVENT 3-0
ST. DOMNIC'S, BELFAST 0-0
In the quarter-finals of the Ulster Colleges Camogie Championship at Ballykinnor, Kilkeel had a clear-cut win over St. Dominic's. C. McElroy scored three goals for the winners.
BALLYMURPHY 4-3
ST. PETER'S 3-2
In the Belfast and District Football League, Ballymurphy beat St. Peter's. Scorers for Ballymurphy

EASY WIN

U.C.G. 2-2
U.U.B. 0-0
University College Galway had an easy win in this Ashbourne Cup camogie game at Galway yesterday.
The U.C.G. scores came from Mary Scanlon (1-1), Maire Kate Donnellan (1-0), and Bridie Heneghan (0-1).

WALK-OVER!

St. Patrick's College, Maynooth are through to the semi-finals of the Ashbourne Inter-Varsity camogie Cup which will be played in Cork in two weeks time. Trinity had to concede a walk-over to Maynooth in yesterday's quarter-final.

Leinster Convention

Awaits Report

By AGNES HOURIGAN
Most important event in Camogie circles this weekend is the annual Leinster Convention in Bru na nGael in Dublin tomorrow, when the delegates will hear a courageous and outspoken report from the honorary secretary, Mrs. Marie Mangan.

The secretary advances several good reasons why Camogie in Leinster is not as healthy as she would wish it to be. Mainly there are: lack of people willing to take office at any level, lack of knowledge of the rules, lack of communication between delegates and clubs, and above all lack of a sense of commitment on the part of, not all, but still too many players.

Mrs. Mangan says: "It seems that in many places, our game is being kept going by a hard core of devotees, mainly non-players who have local pride, community spirit, or love of

the game. These people, with probably the best of intentions, are giving too much of their time and money, and the people for whom the game is intended are not giving enough."

REMEDY

Having pointed out the example of Dublin, where most clubs are entirely self-supporting, with the players equipping themselves, paying fees to their clubs, and their own expenses to matches, Mrs. Mangan adds that even if Dublin has not won an All-Ireland for some years,

they are providing 1,000 matches per year for ordinary players.

As to what can be done to remedy the weaknesses she sees, Mrs. Mangan asks players to play for the love of the game, to get involved in the running of their clubs, to be ready to take office.

She asks clubs, "to set standards which will ensure that each individual player, and consequently each club, will have sufficient pride to take our national game out of the 'cinderella category and make it an honour to be a self-supporting member of a self-supporting club. This is what our game deserves, and when this is achieved, we will make real progress."

Outgoing officers, chairman Mrs. Timmons (Dublin), secretary, Mrs. Mangan, registrar, Miss S. Braek (Dublin), and treasurer, Miss E. O'Brien (Wexford), will be returned unopposed.

FULL ROUND

Meanwhile, on the Colleges fields, tomorrow will be a busy day, if the weather relents. All four quarter-finals of the Stuart Cup, the Leinster senior championship, take place and the pairings are Mercy Ennisecorhy v. Presentation Killock, Kings Inn v. Presentation Terenure, Wicklow Vocational v. Naas Vocational and Presentation Mountmellick a bye.

In Munster, the junior Colleges provincial final between North Presentation, Cork, and holders, Rosary Hill is scheduled for Castleconnell.

There is a full round of the Eastern Zone of the Higher Institutes League is also listed for tomorrow, when the pairings are: Carysfort v. U.C.D.; Trinity v. Maynooth; Froebel v. Mater Dei.

The Trinity v. Maynooth pairing is a repeat of last Saturday's Ashbourne Cup quarter-final in which the Dublin University team failed to muster at full strength, and so had to concede a walk-over. However, on home ground at Santry, they hope to compensate for that lapse.

Maynooth, however, are through to the Ashbourne semi-finals in which they have been joined by U.C.G. who defeated Queen's in the other quarter-final.

Doing great work for camogie

MARY MORAN, Chairman of the Cork County Camogie Board, was the recipient of presentations from both Cork senior and junior teams at the recent annual dinner of the board held at the Victoria Hotel, Cork.

Mary, herself a winner of an All-Ireland medal in 1970 in addition to being a selector, trained the Cork teams who won their respective All-Ireland finals last September.

From the North came ladies who are well known in camogie circles throughout the country.

One of them was MRS. NANCY MURRAY, winner of three All-Ireland medals with Antrim in her playing days—1945, 1946 and 1957.

Nancy is President of the Association and her dedication and interest in the game are reasons why camogie is so popular in her native Co. Antrim.

In Ulster a competition for "Ceoil, Caint and Damsha" was organised this year in an effort to further the Irish tradition.

Nancy felt that her club, Deirdre, should be well represented so she decided to form a folk group.

This group, consisting of Nancy, MRS. MAUREEN HOEY, who also travelled to Cork for the dinner, MISS ANGELA FEENEY and MRS. MARY McMULLEN, not only won their division but went on to win the county and Ulster finals.

Needless to mention, Nancy obliged with two patriotic songs at the dinner.

Maureen Hoey is also a member of the Deirdre Club and is a very dedicated camogie follower.

At the function, too was MRS. SHEILA McANULTY, who is an institution in camogie.

She has been General Secretary of the Association for many years and, though a native of Co. Down, spends her week in Dublin, where she holds an executive position.

But it is back to Down every weekend for this lady who says that, while she played camogie in her younger days, she was



Mary Moran

not very good, so decided to concentrate on the administrative side.

"This," said one of her friends, "proved a great boon to the game, as no big occasion would be complete without Sheila McAnulty, who is a truly wonderful member of the Association."

Finally, a word of thanks to Joan Morley for her help in meeting these ladies.

As Joan Clancy she was one of the top players in the Cork side and has continued her great interest in camogie since then, giving splendid service on the administrative side.

CAMOGIE : THE FUTURE LOO

JO GOLDEN

IF ONE were to form an impression of camogie in Kilkenny from an examination of the progress of the county teams one could be excused for thinking that there is a mi-adh of some description on the game in the county.

It is history now how in 1968 Dublin were ousted from the Leinster senior championship for the first time in 32 years by a potentially great Kilkenny team which subsequently lost to Wexford and were defeated by Cork in the all Ireland finals of 1970 and 1971.

The junior teams of these years were equally promising but met with even less success. One might well ask how Kilkenny with as much natural talent could avoid winning an all Ireland title, particularly in view of the fact that St. Paul's the Presentation Convent of Kilkenny and Castlecomer and Scoil Bhríde, Callan, have each brought success to the county in their own spheres.

How many counties can boast of as many talented and experienced players as Kilkenny's O'Shea, Cassins, O'Neills, Ann Carroll, Mary Fennelly, Liz Neary, Ann Phelan and Mary O'Neill or such skilful youngsters as the Downeys, the Dohenys, Bridie Martin and Ann Dreelan. One could become despondent on reflection that with such a combination of youth and experience the year 1973 has been even less

successful than the preceding five years.

The year 1973 saw the introduction of the open draw for the senior championship which for Kilkenny meant an opening round trip North to play Antrim a county for which training is almost impossible at the present time.

In a match which was regarded as vintage both sides finished level. The replay at Nowlan Park proved to be a disappointment to the home side which had sufficient possession of the ball to win but failed to capitalise on its many scoring opportunities.

That particular encounter will be remembered for the high standard of play but chiefly for the delightful displays given by Carmel O'Shea of Kilkenny and Mairead McAtamney of Antrim who are two of the best exponents of the game.

Antrim deservedly reached the all Ireland final and failed by the narrowest margin to a Cork team which simply refused to be beaten.

The Leinster championship now being run separately to the all Ireland series saw Kilkenny defeated by Dublin and so ended an unsuccessful year for the seniors.

There was some consolation for Carmel O'Shea, Liz Neary, Angela Downey and Peggy Carey in being chosen to represent Leinster in the inter Provincial series.

Incidentally Leinster were defeated by Ulster who in turn succumbed to an all Galway Connacht side which had defeated an all Cork Munster side.

The juniors began well by defeating Louth but were then beaten by Dublin who had already accounted for Wicklow. Generally speaking Kilkenny supporters had little to cheer about in 1973. However one could look beyond the inter county scene to see camogie in perspective. An all Ireland title is an indication of the prowess of the top players only in the county while the real strength can be judged by the strength of the game in the schools and clubs and by the dedication of the people behind the players.

Over the last few years such dedicated people as Bill and Mrs. O'Carroll, John Kenneally, Jimmy Morrissey, Nuala Duncan, Dick Cassin and Mick Kenny have been associated with the game in Kilkenny and have been largely responsible for Kilkenny's reaching two all Ireland finals and for securing those three in a row club titles.

This was no small achievement in view of the fact that Kilkenny had never won a Leinster title at these levels. Every attempt was made to improve the state of the game at club and school level and Presentation Convent, Kilkenny responded by winning the colleges championship.

The above mentioned officials were also responsible for inviting Nell McCarthy of Dublin to give a coaching course in Kilkenny in 1968 when such a venture was quite an innovation. It could be argued that this particular course and the enthusiasm which it generated was the stepping stone to Kilkenny's subsequent successes in Leinster.

In November of last year the present County Board invited Mary Moran the trainer of the Cork teams to give a coaching course and if Kilkenny showed their appreciation of Nell by beating Dublin they must also show their appreciation of Mary Moran by beating Cork in their next encounter.

Indeed the present group of officials spare neither time nor energy where camogie is concerned and are intent upon increasing the number of clubs and colleges teams within the county. Beatrice Treacy the present secretary of the Co. Board would like to see at least 12 clubs in the county as against the present two senior and five junior clubs and feels

New camogie officers

Officers elected at the annual convention of Leinster Camogie Council at Bra na nGael, Dublin, yesterday, were—Chairman—Mrs. K. Timmons (Dublin) (outgoing) Vice-Chairman—Mrs. H. Tracey (Kilkenny). Secretary—Mrs. M. Moran (Dublin) (outgoing). Treasurer—Miss E. O'Brien (Wexford) (outgoing). Registrar—Miss S. Black (Dublin) (outgoing).

Mrs. Corcoran, who had served on the Council for thirteen years, yesterday withdrew her name for vice-chairman. In her outgoing speech, Mrs. Corcoran said that personal and other commitments compelled her to withdraw.

The draws for championships are—Senior Championship—Semi-final—Kilkenny v Wexford; Dublin v Wicklow. Junior Championship—A—Kilkenny v Kildare; B—Laois v Wicklow; C—Louth v Dublin; D—Wexford v Wexford. Semi-finals—D v C; E v A.

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that there should be a camogie team attached to every hurling team.

Beatrice with Michael Hestor, chairman of the County Board, has visited schools in the county in an attempt to establish the game at this level. Michael in his capacity as chairman and as PRO has contributed in no small way to the advancement of the game within the county.

Another man who devotes much of his time to camogie is Shem Downey who has delighted hurling fans on many an occasion while Father Dermot Healy manages to combine the task of trainer with his many pastoral commitments.

The county is fortunate in having other tireless workers in Sister Consilio, Mr. Dunne, a teacher in Castlecomer, Mary Conway, Mary Kennedy and Peggy Carey, who are a few of the dedicated people behind the scenes. Tessie Brennan who has represented the county at senior level and being involved in administration feels that while there is room for improvement camogie is in a healthy state within the county. She has seen the game advance steadily over the last few years and is particularly pleased that senior, junior and under 18 winter and summer leagues are now being run as these keep the players' interests alive during the entire year and brings new talent to light.



JO GOLDEN

Tessie commends highly the attitude of the G.A.A. County Board to camogie and has found Paddy Grace and Mick O'Neill to be most co-operative where fixtures and finance are concerned. She would like to see similar liaison in every county but points out that the lead in this respect must come from the highest level of both associations.

With regard to Kilkenny's inter county future Tessie is of the opinion that with such a wealth of talent and growing experience the county must reach the top within the next couple of years. No one could disagree with such logic. The potential is there as is the interest and enthusiasm and maybe in 1974 the girls will emulate the feats of the men and bring the All Ireland title to Kilkenny.

U.C.C. Commence Ashbourne Cup Preparation

CORK will be very much in the limelight again this season. Following their four-in-a-row of senior All-Ireland titles and their double last season of senior and junior titles their playing teams must arouse interest all over the country wherever they play. In addition U.C.C. have the Ashbourne Cup in Cork this season, while the annual congress of the association will also be held in our city.

So the Cork Board officers—all returned unopposed at last Sunday's convention—will have a busy year ahead of them.

U.C.C. are very anxious to make the Ashbourne weekend, early next month, a highly successful occasion, and, most important of all, they are determined to retain the title which they won so convincingly last season. With a view to putting them in the right frame of mind for the competition they are already in serious training and, to give themselves vital match practice, they have organised a very interesting game for Sunday next. In this a selection of players—the President's XII—will take on the U.C.C. team. In the selected side the President has chosen seven of Cork's senior All-Ireland team and five of the junior All-Ireland side. Players like Brid McAuliffe, Mary O'Leary, Nancy O'Driscoll and Val Fitzpatrick, all members of the junior panel, will get an opportunity to show how they would fare in senior company, while the seniors will be very good opposition indeed for the College girls.

The President's selection is as follows: D. Sutton (Glen Rovers), B. McAuliffe (Old Aloysians), M. Costine (Cloyne) (captain), M. Whelton (S.P.P.P.), S. Dunne (Canovee), M. McCarthy (S.P.P.P.), M. McCarthy (Eire Og), B. Sugrue (S.P.P.P.), N. Guilly (Cloyne), M. O'Leary (Glanworth), v. Fitzpatrick (Old Aloysians), N. O'Driscoll (Eire Og). Subs: B. Costine (Cloyne), M. Twomey (Canovee) and A. Ryan (Old Aloysians).

The College girls have named a large panel for the game. But this is not surprising as they need some time before they will name their eventual panel of 18 for the Ashbourne.

The U.C.C. panel is as follows: N. Jennings (captain), S. Lane, M. Roche, A. Hayes, M. Murphy, P. Moloney, K. Sheehan, R. Murray, C. Riordan, E. Hanlon, C. Desmond, M. Lucey, M. Hanrahan, R. Hennessy, M. Murphy, C. Lucey, I. Garvan, G. Butler, V. O'Dwyer, A. O'Driscoll, C. O'Sullivan, M. O'Riordan, G. Kelly, A. O'Dwyer.

A GOOD SIDE

Looking through the list it is obvious that U.C.C. must have a good side again this season. Still with them will be Cork stars Pat Moloney, Rosie Hennessy, Cally Riordan, Nuala Jennings and Mary Roche, while Liz Garvan is also listed, although she did not turn out with Cork last season. Ger Butler, Ann Hayes and the Mount Mercy girls Marian and Carmel Lucey must be other big assets to their selection.

The Ashbourne will be held on February 15 and 17 and there will be six games in all over the weekend. These are the semi-finals and final of the Ashbourne and the semi-finals and final of the Duthracht competition.

A final word about U.C.C. In the C.C.I.A. (Third Level Education) League, they have already defeated U.C.G. who are regarded as the strongest team in their section.

JUNIOR COLLEGES SEMI-FINAL

On tomorrow (Saturday) the Munster Colleges Junior Championship reaches its semi-final

are not a bad side and will give them a good run.

The Cork Schools Board are uniting with the senior Board to hold referee's classes. Referees are always a difficult commodity to find and it is hoped that these classes will produce more, and better informed referees for all grades. These classes will commence at North Presentation School, Gerald Griffin Street, on Tuesday next at 7.30 p.m. The emphasis will be on beginners and it is hoped that all clubs and schools will send representatives. A game cannot survive without referees so it is vital that these classes be supported.

The County Board Question Time continues on Monday night with Glanworth and U.C.C. due to meet.

Finally a word to clubs who feel they may not be getting all the publicity they deserve. As there are now so many clubs scattered all over the county it is impossible to know everything about every club. So please, club members keep me in touch with your activities, whether on the playing field or socially and I will do my best to keep you in the limelight. You could give your information to the Co. Board Chairman, Miss Mary Moran at the weekly meeting or send them to me—Joan Morley, c/o "Cork Examiner" Office.

FIXTURES

Saturday—Munster Colleges Junior Championship semi-final at Ballyphehane at 3.00 Immaculate Heart v North Pres. (Ref. M. Moran).

Sunday—Under 18 League at Mitchelstown at 3.00; St. Fanahans v Araglin. (Ref. Glanworth).

Under 18 league at St. Finbarrs at 11.00; St. Finbarrs v Glen Rovers. (Ref. Ballinlough).

At Mardyke at 3.00 Challenge Match. President's XII v U.C.C. (Ref. M. Moran).

Convention And Games Aplenty On Weekend List

THERE is plenty to interest the camogie follower this weekend with the Cork School, North Presentation, travelling to Castleconnell for the Munster Junior Colleges game on Saturday and Munster Convention fixed for Sunday. In addition, there is a full fixture list for Sunday.

North Presentation, who had such an exciting drawn encounter with Immaculate Heart two weeks ago, emerged with 2-1 to spare in the replay after another fine game. Now they travel to Limerick on tomorrow and hope to bring the first trophy of the season back to Cork.

However, they will be up against top opposition in Rosary Hill, who have been impressive on their way to the final, defeating all opposition comfortably. A home venue is another advantage the Limerick girls will have but a top performance by North Pres could see them through, and they will carry with them the best wishes of all Cork followers.

North Pres have a number of very promising players in their line-out including Brenda Newman, who captains the side. This competition has a special appeal to followers as it is confined to under-15 year olds and it is interesting to see the up and coming stars in action. Certainly North Pres have played very well this season and a win for them would be a great boost to all the young camogie players in the city.

SUNDAY'S PANEL

Their panel for Sunday is as follows: B. Newman (capt.), G. Harris, D. Higgins, M. Cronin, C. Murray, M. Heffernan, A. Connolly, E. O'Sullivan, M. Coughlan, A. Goggins, J. Davis, C. Kelly, B. McDonald, M. O'Connell, G. Murray and N. Higgins.

Conventions are vital to the smooth running of the game and on Sunday our officers and delegates travel to Thurles for this year's Munster meeting. Mrs. Lil O'Neill and Miss Mary Moran, our two officers of Munster Council (Lil is chairman and Mary treasurer) are returned unopposed, while the vice-chairman, Sr. Angela, and the secretary, Miss Eithne Neville, are also in this happy position.

There are two nominations for registrar but as one of these is Mary Moran, already unopposed for treasurer, it must mean that Kathleen O'Flaherty must be returned as registrar.

This means that the meeting can devote most of its time to motions, and these come from Kerry, Waterford, Clare, Cork and Limerick.

SIX MOTIONS

There are six motions listed concerning various inter-county and inter-provincial competitions. Of course each county has its own particular problems and this is what convention is all about—a place to air these dissatisfactions. Cork's motion in this category concerns the Munster semi-final.

This game, which was between Cork and Tipperary last season, caused a great deal of upset as it was arranged, postponed, and re-arranged. Eventually it was not played at all and now Cork feel that to avoid a repeat of this situation the Munster final should be played off before the commencement of the All-Ireland championship.

Limerick want the under-18 Munster Championship to be continued. As Limerick are the holders of this title, it is not surprising that they want to preserve it. Also it is a very good testing ground for young talent. However, with a Minor All-Ireland (under-16) due to commence, it would mean that

to put it into action. And of course it would again place yet another burden on Cork's shoulders. At Cork Convention two weeks ago many clubs complained of their lack of matches due to players' involvement in inter-county games. So that any further inter-county competitions would only further increase this problem for club sides.

GAEL LINN CUP

Clare also look for the end of the Gael Linn Cup. This is the inter-provincial competition and it will be interesting to see what reasons they put forward for such a move. It is surely too important a competition to dispose of, having a certain status for those who take part.

An inter-provincial "cap" is always a great honour and for those from the weaker counties who gain selection on their provincial sides it gives them a chance of playing at a higher level that they might never reach with their county sides. However, this competition has not been so well supported—which is a great shame—and this may have come bearing on the discussions.

But I feel it would be a great shame to see this competition go and feel it would be a step in the wrong direction. But of course it will be up to Munster Council to decide if this motion should go forward to Congress.

There are a number of motions concerning various administrative problems and together with the motions already mentioned, these should go to make up a number of very interesting discussions.

Now to Sunday's games. These are once again confined to league ties—intermediate, under-18 and junior.

In the intermediate league Watergrasshill meet Aghabullogue and as these sides have not played for some time it is difficult to know their current form.

St. Finbarrs are doing very well at the moment in the under-18 league and if they can collect two further points at the expense of Ballinlough on Sunday they will be very happily placed indeed.

There are two junior league ties listed. In the first of these Youghal might get the verdict over Churchtown's second string, while Na Piarasigh should account for Old Aloysians 'B' in the second tie.

QUESTION TIME

The County Board Question Time, which proved so successful, has reached its final stage with Blarney and Old Aloysians due to do battle on Monday night next. Blarney had only one point to spare over Glanworth in the semi-final on Monday last, so the final should prove a very exciting and entertaining affair.

This is the time of year when clubs are holding their annual general meetings and if clubs submit details of these meetings I will be only too pleased to include them in the notes—whenever space allows.

Naomh Eoin Camogie Club held their meeting recently at Srelane Hall and the big news from that was the changing of the club's name from Naomh Eoin to Eire Og.

The following officers were elected at the meeting: President, Mr. John Lyons; vice-presidents, Very Rev. Canon Ahern, Rev. Fr. O'Connor, Mr. Tim Lane; chairman, Miss Rose O'Leary; vice-chairman, Miss Mary Lane; secretary, Miss Marian Lucey; treasurer, Miss Mary O'Sullivan; registrar, Miss Mary O'Regan; P.R.O., Miss C. Malone, and junior captain, Breda O'Leary.

FIXTURES

Saturday—Munster Colleges Junior Final at Castleconnell at 3; North Presentation Convent v. Rosary Hill.
Sunday—Munster Convention

Minor Camogie given impetus

By TAOBH LINE

THE LEINSTER Minor Colleges Camogie Championship, which was played for the first time last year has given fresh impetus to the game in schools throughout the province. Last year there was no entrant from Offaly, this year three schools from that county are taking part together with several others from elsewhere, which have not previously been seen in competitive camogie.

The Offaly schools are from Kilkormac, Edenderry and Tullamore, though the latter has, of course, been competing in the junior championship since the start of the current season.

Other new recruits to this Minor Championship include County Kilkenny schools in Ballyhale and Thomastown, and others in Rathangan, County Kildare, and Bridgetown, County Wexford, while I understand that there is a possibility that the Vocational Schools in County Westmeath may also come in, while Rathdrum in County Wicklow is also among those who have entered.

In fact, this minor championship has already attracted the record entry of 49 teams, 16 of them in Dublin. To expedite playing it off, the province has been divided into 12 zones, four of them in Dublin.

The competition, which is confined to first year and second year students, will be played on the league system, single round, with the winners of each zone playing off in the quarter-finals which have been fixed for May 4 and May 11. The semi-finals are scheduled for May 18, with the final on May 25.

Last Saturday's Leinster Colleges Council meeting also made the fixtures for the concluding stage of the senior and junior competitions. In the Senior Championship, the Stuart Cup, the arrangements are: Quarter-finals—all on Feb. 16—A—Zone 8 v Zone 7; B—Zone 4 v Zone 5; C—Zone 1 v Zone 6; D—Zone 3 v Zone 2. Semi-finals, on Feb. 23—D v A; C v B. Final—March 2.

The Purcell Cup draws and

dates are: Quarter-finals, to be played before February 23: A—Zone 1 a bye; B—Zone 7 a bye; C—Zone 2 v Zone 8; D—Zone 5 v winners of Zone 3 v Zone 4. Semi-finals—C v B, D v A, to be played by arrangement on March 2 or March 9. Depending on the semi-final dates, the final will be staged on March 10 or March 16. The Leinster champions in both senior and junior will play the Connacht representatives in the All-Ireland semi-finals, the seniors at a Connacht venue on March 9, the juniors at a Leinster venue on March 23.

Both All-Ireland finals will be played together at Croke Park on April 6. On Dublin fields, which have been silent over the past couple of weekends, the leagues will, it is hoped, resume on Sunday next with two games in the top Division in which Celtic and Austin Stacks, the only two unbeaten sides, will be expected to collect further points at the expense of Eoghan Ruadh and U.C.D. respectively.



Nuais Gully, of Middleton, who has won four-in-a-row Cork Senior All-Ireland Camogie Medals, photographed with the special plaque with which she was presented at the combined annual dinner dance of the Cloyne G.A.A. and Camogie Clubs at Garryvoe Hotel.

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With the Ashbourne Cup inter-varsity competition in Cork, the semi-finals of the Leinster senior colleges championship, and the game that could be the final of the Munster colleges series at Castleconnell scheduled this will be the busiest camogie weekend of the year to date.

A Busy Weekend In Store

Despite the almost impossible ground conditions, all the zones in the Leinster colleges senior competition managed to get their area competitions finished on time, even though it meant mid-week matches and unexpected cross-country journeys.

The result was that the quarter-final stages were effectively completed on Saturday last, clearing the way for the semi-finals tomorrow.

In one of these, Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy, entertain Presentation, Tereure, while the holders, Presentation Mountmellick, travel to play the surprise team of the competition, Wicklow Vocational.

The latter had a clear-cut victory last Saturday over Naas Vocational, and could give the Mountmellick champions plenty to think about. But even though the Co. Laois team may not be quite the power they were when taking the All-Ireland title last year, they still should win.

FANCIED

In the other semi-final, Enniscorthy who had been hard-pressed by Callan in their own zone decider, had a good win over Kilcock last Saturday and could now, with home advantage, just get the better of an earnest Tereure side.

Tomorrow also will see the semi-finals of the Ashbourne Cup, with holders U.C.C., backed by All-Ireland stars, likely to get their toughest test from U.C.G., who also have a sprinkling of inter-county players, led by Alma Duane.

In the other semi-final, U.C.D. on their recent displays in the Higher Education League, will be fancied to account for Maynooth.

SUCCESSOR

That would bring a Sunday final between U.C.C. and U.C.D. with the former likely to possess a little too much craft and experience for the young, but enthusiastic U.C.D. side, especially as Cork, holders for the past two seasons, can call on All-Ireland medalists, Rosie Pannessy, Pat Maloney, Liz

Garvan, Cathy Riordan and Nuala Jennings.

In the Ashbourne Shield final, also on Sunday, Queen's from Belfast should have the measure of Dublin University.

In the Munster Colleges game at Castleconnell tomorrow, Rosary Hill, junior champions of the province last season, must win their final game against previous holders, St. Aloysius from Cork, if they are to earn a play-off.

The honours would then rest between these two teams, and the present holders of the Southern title, another Cork school, Mount Mercy.

All eight affiliated Leinster counties were represented at last Saturday's provincial convention, and high hopes were expressed that the missing counties will soon be within the fold.

There was only one change in the Board—Mrs. Corcoran, who served the Council as chairman, and vice-chairman for a total of 13 years, has resigned for personal reasons. She is succeeded as vice-chairman by Mrs. Honor Treacy (Kilkenny) who is the hard-working secretary in her own county.

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Combined Univs.

THE Combined Universities Camogie team which will play the All-Ireland club champions next month in K. Delaney (U.C.G.), M. Hughes (U.C.G.), A. Dwane (U.C.G.), A. O'Deliscoll (U.C.C.), N. Jennings (U.C.C.) captain, V. O'Dwyer (U.C.C.), P. McEntony (U.C.C.), D. Walsh (U.C.D.), G. Butler (U.C.C.), L. Garvan (U.C.C.), R. Hennessy (U.C.C.), C. O'Riordan (U.C.C.), Res.—P. Raftery (T.C.D.), B. Larkin (Maynooth), E. Hearne (U.C.D.), Trainer—M. Long (U.C.C.)



Mary Whelton, South Presentation Club attended the Imokilly Camogie victory dinner.

CAMOGIE FIELDS

with AGNES HOURIGAN

AS usual the two big events on the Camogie fields at this time of year are the Ashbourne Inter-varsity tournament and the semi-finals and final of the All-Ireland club championship. Between them they mark the re-start of the game through the country on a nationwide scale. Once again the Ashbourne Cup series can boast of an entry from every University in the country.

In the preliminary rounds, University College Galway play Queens University, the New University of Ulster take on U.C.D. and Dublin University will face St. Patrick's College Maynooth. Holders, University College Cork, as the host College this year will not have to play until the semi-final stages. The first round losers will also be playing at Cork, in the Shield competition.

The home side Cork, must be firm favourites to retain the trophy for the third successive year, even though the strength of these Ashbourne teams often seems to run in cycles, as star players graduate, and adequate replacements do not always come to hand immediately. However the Cork students will again have the services of four famed Cork county players, Rosie Hennessy, Cally Riordan, Liz Garvan and Pat Maloney.

Rosie Hennessy has played at full-forward in all of Cork's four in a row All-Ireland senior victories. Cally Riordan set an all-time record by playing on both the winning junior and senior All-Ireland teams at Croke Park on the same day. Liz Garvan, won her very first Ashbourne medal in Dublin last season, she had been absent through injury when the Cork students won in Galway in the previous season. But because she was out of Ire-

land through the summer in a holiday job, she missed Cork's senior All-Ireland victory, although she had been the brightest star of the county's senior attack in all three previous victorious campaigns; while Pat Maloney has won two Ashbourne medals at midfield.

With that amount of forward power, and playing on home ground, Cork should retain their inter-varsity trophy with their final opponents most likely to be U.C.D. The Dublin students have lost in the past couple of seasons all their great inter-county stars, but they have some promising replacements out of Colleges ranks, who while possibly a bit immature at the moment could prove a formidable Ashbourne force in another year or two.

On the other hand, I feel the team most likely to create a surprise is University College Galway, who should also have some promising players on view.

Indeed there will be special interest in the display of the Western students in view of the wonderful revival of the game in Galway through the past couple of years. It all began, of course, when Presentation Convent Oranmore won the All-Ireland Colleges title in 1972. Then Galway's county side, relegated to junior status that season, came out and won the All-Ireland title in that grade, following that up by representing Connacht in the Gael-Linn Cup series, and after a good semi-final win over Ulster gave the holders Leinster a hard run in the final.

And Galway continued to progress in 1973. First of all, a rather unfancied U.C.G. team gave winners U.C.C. a very hard run in the final of the Ashbourne

Cup at Belfield. Then Presentation College Athenry failed to emulate Oranmore's feat in the previous year, going down to Presentation Mountmellick in the All-Ireland Colleges final.

In the All-Ireland senior championship, played as you will remember on the open draw system, Galway caused an early surprise by defeating Dublin in the opening round, and all but caused the shock of the season when they went within a puck of the ball of defeating holders Cork in their semi-final at Ballinasloe.

Meanwhile of course they had to find a completely new junior side, which again upset all calculations by winning through to the All-Ireland final, but the big occasion manifestly upset their young players who did not do themselves anything like justice in the first half, when they let Cork run into a long lead.

It was perhaps significant however, that Galway never conceded a second-half score and gave a very good account of themselves indeed. Then came the great triumph when they added the most brilliant of their juniors to the stars of the senior county side, and sent them out to represent Connacht in the inter-provincial series. This revised Galway side first drew with the Cork seniors, who were representing Munster, and then beat them in the replay, and really showed their worth then by defeating Leinster, the holders, in the final at a Dublin venue.

On that showing, Galway must be in with a very bright chance indeed of making a great bid in 1974 for their first senior All-Ireland title, and what a wonderful thing it would be for the game if they succeeded in that quest for too-long-awaited glory.



Mary Canavan, Riverstown, photographed at the Imokilly Camogie victory dinner at the Walter Raleigh Hotel, Youghal.

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Ashbourne Cup Tops Weekend Attractions

U.C.C., Maynooth, Trinity and Queens University will have camogie teams travel to Cork this weekend for the event of the Colleges camogie year—the Ashbourne Series. U.C.C. are holders of the trophy and in addition are "at home" in the competition this year as they have a busy and very important weekend ahead of them.

On Sunday also there are two other Colleges games—one in Limerick where Rosary Hill meet St. Aloysius in the Munster Colleges championship and the other at the Tank Field, Mayfield where South Presentation meet St. Patrick's in the Junior League final. On Sunday, besides the Ashbourne, there are two important league games too.

U.C.C. won the Ashbourne Cup last year in splendid style. They played brilliantly throughout and were a treat to watch. They will be very anxious to repeat their triumph before their home followers—the competition was in Dublin last year—and they have been training hard over the past few weeks in an effort to retain the title at home. However, the bad weather has hindered their progress somewhat and with playing fields in such a bad state at the moment they are hoping for a big improvement in the weather for the weekend.

In their semi-final tie against U.C.G. they will have a repeat of last year's final. On that occasion Cork won in great style, but Galway are always a difficult side to beat, so they will be up against it in their first outing.

GAEL LYN SUCCESS

Galway are Cork a big fright in the All-Ireland Championship and they went on en bloc to represent Connacht. As a provincial twelve they won the Gael Linn Cup and proved that Galway are very much on the up and are a camogie county. U.C.G. on their part have three Galway inter-county stars in their line-up. They are Majella Hughes, Anna Duane and Mary Kate Deane. They have Roscommon County player, Marie McDonald and one Co. Clare player, Mairé Scallan.

Louise O'Connor, who played so well for U.C.C. in last year's campaign will be lining out for the Galway college this season also, as well as doing her H.Dip there. Louise will be a big loss to the Cork girls and must prove a net to Galway.

Of course, U.C.C. have their county star too—Pat Moloney. Rosie Hennessy, Cally Riordan and Liz Moran have all won senior All-Ireland medals with Cork, while Paula Jennings and Cally have Junior All-Ireland medals to their credit. They also have a number of promising newcomers on their panel, including Liz Butler, Mary Roche and the O'Dwyer, so they should be in a position to field a very good side.

The home side must also be a big help as they will need to be at their best if they are to retain a trophy which becomes more and more harder to win as standards are rising every year and it stakes

good side now to be crowned as University champions.

MUST BE RESPECTED

In the second semi-final U.C.D. meet Maynooth at Curraheen. The latter are comparative newcomers to the competition, so little is known of their side. However, such is not the case with U.C.D. They have many titles behind them and always command respect. They have no inter-county player on their side this season, but a member of their panel won an All-Ireland Colleges medal with Mountmellick. Their captain, Mary Varley, is a night student at U.C.D. and is already a N.T., and it is a great tribute to her to captain the side while she has such a full schedule of work and study.

Two of the weaker universi-



U.C.C. midfielder Pat Moloney.

ties will contest the final of the Duthracht Shield as a curtain-raiser to the Ashbourne on Sunday. They are comparative newcomers Trinity, and the ever-present Queens University, Belfast. It is grand to see the Belfast girls making the journey to Cork, and though they may not be in the running for the major trophy, they are always very welcome, as it cannot be easy for them to keep a camogie team going in the Belfast of today.

The U.C.C. panel for the Ashbourne is as follows: N. Jennings (capt.), S. Lord, M. Lucey, P. Moloney, E. O'Hanlon, C. Desmond, V. O'Dwyer, L. Garvan, M. Murphy, R. Murray, C. Riordan, A. O'Dwyer, M. O'Riordan, K. Sheehan, G. Kelly, S. Lane, M. Hanrahan, C. O'Sullivan, M. Roche, M. Murphy, G. Butler, R. Hennessy, A. O'Donoghue.

UNENVIABLE TASK

St. Aloysius have the unenviable task of travelling to Limerick for their vital clash with Rosary Hill in the Munster Colleges championship on to-

morrow (Saturday). This game was due to take place a fortnight ago but had to be abandoned because of flooding. Now they are due to meet on Saturday, and like U.C.C., both sides will, no doubt, be hoping for better weather.

The other big Colleges game listed for tomorrow is the Cork Schols Junior League final in which South Presentation meet St. Patrick's. These junior competitions are wonderful for the younger players and, no doubt, both schools will have big support from their respective schools. The South Presentation panel for the game is as follows: Doreen O'Connell, Susan Fitzgerald, Grainne Mackey, Margaret O'Mahony, Bernadette Bell, Helen O'Mahony, Bernadette Lyne, Patsy Lucey (capt.), Lil Walsh, Yvonne Cotter, Phil Kelly, Eileen Kavanagh, Angela Bell, Mary McDonnell, Catherine Holmes, Jacqueline Lane.

The St. Patrick's panel is as follows: Ann Crowley, Lourdes O'Connor, Margo Delaney, Pauline Russell, Vivienne McCrum, Rosalie Leahy (capt.), Carol Scouts, Ann Downes, Catherine Cassidy, Orla Harrington, Judy O'Sullivan, Ann Grey, Brid McLoughlin, Anne Delaney, Clare Hackett.

SUNDAY'S LIST

Sunday's games are all league ties with one Intermediate, one Junior and one Under-18 game listed. In the Intermediate tie Churchtown meet Cloyne at Carrigtwohill and this should be a very close affair. Ballinlough meet St. Finbarrs 'B' in the Junior League, and here again it would be difficult to separate the sides. In the final game of the weekend Buttevant meet St. Fanahans in the under-18 League and this could result in a win for Buttevant.

Congratulations are extended this week to Old Aloysians who had such a fine win in the final of the Question Time on Monday night last.

The clubs continue to hold their annual general meetings and the most recently held was that of Watergrasshill club. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Fr. O'Riordan; Chairman, Miss Marie Farrell; Vice Chairman, Miss Elizabeth Higgins; Sec., Miss Marian Mackey; Treas., Miss Mary Fitzgerald; Intermediate Capt., Miss Angela Higgins; Under-18 Capt., Miss Margaret Cronin.

Watergrasshill also celebrated on Sunday last when they had a grand 4-3 to 2-1 win over Aghabullogue in the Intermediate League game at Coachford. Aghabullogue opened the scoring with a goal from Mary O'Callaghan after only ten minutes, but Watergrasshill quickly replied with a similar goal from Margaret Mackey and two points from Angela Higgins. The losers came back again with a goal and a point to complete an exciting first half.

On the resumption, Watergrasshill began to draw away with the aid of the wind and held Aghabullogue scoreless in this period. In addition, Angela

Higgins (1-1), Margaret and Marion Mackey (a goal each) increased the Watergrasshill scoreline to leave them clear winners at the end.

FIXTURES

Saturday: Munster Senior Colleges at Limerick venue—Rosary Hill v St. Aloysius, 3 p.m.

Cork Schools Junior League Final at Tank Field, Mayfield—South Presentation v St. Patrick's, 3.30.

Ashbourne Cup Semi-finals—At Curraheen Road—U.C.D. v Maynooth, 2 p.m.

At U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke—U.C.C. v U.C.G., 3 p.m.

Sunday: Ashbourne Cup at Mardyke: Duthracht Shield Final—Queens University, Belfast v Trinity College, 2 p.m. Ashbourne Cup Final 3.15.

Junior League at Ballinlough: Ballinlough v St. Finbarrs 'B', 1 p.m. (Ref. Ballinlough).

Under-18 League at Mitchelstown—Buttevant v St. Fanahans, 3 p.m. (Ref. Glanworth).

Intermediate League at Carrigtwohill—Churchtown v Cloyne, 11.50 a.m. (Ref. Carrigtwohill).

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Dr. M. D. McCarthy, president, U.C.C., presenting the Ashbourne Cup to Nuala Jennings, captain of the U.C.C. team when they defeated U.C.D. in the final at the Mardyke, Cork. Also in the picture is Ide Bean Ui She, president, Cork County Camogie Board. (—"Echo")

CAMOGIE: ASHBOURNE CUP

Hat-trick for UCC

U.C.C. 5-6, U.C.D. 1-0 ...

U.C.C. made it a "hat-trick" of Ashbourne titles at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, yesterday, when they had a very impressive win over a rather disappointing U.C.D. team.

The Cork girls were too strong in all sectors for U.C.D. and although Cork goalie, Sheila Lane, had to make a great save in the opening minutes, U.C.C. always looked the better side. This was a star-studded U.C.C. side with Cork senior county stars Pat Moloney, Rosie Hennessy, Cally Riordan and Liz Garvan all in brilliant form. Newcomers Geraldine Butler and Val O'Dwyer also did very well while Mary Roche, Ellen O'Hanlon, Sarah Forde, Aileen O'Driscoll and Nuala Jennings played their part.

U.C.D. on the other hand were dependant on individuals. Evelyn Hearne, Dorothy Walsh, and Carmel Fennessy ran themselves to a standstill while the score could have been a lot greater were it not for the wonderful saves from Noellen Delaney, in the U.C.D. goal.

U.C.C. opened the scoring with a point from Rosie Hennessy. Liz Garvan soon added another point before Rosie got her second. Following these points Cork seemed to lose their scoring touch for a short time but after 20 minutes of the first half Cally Riordan got a great goal from a solo run and before the interval U.C.C. added a goal from Rosie Hennessy and a great point from Val O'Dwyer. This left Cork ahead at half time by 2-5 to nil.

On the resumption U.C.D. began with great determination but it was Cork who again opened with yet another point from Rosie Hennessy after only three minutes. Then Cally Riordan added another major to her tally and almost immediately a long shot from the same player was deflected to the net by Ger Butler. It was only at this stage that the Dublin girls managed to score when Noirin Campion netted from a scramble.

This score came too late to change the game but Cork put the matter beyond doubt when a low hard free from Liz Garvan was deflected into the net by Rosie Hennessy. This left the final score at 5-6 to 1-0.

After the game the Ashbourne Cup was presented to the winning captain, Nuala Jennings, by the President of U.C.C. Donal MacCarthaigh.

The Duthracht Shield final which was due to be played between Queens University and Trinity College was not played as Queens failed to turn up. However, Trinity played U.C.G. in a friendly and although the Galway girls defeated them by 8 goals to nil, Trinity did not go home empty handed as they

were awarded the Duthracht Shield which was presented to them by Ide Bean Ui She, President of the Cork County and U.C.C. camogie club.

SEMI FINALS

U.C.C. 1-5, U.C.G. nil ...

U.C.G. made it difficult for U.C.C. in their semi-final clash on Saturday. They marked the Cork girls very closely and on very sticky ground conditions this gave the star-studded Cork side very little chance to score. However, Cork inter-county star Liz Garvan and Rosie Hennessy did manage to break away for points and when newcomer Ger Butler scored a goal just before half time this proved to be the vital score of the game.

U.C.D. 3-2, Maynooth nil

The semi-final clash between U.C.D. and Maynooth played at Curahreen Road, on Saturday had little to offer. There was a scoreless first half and it was only when U.C.D. found their scoring form for a short period in the second half that the game came to life. During this period U.C.D. star Evelyn Hearne scored 2-2 while Ann Spratt added a third goal.

Rosary Hill win exciting game

Rosary Hill, Castleconnell 6-1; St. Aloysius 4-2.

The holders, Rosary Hill, had an exciting win over their Cork opponents in the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie League at Adare on Saturday.

All through the game was an exciting one and Rosary Hill led by a point 3-0 to 2-2, at half time.

Dolores O'Brien had a fine game for Rosary Hill and scored two goals and a point. Pauline Mescall, Vera Mackey, Monica O'Driscoll and Bernadette O'Brien did best for Rosary Hill, who, by their win, have earned a play-off with Mount Mercy and St. Aloysius as well as three lost only once in the com-



Cally Riordan, U.C.C., gets the ball into the net for the third goal of the game in the final of the Ashbourne Cup against U.C.D. at the Mardyke, Cork, yesterday. (—"Exam")

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The U.C.C. team who won the Ashbourne Cup for the third time in succession when they defeated U.C.D. (below), in the final at the Mardyke, Cork, yesterday.



Mary Roche, U.C.C., breaks clear with the ball in the final of the Ashbourne Cup against U.C.D. at the Mardyke, Cork.

Camogie Gets Into Stride

By AGNES HOURIGAN

With the semi-finals of the All-Ireland Club championship between St. Paul's (Kilkenny) and Thurles (Tipperary) at Nowlan Park, and Oranmore (Galway) and Creggan (Antrim) at Ballinacorney, and the Leinster Senior Colleges

final between holders and All-Ireland champions, Presentation Mountmellick and Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy, at Portlaoise, the competitive camogie season really gets into full stride on Sunday.

For good measure, the Munster Colleges have a dual date in Cork tomorrow, with the replay of the junior final between the holders, Rosary Hill, Castleconnell, and North Presentation, Cork, in the morning, and the senior semi-final in the afternoon between Cork City's keen rivals, St. Aloysius and Mount Mercy.

Of the four teams left in the Club championship, only one, St. Paul's, has ever won the title before, but when they did so, they set up an unequalled record of winning the title in three successive years. Their opponents on Sunday, Thurles, reached the final two years ago when they lost to Dublin's Austin Stacks.

APPEARANCE

On their showing in Munster, Thurles are obviously going to make a bold bid for that elusive title this time, but St. Paul's played so well when defeating Dublin champions, Celtic, in the Leinster final, that, on home ground now, they must be the better fancied to reach yet another final.

Creggan, the Antrim club side from the Derry borders make their first appearance outside Ulster when they travel to County Galway to play Oranmore. The Galway club were very near to All-Ireland honours a few years ago, and will be more than hopeful of qualifying for the final for the second time.

On the Leinster Colleges senior final, the rival teams qualified in very contrasting fashion in last Saturday's semi-final.

Enniscorthy scored a clear-cut win over the Dublin zone winners, Presentation, Terenure at Ashford, while Mountmellick were led through much of their game by the surprise packets of the competition, Wicklow Vocational School, and needed all their craft and experience to come through with five points to spare in the end.

COME BACK

So Enniscorthy will be more than hopeful of regaining the title they last held two years ago.

In Munster, Rosary Hill, the junior title holders, will have to show better form than in the drawn game if they are to retain their crown in the replay against North Presentation at Cork this time.

League title for South Pres after thrilling game

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

South Presentation Past Pupils took the Cork Senior camogie title when they beat arch rivals Old Aloysians in an exciting if belated, 1972 final played at Ballyphehane yesterday.

It was an action packed struggle with excitement at fever pitch. Opening exchanges were tough and uncompromising and it was only through sheer grit that the South Pres. girls had edged in front 0-3 to 0-1 by the half-time interval.

Then they struck what looked like a lethal blow in the first minute of the second half. Miriam McCarthy having the proverbial blinder at midfield sent a low shot into the Old AIs goalmouth where Mary Breen doubled on a poor clearance and gave goalkeeper Mary Moran no chance. Old Aloysians fought back gallantly and a goal by Claire Kenny midway through the second half saw them right back in the game.

The winners, however, took no chances and a sound defence inspired by some fine clearances from goalkeeper Kay Dunne

kept the eager forwards in check and they held on to snatch a well earned victory.

Scorers for South Pres: M. Breen 1-1, M. Waldon, M. McCarthy and A. O'Donovan 0-1 each. Old Aloysians: C. Kenny 1-1, and A. Ryan 0-2.

South Presentation: K. Dunne, E. Clinton, M. Bohane, B. Ahearne, B. Sugrue, M. Weldon, A. O'Donovan, M. McCarthy, E. Bohane, M. Breen, A. Flood, I. O'Halloran.

Old Aloysians: M. Moran, A. O'Sullivan, M. O'Leary, A. Hayes, B. McAuliffe, A. Ryan, P. Walshe, V. O'Dwyer, V. Fitzpatrick, M. Garvin, C. Kenny, G. Butler.

Referee: Aileen O'Driscoll, U.C.C.

St. Paul's girls on the mark

St. Paul's 1-6; Thurles 0-2

ST. PAUL'S (Kilkenny) qualified for the final of the All Ireland Camogie Club championship when they beat Thurles at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny, yesterday. The scoreline does not reflect the Thurles effort, for they had a good deal of the play and the only difference between the teams was that the winners had more scoring power.

At the interval St. Paul's led 0-3 to 0-2, the vital score came after 15 minutes of the second half when Helena O'Neill scored a goal from a '30' to put Paul's ahead 1-4 to 0-2.

Scorers: St. Paul's—Helena O'Neill (1-2), Carmel Doyle (0-2), Liz Neary, Ann Downey (0-1 each), Thurles—Ann Ragh (0-2, free and 30). Referee: Nadine Mangan (Dublin).

ORANMORE SURVIVE

Oranmore 2-4; Creggan 2-1

IN AN exciting game at Ballinacorney, Co. Galway, yesterday, Oranmore survived the late challenge of Creggan, Co. Antrim, to win the All-Ireland Camogie championship club semi-final by 2-4 to 2-1. The Creggan girls were much slower to the ball than their lighter opponents, but in the second half the Ulster champions made a dramatic though late comeback.

Mount Mercy through to final

Mount Mercy 3-1; St. Aloysius 2-1

MOUNT MERCY, the Cork Schools League holders, emerged as winners of the all-Cork clash in the semi-final of the Munster Colleges Championship held at Mount Mercy Grounds on Saturday.

This was the third occasion on which these sides have met, with St. AIs winning their previous game in the championship and Mount Mercy taking the Cork Schools league title. So there was tremendous rivalry between the sides from the throw-in which built up into a tension-packed climax.

In the first half Mount Mercy looked the better side, and when Marian Bowen and Colette Aherne put them 2-0 to 0-1 (from Ann O'Connor) in front at the interval it looked an easy win for the League holders.

But what a different St. AIs side they faced in the second half. And this in spite of an early second half goal from Frances Walsh for the winners. St. AIs threw everything into the game and when a great free from Val Fitzpatrick was finished to the back of the net by Ann Leisk St. AIs were very much back in the game. Claire Kenny added another major from far out to put them within a goal of Mount Mercy. From there to the end St. AIs did everything but get that equaliser and they must regret their costly "near misses".

But all credit to Mount Mercy who played with such composure throughout. Ann O'Sullivan in goal, Celia Aherne, Mary Walsh and Catherine O'Leary all played their part in holding on to that valuable one goal lead while Mary Butler, Mary Breen and Colette Aherne were always dangerous around goal.

BEST SERVED

St. Aloysius, who were without three of their top players for this game, were best served by Ber O'Mahony and Ger Ring in defence and Claire Kenny and Val Fitzpatrick in the centre of the field.

Mount Mercy now go on to meet Rosary Hill, Castleconnell in the final.

Scorers for the winners were: M. Bowen (1-0), C. Aherne (1-0), F. Walsh (1-0) and M. Butler (0-1) while C. Kenny (1-0), A. Leisk (1-0) and A. O'Connor (0-1) were on the mark for St. AIs.

TEAMS

Mount Mercy: A. O'Sullivan, C. Aherne, C. Glynn, P. Fitzgerald, M. Walsh, C. O'Leary (Capt.), G. Coffey, M. Butler, M. Bowen, F. Walsh, M. Breen, C. Aherne, M. O'Sullivan, B. Foley. St. Aloysius: H. Mounihan, V. Cronin, P. G. Ring, B. O'Mahony, C. Kenny, A. Mackey, V. Fitzpatrick, C. Kenny, A. O'Connor, G. Fitzgerald, A. O'Brien, A. Leisk, Sub.: M. Barry for G. Fitzgerald.

ENNISCORTHY REGAIN CUP

MERCY CONVENT, ENNISCORTHY 4-4
PRESENTATION COLLEGE, MOUNTMELICK 1-4

MERCY CONVENT Enniscorthy regained the Stuart Cup when they scored a deserving 4-4 to 1-4 victory over the All-Ireland champions Presentation College, Mountmellick in the Leinster Senior Colleges camogie final at Portlaoise yesterday.

After a closely contested first half during which the sides were level three times, Enniscorthy went a goal ahead just before half time when the score was 2-2 to 1-2.

Mountmellick scored two points after the interval to leave a point between the sides, but Enniscorthy finished strongly and added two goals and two points without reply.

Best for the winners were the captain Mairead Darcy, Bridgid O'Connor, Anne Maher, and Breda Carr, who came on as a sub. Geraldine Duggan, Catherine Brennan, Carmel Dempsey and Gertrude Todd were best for the losers.

Scorers — Enniscorthy: B. Carr (2-1), M. Darcy (0-3), B. Storey (1-0), J. Miller (1-0). Mountmellick — S. Dunphy (1-0), G. Duggan (0-4).

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Stuart Cup back

By TAOBH LINE

with Mercy

THE COLLEGES' camogie season is at its peak in all four provinces. Last weekend saw the senior final in Leinster, and junior finals in Ulster and Munster. Saturday will see the Munster senior final, the Ulster senior final, a junior semi-final in Leinster and both senior semi-finals in Connacht.

Last weekend resulted in the titleholders dethroned in two provinces. Leinster and All-Ireland senior champions Presentation, Mountmellick, were, to a great extent, on home ground when they entertained Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy, at Portlaois, but they failed to match the Wexford girls in the second half and the Stuart Cup returned to the Slaneyside town where the title and trophy were last held in 1972.

In Ulster, St. Louis Convent, Killeel, juniors scored a sweeping victory over St. Clare's from Cavan. Killeel had been hoping to bring off the double but the senior final had to be postponed at the request of their opponents Clady Secondary School, and will now be played on Saturday.

In Munster, North Presentation caused something of a surprise in the replay of the provincial junior final when they scored a merited victory over the holders, Rosary Hill, Castleconnell.

However, the Limerick school will have a chance of glorious compensation on Saturday, when their senior side take on the holders, Mount Mercy, in the final. Mount Mercy only came back into contention because Rosary Hill defeated leaders, St. Aloysius, in the last game of the league series and thus forced a play-off between the three top teams.

Mount Mercy got the better of St. A's in the first of these

games last Saturday and thus qualified to meet Rosary Hill in Saturday's final. The Cork holders have an earlier victory over their opponents but that was in Cork.

Saturday's clash is at Castleconnell and home venue could make enough difference to Rosary Hill to enable them to capture the provincial senior title for the first time.

In Leinster, Holy Faith, Clontarf, out of the news for far too long, make a welcome return to the limelight when they take on Presentation Convent, Durrow, in the first of the Leinster junior semi-finals.

Clontarf have a useful side, but they will have their work cut out to overcome Durrow, who looked very efficient when ousting Walkinstown, the other Dublin zone winners, in their quarter-final last Saturday.

The second semi-final between Presentation Convent, Mountmellick, and Mercy Convent, Callan, will be decided on Saturday week.

In the West, the semi-final stages of the senior competition have been reached and the issue rests between the holders, Presentation, Athenry, Mercy, Tuam, Glenamaddy and Castleblakney.

WELL BEATEN

St. Paul's, Kilkenny, and Oranmore from Galway, will contest the All-Ireland club championship final on Sunday week. St. Paul's, have won this title three times. Oranmore have reached one final, but, after holding Eoghan Ruadh, the Dublin champions, to a draw in Dublin, were well beaten in the replay in Ballinasloe.

Oranmore are a much more experienced and effective side now, but though they turned in a good performance when beating Antrim champions, Creggan, in their semi-final, I thought St. Paul's a very well balanced side when resisting the stern challenge of Tipperary champions, Thurles in their semi-final at Kilkenny.

North Pres. take first trophy

North Presentation 2-1;
Rosary Hill 1-0

Cork school, North Presentation took the first Munster camogie trophy of the season on Saturday when they defeated Rosary Hill, Castleconnell, in the final of the Munster Junior Colleges Championship. Played at the North Monastery Grounds this game saw North Pres. ahead by the narrowest of margins at half time, a single point from Brenda Newman.

But on the resumption Janet Davis and Anna Connolly scored a goal each for the Cork girls and although Helen Berkery netted for Rosary Hill, the Limerick girls failed to score again leaving North Pres. worthy winners at the end by 2-1 to 1-0.

Best for the winners were Marie Coughlan, Eithne O'Sullivan, Celia Murray, Mary Cronin and Clare Harris while Bernadette O'Brien, Noreen Ryan, Monica O'Donnell, and Breda McCormack played well for Rosary Hill.

Scorers for the winners were Janet Davis 1-0; Anna Connolly 1-0; and Brenda Newman 0-1 while Helen Berkery 1-0 was on the mark for the losers.



North Presentation Convent (top) who defeated Rosary Hill, Castleconnell (below) in the replay of the Munster Colleges' Junior Camogie Championship.

Rosary Hill won

Rosary Hill, Castleconnell 6-1
St. Aloysius 4-3

The title holders Rosary Hill gave an excellent display when beating St. Aloysius of Cork in the Munster Colleges senior camogie league at Adare on Saturday last.

The victory means that there are three teams at the top of the table, last Saturday's pair and Mount Mercy, Cork.

Dolores O'Brien was the chief scorer for Rosary Hill with 2-1. Other scorers were A. Joyce, Betty Conway, Bernadette O'Brien, B. O'Dea, each one goal.

Best players for Rosary Hill were Vera Mackey, B. O'Brien, Paula Mesall, Dolores O'Brien, Aileen Joyce and Monica O'Donnell and Barbara Mackey.

JUNIOR CUP

Rosary Hill face a replay in Cork in the final of the Munster Junior cup and they have strong prospects of success although naturally disappointed that they did not win the original game.

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Munster Colleges Final Should Be Close Affair

MUNSTER Colleges champions, Mount Mercy travel to Castleconnell, Co. Limerick on tomorrow (Saturday) where they hope to win the Dripsey Cup for the second successive year. Their opponents in the decider will be Rosary Hill of Castleconnell. The Cork Schools Junior League final will also be played on Saturday.

There are a number of league games listed for Sunday. Rosary Hill opened up the race for the championship two weeks ago when they defeated leaders, St. Aloysius. The latter could have taken the trophy on that occasion but now, with their defeat by Mount Mercy on Saturday last, it is the Mercy girls who have the chance of taking the title. Once again Rosary Hill stand between a Cork team and success and with a home venue in the Limerick's girls favour they will be very difficult indeed to beat.

Rosary Hill are a formidable side at any time and with fine players in Vera and Barbara Mackey, Bernadette and Dolores O'Brien, Paula Mescall, Aileen Joyce and Monica O'Donnell they will be determined to take the title in front of their own supporters. And if they can cap their defeat of St. Als by also disposing of the champions they will be very worthy winners indeed.

But Mount Mercy have proved that they are a tough side too. In front by two goals at half time against St. Als they had a tough fight on their hands in the second period when St. Als kept them under pressure for almost the entire second half. But Mount Mercy held on grimly and if they can show the same determination on Saturday they must be there with a great chance. They have grand players in Cella Aberne, Catherine O'Leary, Mary Walsh, Mary Butler and Mary Breen. Their defence proved its worth in the semi-final and with their scores being divided up between their forwards they showed that they have scoring power all along the line.

They also have a tremendous fighting spirit and with the experience of a title win last season they should not be overawed by the occasion. But they would not want to be complacent in any way as this game must be a tough one with victory in the balance right up to the full-time whistle.

JUNIOR LEAGUE FINAL

The postponed Cork Schools

Junior League final between South Presentation and St. Patrick's has been refixed for the Tank Field on tomorrow (Saturday) at 12 noon. There should be plenty of excitement in this game also as these sides have been looking forward to this game for some weeks now and there should be no lack of enthusiasm in their play.

Sunday's games are all league ties. In the Intermediate campaign Cloyne meet Glanworth at the latter's grounds. Both sides have outstanding players with Mary O'Leary, Josie Pyne, Deirdre Quinlan, Finula McCarthy and Mary Roche in action for Glanworth, while Cloyne look to Marie Costine, Nuala Guilly, Bernie Costine, Margaret McCoy and Ann Shea. So there should be plenty of entertaining camogie in this battle for the points.

In the same competition Glen Rovers meet Aghabullogue at Coachford, and here the city girls could have the edge.

There are vital points at stake in the Junior League tie between St. Finbarr's "B" and Ballinlough while Buttevant should prove too strong for St. Fanahan's in the under-18 campaign.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order this week to North Presentation Convent and South Presentation Past Pupils. North Pres. won the Munster Junior championship by beating holders Rosary Hill in a very exciting match. The Cork girls certainly showed what determination and effort can do and brought the title back to Cork after a two-year absence. They now go on to meet St. Louis, Kilkeel, in the All-Ireland semi-final on March 23. South Presentation Past Pupils had the narrowest of victories over Old Aloysians in a very exciting Senior League final on Sunday last.

Eight of the highly successful U.C.C. side, which took the Ashbourne two weeks ago, have won places on the Combined Universities team to play the All-Ireland club champions (either St. Paul's or Oranmore) on March 24 next. The team is as follows:

- Kathleen Delaney (Galway), Majella Hughes (do.), Alma Dwane (do.), Aileen O'Driscoll (Cork), Nuala Jennings (Cork), Capt. Dorothy Walsh (Dublin), Pat Moloney (Cork), Val O'Dwyer (do.), Rosie Hennessy (do.), Liz Garvan (do.), Ger Butler (do.), and Cally Riordan (do.).

DRAWS

The draws for the 1974 Intermediate and Junior championships were made recently and resulted as follows:

Intermediate — Aghabullogue v Blarney; Churchtown v Glanworth; Sarsfields v Watergrasshill; Cloyne v Canovee; Glen Rovers a bye.

Junior — Ballinora v U.C.C.; Churchtown v Inniscarra.

Youghal v Old Aloysians; Buttevant v Killeagh; Castleview v St. Finbarr's; Ballinlough v Gortroe; St. Fanahan's v Kilmichael's; Erin's Own v Na Piarraig; South Presentation P.P. v Eire Og; Carrigtwohill a bye.

Teams involved in these championships must be ready to commence the competitions next month.

On Sunday last Eire Og defeated Castleview in a very exciting Junior league game played in Castleview. The winners led by two points to nil at half time but shortly after the resumption Eileen Cullihane scored a goal to put Castleview ahead. However Eire Og fought back and with ten minutes remaining Noreen Lucey scored a major which was soon added to by a similar score from Noelle O'Driscoll and a point from Anne Brennan to put the issue beyond doubt by 2-3 to 1-0.

FIXTURES

Sunday: Munster Colleges Senior final at Castleconnell at 3.00 — Rosary Hill v Mount Mercy.

Cork Schools Junior League final at Tank Field — South Presentation v St. Patrick's 12 noon.

Sunday: Intermediate League at Glanworth at 3.00 — Cloyne v Glanworth, (Ref Watergrasshill).

Junior League at Ballinlough at 3.00 — Ballinlough v St. Finbarr's "B", (Ref. Ballyphehane).

Under 18 at Buttevant at 3.00 — Buttevant v St. Fanahan's, (Ref. Blarney).

Intermediate League at Coachford at 3.00 — Glen Rovers v Aghabullogue (Ref. Canovee).

CAMOGIE TITLE FOR ORANMORE

Oranmore (Galway) 3-2; St. Paul's (Kilkenny) 2-3
ORANMORE (GALWAY) won the all Ireland Club Camogie Championship final for the first time when they defeated St. Paul's, Kilkenny, at Nolan Park, yesterday.

This victory was the climax of a great year for the West. Many of this side were members of the Connaught team that won the Gael Linn Cup for the first time last October and indeed Galway's first all Ireland Junior victory in 1972 was achieved by many of these players.

The visitors got off to a good start scoring a well taken goal in their first attack in the second minute. Pat Feeney strengthened their position minutes later when she added another goal.

Paul's attacked but in five raids they never found the range until Angela Downey gathered the ball and soloed through the defence to give the home side their only score of this half and Oranmore chalked up a third goal directly from the puck out and led 3-0 to 1-0 at half time.

Paul's now favoured by the breeze went quickly into the attack for Helena O'Neill to goal. Both sides exchanged points, and the Kilkenny girls from a series of chances had only two points to their credit as time was running out. Oranmore pointed again and in a hectic finish the home side tried desperately without success for the winning goal.

Best for the winners were captain Josie Kelly at midfield, the Divilly sisters, Nono McHugh and Pat Feeney. Helena O'Neill, Nuala Bolger, Liz Neary and Ann Downey tried hard for the losers.

SCORERS—ORANMORE—J. Kelly (1-1), T.Carroll (1-0), P. Feeney (1-0), N. McHugh (0-1).

ST. PAUL'S—H. O'Neill (1-3) and A. Downey (1-0).

ORANMORE—M. Burke; B. Henley; M. Cosgrave, A. Dileen, R. Divilly; M. Murphy, N. McHugh, G. Divilly; T. Carroll, J. Kelly, P. Feeney, M. Forde.

ST. PAUL'S—T. O'Neill; W. Bolger; M. O'Neill, C. O'Shea, M. Kawagh; L. Neary, A. Downey, H. O'Neill; U. Grace, C. Doyle, A. Downey, M. Cosway.

Rosary Hill take first senior title

Rosary Hill (Castleconnell) 2-3
Mount Mercy (Cork) 0-0

A dramatic goal in the opening minutes of the final of the Munster senior colleges championship put Rosary Hill on the road to their first senior title, at Castleconnell on Saturday at the expense of holders, Mount Mercy.

The Limerick girls were at ease from the throw-in but it took Mount Mercy some time to settle down. Rosary Hill took advantage of Mount Mercy's uncertainty in the opening minutes and slammed home a grand goal from Ann Quane.

Rosary Hill also had the ability to snap up scores. This they demonstrated with that first goal and as the first half progressed they added three more points from Dolores O'Brien. During this half D. O'Brien, Vera Mackey and Ann Quane were a constant threat to the Cork girls who struggled in vain to get on top.

On the resumption, however, Mount Mercy played their hearts out and might have got on terms but for the Rosary Hill goalie Sheila Coffey and their very

sound defence. The Cork girls did much more attacking in this period, but a breakaway goal by Castleconnell star Bernadette O'Brien with only seven minutes to go made their task an impossible one. However, the Cork girls never gave up and continued their efforts to get that elusive score. But in the end they had to concede victory, and their title, to the stronger Rosary Hill side.

After the game the Dripsey Cup was presented to the Rosary Hill captain, Vera Mackey by Mrs. Chris O'Connell, chairman Munster Colleges Council.

Rosary Hill: S. Coffey, N. MacBrien, B. Mackey, M. O'Donnell, D. O'Brien, M. O'Connor, P. Meskeil, V. Mackey (Capt.), B. O'Brien, A. Quane, B. Conway, B. O'Dea.

Mount Mercy: A. O'Sullivan, C. Aberne, C. Glynn, P. Fitzgerald, M. Walsh, C. O'Leary (Capt.), G. Coffey, M. Butler, M. Bowen, F. Walsh, M. Breen, C. Abern. Subs: B. Golden for M. Bowen; P. McCarthy for P. Walsh and M. Bowen for B. Golden

Referee: M. Moran (Cork).

NORTHERNERS TOO GOOD FOR ROSARY HILL

Rosary Hill Convent, 0 0;
St. Louis Convent, 2-3.

Rosary Hill Convent, Castleconnell, who did so well when winning the Munster Championship at their first attempt a week earlier, were beaten in the All-Ireland Colleges senior camogie championship semi-final at Limerick Gaelic Grounds on Saturday. The Ulster side were much too experienced for Rosary Hill, although the visitors could only score two points in an exciting first half. In the second half St. Louis (Kilkeel) took control and they ran out deserving winners.

Margaret Fitzsimons, Mary Gilchrist, Maud Lynch and Teresa Gilchrist did best for the winners and best for a spirited and enthusiastic Rosary Hill side were Sheila Coffey, Dolores O'Brien, Bernadette O'Brien and

Camogie rivals

PRESENTATION Convent, Athenry, and St. Louis, Kilkeel, will meet in the All-Ireland Colleges' camogie final. The Athenry girls beat Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy, 4-2 to 0-0, at Kenny Park, Athlone, while the Kilkeel side disposed of Rosary Hill, Castleconnell, by 2-3 to 0-0 at Limerick.

CAMOGIE

HOLY FAITH CLONTARF ... 1-0
PRESENTATION M'THELICK 1-0

Holy Faith scored a good victory in the Leitrim Junior Colleges camogie final at Portlaoise, yesterday.

SCORERS—Clontarf: A. Glacken (1-0), E. Whelan (1-0), A. B. Quinn (1-0). Mountmellick: G. Garty (1-0)

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Oranmore Girls Take Clubs Title

ORANMORE 3-2 SAINT PAUL'S, KILKENNY 2-3

ORANMORE Camogie players crowned a tremendous year on Sunday last when they captured the All Ireland Club championship for the first time with a two point win over Saint Paul's, Kilkenny, at Nolan Park, Kilkenny.

For most of the team on duty on Sunday, it marked the achievement of an outstanding series of "firsts". The Galway team which first won the All Ireland in 1972 and the Connacht team which won the Gael Linn cup last Autumn were spearheaded by Oranmore players.

And it can safely be said that experience gained in previous big match outings was a telling factor in this latest victory, as the Galway girls found themselves under considerable strain, particularly in the second half.

The Galway girls led from start to finish and it was their early goals that stood to them in the end.

Oranmore opened the scoring in the first minute, when a cross from Pat Feeney was forced into the net by the onrushing Teresa Carroll. From the puck out, Oranmore attacked again and a beautiful lobbing ball from Nono McHugh was flicked to the net by Pat Feeney.

Saint Pauls roused themselves after this setback, and Angela Downey crashed through the Oranmore defence to score a great goal. But this only spurred on the Galwegians to greater efforts and captain, Josie Kelly, scored a good goal after excellent work by Margaret Murphy.

From then until half time, the exchanges were very even, with both defences having narrow escapes. Just before half time, Marian Forde was unlucky not to score a goal for Oranmore, when her scorching ground shot went narrowly wide.

Oranmore's half time lead of two goals did not look sufficient, as they had to play against the strong breeze in the second half. Saint Paul's attacked from the restart and only the brilliant defensive work of young Mandy Cosgrave and Rosemary Divilly kept their eager forwards at bay.

Ann Dilleen at centre back got in some timely tackling on the brilliant Helena O'Neill, and this seemed to knock the heart out of the Kilkenny girls. Bridgie Hanley at full back gave some excellent coverage to young goalkeeper Margaret Burke, who enhanced her growing reputation with another grand display.

But despite the great work of the

Oranmore backs, they could not hold out indefinitely against the continuous onslaught of the Kilkenny girls. Helena O'Neill added 1-3 to the Kilkenny total and Galway's only reply was a pointed free from Nono McHugh after a hard tackle on Pat Feeney. At this stage, almost all the Oranmore team were defending desperately, but Josie Kelly raised the siege with a beautiful point.

The game entered the last five minutes with only two points separating the teams, and Kilkenny trying everything they knew to

score the match winning goal. But the sheer determination of the Oranmore backs, and the help rendered by midfielders Josie Kelly, Nono McHugh, and Grace Divilly, combined to beat off the Saint Paul's raids. The game ended with Oranmore lifting the siege through a thirty, forced by Pat Feeney.

It is difficult to single out any Oranmore girl for special mention, as they played and won this match as a team. Even substitute Josie Fahy fitted excellently into the pattern of the game.

Saint Paul's, on the other hand,

played more as individuals, and though having the services of some of the greatest players in the country, their lack of combination contributed largely to their defeat.

In winning the coveted club's title, the Oranmore victory is all the more noteworthy, when one considers they had to line out without those great players Rita Jordan and Kathleen Coughlin. All credit is due then to the team and especially the trainer Jimmy Duggan, for their great spirit and determination.

A vast number of supporters travelled to the match.

Scorers: Oranmore, J. Kelly 1-1; T. Carroll 1-0; P. Feeney 1-0; N. McHugh 0-1.

Saint Paul's, H. O'Neill 1-3; and A. Downey 1-0.

Oranmore: M. Burke, B. Henley, M. Cosgrave, A. Dilleen, R. Divilly, M. Murphy, N. McHugh, G. Divilly, T. Carroll, J. Kelly, P. Feeney, M. Forde.

Saint Paul's: T. O'Neill, W. Bolger, M. O'Neill, C. o'Shea, M. Kavanagh, L. Neary, A. Downey, H. O'Neill, U. Grace, C. Doyle, A. Downey, M. Conway.

Oranmore and Josie celebrate

By TAOBH-LINE

THE ALL-IRELAND club Camogie championship crossed the Shannon for the first time on Sunday when Oranmore brought the title to Galway, thus enabling mid-fielder Josie Kelly from Clarenbridge to set-up a new record by becoming the first player from Galway to win three All-Ireland camogie medals in different grades.

Two years ago Josie was the outstanding player on the history making Presentation Convent Oranmore team, winners of the senior All-Ireland colleges championship. Five months later she was again an outstanding figure on the Galway County side that won the junior All-Ireland title for the first time.

For good measure she was also figured prominently for Connacht winners of the Gael-Linn Cup and the interprovincial championship.

Others concerned in the junior All-Ireland and Gael-Linn Cup victories and were there again on Sunday last, were Nono McHugh, who captained both Galway and Connacht to their successes, and had time to captain an Irish ladies soccer team in between. Rosemary Divilly, Grace Divilly and Pat Feeney.

So as inter-provincial and club champions, Galway, can look forward hopefully to the championship season ahead and must now have an outstanding chance of achieving their greatest ambition, victory in the senior All-Ireland series.

In the meantime we might well see yet another All-Ireland title go to the West in the course of the next few weeks as Presentation Convent, Athenry, are through to the final of the All-Ireland senior Colleges championship for the second successive year.

Defeated in last year's final by Presentation, Mountmellick, they had the satisfaction on Sunday last of readily accounting for Mountmellick's Leinster conquerors, Mercy Convent, Ennis-corthy. But the Galway girls can expect determined opposition in the final where their opponents will be St. Louis Convent, Kilkeel, the Ulster champions who played very well indeed in the other semi-final, accounting for Rosary Hill, the Munster standard-bearers at Limerick.

In Leinster the junior colleges championship concludes tomorrow on Saturday with Mountmellick, seeking consolation for the loss of their senior crown, seeking honours in the lower grade for the first time.

Their opponents will be Holy Faith, Clontarf, who have been out of the camogie news for some time but who are very hopeful of recapturing past glories and becoming the first school to represent Leinster in the junior All-Ireland series which is being inaugurated this year.

North Presentation have already won through in Munster, while Kilkeel had an Ulster double, but the Connacht junior series is not yet finished.



Nono McHugh, the Galway girl who led the 1972 Galway Junior team to an All Ireland title, led the Gael Linn Cup winning team of last year and was a prominent player in Oranmore's win on Sunday.

Pres. girls in two finals

North Pres. 2-3; Kilkeel 1-0. NORTH PRESENTATION, Clontarf, qualified for the Colleges Junior All-Ireland Camogie final when they defeated the Ulster champions, St. Louis, Kilkeel, in a closely contested semi-final yesterday. The winners led by 1-3 to 1-0 at half-time.

Scorers: North Presentation - B. Newman (1-2), B. Heffernan (1-0), M. O'Connell (0-1), St. Louis - C. Cullen (1-0), McKnight (0-1).

Athenry 4-1; Clontarf 1-0. Connacht champions Presentation Convent, Athenry, are in the senior decider, also qualified for the All-Ireland Colleges junior camogie final when they defeated Leinster champions Holy Faith, Clontarf, by a point margin at Shandon, Dublin. The winners were in front by 2-0 to 1-0 at half-time.

Scorers: Athenry - A. Power (2-0), H. Naughton (2-0), Clontarf - Coady (0-1), Clontarf - Glacken (1-0).

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LUCK DESERTS ROSARY HILL

St. Louis 2-1
Rosary Hill 0-0

Missed chances in the opening half of the All Ireland senior colleges semi final at the Gaelic Grounds on Saturday, cost Rosary Hill a place in the final for the first time ever. At least three opportunities went abegging during this period and even one goal could possibly have made all the difference.

St. Louis Grammar School (Kilkeel, Co. Down) led by 0-2 to no score at the interval after a thrilling twenty five minutes of fast, open play. The Castleconnell girls played their best camogie during this half and were on the offensive for most of the time.

The Down scores came from the stick of Margo Fitzsimons, two points from placed balls.

The Rosary Hill midfield collapsed in the second half. Vera Mackey and Dolores O'Brien, the stars in the provincial final a week earlier, were confined to bed with influenza all week and fast pace of the first half began to tell and they eventually were forced to yield to the St. Louis partnership of Bernadette Murphy, Valerie Campbell and Margo Fitzsimons. The latter was the outstanding player on view and she delighted the large Down following with a near perfect display of camogie.

Bernadette Murphy goalied for the visitors in the 33rd minute of play and Rita Neeson pointed minutes later. In one of Rosary Hill's attacks in the second half, Bernadette O'Brien crashed home a great goal and the game was wide open. But to the consternation of Rosary Hill, the goal was disallowed because of an alleged square infringement.

This setback was too much for the Limerick girls and the winners dominated for the remaining 12 minutes of play. St. Louis completed their tally with a goal and a point from the red-headed Cathy O'Hare.

St. Louis in the end, deserving winners, were best served by Maud Lynch, Margo Fitzsimons, Mary Kilchrist, Catherine Mulhall and Cathy O'Hare.

Sheila Collopy, Noreen Ryan, Dolores O'Brien, Bernadette O'Brien, Vera Mackey and Monica O'Donnell were the pick of Rosary Hill, a side which Limerick can be proud of.

St. Louis: Kate Hall, Theresa Kilchrist, Catherine Mulhall, Maud Lynch, Vanessa Cromie, Bernadette Murphy, Margo Fitzsimons (capt); Valerie Campbell, Linda Hynes, Mary Gilchrist, Rita Neeson, Cathy O'Hare.

Rosary Hill — Sheila Coffey, Noreen Ryan, Barbara Mackey, Margaret O'Connor, Monica O'Donnell, Paula Meskill, Bernadette O'Brien, Vera Mackey, Dolores O'Brien, Anne Quane, Betty Conway, Bernadette O'Dea. Sub.: Aileen Hyde for A. Quane.

Referee: P. Breslin (Dublin).

BRIEFLY

The Felle na nGael executive has decided to include camogie in the hurling festival in Limerick next July. Camogie officials from Dublin and Belfast, attending the colleges game, were delighted with the idea, and it will be discussed in full at the next board meeting.

His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Michael Lipper, has informed Miss Chris Ni Chonnail, chairman of the Limerick Board, that his refusal to invite the camogie association to take part in the civic week was purely an oversight and was not an intended slur.

The Mayor's explanation has been accepted and the Camogie Association will take part in the civic week celebrations.

The St. Louis Colleges team were the guests of Rosary Hill College and the Ahane Camogie Club during the weekend. An Irish night was held in the college on Saturday night and the winners were presented with a pair of shawls and sliothar, a pair of Ahane and Rosary Hill shawls, and an ice cake, suitably inscribed. Before the team departed for home on Sunday afternoon Peggy Duffy, County Board secretary, presented the girls with a souvenir pencil of the Limerick hurling team.

PRES. INTO COLLEGES' CAMOGIE DECIDER

Presentation College, Athenry 4-2
Scoil Bhríde, Enniscorthy Nil

For the second year in succession Presentation College, Athenry carry Connacht's Camogie hopes into the All Ireland Colleges' final at Croke Park on April 6. Displaying a brand of powerful purposeful camogie in

the semi final at Athenry on Saturday the local girls left no doubt as to their worth in contesting the final against Ulster champions, from Saint Louis Secondary School, Kilkeel, County Down.

This was a team victory with each player contributing her share. In the back four none did more than centre half Gretta O'Brien who covered her whole line and with Midge Poniard and Anne Duffy in control at midfield Presentation College forwards had a steady, well distributed stream of play to turn the advantage.

Theresa Duane at full forward was in superb form adding 3 goals 1 point from play to the eight goals she scored in the Connacht final.

A feature of the game was the eclipse of Wexford county player Mairead Darcy — who was captain and centre half for the Enniscorthy girls — by fourteen years old Eileen Hynes whose first time delivery seemed to beat her opponent time and time again.

Midge Poniard's duel at midfield with another Wexford county representative produced some great moments and Mary O'Connor of Scoil Bhríde played her heart out to try and curb the Athenry girl's great display.

The Enniscorthy goalkeeper Kathleen Tonks highly rated in Leinster found herself really bush and could not be blamed for the four goals. Geraldine Healy on the left flank of the Athenry attack scored a fine opportunist goal while Athenry's other score, a point by M. Poniard from a free really emphasised the superiority of the local side.

This young Athenry team shows excellent promise and will prove worthy Western standard bearers in Croke Park.

TEAMS

Presentation: B. Coady, B. Duffy, B. Poniard, G. O'Brien, N. Treacy, M. Poniard, S. Coady, A. Duffy, O. Coady, E. Hynes, G. Healy, T. Duane. Scorers: T. Duane 3-1, G. Healy 1-0, M. Poniard 0-1.

Scoil Bhríde: K. Tonks, A. Maher, Bridget O'Connor, M. Darcy, P. Harris, J. Miller, M. O'Connor, M. Franklyn, B. Carr, M. Slevin, B. Storey, P. Higgins.

Referee: Kay Dunne, Munster Branch.

Congress to convene in Dublin

By TAOBH LINE

THE ANNUAL Congress of the Camogie Association on March 30 and March 31 had originally been scheduled for Cork. However because of recent travel difficulties, Central Council decided at its last meeting to bring Congress back to Dublin this year as being the most easily accessible venue.

Certainly the delegates will have plenty to discuss for there are a whole series of interesting motions, some of the most thought-provoking being provided by the Higher Institute's Council which asks for the setting up of a Standing Committee to look after urgent matters between meetings of Central Council, a Finance Committee which would investigate methods of improving the Association's financial position, a Communication's Committee which would look after Publicity both inside and outside the Association, and another Committee, this one in a temporary capacity, to revise the Rules in the Official Guide and rewrite them should the need arise.

The same set of proposals also ask that a separate Council be set up to popularise and foster the game in the primary schools, an area in which organisation to date has been minimal and confined to a few areas.

There is a further motion which asks that in future the term of all officers of Central Council, except the Secretary and the Director of Organisation, be restricted to three consecutive years in the same post. It seems logical that, when the President's term of office is already limited to three years, the same does not already apply to the other officers.

Galway also have a motion asking for the revision of the Rule Book, while Cork ask that a National Public Relations Officer be appointed. But one assumes this may be passed over in favour of the motion for a Communications Committee.

Kilkenny have several motions of importance including two asking that county representation at provincial Conventions and at Congress be limited to two delegates per county.

Camogie 'semis' on Saturday

ON THE camogie playing fields the big attractions are on Saturday when the semi-finals in a new competition, the All-Ireland Colleges junior championship, will be played.

Holy Faith Convent, Contarf, who won a surprise but well deserved victory over Mountmellick in the Leinster junior final at Portlaoise last Saturday, meet Presentation, Athenry in Dublin. The other semi-final between St. Louis, Kilkeel, and North Pres. Cork, will also be played on Saturday at Kilkeel.

At Belfield, University College Cork will be favourites to get the better of Carysfort Training College in the semi-final of the Higher Institutes League.

Kilkenny also have a motion which seems to suggest, somewhat tentatively, that the Camogie Association become a subsidiary body of the G.A.A.

There are also proposals that trophies or medals be presented to the runners-up in All-Ireland finals, while Kilkenny and Tipperary ask that inter-county championship games be played at neutral venues.

Sheila Bows Out

By Agnes Hourigan

Miss Sheila McNulty, general secretary of the Camogie Association for more than 20 years, has one piece of very bad news in the report which she will present to the Annual Congress of the Association which will be held in the Croke Park Council Room starting tomorrow at 2.00, continuing until 7.00 and resuming at 11.00 on Sunday morning. The bad news is that this will be her last year in office.

In the final paragraph of her comprehensive report, Miss McNulty says: "In 1953, I took my first office in the Camogie Association as secretary of the Betsy Grey club in Warrenpoint, Co. Down. Since then, I have held various offices and have been Ard Runai since Congress 1953. I do not intend to seek re-election as Ard Runai in 1975. Fifty years is a long time. For a person, for an organisation it is enough".

What Sheila McNulty does not say, but what all of us, who have known her during her years as Ard Runai, well realise, is that nobody can ever even start to estimate the immense debt the Camogie Association owes to her for the selfless unpaid work she has done since 1953.

What is more everyone within the Association knows the tremendous task it will be to find an adequate replacement. Certainly, it will be impossible to find anyone who can claim such long and wide experience, for Miss McNulty had been president of the Camogie Association before becoming secretary, and indeed, only took that post more or less in temporary capacity when few, if any, were willing to take over the work that had to be done.

How well she worked is to be seen in the immense difference between the entire camogie scene as it is now, compared to what it was then. Junior and Colleges All-Ireland interprovincial competitions and All-Ireland club championships have been added to the events. There are now Provincial and All-Ireland Colleges Councils, a Higher Education Council, and an All-Ireland minor championship will be inaugurated this year.

Whatever happens in the future, Sheila McNulty has left an indelible mark on the history of the Camogie Association.

And in the Report, she presents to this year's Congress, she is still planning for the future of the Association.

She suggests, for instance, that the annual National Coaching course should be primarily geared to produce coaches. She indicts the National newspapers for giving what she considers miserly space to Camogie affairs, and has some sharp things to say about the treatment received by the Association from R.T.E.

As a result of the recent Croke Park meeting between top officials of both bodies, she looks forward to increased co-operation and liaison with the G.A.A., a development that seems foreshadowed by the venue for Congress this weekend.

But Sheila McNulty is seriously concerned that not enough young girls are coming into administration, and would like to see shorter terms of office at various levels in order to involve more people. Above all, she would like to see more attention paid to the National aspects of the Association.

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All-Ireland Congress At Croke Park On Sunday

THE administrators of camogie will be on the move on Sunday with delegates from all counties due to meet in Croke Park for Congress. Any game could not keep going without the tremendous work of the "backroom boys" and camogie is no exception. But it is only at Conventions and Congress that we get any idea of the wonderful work which these people do for the game.

Not surprisingly, the present officers of Central Council have all been returned unopposed. They are: president, Mrs. Nancy Murray general secretary, Miss Sheila McAnulty; treasurer, Miss Lily Spence, and organiser, Mr. Sean Duffy. This dedicated band of officers have given a great deal of their free time to camogie for many years now and thoroughly deserve this tribute to their wonderful work.

But if there are to be no elections there will certainly be no lack of points for discussion with no less than 28 motions down for decision. These come from a cross-section of the country with many concerning the playing of the game and a number of questions about the administrative side. The C.C.I.A. (Third Level Education) seek the setting up of the following: standing committee, finance committee and communications committee to deal with some of the work of Central Council. With so much work in the hands of so few this motion should prompt plenty of discussion and with camogie spreading every year it could be received favourably.

NATIONAL P.R.O.

Monaghan seek an assistant Ard Runai while Cork are looking for a national P.R.O. However, if the C.C.I.A. motion is

carried these two would really be incorporated and would probably be withdrawn.

Antrim and Ulster Council seek runners-up medals for the All-Ireland champions while another motion calls for the setting up of a Council to promote the game at Primary school level. Venues are the target of motions from Tipperary and Kilkenny who want all inter-county matches played at neutral venues.

On the social side there is a motion for the setting up of an All-Ireland Ceol, Caint and Damhsa. This competition has proved very popular in Ulster with clubs entering members in groups, or singly to perform Irish dances, songs or recitations. The competition is run at club, county and provincial level. It not only encourages promotion of our traditional songs and dances, but reports from the girls involved are all of great fun and keen rivalry.

These are only a few of the

motions and with many more on all aspects of the game due to be aired over the weekend there should be plenty to talk about at Congress.

Congratulations to North Presentation, who became the first Cork team to qualify for an All-Ireland final in 1974. Considering that these very young played St. Louis, Kilkeel, on clude crossing the Border, and playtd St. Louis, Kilkeel, on their school pitch, before their own supporters, it was a wonderful performance indeed. The match produced a high standard of camogie for players of such tender years (this is for under-15's) and the Cork girls gave their best display of the season.

The North Pres. girls had a great weekend which was made possible by the wonderful hospitality of St. Louis Convent. Both the community and the girls at Kilkeel went out of their way to welcome and entertain the Cork girls and, of course, their tremendous victory made the weekend one to remember.

Now the Cork girls are due to make their first appearance in Croke Park where they meet Athenry in the All-Ireland final on April 6 — but more about that next week.

Sunday will be a busy day on the home front with no less than seven league games listed. Two new clubs will make their debut on Sunday, both in the under-16 league. This is a new competition this year and it is good to see new faces. They are Ballinora and Killeagh who meet Eire Og and Youghal respectively and it will be interesting to see how they fare. In fact this competition will be very keenly watched this season as there is a new Under-16 All-Ireland due to commence this year and so players involved in this grade will be in line for a county place.

There are three Intermediate League games listed. In the first of these Cloyne, who scored a convincing win over Canovee last Sunday will make things hot for Watergrasshill. Cloyne are unbeaten in this competition and it will take a very strong side indeed to call a halt to their present victory march. In the remaining Intermediate games all four teams involved (Churchtown v Blarney and Glen Rovers v Canovee) will be anxious to make up ground should Cloyne falter.

There are two junior league games listed, and these should result in wins for Ballinlough and St. Finbarr's.

Eire Og had a runaway victory over a disappointing Inniscarra side in the final of the Mid-Cork section of the Junior League at Berrings with a scoreline of 9-4 to 1-1. Eire Og led by 5-2 to 0-1 at half time.

Best for Eire Og were the three O'Driscoll sisters, Ann Brennan, Frances Murray and Mary O'Sullivan while Nora O'Brien was once again Inniscarra's best player and only

Rene Herlihy and Sheila Lane gave her any support.

Continuing with Annual General meetings, the Blarney Club are the latest to hold their get-together. There was a good attendance and the following officers were elected for the coming year.

Chairman— Mary O'Leary; Hon. Sec. Mary Doherty; Treas. Kathleen Doherty; P.R.O., Pauline Hegarty; Intermediate Capt., Mary O'Leary; Vice-Capt., Helen O'Sullivan; Under 18 capt. Rita Mullane; Vice-Capt., Bernice Mitchell; Under 16 Capt. Patricia Mackey and Vice-Capt., Gohnait Twomey.

The chairman in her address paid special tribute to the club's Question Time team which reached the county final. The team involved was Kathleen Doherty, Gohnait Twomey, Mar Mulcahy and Bridget Mulcahy.

Sunday March 31— J. L. at St. Finbarrs at 11.50; St. Finbarrs v U.C.C. (Ref. Eire Og). Inter. L. at Cloyne at 12.0 Cloyne v Watergrasshill. (Ref. Carriagwohill Inter. L. at Blarney at 11.50; Churchtown v Blarney (Ref. Inniscarra).

Jun. L. at Ballinlough at 3.50; Ballinlough v Old Als A (Ref. St. Finbarrs).

Under 16 League at Ballinora 3.50; Eire Og v Ballinora. (Ref. U.C.C.)

Under 16 at Killeagh at 3.50, Killeagh v Youghal (Ref. Cloyne).

Inter. League at Ballinlough 3.50; Glen Rovers v Canovee (Ref. Pres.)

Sheila McAnulty, from Warrenpoint, secretary of the Camogie Association for the past 21 years, and who Sunday next, they will have intends retiring from that post at the end of the next camogie year, is in line for an All-Ireland trophy.

She is a member of the County Down "Question Time" team that has reached the finals of the Scor 74 competitions which will be held in Dublin on April 7 at the Olympia. Miss McAnulty, is a member of the top committee of COSAC, and, in workaday life, must be one of the very few women in Ireland, if not the only woman, to hold a top executive position in a firm that specialises in heavy engineering equipment.

Cork home to Galway in All-Ireland

BIG news for southern camogie followers from congress, held in Croke Park over the weekend, is that Cork will meet arch rivals Galway in Cork in the first round of the All-Ireland championship this season. Following the tremendous success of last year's open draw, congress decided to continue on these lines in spite of the great expense which travelling counties sometimes had to bear. It was felt that the greater interest and more exciting All-Ireland was well worth the extra effort.

Because of the enormous amount of work entailed in congress, the two-day session was not enough. In fact the meeting only managed to make decisions on a small proportion of the motions. This means that it will have to reconvene on Saturday, April 27, again in Croke Park, from 1.30 to 7 p.m.

Cork did, however, manage to have one of their motions voted on. This was originally a U.C.C. motion which asked that rule 12 og be amended to read: "Players registered for university clubs and for St. Mary's College, Belfast, are permitted to play for their home clubs during May, June, July, August and September, but under no circumstances can a player play for two clubs in the same competition. Any player breaking this rule shall be suspended and shall not be allowed to compete again under the laws of the association until reinstated by the committee or council in charge."

BEATEN ON VOTE

The only change in this from the original rule was that the month of May was added. There was a great deal of discussion on the motion, but when voted on it failed by three votes to reach the two-thirds majority necessary to change a rule of the association.

For the last two years Ulster have held a highly successful "ceol, caint agus damhsa" competition. This was originally instituted to give players something to keep them together during the long winter months, while at the same time making clubs aware of our Irish heritage. Especially in this era of the Common Market, it was felt that it was vital to give camogie girls a love of their native culture. The success of the competition far exceeded expectations and now we are to have an all-Ireland competition with all four provinces taking part. This decision was taken on

a Derry motion, which was passed unanimously.

A number of motions discussed concerned runners-up medals for the major competitions. These again provoked a great deal of comment, but in the end they were defeated, mainly on the grounds of lack of finance.

NO ELECTION

There was no election of officers as all present council were re-elected unanimously. Officers are: president, Mrs. Nancy Murray, Antrim; general secretary, Miss Sheila McAnulty, Down; treasurer, Miss Lily Spence, Antrim; organiser, Mr. Sean O'Duffy, Dublin; trustees, Mrs. Sean O'Duffy and Mrs. L. Leonard, Dublin.

But there was a sad note in Miss McAnulty's report where it was stated that the coming year would be her last one in office. Miss McAnulty took her first office in the association in 1955 as secretary of Betsy Gray Club in Warrenpoint, Co. Down. Since then she has held various offices, devoting a great deal of her time to the game. She has been general secretary since 1953, but will not seek re-election in 1975.

Mrs. Nancy Murray, president, was unable to take the chair on Saturday due to illness, but she did travel from Antrim for the Sunday session. In her absence on Saturday, Mrs. Timmons of Dublin took over. This meant that Mrs. Murray did not address the meeting until yesterday morning.

TALKS WITH G.A.A.

Mrs. Murray spoke of her first year in office, and although she said it was not an exceptional year of progress, she was, however, pleased that the exploratory talks with the G.A.A. had taken place. The president stressed the importance of liaison between the two associations and said she hoped for acceptance rather than toleration in the immediate future. "With common sense from all our clubs and county officials, we can achieve this," she said.

There was a happy moment yesterday morning when Sean O'Kelly presented a cheque for nearly £500 to the association on behalf of Antrim Tailteann.

Another highlight on Saturday was the showing of the association's coaching film.

The All-Ireland championship draw is as follows (home to first team): A — Kilkenny; B — Cork v Galway; C — Dublin v Wexford; Derry v Antrim. Semi-finals (venues to be decided by Central Council): B v D, C v A.

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CAMOGIE '73

An Rinn, Fuireann fe-18

A Small Improvement —Maybe !

by
Eibhlin Ui
Chuimin

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Women in sport

By AILEEN ORPEN

CAMOGIE IS NOW 70 YEARS OLD

Eileen proves age is no bar

By AILEEN ORPEN

I HAD always thought of Camogie as a game of old origins but last week I discovered I was wrong. It was invented in Dublin, I was told, by some people from the Keating Branch of the Gaelic League. It was all part of the Gaelic Revival and, although the men had the G.A.A., the girls of Ireland had nothing and they wanted to play their part in the movement as well.

The first camogie match was played at Navan between two Dublin clubs in July of 1904. The second match was played in September of the same year between Newry and Dundalk at Carlingford and from then on the sport progressed until there are about 700 to 800 clubs playing today.

Eileen Mahony, perhaps better known in camogie circles as Eileen Duffy, was one of the people to set me straight on the history of camogie. She used to be Dublin County goalkeeper and, it is said, she foiled many a county of its chance of winning an All Ireland.

"I started when I was at the National School at Iona Road, Glasnevin," she told me. "They used to have a great league. In fact, at that time most national schools had teams and when I went on to secondary school at the Holy Faith, Dominic Street, I kept up camogie and later played for Droicheadovii in Dublin. During my time with this club we came from junior to senior ranks. This is interesting because we only had the one

team and we gradually worked our way up.

"Later that team broke up and I joined Celtic and I played there until I got married — and I was always in goal.

"I liked playing there because I always felt it was the most important place on the team. To be a good goalie, you must have speed, dash and intelligence. It is really vital to keep your eye on the ball throughout the whole match.

"But, anyway, during my days for the County, I won eight All Ireland medals and now, after 15 years of retirement, I am back again playing for Celtic, which shows that you don't have to be a teenager to enjoy camogie."

'DOUBLE LIFE'

Ann Murphy comes from Farrer near Macroom and she is leading a "double life" in that she plays for her school, Presentation, Terenure, and for

Presentation Past. "So," she says, "I play in the Dublin and Leinster Colleges and the Dublin Board competitions. My team, Presentation College, has won the Dublin Colleges' championship for the past three years.

"I have also played on the Dublin Junior County team and I would like to stress that it is a good idea for a girl actually to join a club before she leaves school so that she doesn't lose touch with other players."

INTERNATIONAL INTEREST

Ann Carey is a member of the Eoghan Ruadh club. "I started playing camogie when I was eleven," she says. "From 1967 to 1969 my team won the Dublin Senior League, the Dublin Senior Championship and the McCarthy Cup as it was known then, and in 1968 we also won the All Ireland Club Championship.

"I play in goal and I take an interest in the whole game. In Dublin at senior level the standard is very competitive because all the teams are more or less of the same standard.

"But there is something that non-playing people don't know and that is that camogie is played in London as well and we have affiliations from American and Canada and I understand the game is played in New Zealand also. Last year Thurles club went out to New York and played four games and they came back and told us the standard was extremely good.

"As far as I am concerned my ambition would be to win an All Ireland Senior medal and to travel abroad to play against other countries. But as there

are now 10,000 to 12,000 girls playing camogie in Ireland, I'm not sure if I would gain a place on a touring team. But I would certainly like to."



ANN CAREY



EILEEN MAHONY



ANN MURPHY

ST. PAULS ARE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONS

St. Paul's Convent 8-2, Immaculate Heart School 3-2

On their home ground, in brilliant sunshine on Saturday, St. Paul's Convent, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick, defeated Immaculate Heart School, Cork, in the final of the Munster Intermediate Camogie Championship. In a hard-fought game in which no quarter was given, St. Paul's gave a display which was a delight to witness. Cheered by the record attendance of camogie fans they held off the strong challenge of the gallant Cork side to win by eight goals two points to three goals two points.

Scorers for the winners were, Diana Gilbourne (1-0), Ann Sheehy (2-2), Bernadette Chawke (4-0), Helen Sheehy (1-0).

St. Paul's—Jo Upton; Joan O'Donnell; Mary Power, Ann O'Flynn, Ann Flynn, Marie Collins, Ellis O'Callaghan, Ann Sheehy, Helen Sheehy, Ann Upton, Bernice Chawke, Maeve O'Brien, Diana Gilbourne, Eileen Sexton; Mary Beidy, Mary Ahern, Bernice Curtin and Ann Chawke.

Immaculate Heart—Nuala Trindles, Bernadette Ni Bhroin, Aisling Dent, Ellis Couch, Rita Tighe, Mairead Sugrue, Gabrielle Ni Dhemumhan, Seosaimhin Ni Bhroin, Cristin Ni Lal, Cristin Nic Carthaigh, Sila Ni Athern, Aine Ni Coltr, Maire Cooke, Ellis Ni Dhoonahill, Annette Ni Haighin and Hilary Walker.



Immaculate Heart (Ballyphehane), Intermediate County Champions (schools) 1974: Back row, Chris McCarthy, Josephine O'Brien, Hilary Walker, Gay Desmond, Margo Sugrue, Chris Hekey, Marion Cooke, Betty Couch. Front row: Annette Lane, Ann Cotter, Sheila Ahern, Aisling Dent (capt.), Nuala Trindles, Breda Culhane, Bernadette Byrne.

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Athenry in double

hopes dilemma

By TAOBH LINE

THE CAMOGIE teams from Presentation Convent, Athenry, find themselves in an unprecedented situation this weekend when they come to Croke Park for the all-Ireland Colleges' finals.

This is the first year in which the junior championship has been extended from the provinces to all-Ireland level, and quite sensibly, it was decided to play both finals together.

Nobody ever expected a school would have been strong enough to qualify for the finals in both grades, but this is exactly what Athenry has achieved, with the juniors meeting Cork and Munster champions North Presentation, from Cork, and the seniors subsequently lining out against St. Louis, Kilkel.

The big problem from the point of view of the Athenry mentors is that four of their players, Bernadette Duffy, Noreen Tracy, Olive Coady, and Eileen Hynes have hitherto played a major part in the victories of both the senior and junior teams.

The all-Ireland Colleges' officers had, reluctantly, to turn down a request for a postponement of the junior game.

AS THEY COME

So I understand that present plans are that the Western school is likely to start with all four players in the junior game, and take things as they come.

With fresh teams in both games, Athenry could be there with a great chance of the double, but the unusual circumstances of the entire set-up make forecasting a risky business.

North Presentation, winning through in Munster for the first time, had a good semi-final victory over Kilkel, at Kilkel, and with a particularly able quartette of players in Anne Goggins, Claire Harris, Eithne O'Sullivan and Brenda Newman they must have every reason to travel hopefully.

In the senior final, Kilkel, beaten by Oranmore at this same stage two years ago, were impressive when defeating Rosary Hill, Castleconnell, the Munster champions, in the semi-final and have experienced and talented players in Vanessa Crummie, Madeline Lynch, Margot Fitzsimons, Rita Neeson and Linda Hinds.

But Athenry made a brave bid for victory in last year's final, and they have six of the team

on duty again now. The Poniard sisters, Gretta O'Brien, Ann Duffy, Sarita Coady and Teresa Duane, and if the stamina of their junior players is equal to this test they could be good enough to take An Corn Sceilge West, for the second time.

On Sunday another Galway side, all-Ireland club champions Oranmore, play the Combined Universities in the inaugural game of what is to be an annual series.

The students will be without Liz Garvan, who has had to cry off because of studies, but they will have four other Cork all-Ireland players in Rosie Hennessy, Pat Maloney, Cally Riordan and Nuala Jennings.

However, Oranmore, led by Nono McHugh, Josie Kelly, Grace Divillee and Pat Feeney, should have the team work to see them through to victory.

WIDELY TIPPED

Galway, widely tipped as the team most likely to take the all-Ireland senior title this year, will be really tested in the opening round. They have been drawn against the holders, Cork, and in Cork at that. That should prove the highlights of the early stages of this 1975 championship.

Athenry (Seniors)—B. Coady; B. Duffy; B. Poniard; G. O'Brien; N. Treacy; A. Duffy; M. Poniard; S. Coady; G. Healy; E. Hynes; O. Coady; T. Duane.

Kilkel (Senior)—K. Hall; T. Gilchrist; C. Mulhall; V. Crummie; M. Lynch; V. Campbell; M. Fitzsimons; B. Murphy; R. Neeson; M. Gilchrist; L. Hynes; C. O'Hare.

North Presentation (Junior)—A. Goggins; C. Harris; D. Higgins; M. Cronin; C. Murray; E. O'Sullivan; M. O'Connell; A. Connolly; B. Newman; M. Heffernan; J. Davis; M. Coughlan.

Athenry (Junior)—A. Haverly; B. Duffy; A. Cullinane; N. Treacy; E. Shaughnessy; D. Ryan; O. Coady; M. Coen; A. Broderick; E. Hynes; A. Poniard; N. Naughton.

Colleges Scene Reaches Climax

THE climax of the colleges camogie season will be reached on Saturday next when the All-Ireland finals will be played. In these Presentation, Athenry will meet North Presentation, Cork in the Junior final with Athenry meeting St. Louis, Kilkel, in the senior final.

No Cork side has ever won an All-Ireland Colleges final. St. Aloysius came nearest, when in 1968 they contested the senior final with Presentation, Kilkenny but had to concede defeat.

Now, newcomers to camogie glory, North Presentation are on the threshold of making history, as they appear in their first ever All-Ireland final.

With only one camogie trophy to their credit—the Cork Junior Championship which they won two years ago—North Presentation were not likely All-Ireland finalists at the beginning of the season. But what a tremendous fight they put up to reach their big day. They had a long hard journey to become Munster champions.

They had two replays, against Immaculate Heart and Rosary Hill. Add to this their defeat of St. Aloysius and South Presentation and you have a very fine record. But it was surely their grand victory in Kilkel which made camogie followers throughout the county aware of this very fine Under-15 side.

This game was in the All-Ireland semi-final and North Pres. had to travel to Co. Down, cross the border and play St. Louis, in their own convent grounds, before their own supporters. North Pres. had a mere seven supporters but this youthful Cork side refused to be upset by this and in a game which produced a high standard of camogie for such young players North Pres. gave their best performance of the season.

As the juniors are so young (under 15) it is very difficult to compare the sides in Saturday's final. This is the first year of the Junior Championship so there is no set standard by which to judge these teams. Little or nothing is known of the individuals of the Athenry Presentation Convent.

North Pres. have trained very hard this season. Fr. Michael O'Brien, who steered Farranferris to such great heights on Sunday last has been helping the girls in training and his advice has been invaluable to Sister Stanislaus and the players involved.

SOLID KEEPER

Anne Goggins is a solid goal-keeper and is fronted by a fine full-back in Claire Harris. The half-back line of Denise Higgins, Mary Cronin and Ceila Murray gave very little away in Kilkel and a repeat performance on Saturday could make it difficult for the Athenry forwards. At schools level, the centrefield trio can win or lose a match and here North Pres. have three great triers of no mean ability in Eithne O'Sullivan, Mary O'Connell and Ann Connolly.

If these girls can give a good supply of the ball to the forward line of Marie Heffernan, Brenda Newman, who captains the side, Mary O'Connell, Marie Heffer-

nan and Janet Davis, are capable of scoring sufficient to see North Pres. through.

The idea of having both finals on the one day is to give the colleges their own day at Croke Park, which gives them the status they so richly deserve. It also gives the younger players the opportunity of playing in Croke Park at a very early age. Of course, it presents difficulties for the Athenry selectors but surely it would spoil All-Ireland day for everybody if the two games did not take place on the same day. In any event North Pres. will not be effected by this and if they go out with their usual determination they can bring home Corn Naomh Gobnait. The best wishes of all Cork camogie fans will certainly be with them in this their greatest hour.

The North Pres. team is: Anne Goggins, Claire Harris, Denise Higgins, Mary Cronin, Ceila Murray, Eithne O'Sullivan, Marie Coughlan, Ann Connolly, Brenda Newman (captain), Mary O'Connell, Marie Heffernan, Janet Davis. Subs: Catherine Kelly, Bernadette McDonald and Geraldine Murray.

In the senior final Presentation, Athenry will meet St. Louis, Kilkel, and here there should be plenty of excitement as both these sides played brilliantly on their road to the final. So that in all it should be a grand day of camogie.

Immaculate Heart, who only went out to North Pres. in a replay will themselves be involved in a final when they travel to Kilkenny to take on the local St. Paul's side in the final of the Munster Colleges Intermediate "A" League. These Cork girls who went so close in the championship could have this League trophy by Saturday evening.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Sunday's fixtures are all League games. South Presentation Past Pupils are nicely placed in the senior league. However, a win for Old Als, whom they meet on Sunday would open it all up again. Both sides will be anxious to show their paces with the championship coming up.

The remaining games are all in the Under-18 and Under-16 League.

The result of the 1974 Open Draw for the senior All-Ireland Championship gives Cork a very difficult assignment. In the first round they are at home to Galway whom they defeated by two points in the All-Ireland semi-final last season but to whom they fell under the name of Munster some weeks later. If Cork do advance they will then have to travel to Antrim (who are expected to have a runaway win over Derry) for the semi-final. In the other first round games Dublin meet Wexford and Kilkenny meet Tipperary.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow.—All-Ireland Colleges Finals at Croke Park.—2.00, Junior, Pres. Athenry v North Pres. Ref. Pat Balferty, Dublin. 3.30, Senior Pres. Athenry v St. Louis, Kilkel. Ref. P. Breslin Dublin. Munster Colleges Intermediate A League Final, at Kilkenny, at 3.00 St. Pauls, Kilkenny v Immaculate Heart Cork.

Sunday.—Senior League at Ballyphehane at 3.30, Old Als v South Pres. Under-16 League at Rivers-town at 12.00, Churchtown v Sarsfields. Under-18 League at Carrigtwohill at 12.00, Erin's Own v Carrigtwohill. Under-18 League at Glanworth at 3.30, Glanworth v Buttevant. Under-16 League at Ballinlough at 3.30, Ballinlough "A" v Ballinlough "B".

Athenry bring off colleges double

Presentation (Athenry) 3-1; Presentation (Kilkel) 1-0.

PRESENTATION Convent, Athenry dominated All-Ireland Colleges Day at Croke Park on Sat. when they won both senior and junior titles. This was the first season of the Junior Championship so Athenry's success made camogie history.

Four of their players also made their own record, becoming the first players to win both College medals on the same day. They were Bernadette Duffy, who played at full back in both games; Noreen Treacy who was left back on the senior and centre back for the juniors; Olive Coady at centre-field for the seniors and left forward for the juniors and Eileen Hynes who had the added distinction of scoring in both finals.

Athenry also had three sisters in action, with Midge and Bernie Poniard on the seniors and younger sister Anne on the juniors. So in all it was a great day for the girls from Athenry.

Athenry 3-0: North Presentation 0-0.

This was a game in which North Presentation dominated for at least three-quarters of the time. But their failure to finish in front of goal, coupled with ill luck on a number of occasions, found them without a score at the finish.

North Pres were in arrears

after only five minutes when dual scorer Eileen Hynes scored a fine opportunist goal. But the Cork girls, undaunted, went on to storm the Athenry goal for most of the first half. At half-time the score still remained a that single goal lead for Athenry.

On the resumption, with North Presentation playing with the wind, the Cork girls still did most of the pressing. When the winners did break away they gave North Pres. a lesson in scoring goals. Athenry only had limited scoring chances in the second period, but they took two of these in brilliant fashion.

For Athenry, Bernadette Duffy, Ann Delaney, Eileen Hynes and Ann Poniard were best while North Pres. had their top players in goalie Ann Goggins, Claire Harris, Brenda Newman and Catherine Kelly. After the game, Corn Naomh Gobnait was presented to the winning captain, Bernadette Duffy, by Mrs. Rosina McManus, President, All-Ireland Colleges Council.

Scorers for the winners were: E. Hynes 1-0, A. Delaney 1-0, H. Naughton 1-0.

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North Presentation—A. Goggins, M. Cronin, D. Higgins, C. Harris, C. Murray, E. O'Sullivan, M. Coughlan, A. Connolly, B. Newman, M. O'Connell, M. Heffernan, J. Davis. Subs: C. Kelly for J. Davis.

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MUNSTER CHAMPIONS—North Presentation Secondary team (Cork) Munster Junior Camogie Champions made the trip to Croke Park where they lost to Athenry in the All-Ireland final.

BACK:- ANN CONNOLLY; MARIE HEFFERNAN; CELIA MURRAY; MARY O'CONNELL
CLAIRE HARRIS; MARY CRONIN + GERALDINE MURRAY
FRONT:- ANN GOGGINS; DENISE HIGGINS; EITHNE O'SULLIVAN
BRENDA NEWMAN (CAPT); CATHERINE KELLY; JANET DAVIS + MAE COUGHLIN

Higher League title for U.C.C.

U.C.C.
St. Mary's, Belfast
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE won the Higher Institutes' League final at Belle Vue, Dublin, yesterday, when they defeated St. Mary's, Belfast, in a most entertaining game.

The winners, who led 2-0 at half-time, were backed by a strong wind in this year's final. Though the St. Marys scored some well-taken goals after the interval, Cork were able to come back to level the score each time.

Scorers: U.C.C.—A. Dwyer (2-0), C. O'Riordan (2-0), Butler (2-0), N. Jennings (1-1), P. Maloney (1-1), St. Mary's—McAteer (3-0), B. McAteer (1-0), Denvir (1-0).

WEST GIRLS BRING OFF THE DOUBLE

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Presentation Athenry 3-1
St. Louis Killeel 1-0

What a reception the western girls got emerging onto Croke Park for this long-awaited All-Ireland Colleges senior camogie final. Boasting four junior champions who only minutes earlier captured the junior title and bery of very talented seniors, these girls quickly let it be known that the "double was on" and the trophies had to come west.

They had the further encouragement of being led in parade by the Coolarne girls' band under the direction of Jim O'Brien and the great western support got plenty to cheer about as they attacked into the wind immediately.

With Ann Duffy, Bernie Poniard and Eileen Hynes keeping play well up front Teresa Duane, Ireland's leading colleges' scorer had the Killeel defence in panic. She was marked very closely, her reputation obviously having gone north previously.

Nevertheless it was the Northern girls who scored first. Hesitations in the Athenry defence let Margo Fitzsimons in for a fine goal.

And for a time they were hard pressed. It was at this stage that Athenry's Gretta O'Brien at centre-half began to exert her superiority and from here to the end she was the outstanding player on the field.

In the fifteenth minute a thirty yard free from Midge Poniard was deflected to the Killeel net by Teresa Duane. This was the signal for all out attack by the Western girls Vera Cronin, Katherine Mulhall and goalie Kay Hall were excellent under this pressure. Nonetheless, Eileen Hynes could not be stopped and had the same distinction as she had in the junior game of putting her side ahead with a goal worthy of any team.

A long ball from S. Coady saw Teresa Duane well marked. She held the ball, drew the defence, sprinted to the centre, and the centre forward just tapped it to the empty net.

The second half saw the Athenry girls incessantly on the attack. Midge Poniard, the most stylish player on view led her team wonderfully; she controlled midfield and gave an exhibition of camogie rarely seen even in senior county grade.

In the fifteenth minute of this half, Teresa Duane got her second goal. A great effort to hit on the turn which Kay Hall just couldn't get to. But this Killeel goalie proved to be the real star of her side. All will remember her many fine saves and she was applauded by supporters and rivals alike.

Midge Poniard closed the scoring for Athenry with a point from fifty yards and what an ovation she got as she stepped up to take the Corn na Sceilge to Athenry for the first time.

Presentation Athenry 3-0
North Presentation Cork 0-0

Athenry's junior camogie team became the holders of the first ever senior All-Ireland title on Saturday

at Croke Park when they scored a convincing three goal to nil win over this Cork side.

And for four of the girls, it was just the first of two All-Irelands in one day - for Bernie Duffy, Noreen Treacy, Olive Coady and Eileen Hynes played with the senior team which took the title in their section.

The standard of camogie in this game was surprisingly high for junior girls and though the Cork side was a skilful one, it lacked the necessary experience.

Athenry's defence held out very well under pressure in the early stages and then in the tenth minute, Eileen Hynes got things off to a great start with a well taken goal, the only score of the first half.

Agnes Haverty, in the Athenry goals, brought off some very fine saves in moments of danger.

In the second half, the Athenry girls did very well, though they found themselves facing a considerable breeze. Helen Naughton banged in two great goals in this period, without reply.

Best for Athenry were Olive Coady, Madeline Coen, Dolores Ryan and Helen Naughton.

Team: A. Haverty, B. Duffy, A. Cullianne, N. Treacy, F. Shaughnessy, D. Ryan, O. Coady, M. Coen, A. Poniard, E. Hynes, H. Naughton, A. Delany.



'Supergirls' make history

By PADDY PURCELL

Four girls from Presentation Convent, Athenry, made Gaelic Games history at Croke Park yesterday. The four, Bernadette Duffy, Noreen Treacy, Olive Coady and Eileen Hynes, all played in both All-Ireland Colleges Camogie finals, senior and junior, and each collected All-Ireland medals in both grades.

Bernadette Duffy, who is a native of Donoughmore, played at full back in both games. Noreen Treacy from Athenry,

was left back on the senior side and played at centre-back for the juniors. Olive Coady from Ballygeanin was centre-field for the senior and left forward for the juniors. While Eileen Hynes, also from Athenry, who had the added distinction of scoring in both finals, was in the attack in both games.

To make this a really unique day for the Western School, Olive Coady's two first cousins, Bernie and Sarita, both played on the senior side with her, which means that between the

three of them they have now home four All-Ireland titles yesterday.

For good measure, Poniard also had a Bernie, playing on the side, while a younger Anne, collected a junior to make it three All-Ireland titles for three sisters.

PICTURED ABOVE: The "Supergirls" from Presentation Convent (from left) Coady, Eileen Hynes, Treacy and, in front, Duffy.

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Oranmore Girls Win Once More

ORANMORE 2-5
COMBINED UNIVERSITIES ... 1-6

Oranmore, the All-Ireland club champions, defeated the Combined Universities in an entertaining camogie challenge at Oranmore on Sunday.

The Galway girls, without Sports Star, Nono McHugh, led by 1-4 to 1 point at half time and this lead didn't look good enough, as they were playing against a stiff breeze in the second half.

The Combined Universities girls turned on the pressure in the second half, but despite having the assistance of inter-county players from Cork, Dublin and Wexford, they could not get the vital scores to win the match.

Best for Oranmore were Josie Kelly and Margaret Murphy at centrefield and Brid Hanley at full-back. Best for the Combined were Pat Maloney, Evelyn Hearne and Cally Riordan.

Scorers: Oranmore, P. Feeney 2-1, J. Kelly 0-4. Combined Universities, P. Maloney 1-2, N. Jennings 0-2, E. Hearne 0-1, R. Hennessy 0-1.

Camogie course

By TAOBH LINE

THE Administration Course, sponsored by Central Council, will be held at the Claremont Hotel, Howth under the auspices of the Camogie Central Council over the week-end of May 3, 4 and 5. A comprehensive programme has been drawn up and amongst those from outside the Camogie Association who have been invited to speak are such prominent members of the G.A.A. as Dr. Donal Keenan, the President, Director-General Sean O Siocain, and Michael O'Callaghan, Chairman of the Communications' Committee.

Top officials of the Camogie Association itself will also conduct various parts of this course which will be attended by five

nominees of each of the Provincial Councils, five from the All-Ireland Colleges, five from the Higher Institutes Council, and all members of Central Council.

The course will cover all aspects of administration and is aimed at ensuring that the officers of the Association at all levels will benefit immensely from this crash course.

After the Easter Holiday playing activities are not yet back into full swing, but next Sunday will be particularly busy in Cork where three first-round games in the county senior championship are scheduled for the Mardyke.

Imokilly, the East Cork side, champions for the past two seasons, face a very real threat to their supremacy when they take on South Presentation, who showed much of their former greatness recently when taking the League title from Old Aloysians.

South Pres. have great players in Hanna Cotter, Mary Whelton, Betty Sugrue and Marion McCarthy, but the holders, powered by the Costine and Higgins sisters, Nuala Gully and Marion Sweeney must still be slight favourites to advance to the next round.

West Cork selection, Muskerry, with Sheila Duane, Nancy O'Driscoll, Marion McCarthy and Mary Mahon, may have too much expertise for Noamh Gobnath, the pick of the City junior sides, even though the latter will have Maura Coleman, Frances Barry-Murphy and All-Ireland goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton.

There is an ironic twist to the third game in which Old Als play U.C.C. Two thirds of the Students team have played for Old Als before moving on to College, and the Old Als side is also likely to include a couple of players who previously fielded for U.C.C.

Old Als have good stalwarts in Ann Ryan, Brid McAuliffe, Phil Walsh and Val Fitzpatrick but U.C.C. who can call on Rosie Hennessy, Cally Riordan, Nuala Jennings, Pat Maloney and possibly Liz Garvan look to have by far the more powerful side, although at this time of year they are not always able to put their hearts into championship games because of pressure of studies.

EOGHAN RUADH'S GOOD SECOND HALF

Eoghan Ruadh 2-0
University College 0-0

Eoghan Ruadh qualified for the camogie championship, by defeating University College by 2-0 to nil at Phoenix Park yesterday. So close were the exchanges in the opening half, that neither side raised a flag. Miss M. Doyle got the second half goals.

Senior League—Austin Stacks 4-1 (P. Brennan 2-0), A. Sheehy (1-0) M. Sherlock (1-0), M. Conroy (0-1); Presentation—0-2 M. Murphy (0-1), U. O'Carroll (0-1); C.C.I.A. Final—University College, Cork, 8-3; St. Mary's, Belfast, 5-0



The junior camogie team from the Presentation College, Atherry who defeated the Presentation Convent, Cork, in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park (seated from left): Olive Coady, Agnes Haverty, Madeleine Coen, Bernie Duffy, captain; Anne Poniard and Anne Delaney. Standing: Noreen Treacy, Helen Naughton, Dolores Ryan, Anne Cullinane, Eileen Hynes and Freeda Shaughnessy.



The Presentation College, Atherry senior camogie team who defeated St. Louis secondary school, Killeel, Co. Down, in the All-Ireland senior colleges final at Croke Park (front from left): Noreen Treacy, Breda Coady, standing: Olive and Sarita Coady, Bernie Duffy, Geraldine Healy, Anne Duffy, Rev. Fr. O'Grady, trainer; Midge Poniard, captain; Teresa Duane and Greta O'Brien and Eileen Hynes.

A Triple Decker Of Senior C'ship Games

ALL six senior teams set out in search of success on Sunday next when the three first round ties of the Cork Senior Camogie Championship will be held at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke. This exciting treble-decker takes over Sunday but on Wednesday Na Piarasig meet Erin's Own in the Junior Championship and Blarney and Aghabullogue will be battling for intermediate league points in the remaining games of the coming week.

Champions for the past two seasons, Imokilly, will be hoping to make it a hat-trick of titles this season. But they will be up against very stiff opposition in their opening game when they meet South Presentation Past Pupils. The Pres. girls held the title for three seasons, before Imokilly won their first, and this "battle of the giants" should be the pick of Sunday's games.

The champions were very impressive in their win last season and they are certain to have a star-studded line-out again this season. They are, of course, a selected side but with players from so many strong sides at their disposal they can field a very formidable twelve indeed. Marie Costine, 1973 Camogie Player of the Year, Marie Sweeney, Mary Canavan, Nuala Guilly, Anglea Higgins and Bernie Costine, have all proved their worth for Cork and Imokilly and if these girls strike top form on Sunday it will take a very good South Pres. side to beat them.

However, South Presentation who recently won the senior league title have had plenty of match practice in recent weeks. This could prove vital at this stage of the season as Imokilly

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With both sides strong in defence this could be a low-

scoring game. A good start here will be all important but whatever the result this should be a very fine game of camogie.

TALENTED SIDES

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There is plenty of talent in these sides. Muskerry have very useful performers in Cork senior Sheila Dunne, Cork junior all Ireland winning captain Nancy O'Driscoll, Marion McCarthy, Rose O'Leary, Margo Twomey and the youthful Patricia Mackey. For their part Naomh Gobnaith have the services of Cork senior goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton, Frances Barry-Murphy, Mary Walsh, Brid Riordan as well as Marie Mackey. Young promising players like Marion Twomey and Mary Mullins could find places on the side also. Following their fine run in the competition Muskerry may start a favourites in this tie but Naomh Gobnaith are always hard to beat and like the first game this should be a very close affair.

UCC V OLD ALS

Ashbourne Cup winner U.C.C. tackle Old Aloysians in the final match of the afternoon. The college girls, who

only championship success was in the early days of the competition have many fine players on their side and must be regarded as one of the favourites to win the trophy. They have Cork senior stars Pat Moloney, Rose Hennessy, Liz Garvan, and Kay Riordan in their line out while they can also call on Cork juniors Nuala Jennings, Marie Roche and Val O'Dwyer.

Old Als once again find that of their players going to U.C.C. this season so on Sunday Collette Butler, Ann Hayes, and Val O'Dwyer will be in the College colours. This happens almost every year to Old Als, but despite their lack of success in front in the roll of success in recent years they are still front in the roll of honour in the Co. Championship with titles in the name of Old A and one title won by St. Aloysius School in 1937. They have not won the title since 1964 which is a very long time indeed and the odds of retaining the position in 1974 seem very much against them. As well as losing the three players mentioned to U.C.C. they will also be without their powerful defender, Marion O'Leary, who will be abroad on holidays. This is a big blow to the Old Als girls who will once again have to bank on youth. However, they do have a number of excellent players in Ann Ryan (nee McAuliffe), Brid McAuliffe, Val Fitzpatrick, Gerarda Barry, Patricia Walsh and Ann O'Sullivan and they will not give up their place in the semi-finals without a fight. However, form favours U.C.C.

FIXTURES

Sunday, April 21, senior championship at Mardyke, 2. Naomh Gobnaith v Muskerry. Ref. Mary Crowley 3. Imokilly v South Pres, 4.30. Mary Nott; 4.30, U.C.C. v Old Als. Ref Sheila Dunne.
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TALENTED SIDES

Last year's defeated finalists, Muskerry meet Naomh Gobnait in the opening match of the day. One of the prominent players in their line-out last season, Marie Mackey, will be fielding with the opposition on Sunday next. Both these teams are selected sides and as well as giving junior and intermediate players an opportunity of playing in the senior championship it also gives the Cork selectors a chance of seeing the pick of these grades in action.

There is plenty of talent in these sides. Muskerry have very useful performers in Cork senior Sheila Dunne, Cork junior all-Ireland winning captain Nancy O'Driscoll, Marion McCarthy, Rose O'Leary, Margo Twomey and the youthful Patricia Mackey. For their part Naomh Gobnait have the services of Cork senior goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton, Frances Barry-Murphy, Mary Walsh, Brid Riordan as well as Marie Mackey. Young promising players like Marion Twomey and Mary Mullins could find places on the side also. Following their fine run in the competition Muskerry may start as favourites in this tie but Naomh Gobnait are always hard to beat and like the first game this should be a very close affair.

UCC V OLD ALS

Ashbourne Cup winners, U.C.C. tackle Old Aloysians in the final match of the afternoon. The college girls, whose

only championship success was in the early days of the competition have many fine players on their side and must be regarded as one of the favourites to win the trophy. They have Cork senior stars Pat Moloney, Rosie Hennessy, Liz Garvan, and Cally Riordan in their line out while they can also call on Cork juniors Nuala Jennings, Mary Roche and Val O'Dwyer.

Old Als once again find three of their players going to U.C.C. this season so on Sunday Ger Butler, Ann Hayes, and Val O'Dwyer will be in the College colours. This happens almost every year to Old Als, but despite their lack of success in front in the roll of success in recent years they are still in front in the roll of honour in the Co. Championship with 16 titles in the name of Old Als, and one title won by St. Aloysius School in 1937. They have not won the title since 1961, which is a very long time indeed and the odds of rectifying the position in 1974 seem very much against them. As well as losing the three players mentioned to U.C.C. they will also be without their powerful defender, Marion O'Leary, who will be abroad on holidays. This is a big blow to the Old Als girls who will once again have to bank on youth. However, they do have a number of excellent players in Ann Ryan (nee McAuliffe), Brid McAuliffe, Val Fitzpatrick, Gerarda Barry, Phil Walsh and Ann O'Sullivan and they will not give up their place in the semi-finals without a fight. However, form favours U.C.C.

FIXTURES

Sunday, April 21, senior championship at Mardyke, 2.00, Naomh Gobnait v Muskerry, Ref. Mary Crowley 3.15, Imokilly v South Pres, Ref. Mary Nott, 4.30, U.C.C. v Old Als, Ref. Sheila Dunne.

Wednesday, April 24, Junior championship at Na Piarsaig at 7.00, Erin's Own v Na Piarsaig, ref. S. Pres. Inter L. at Blarney at 7.00, Blarney v Aghabullogue,

Imokilly open in style of champions

CORK COUNTY camogie champions Imokilly were superb in their first-round tie of the 1974 campaign when they defeated South Presentation Past Pupils by 6-3 to 1-2. UCC were also very impressive in their defeat of Old Aloysians by 8-8 to 3-3. In the third first-round tie of the afternoon at the UCC Grounds yesterday, Muskerry defeated Naomh Gobnait by 2-9 to 1-0.

But it was Imokilly who were most impressive. South Presentation had high hopes of holding their attack. In fact, the defence was reputed to be the convent girls' strongest sector. However, from an early stage, it was obvious that the champions were in brilliant form, with Noreen Bailey, Nuala Gully and Josie Knowles in devastating form.

From yesterday's games, it would appear that UCC are likely to be Imokilly's greatest threat, as they themselves were also in top scoring form, with Cork stars Cally Riordan, Rosie Hennessy, as well as newcomer Ger Butler finding the net with great regularity.

After yesterday's games, Imokilly, UCC and Muskerry are through to the semi-finals, where they will join Avondu, who had a bye in the first round.

Muskerry 2-9, Naomh Gobnait 1-0

These two divisional sides were first to take the field in yesterday's triple-decker. Muskerry played with more determination in this game and, with Nancy O'Driscoll in wonderful scoring form (she notched 2-7 of her side's 2-9 tally), they were obvious winners from midway through the second half. Had it not been for the brilliance of Cork goalie Deirdre Sutton, the question would have been settled much earlier. At half-time, Muskerry were ahead by 1-2 to 1-0, and in the second period, the winners added a further 1-7, to which their opponents had no reply.

Scorers for the winners were Nancy O'Driscoll 2-7, Patricia Mackey 0-1, Sheila Dunne 0-1, while Marion Twomey got Naomh Gobnait's only goal.

Muskerry — R. O'Leary, B. O'Leary, H. O'Sullivan, S. Roche, S. Dunne, H. Horgan, M. McCarthy, M. Mahon, M. Twomey, N. O'Driscoll, P. Mackey, N. O'Brien, Sub. K. Doherty for H. Horgan.

Naomh Gobnait — D. Sutton, B. Riordan, M. Mackey, M. Coleman, F. Barry-Murphy, P. Riordan, C. O'Leary, M. Walsh, C. Murray, M. McDonnell, M. Twomey, M. Nott.

Imokilly 6-3, South Pres PP 1-2

Imokilly were strong in all sectors and it will take a very

good side indeed to prevent them from taking their third in a row.

Marie Costine was at her brilliant best at full-back, while Marion Sweeney, Noreen Bailey and Josie Knowles were lethal in front of goal.

The champions opened the scoring after five minutes. This grand move saw Marion Sweeney send a great shot into the goalmouth which was immediately doubled to the net by Noreen Bailey. This score set the pattern of the game and, even though South Pres strove valiantly to get into the game, they had no answer to the power of Imokilly, in spite of some good work by young Annette O'Donovan and Mary Whelton.

Scorers for the winners were N. Bailey 4-0, J. J. Knowles 2-0 and N. Gully 0-3, while Eleanor Bohane (1-0) and Marion McCarthy (0-2) were on the mark for South Pres.

Imokilly — M. Barron, K. Spillane, M. Costine, K. Kenneally, M. Salter, B. Costine, M. Canavan, A. Houlihan, M. Sweeney, N. Gully, N. Bailey, .. Knowles.

SPPP — K. Dunne, M. Clinton, M. Bohane, B. Sugrue, P. Kenny, A. O'Donovan, A. Flood, M. McCarthy, M. Breen, E. Bohane, H. Cotter, Sub. B. Lyne for K. Dunne.

UCC 8-8, Old Aloysians 3-3

The star-studded UCC team proved too experienced and too dangerous around goal for the youthful Old Aloysians side in the third match of the day.

Three former Old Als (Ger Butler, Rosie Hennessy and Ann O'Dwyer) were among the scorers for UCC and, although Old Als did try to the finish, they were never really in this game with a chance.

For College, Cally Riordan, Pat Moloney, Ger Butler and Rosie Hennessy were always threatening, while Old Als had their best players in Brid McAuliffe, Claire Kenny and Val Fitzpatrick.

Scorers for UCC were R. Hennessy 2-4, G. Butler 2-0, A. O'Dwyer 2-0, P. Moloney 1-3 and C. Riordan 1-1, while V. Fitzpatrick (1-2), A. Ryan (1-1) and M. Kidney (1-1) were on the mark for Old Als.

UCC — S. Lane, S. Forde, M. Roche, N. Jennings, A. O'Driscoll, V. O'Dwyer, P. Moloney, E. O'Hanlon, A. O'Dwyer, R. Hennessy, G. Butler, C. Riordan.

Old Als — M. Moran, A. O'Sullivan, M. Garvan, B. McAuliffe, J. Walsh, G. Barry, V. Fitzpatrick, P. Walsh, C. Kenny, A. Ryan, A. Bevan, M. Kidney.

OKILLY: BACK- M. SALTER, M. BARRON
 COSTINE, M. COSTINE, K. KENNEALLY
 N. GUILLY & B. FOLEY
 FRONT: N. BAILEY, J. KNOWLES,
 Y. CANAVAN, M. SWEENEY,
 A. HOULIHAN + K. SPILLANE



S. PRES.: - BACK: P. KENNY, L. WALSH,
 K. DUNNE, H. COTTER, M. WHELTON,
 M. BOHANE, A. O'DONOVAN + M. CLINTON
 FRONT: - B. LYNE, Y. COTTER,
 A. FLOOD, B. SUGRUE, M. MCCARTHY,
 M. BREEN + E. BOHANE



The Imokilly camogie team (top) which defeated South Pres. P.P.U. in the first round of the Cork Senior Camogie Championship at the Mardyke, yesterday.



The Muskerry camogie team which defeated Naomh Gobnait in the first round of the Cork Senior Camogie Championship at the Mardyke, Cork.

BACK:- K. DOHERTY, S. DUNNE, P. MACKEY, M. MCCARTHY,
 H. HORGAN, N. O'BRIEN, S. ROCHE + M. MAHON
 FRONT:- B. O'LEARY, R. O'LEARY, N. O'DRISCOLL,
 + H. O'SULLIVAN.

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First trophy of season for Cork

Cork, 4-4; Combined Universities, 1-2

Cork took their first trophy of the season on Saturday when they defeated Combined Universities by 4-4 to 1-2 at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, to take the Cronin Cup. Three of Cork's All-Ireland winning side of last season were in action for the opposition. They were Pat Moloney, Rosie Hennessy and Cally Riordan, while Cork were also without Ann Phelan, who has retired, and Hannah Cotter, who is now living in Carlow and was unable to travel.

This meant that Cork had a rather "new look side" in action and it was some time before they settled down. In fact Combined Universities were first to open the scoring with a point from Rosie Hennessy after seven minutes and for most of the first half Cork, who had lost many opportunities around goal, had to struggle against the Universities' side in which Pat Maloney was in tremendous form.

However, Cork did manage to have the better of things scoring wise in this half and were ahead at the interval by 1-1 to 0-2, their goal being a grand opportunist one from Marion Sweeney and their point coming from Mary O'Leary, while Pat Maloney scored the Universities second point.

At half time the Cork selectors made a number of changes and these certainly made all the difference. Anne Keane moved into the attack from centrefield while Nancy O'Driscoll came into the same sector to the exclusion of Noreen Balley. Bernie Costine came into the centrefield in place of Mary O'Leary and then Cork moved with much more determination.

The second half was only minutes old when Betty Sugrue pointed and this score seemed to set the pace for the remainder of the game with Cork notching scores at regular intervals. The moving of Anne Keane and Nancy O'Driscoll paid dividends as both scored goals while in all no less than seven Cork players scored. Cork added 3-5 to their tally in this period, while the Universities could only reply with a goal from Evelyn Hearn.

After the game the Cronin Cup was presented to the Cork captain, Marie Costine, by Mrs. Nora Newman, Vice-Chairman of the Cork County Board.



Kay Spillane (left), Imokilly, about to clear despite a tackle from Mary Breen, South Pres., during the Cork Senior Camogie Championship game, at the Mardyke, Cork. —(Echo)

WEXFORD JUNIORS IN COMMAND

Wexford 8-2
Meath 1-0

Wexford had a clearcut win over Meath in the Leinster junior camogie championship at Dunboyne yesterday. The score at the end, 8-2 to 1-0, about represents the merits of the teams. Minutes after the start Wexford notched a goal and from this to the interval kept pegging away to earn a lead of 6 goals to 1 for the home team.

Resuming, Meath tried hard to counter the excellent work of the Wexford side, but could not at any time contain the efforts of a good all round team. The attack was in top form all the time and M. Darcy B. McClean, J. Kehoe and B. Higgins did best for the winners, M. Flanagan, A. Lynch, M. Carty and M. Kavanagh tried hard for the losers.

Scores—Wexford: B. Higgins (4-0), M. O'Connor (2-0), B. McClean (1-1), M. Murphy (1-0), and E. Hawking (0-1). Meath—K. Waters (1-0).

All games fixed for Phoenix Park yesterday were cancelled due to weather conditions.

Busy Weekend In Store

By Agnes Hourigan

With inter-county championship games in two provinces, vital local semi-finals in Cork and Dublin, and the quarter-finals of the Leinster Colleges minor competition, this weekend provides the busiest to date of 1974 on the camogie fields.

Cork, All-Ireland champions for the past four seasons, usually base their panel of players for inter-county games on those who show up to best advantage in the local championships.

This adds interest to the two senior semi-finals which will be staged at the Mardyke on Sunday when holders Imokilly taking on U.C.C. and the divisional selections, Muskerry and Avondhu, battle for a final place in the other game.

Imokilly led by Marie Costine were very impressive winners over South Presentation, who were expected to be their most serious challengers, in the opening rounds. U.C.C. were scarcely less impressive when routing Old Aloysians but the students are rarely at their best at this time of year with examinations looming, so Imokilly get the vote.

BETTER SIDE

In the other game, Muskerry must be fancied to account for the North Cork representatives Avondhu and thus reach the final for the second successive year.

Meanwhile, elsewhere in Munster, interest will centre on two games in the provincial championship. Title-holders Limerick travel to Waterford and despite having to play away from home, Limerick, who are reputed to have a better side than last season, should advance.

In the other game, the advantage would also seem to lie with the visitors, Clare, who travel to play Tipperary. Tipp rarely seem to muster any great strength in this grade, while Clare showed their worth by defeating Cork in a challenge game at Cork on Sunday last.

There are also two provincial championship games in Leinster, Meath entertain Wexford at Dunboyne, 3.00 in the junior championship and Wexford get the vote to advance

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here. In an evening game at Annacurra (7.30), Dublin minors take on Wicklow.

In this game, Dublin, with by far the greatest number of talented young players to select from, look the more likely to succeed.

QUARTER-FINALS

Tomorrow will see the quarter-finals of the Leinster Colleges minor series with Our Lady of Victories, Walkinstown, opposing Mercy Convent, Callan Rosary, Crumlin playing Vocational School, Kullucan, Presentation, Terenure meeting F.C.J. Bunelody and Presentation, Kilcock facing Presentation, Castlecomer.

Tonight Austin Stakes take on Presentation in the second of the Dublin senior championship semi-finals and will be very firm favourites to advance to meet Celtic in the final.

The Dublin Convention will be held at Bru na nGael tomorrow (2.0) and many motions for discussion are almost all of local interest.

Contests for officers are likely to be confined to a battle or places in the senior and junior selection committees, while outgoing chairman, Anne Ashton (Eoghan Ruadh) will be returned unopposed.

The organisers of the administration course at the Claremont Hotel deserve warm congratulations for a highly informative and practical exercise which is bound to have a beneficial effect on efficiency at all levels.

The contribution by leading officials of the G.A.A., including president, Donal Keenan, director-general Sean O'Stoich, Leinster chairman Tom Loftus, development officer Maurice Prenderville, Michael O'Callaghan chairman of the Communications Committee, amply demonstrated the spirit of co-operation between the two Associations.

Council to aid primary schools being set up

A COUNCIL is to be set up to foster camogie in primary schools. This was one of the motions passed at the resumed Congress held in Croke Park. The motion proposed by the C.C.I.A. suggested that this Council should consist of two representatives from each province, nominated by the Provincial Councils, one representative of each Provincial Colleges Council, together with a chairman nominated by Central Council.

Cork were in favour of this motion and following the tremendous success of the Colleges Council in recent years this can only be a step in the right direction. A Cork motion to appoint a national public relations officer was also passed.

Following the success of a Kilkenny motion, Provincial Convention shall consist of (a) officials of the outgoing Council; (b) Delegates from affiliated

county committee on the following basis: two delegates only for any number of clubs. (c) Two representatives of the Provincial Colleges Council and (d) Two representatives of each Provincial Schools Council.

This now means that Cork, or any other county, can only have two delegates at Munster Council, which will greatly reduce their voting power.

Cork had two of their three new bye-laws ratified by the Congress. The first of these was that "the General Purposes Committee shall comprise of the officers of the Co. Board plus one delegate from any senior club not represented amongst the officers. The duties of the G.P.C. shall be to make fixtures, appoint referees, investigate any matter allocated to them by the Co. Board and submit their recommendations thereon to the Co. Board" and the second "That an under-16 League be started in 1974."

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DUBLIN SHOULD ADVANCE

Nuala Guilley was the star of Imokilly

Imokilly 6-10; U.C.C. 2-1

Due principally to the free shooting accuracy of Nuala Guilley, Cork County senior champions, Imokilly, crept into this year's final at the Mardyke on Saturday evening. Miss Guilley sent over seven points from placed balls to crush the aspirations of gallant losers U.C.C.

Imokilly looked to have it sewn up in the first half of an invigorating contest. Displaying verve and skill they stormed their way into an 0-7 to 0-1 lead at the interval.

Then came a great counter-attack by U.C.C. Pat Moloney and Marion Sweeney hit home two goals between them to really put the cat among the pigeons.

But the champions, with Mary Costine in brilliant form in defence withstood the great challenge of U.C.C. and meritoriously garnered the honours.

Scorers:

Imokilly — N. Guilley 0-6; M. Sweeney 0-2; U.C.C.—P. Moloney 1-1, G. Butler 1-0.

Teams:

Imokilly—E. Higgins, K. Spillane, M. Costine, K. Kenneally, B. Costine, A. O'Donovan, M. Canavan, A. Higgins, M. Sweeney, J. Knowles, N. Bailey, M. Kelly.

U.C.C.—A. Hayes, N. Jennings, A. O'Dwyer, S. Forde, A. O'Driscoll, E. O'Hanlon, P. Moloney, V. O'Dwyer, C. O'Riordan, E. Butler, C. Desmond.

Muskerry in the final

Muskerry 4-2; Avondhu 2-4

Muskerry won the second semi-final of the Cork Senior County Camogie Championship when they defeated Avondhu by 4-2 to 2-4 at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, last evening. This game began with a quick exchange of points and this score stood until five minutes before the interval when Liz Manley got a grand goal to put Avondhu in front. Nancy O'Driscoll replied with a point for Muskerry but Avondhu led by 1-1 to 0-2 at the interval.

Muskerry were guilty of many missed chances in the first half but shortly after the interval substitute Mary Humphries brought the winners back in the game with a fine goal. From there on Muskerry began to have more and more of the play and although Avondhu kept coming at them two quick goals in the last quarter put the issue beyond doubt for Muskerry.

Scorers for the winners were: N. O'Driscoll (1-2), M. Humphries (1-0), K. Doherty (1-0), P. Mackey (1-0) while M. O'Leary (0-5), F. McCarthy (1-0), Liz Manley (1-0), and J. Pyne (0-1) were on the mark for Avondhu.

Muskerry—R. O'Leary, B. O'Leary, S. Roche, S. Dunne, H. O'Sullivan, M. Twomey, M. McCarthy, K. Doherty, N. O'Brien, M. Mahon, N. O'Driscoll, P. Mackey. Subs: M. Humphries for N. O'Brien, M. O'Driscoll for B. O'Leary.

Avondhu—T. Aherne, D. Beary, D. Quinlan, A. Kirby, M. O'Neill, L. Manley, A. Keane, M. O'Leary, N. Smith, S. Harrington, J. Pyne, E. McCarthy.

Referee: M. Nott (Glen Rovers).
Munster Junior Championship, 1st Round: Clare 15-1, Tipperary 2-2.

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The early stages of the Camogie championships in both Munster and Leinster proceed apace, and there will be two further games in the Eastern championships on Sunday. Both are at Knockbridge where the home county Louth are dually engaged, against Kilkenny in minor and against Dublin in the junior grade.

In the junior game, Dublin, who showed up well in this grade last season, will be expected to advance even though Louth will be able to field their best side. The minor grade although there is no previous form at this level in Leinster has thus far shown that the counties which have good schools teams tend to do well.

So Kilkenny, who are very strong in this regard will be fancied to get the better of Louth's young hopefuls.

In the minor series Kildare have scored a clear-cut victory over Meath, while Dublin got an unexpectedly close run

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from improving Wicklow.

In junior Wicklow had the better of Laois in the opening game while on Sunday last Meath were well beaten by Wexford.

Indeed Wexford, who are the holders of this Leinster title, looked very effective indeed, and if they can hold this side together will not be easily dethroned.

Down south, Clare showed their junior power last Sunday by a sweeping victory over Tipperary, while in Cork there will be a repeat of last year's final between holders Imokilly and Muskerry. Both sides, however, had hard struggles in their semi-finals last Sunday, with accuracy from frees seeing Imokilly through in the end against a gallant U.C.C. side.

Muskerry also were forced to give of their best to shake off

the challenge of their North Cork opponents, Avondhu.

The Dublin championships are now reaching the concluding stages and there will be an innovation this year, when most of the finals of the various grades will be played in succession on the same day, Sunday week, May 26 at the Fianna Club grounds at Moibhi Road.

On June 8 there will be a unique event, the first All-Ireland seven-a-side club camogie championship, which will be staged at the Crokes-Kilmacud Club grounds in Glendalough. This first competition is by invitation, but a number of famed sides have already expressed their willingness to take part.

The Leinster minor Colleges semi-finals are scheduled for tomorrow. In Kilkenny, holders Presentation Castlecomer take on Mercy Convent Callan while the other semi-final rests between Rosary Convent Crumlin or Vocational School Killucan and F.C.J. Buncloody or Presentation Terenure.

Annual Congress lacked impact

THIS year, due to a variety of reasons, most of which were unavoidable the annual Camogie Congress tended to be long drawn-out and therefore never had the impact that it should have had. Moreover, the really vital motions did not come up for attention during the opening two days at Croke Park, so that, as I write this I do not know what was the fate of the proposals to set up Finance, Fixtures and Communications Committees, the demand for a Primary Schools Council, or the suggestion that, the Secretary and National Organiser excepted, the Officers of Central Council should be limited to three consecutive years in any one office.

Those motions showed that there is a great deal of progressive thinking within the Association, and proved that some of the members of the Association at least are not satisfied with the current rate of progress, progressive though this may be in so many respects.

No sphere of Camogie has shown greater progress and greater promise in recent years than the Colleges competitions.

Yet, if those girls are not going to take a keen interest in the game when their school-days are over, and show that interest not alone in playing but in encouraging and teaching others to play, organisation and adminis-

tration at every level, we are not going to make any lasting impression.

The schools are the foundation stone, and that is why I am all in favour of a Primary Schools Council to encourage the game at the very outset among school-girls, and thus have readymade material coming to the coaches and game-mistresses in the post primary schools. And that such coaches, fully qualified to teach camogie will be available is obvious from the fact that the National College of Physical Education in Limerick has, belatedly but nonetheless welcomed advertised for a staff-lecturer.

With the official coaching film shortly available, and with RTE also contemplating launching an instructional Camogie series of their own in the none too distant future, the interest in the game itself, and in how to play the game properly, will be intensified throughout the country.

Which is why I hope that Central Council will in its wisdom continue to spend the major proportion of the COSAC grant (which one is glad to see continues to increase) on more comprehensive Coaching Courses, Referees Courses, and Administration Courses. We need Coaches in the clubs as well as in the schools. We need referees at all levels, and we need

administrators who have a knowledge of the fundamentals of the work they have to do right from juvenile club level up to Central Council.

The entire Camogie Association is under-staffed in so many respects, and for years too few people have been asked to do too much work. The time has come when everyone who has the best interests of the game and the Association at heart, must be ready to serve in whatever capacity to which they feel best suited.

At Congress, both in the Secretary's Report and the President's address there were bright hopes expressed about the closer co-operation being established with the GAA. And surely the first fruits of this were seen in the provision of the Croke Park Council Room for all the Congress sessions.

One can only hope that this co-operation will be speeded up and officially extended to all branches of both Associations to the mutual benefit of all concerned.

Finally, one can only record with sadness the fact that after almost half a century of selfless service to the cause and the game of Camogie, General Secretary Sheila McAnulty has entered on her last year in office. An officer at one level or another since her childhood days in Warrenpoint, nobody can ever assess exactly how much Camoguidheacht owes to Sheila McAnulty, who was President of the Association before coming Secretary, at a time when few could be found willing to undertake that onerous task, and made such a success of it that she has been returned to office for 21 years and will resign at the end of this season of her own desire.

The Association will search far to find a worthy successor.

Young Girls Don Cork Colours For First Time

TOMORROW is a big day for eleven youthful players who don the Cork colours for the first time. These are eleven members of the Cork minor team who meet Clare in the Munster minor championship at St. Finbarr's Grounds, at 3.30 p.m.

Odd girl out is Margo Twomey who is somewhat of a "veteran" in this grade. She was a Cork minor (under-18) for the past two seasons and also a substitute on the Cork junior side which won the 1973 All-Ireland. This year, for the first time ever there will be an All-Ireland minor championship with an age limit of under-16 and Margo is still young enough to qualify.

After the minor game Cork juniors will be taking the field for the first time this season when they meet Clare in a friendly while Sunday and the coming week will be a busy one with many league games listed.

Although Munster have run a Munster minor championship for the last few years this was under-18. Now with the advent of the under-16 All-Ireland Cork have to go for even younger players and the young girls chosen for tomorrow's game set out on their inter-county careers determined to continue the success which Cork has enjoyed for the last four years.

A number of these girls have family tradition behind them as they follow in the footsteps of famous relatives. Indeed, Cork's 1973 All-Ireland winning captain has sisters making their debuts on the minor side. Kathleen Costine becomes the third Costine sister to play camogie for Cork. Marie, is of course Cork's star full-back while Bernie played minor last year. Noelle O'Driscoll is sister of junior captain Nancy.

Aileen O'Driscoll, yet another sister, will be playing for the Cork juniors later in the afternoon against Clare in a friendly. Another Cork junior of last year, Marie Mackey, has a sister, Patricia on the minor side, while Margo Sugrue is related to senior, Betty Sugrue.

NO EXCEPTION

Camogie in Cork is so successful at the moment that even at the tender age of 16 or under most girls have had plenty of experience. And the members of the Cork side are no exception. In addition to the girls already mentioned, Claire Harris has already played in Croke Park as a member of Munster Junior Colleges champions, North Presentation, who went down to Presentation in the All-Ireland final.

Jane O'Brien plays regularly in the intermediate grade with Churchtown, while Patricia Mackey is playing very well at the moment with St. Aloysius school team, Blarney and Muskerry. Betty Joyce and Catherine Landers, though relative beginners to competitive camogie, have already made an impression while the very youthful Gay Desmond is a good striker.

Eileen Kavanagh's hard work in the trial won her recognition while Margo Sugrue played senior grade camogie with South Presentation before joining Ballyphehane. Eileen McCarthy won a junior championship medal with Sarsfields in 1973 and picked off some vital scores in the process.

One difficulty may be the fact that these girls are playing together for the first time so it is hard to know how they will fare as a team. It is expected that the Clare team will be drawn mainly from Shannon Comprehensive School which won the Munster Colleges intermediate "B" League and the Mhuire who came very close to the Intermediate "A" title. This means that Clare must be capable of fielding a useful side and the Cork will not advance without a

O'Donovan, Anne Kirby, Josie Knowles, while Mary Roche, Aileen O'Driscoll, Frances Barry-Murphy and Noreen Bailey were very impressive in the first round County Championship ties of a fortnight ago and so have been given their chance to prove themselves in the Cork colours.

It is not easy to start from scratch again with a Cork team, and with a minor team also to be established and the senior side to be streamlined, the Cork selectors have a very busy time ahead of them.

CORK TEAMS

Minor — K. Costine (Cloyne); C. Harris (Na Piarsaigh); B. Joyce (Killeagh); M. Twomey (Canovee), capt.; J. O'Brien (Churchtown); C. Landers (Killeagh); P. Mackey (Blarney); G. Desmond (Ballyphehane); E. Kavanagh (Eire Og); M. Sugrue (Ballyphehane); N. O'Driscoll (Eire Og); E. McCarthy (Sarsfields). Subs.: A. O'Connor (Old Als); B. Foley (Sarsfields); B. Lyne (S.P.P.P.); E. O'Sullivan (Na Piarsaigh).

Junior — M. Barron (Youghal); M. Roche (U.C.C.); A. O'Driscoll (do.); S. Harrington (Buttevant); K. Kenneally (Sarsfields); C. O'Leary (St. Finbarr's); A. O'Donovan (S.P.P.P.); A. Houlihan (Churchtown); J. Knowles (do.); F. Barry-Murphy (St. Finbarr's); A. Kirby (Glanworth); Noreen Bailey (Churchtown). Subs.: S. Roche (Aghabullogue); S. Burke (Churchtown); K. Doherty (Blarney); N. O'Brien (Inniscarra).

On the club scene the leagues continue with an under-16 and under-18 ties on Sunday and league ties on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. All these games will have a bearing on the destiny of the various league titles so they are all of vital importance to the clubs concerned.

Congratulations to Cork on retaining the Cronin Cup and to U.C.C. on winning the C.C.I.A. League. This they achieved by defeating St. Mary's, Belfast, by 8-3 to 5-0 in an entertaining game at Belfield, Dublin, on Sunday last.

Another recent success was that of Watergrasshill who defeated Churchtown in the final of the East Cork section of the under-18 League. Watergrasshill opened the score with a goal to which Churchtown quickly replied. However, from that point on Watergrasshill kept leaping ahead and ended as well deserved winners. Fixtures:

Saturday — Munster minor championship at St. Finbarr's Grounds at 3.30: Clare v. Cork (referee M. Nott). Junior friendly, at 4.30: Clare v. Cork.

Sunday — Under-16 league, at Killeagh, at 3.30: Erin's Own v. Killeagh (referee Youghal). Under-18, at Mitchelstown, at 3.30: St. Panahans v. Glanworth (referee Buttevant).

Tuesday (7th) — Under-18, at Riverstown at 7.30: Sarsfields v. Watergrasshill.

Wednesday (8th) — Junior league, at Youghal, at 7.30: Youghal v. Eire Og.

Thursday (9th) — Under-18, at St. Finbarr's, at 7.30: Ballyphehane v. St. Finbarr's.

Cork had a very impressive win in the first round of the Munster Minor Championship when they defeated Clare by 6-1 to 0-0 at St. Finbarr's Grounds on Saturday.

This is the first season of an Under-16 (Minor) All-Ireland. Both teams were obviously unsettled in the opening quarter but gradually Cork began to gain in confidence as the game wore on. They attacked more and more as the game drew to the interval but they failed to capitalise on their chances in front of goal.

However Ellen McCarthy did manage to open the scoring after twenty minutes with a point and Margo Sugrue added a grand goal four minutes later, and this left the half-time score at 1-1 to nil.

At this stage the sides looked fairly evenly matched. But Cork followers could hardly have hoped for the scoring spree which followed after the interval. Eileen Kavanagh who was Cork's top scorer with three goals, began with a fine goal after only four minutes. Ann O'Connor, who came on as a substitute added another after ten minutes and the remaining goals came from Eileen Kavanagh (2) and Ellen McCarthy.

Cork had fine players in Kathleen Costine, Claire Harris, Gay Desmond, Margo Sugrue and Eileen Kavanagh. For Clare Ann Marie Russell, Kitty Hayes and Joan Tuohy were in top form.

Scorers for Cork: E Kavanagh (3-0), M Sugrue (1-0), E McCarthy (1-1) and A O'Connor (1-0).

Cork — K Costine (Cloyne), C Harris (Na Piarsaigh), B Joyce (Killeagh), M Twomey (Canovee), J O'Brien (Churchtown), C Landers (Killeagh), P Mackey (Blarney), G Desmond (Ballyphehane), E Kavanagh (Eire Og), M Sugrue (Ballyphehane), N O'Driscoll (Eire Og), E McCarthy (Sarsfields). Sub: A O'Connor for N O'Driscoll.

Clare — E Condon, A Daly, M O'Leary, A Fahy, A M Russell, M Larkin, M Cassidy, K Hayes, J

Tuohy, M O'Brien, C Brady, M Murphy.

Sub: G Clancy for C Brady.

Clare 2-4; Cork 2-3

Clare gained some consolation with a last-minute victory over Cork in a junior friendly played after the minor game. As Clare do not field a senior inter-county team this was their top side, while Cork have to field a completely new junior team this season, having won the All-Ireland title last year.

It is never easy to field a completely new side and after Saturday's game it is obvious that Cork have a long way to go if they are to advance in the Munster Championship. However they did show some good flashes while Noreen Bailey once again proved that she is a useful player in front of goal and Mary Roche, Aileen O'Driscoll and Kay Doherty, after she came on as a substitute, were others to impress.

But Clare were the more determined side in this game and with Margaret O'Toole and Maureen Davoren in fine form in defence and Catherine McNicholas dominating at centre-field they gave their forwards plenty of the ball. However, their forwards lacked finishing power so that victory was at all times in the balance. Margaret O'Toole proved the matchwinner for Clare when she scored a point from a "thirty" just before the whistle.

Scorers for Clare — M Griffin (1-0), T McDonagh (1-0), E Fitzgibbon (0-2), M Davoren (0-1), M O'Toole (0-1), while N Bailey (2-3) and K Doherty (0-1) were on the mark for Cork.

Clare — M Kelly, B McGill, M O'Toole, M Davoren, R Kellner, E Fitzgibbon, C McNicholas, T McDonagh, M Mahon, C Glynn, M Griffin, M Saunders.

Sub: P Ryan for C Glynn, G Crowe for B McGill.

Cork: M Barron (Youghal), M Roche (U.C.C.), A O'Driscoll (do.), S Harrington (Buttevant), K Kenneally (Sarsfields), C O'Leary (St. Finbarr's), A O'Donovan (S.P.P.P.), A Houlihan (Churchtown), J Knowles (do.), F Barry-Murphy (St. Finbarr's), A Kirby, (Glanworth), N Bailey (Churchtown).

Sub: S Roche for S Harrington, S Burke for C O'Leary, K Doherty for A O'Donovan, N O'Brien for A Kirby.

Laois face Wexford in semi-final

By TAOBH LINE

NO MATTER WHAT happens in tomorrow's semi-finals, there will be a Kilkenny school in the final of the Leinster Minor Colleges Championship tomorrow week. In one semi-final, holders Castlecomer take on Mercy Convent, Callan, in Kilkenny tomorrow, and though Castlecomer will be very determined on retaining their title and trophy, Callan are very hopeful that their young team will recapture the schools' former glories on the Camogie fields.

In the other semi-final the outcome is even more intriguing as all schools concerned had to play their quarter-final matches only a few days ago. Rosary Convent, Crumlin, met Killucan Vocational School on Wednesday while the other quarter-final between F.C.J. Bunclody and Presentation, Terenure, was only decided yesterday. Terenure will be fancied to reach the final.

In the Leinster inter-

home in Knockbridge. In minor they take on Kilkenny, while they face Dublin in the junior grade.

EXPERIENCED

Kilkenny with a wealth of experienced players to draw upon, will be expected to have the advantage over Louth, who have not got a single schools team affiliated.

In the junior grade Dublin, who gave Wexford a close run in last year's final, will also be hopeful of profiting from their visit to Knockbridge but Louth, who will have their best team on duty, could spring a surprise.

Already Wexford, who won this provincial title a year ago, are being looked upon as the team that everyone has to beat. Certainly they were very impressive last Sunday when accounting for Meath at Dunboyne, Wicklow are already through to the next round with a hard-won victory over Laois.

In the final day of the

very lively spin indeed from a surprisingly good Wicklow team.

In Munster, Limerick and Cork have already advanced in the minor grade at the expense of Tipperary and Kerry respectively. In the junior championship, Clare not only disposed of Tipperary last Sunday, but rather unexpectedly did so with more than 10 goals to spare.

In Cork the Senior Championship again rests between the holders Imokilly and Muskerry, whom they beat in last year's final. But both teams had to battle very hard indeed last Sunday before achieving semi-final victories over U.C.C. and Avondhu respectively.

UNUSUAL SETTING

The Dublin senior final will be between holders Celtic and Austin Stacks, and will be played in an unusual setting, the Na Fianna club grounds at Molbhi Road on May 26. Indeed this will be a complete Camogie final day at this time of the year.

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Mount Mercy Convent on the attack during the Cork Schools camogie final against St. Als. at Ballyphehane on Saturday.

Fine display by Limerick

Limerick 5-1
Tipperary 2-2

The first under 16 All Ireland championship got under way on Saturday last and at Portroe, Limerick impressed when defeating Tipperary by an eight point margin.

It is difficult to judge the strength of the Limerick side at this early stage as the standard of under 16 camogie in Tipperary or any other county is almost unknown and we will have to wait until the next round to see how good Limerick are. But if last Saturday's game is any criterion then we have an outstanding team and if they are prepared and coached, then we could at least annex provincial honours.

Tipperary were best served by Mary O'Brien, Bernie Cunningham, Mona Quigley, Una Hickey and Maol Muire Tynan.

SCORERS

Limerick—E. O'Driscoll 2-0; B. Conway 1-0; M. Fitzgerald 1-0; D. Wells 1-0; N. Ryan 1-0.
Tipperary—M. Tynan (2-1), N. Hawkins (0-1).

Limerick—H. Sheehy, N. Ryan, M. O'Dwyer, M. O'Donnell, J. Cross, C. Deedigan, V. Mackey, S. Murphy, E. O'Driscoll, J. O'Boyle, D. Wells, B. Conway.
Subs.: M. Fitzgerald for J. Cross, K. Walsh for M. O'Dwyer, B. Mackey for E. O'Driscoll.

Tipperary—M. O'Brien, G. Phelan, E. Burke, B. Cunningham, B. Wright, M. Quigley, M. Tynan, U. Hickey, N. Hawkins, P. O'Meara, M. Hayes, G. Meehan.

LOCAL GAMES

In the junior league, Hospital and St. Patrick's scored good wins over Knockmalnea and Oola respectively. The latter two were making their debut in competitive camogie and gave promising displays before going down to their more experienced opponents.

LEAGUE GAME

Limerick field the same team which defeated Clare at Adare on Sunday next, when they play Waterford at Mallow in the Munster junior league. Bernadette O'Brien of Ballygran has been added to the substitutes.

Limerick advance

Limerick 8-6
Clare 1-3

Limerick gained a further two points when they accounted for Clare at Adare on Sunday, in the Munster Junior League.

Although Clare had an early goal it was all one-way traffic once Limerick settled down, and at the interval the score read 3-3 to 1-0. This one-sided victory was totally unexpected as Limerick were always hard pushed to overcome the Clare girls in their meetings during the past few seasons.

Eithne Neville celebrated her return to the Limerick colours with a grand total of 2 goals and 2 points. Carrie Clancy was Limerick's highest scorer with 3 goals. Others to figure prominently on the home side were Noreen Ryan, Ann Meaney, Geraldine O'Brien, Dolores O'Brien, Bridgid Darcy and Breed Stokes.

Maureen Kelly, Ann Marie O'Loughlin, Theresa McDonagh, Mary Maher and Catherine McNicholas were best for the visitors.

Scorers: Limerick—C. Clancy 3-0, E. Neville 2-2, B. Stokes 2-1, B. Darcy 1-2, D. O'Brien 0-1.

Clare—M. Saunders 1-1, C. Glynn and E. Fitzgibbon 0-1 each.

Limerick—Noreen Ryan, Ann Meaney, Mary Neville, Kitty Ryan, Geraldine O'Brien, Phil Darcy, Dolores O'Brien, Ann Sheehy, Bridgid Darcy, Carrie Clancy, Breed Stokes, Eithne Neville.

Clare—Maureen Kelly, Ann O'Loughlin, Rose Kelleher, Margaret O'Toole, Theresa McDonagh, Maureen Danagher, Mary Maher, Pauline Ryan, Catherine McNicholas, Maureen Saunders, Catherine Glynn, Mary Griffin.
Subs.: A. Russell for T. McDonagh; E. Fitzgibbon for C. Glynn.

UNDER 16

The first ever inter-county under 16 provincial and All Ireland championship gets under way on this Saturday and Limerick will be the guests of Tipperary at a Tipperary venue. A panel of players were selected on Sunday evening last and the next twelve will not be selected until Saturday.

League title for Limerick

Limerick 10-3
Waterford 1-1

Without ever extending themselves Limerick had little difficulty in capturing the Munster Junior League at the expense of Waterford, at St. Patrick's Field, on Sunday evening last.

It was one-way traffic all through, and at no stage did the visiting girls threaten danger. Limerick, playing with the aid of a strong breeze in the first half, led 7-3 to no score at the interval.

The pattern was much the same on the turnover, with the winners on the offensive. They tacked on further goals, and the Waterford replies came in the closing stages, when Limerick were inclined to relax.

The Limerick mid-field trio of Ann Sheehy, Dolores O'Brien and Phil Darcy were completely on top, and whenever the Waterford girls did succeed in moving into the attack their hopes were thwarted by a strong defence ably led by Kitty Ryan, Margie Neville, Geraldine O'Brien and Ann Meaney.

The Limerick forwards scored at will in this sector, Carrie Clancy, Eithne Neville and Bridgid Darcy starred.

Breda Larkin, Christine Mulcahy, Mary Alcock, Mary Kiely and Dymphna White tried hard for Waterford.

Limerick: N. Ryan, A. Meaney, K. Ryan, D. O'Brien, M. Neville, P. Darcy, D. O'Brien, A. Sheehy, B. Darcy, C. Clancy, B. Stokes, E. Neville. Subs.: V. Mackey for D. O'Brien; J. Conway for A. Sheehy.

Waterford: B. Larkin, R. Fleming, E. Barry, C. Mulcahy, D. White, M. Crowley, M. Alcock, H. Hanlon, T. White, M. Kiely, N. Ryan, M. Dillon.

Referee: M. Moran (Cork).

Dedicated Muskerry Can End Imokilly's Hopes Of Hat-Trick

IN a repeat of last season's final Imokilly, the holders, and Muskerry meet in the decider of the Cork County Camogie Championship at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyac on Sunday evening at 7 p.m.

On tomorrow, Saturday, it is championship time in the schools with St. Aloysius and Mount Mercy meeting in the senior final and Immaculate Heart and South Presentation clashing in the Intermediate final, both games at The Green, Ballyphehane.

TRAINING REGULARLY

Imokilly, chasing their hat-trick of titles, will not have things all their own way on Sunday when they take on the dedicated Muskerry side. Last season only three points separated the teams in the final and this time Muskerry are determined to go one better. They have been training regularly since early in April and are determined to put a stop to the Imokilly victory march. Drawn from five clubs, they have plenty of talent in their line-out although they will be without Breda O'Leary who was injured in the semi-final.

Breda's place at full-back will now be filled by Helen O'Sullivan, the grand Blarney defender. Another newcomer to the side is Patricia Mackey, who played very well for Cork under-16 side a few weeks ago. The remainder of the side is the same as last season with Nancy O'Driscoll in the role of captain. Nancy, who captained the Cork Juniors to their All-Ireland win last season, is a tremendous worker and gives everything in a game. She is also a top-class hockey player with Old Ursulines and was capped for the Munster senior hockey team recently.

Nancy will carry a great deal of Muskerry's hopes on her shoulders but she will have able assistance from Mary Mahon, who was also a member of Cork Juniors last season but is now playing for her native Clare. Mary is the only Muskerry player to hold a senior county championship medal, which she won with Oranmore.

Sheila Dunne needs no introduction to Cork followers as she has been a regular of the Cork seniors during their tremendous four-year run, while Marion McCarthy was yet another member of the Cork Juniors.

ALWAYS DANGEROUS

For their part Imokilly too have their stars Marie Costine, Marion Sweeney and Nuala Gully are all members of the marvellous full-back. Marie is always dangerous around the middle of the field while Nuala Gully is a grand opportunist forward. In fact it was Nuala's ability to score from placed balls which gave Imokilly victory in their semi-final clash with U.C.C.

The remainder of the holder's side is also full of talent with Nuala Costine, Antoinette Houlihan, Mary Canavan, Josie Knowles and Noreen Bailey all having worn the Cork colours in some grade.

When they had a big win over South Presentation Past Pupils in the first round it was felt that Imokilly could not be stopped in their bid to win a third successive title. However, U.C.C. came very near in their semi-final clash so that now they are mainly earlier in the year. However, the experienced side, who will take a great deal of holding, they will be ready to receive the challenge.

ing. Now it is the Cork Schools Championship which is at stake when these sides clash tomorrow (Saturday) and the tie promises to be action packed from the throw-in. Mount Mercy have grand players in Catherine O'Leary, Mary Walsh, Mary Butler and Mary Breen but St. Als have their stars too in Val Fitzpatrick, Clare Kenny, Ann O'Connor and Marcella Murphy and all these girls will endeavour to be in top form for this vital tie in the schools' season.

There will be no lack of action in the Intermediate final either. Both sides will be very determined to take the Gael Linn Trophy and again there are very promising players on both teams. South Pres. have Grainne Mackey, Eileen Kavanagh and captain Patsy Lucey while Immaculate Heart can boast of Margo Sugrue, and Gay Desmond both members of the Cork under-16 team.

There is plenty of interest too in the remainder of the week's fixtures. St. Fanahan's and Kil-michael clash in the replay of their Junior championship tie and with only one goal separating them in their first meeting the replay should be an exciting one. St. Finbarr's beat Castleview in the Junior championship recently. Now the sides meet in the under-18 semi-final and again it should be close.

TEAMS

South Presentation selection — D. O'Connell, S. Fitzgerald, G. Mackey, H. O'Mahony, B. Bell, M. O'Mahony, P. Lucey (Capt.), B. Lyne, E. Kavanagh, L. Walsh, Y. Cotter, P. Kelly, J. Lane, M. McDonnell, V. O'Mahony, C. Holmes, A. Jennings.

Muskerry — R. O'Leary, H. O'Sullivan, S. Roche, S. Dunne, M. Twomey, M. Mahon, M. McCarthy, M. Humphries, K. Doherty, N. O'Driscoll (Capt.), P. Mackey, N. O'Brien; Subs.: T. Lucey, M. Carroll, M. O'Driscoll, H. Horgan, B. O'Leary, C. Humphries and K. Buckley.

Imokilly — E. Higgins, M. Costine, K. Spillane, B. Costine, K. Kenneally, A. Houlihan, M. Canavan, A. Higgins, J. Knowles, M. Sweeney, N. Gully and N. Bailey.

FIXTURES

Saturday — Cork Schools final at the Green, Ballyphehane.

Senior — St. Aloysius v Mt. Mercy, 3.15 p.m.; Intermediate — Immaculate Heart v South Presentation, 2 p.m. Ref. for both M. O'Callaghan.

Sunday, May 26 — Senior Championship final at Mardyac at 7.00: Imokilly v Muskerry (Ref. M. Moran).

Junior Championship at Tarelton at 3.30: St. Fanahan's v Kil-michael, (Ref. Canovee).

Under-18 semi-final at St. Finbarr's at 3.00: Castleview v St. Aloysius, (Ref. Glen Rovers).

Tuesday 28th, Under-18 at Ballyphehane at 7.30: Glen Rovers v Ballyphehane.

Wednesday 29th, Junior Championship at Middleton at 7.30: Churchtown v Inniscarra.

Junior League at Douglas at 7.30: St. Finbarrs 'B' v Douglas.

COLLEGES TITLE FOR IMMACULATE HEART

Immaculate Heart, 2-2; South Presentation, 1-4.

Immaculate Heart recorded a well deserved victory over near neighbours South Presentation in the final of the Cork Colleges Intermediate camogie match at The Green, Ballyphehane. Both sides produced a very high standard which kept the enthusiastic supporters in full cry to the final whistle.

Immaculate Heart led at half-time by one goal to nil. The important score being hinged home by Nuala Hickey. Further down the second half, South Presentation scored a goal to level the match at 2-2. However, Immaculate Heart scored a goal in the 45th minute to win the match 3-2.

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Imokilly Meet Last Year's Rivals In Final Again

IN 1970 after a lapse of a number of years it was decided to reform the Imokilly Divisional Senior Camogie team. Their impact in Cork camogie can be judged from the fact that since then, they have qualified for the Semi-Final stages in 1970 and 1971 and won the title in 1972 and 1973. Cork in the same period won the coveted four in a row.

On Sunday night they meet Muskerry in a repeat of last year's final and their chances of completing the hat-trick looks bright, although their mentors, trainer, Mick Spillane and some of the players reckon they have only a 50/50 chance of success as Muskerry are a "tough proposition".

In this years championship they met South Pres. in the opening round and won well. In the semi final stages they had a close shave and narrowly beat U.C.C. by 0-10 to 2-1, eight of their scores coming from Nuala Gully the Cork forward and holder of four Senior All-Ireland and two County Senior medals.

The team that beat U.C.C. is retained for the final and looking through the list it is a strong team with each member having represented Cork in some grade. The team will be led by Mary Canavan, Sarsfields, County Junior Champions last year and will include three of the Cork team that won the All-Ireland Senior Title in 1973 and four of the Junior team that captured

the All-Ireland Junior title for the first time the same year. Their substitutes are so strong that of the seven listed, four have donned the Cork jersey. At the start of the year two new clubs were formed in the Barony; Carrigwohill and Killeagh and each supply players on the selection.

What of the team? — Elizabeth Higgins, Watergrasshill, is last years Cork junior keeper and holds two County Senior medals; Kay Spillane, Carrigwohill played most of her hurling with Churchtown but returned to support her native club. What can one say of the Imokilly full back, Marie Costine, like her Colleague Nuala Gully she is the proud holder of four All-Ireland Senior Medals — was camogie Star of the Year 1973 and led the Cork team, she is one of the greatest camogie full backs ever to play with her county. Kay Kenneally, Sarsfields, played on the Cork junior team in a trial against Clare a few weeks ago and this young player has a great future. Bernadette Costine, slight in build, is a southpaw but like her sister, Marie, is a tremendous player — she won an All-Ireland medal with Cork.

The centre field trio of Antoinette Houlihan, Churchtown North; Mary Canavan, Captain, Sarsfields and Angela Higgins, Watergrasshill — all top class players. Angela and Mary hold All-Ireland junior medals while the Churchtown North girl is a wholehearted player and a member of this years Cork junior selection.

Marion Sweeney, Killeagh has two Senior All-Ireland and two County senior medals and this year is Capt. of the Cork Senior team. A solid tough player, she is capable of scoring from any angle. Two married women, Josie Knowles and Noreen Bailey are on the full forward line both played a big part in the formation of the Imokilly team in 1970. Both are on the Cork Junior Selection and each have a County Junior Intermediate and Senior medal to their credit. The other corner forward is Nuala Gully who underwent a bad spell early in the year, but in her last five outings she has reached the form that makes her one of the most dangerous forwards in the County.

The substitute list is a formidable one and consists of Mar Salter, Captain, of the County Junior team in 1972; Nora Higgins another member of Watergrasshill sisters; Barron, goalkeeper; forward Mary is a member of Cork Junior Selection and has a major role in Imokilly successes in the last two years.

Catherine Landers is a member of the County team; Bernie Foley is on the same team. Two Killeagh girls, Bunty Foy and Pinn make up the reserves for the selection. Muskerry will be about do it again and win the title.

Determined Muskerry Seek Second Co. Title

A VISIT to Muskerry training camp on Wednesday evening last showed a dedicated bunch of girls drawn from five clubs going through their paces in preparation for their Cork County final clash with Imokilly tomorrow night (7 o'clock).

Their trainer Noel Dunne, who plays with Cloughduv and played for Cork hurlers last season, was not in charge on Wednesday, as he was unable to attend. But in his absence his assistant Con Malone took over and made sure the girls did a hard night's training.

Drawn from Eire Og, Blarney, Aghabullogue, Canovee and Inniscarra the Muskerry selection has only been re-established for the last two years. A Muskerry team won the county title way back in the thirties and the present team are determined to

repeat this success. They reached the final in their first year back in competition last season and to reach it for the second successive year is indeed an admirable feat.

Cora Humphries, secretary of Muskerry feels that they have a good chance of winning. "After all", she said, "Imokilly only won by three points last season in our first year out so we must have as good a chance as anyone this time".

Miss Mary O'Callaghan, one of the selectors, also felt that the Muskerry chances were good. She said she thought they had a slightly better team than last year and the experience of playing in the last final would help them on this occasion.

The Muskerry girls have been training regularly since early April and on Wednesday evening they announced their team. This shows two changes from last year. Marie Mackey is now with Glen Rovers while Breda O'Leary is only out of hospital and will not be fit to play. Into these berths come Patricia Mackey, a sister of Marie and already a Cork minor, and Helen O'Sullivan, the strong Blarney full back.

The full team is as follows: Rose O'Leary (Eire Og), Helen O'Sullivan (Blarney), Sheila Roche (Aghabullogue), Sheila Dunne (Canovee), Margo Twomey (do.), Mary Mahon (Aghabullogue), Marion McCarthy (Eire Og), Marie

LEINSTER CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior — Kildare 4-4, Kilkenny 2-2
 Minor — Wexford 0-3, Laois 1-0
 College's Minor final — Presentation (Canovee) 0-2, Presentation (Canovee) 0-1
 Senior C. final — Imokilly 3-2, Muskerry 2-2
 Senior A. final — Imokilly 3-2, Muskerry 2-2

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Muskerry players pictured at a training session in Blarney.



Mary Canavan (Sarsfields), who leads Imokilly in next Sunday night's clash with Muskerry. ("Echo")



... during a training session at Carrigtwo-

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Imokilly make it a hat-trick

Imokilly 4-1, Muskerry 2-2

IMOKILLY made it a hat-trick of Cork senior county championship titles when they defeated Muskerry in splendid fashion at the UCC grounds, Mardyke last evening.

Played before the largest attendance at a county final for many years, Imokilly were superior in all departments and in fact only four minutes remained when Muskerry found the net for the first time.

Noreen Bailey and Nuala Guilly constantly tormented the Muskerry defence with their clever stickwork and ability to pick off scores. Three splendid opportunist goals from Noreen Bailey—one in the first half and two in the second—in addition to Nuala Guilly's ability to punish Muskerry with points from frees, and a grand goal in the opening ten minutes proved too much for the youthful Muskerry defence.

Muskerry were at all times courageous in the face of such strong opposition, however, and although they were always fighting an uphill battle they kept

trying to get into the game. In fact it was a pity that two grand goals from Nancy O'Driscoll came so late because had they come earlier in the second half they might well have made a difference.

Eleven of the 12 Imokilly players have worn Cork colours in some grade and outside the players mentioned Bernie Costine, Mary Canavan, and Elizabeth Higgins of the Cork junior team were very impressive. Cork senior Marie Costine was also in brilliant form while another senior Marion Sweeney did tremendous work throughout.

Sheila Dunne had a wonderful game for Muskerry while Rose O'Leary, Marion McCarthy and Nancy O'Driscoll were others to impress.

After the game the trophy was presented to Mary Canavan the winning captain by Ide Bean Uí She, president of the Cork County Camogie Board.

Scorers for the winners were: Noreen Bailey (3-0), Nuala Guilly (1-3), Marion Sweeney (0-1), while Nancy O'Driscoll (2-2) was Muskerry's only scorer.

Imokilly: E Higgins (Watergrasshill), M Costine (Cloyne), K Kennally (Sarsfields), K Spillane (Carrigrohilly), B Costine (Cloyne), A Houlihan (Churchtown), M Canavan (Sarsfields), A Higgins (Watergrasshill), M Sweeney (Killleagh), N Guilly (Cloyne), N Bailey (Churchtown), M Barron (Youghal); sub, J Knowles for M Barron.

Muskerry: R O'Leary (Eire Og), H O'Sullivan (Blarney), S Roche (Aghabullogue), S Dunne (Canovee), M Twomey (Canovee), M Mahon (Aghabullogue), M McCarthy (Eire Og), M Humphries (Blarney), K Doherty (Blarney), N O'Driscoll (Eire Og), N O'Brien (Innisearra), P Markey (Blarney); sub, M Carroll for N O'Brien.

Referee: Miss Mary Stokes (DOD Abriant).

THREE IN A ROW FOR IMOKILLY GIRLS

Noreen Bailey and Nuala Guilly were the toasts of Imokilly on Sunday night last as was the dynamic Marie Costine when Imokilly trounced Muskerry in the final of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship. Imokilly were so superior throughout, that with five minutes to go they led by 4-4 to 0-2. Muskerry's Nancy O'Driscoll who side scored two goals, one from a 14 yards free and the other from play in the dying minutes.

At the request of the Imokilly selectors and players we deliberately gave the side a 50/50 chance. This was done in an endeavour to give the opposition a false illusion as to the East Cork girls capabilities. From the outset it was evident that Imokilly would win and when Nuala Guilly pointed a "30" as early as the fourth minute and Noreen Bailey blasted home the first of her hat-trick, one minute later it was all over bar the shouting. Imokilly

went further ahead when Noreen Bailey sent Nuala Guilly through and the latter had her side further ahead. Nancy O'Driscoll, Mary Maher and Mary Humphries tried hard for Muskerry but Imokilly's all-round ability and their opportunism, saw them through when the pressure came it was dealt capably by Mary Canavan who played a captain's role, Bernadette Costine, Kay Spillane, Elizabeth Higgins in goal and Marie Costine full back supreme.

Imokilly's midfield trio of Antoinette Houlihan, Mary Canavan and Angela Higgins had to fight hard all through. Noreen Bailey, Nuala Guilly and Marion Sweeney all were brilliant and while Mary Barron and Kay Kennally may have not been as good as those mentioned, yet they all contributed to Imokilly's success.

Leading at half time by 2-2 to 0-2 both Muskerry's scores coming from placed balls. On the resumption Nuala Guilly was on target with a point from a close-in free. Noreen Bailey who played the best game of her life have impressed the selection committee with her brand of full forward play and in the 6th minute she again lashed home a great goal. The green flag had no sooner been put down when it was up again, when Noreen was on hand to put the final nail in the coffin for Muskerry.

Nuala Guilly pointed a "30" in the 13th minute to leave the East Cork girls leading by 4-2 to 0-2. They held this lead until the 20th minute. Awarded a "30" Nancy O'Driscoll went for a goal, which was cleared but one of the Imokilly defenders had fouled and Mary Moran had no option but to award a 14 yards free. Nancy O'Driscoll made no mistake when she buried the ball in the corner of the net with five minutes to go. At this stage Muskerry came at the champions like tigers and for the next four minutes the huge crowd saw Marie Costine at her brilliant best. On one occasion she beat four of the opposition and cleared a dangerous situation. Two other rasps were dealt capably by Elizabeth Higgins. Time and good score saw Imokilly withhold the best of their forwards. Nancy O'Driscoll led her way through for a goal and with just two minutes to go Marion Sweeney made it 4-4 to 2-2 for Imokilly's hat-trick successes. As the final whistle blew Marie Costine came off with weakness. Imokilly: E Higgins (Watergrasshill); M Canavan (Cloyne), K Spillane (Cloyne), B Costine (Cloyne), Houlihan (Churchtown North), Canavan (Sarsfields) Captain, Higgins (Watergrasshill); M Sweeney (Killleagh); N Guilly (Cloyne), Noreen Bailey (Churchtown North); M Barron (Churchtown North); sub, J Knowles for M Barron.

Muskerry: R O'Leary (Eire Og); H O'Sullivan (Blarney), S Roche (Aghabullogue), S Dunne (Canovee), M Twomey (Canovee), M Mahon (Aghabullogue), M McCarthy (Eire Og), M Humphries (Blarney), K Doherty (Blarney), N O'Driscoll (Eire Og), N O'Brien (Innisearra); P Markey (Blarney); sub, M Carroll for N O'Brien.

Referee: Miss Mary Stokes (DOD Abriant).

Ide Bean Uí She, President, Cork Camogie Board presents the trophy to Mary Canavan, captain of Imokilly who defeated Muskerry in the final of the Cork Senior Championship at the Mardyke, Cork.



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● Rescue Mary Moran up with the game as she watches Nancy O'Driscoll, Muskerry, beating Marion McSweney for the ball in the Cork County Senior Camogie Final at the Mardyke.



The Imokilly team which won their third successive Cork County Senior Camogie Championship title with the 4-4 to 2-2 win over Muskerry at the Mardyke, Cork. Included are: E. Higgins (Watergrasshill), M. Costine (Cloyne), K. Kenneally (Sarsfields), K. Spillane (Carrigtwohill), B. Costine (Cloyne), A. Houlihan (Churchtown), M. Canavan (Sarsfields), A. Higgins, (Watergrasshill), M. Sweeney (Killeagh), N. Guilly (Cloyne), N. Bailey (Churchtown), M. Barron (Youghal). Sub. J. Knowles for M. Barron.



The defeated Muskerry team. Included are: R. O'Leary (Eire Og), H. O'Sullivan (Blarney), S. Roche (Aghabullogue), S. Dunne (Canovee), M. Twomey (Canovee), M. Mahon (Aghabullogue), M. McCarthy (Eire Og), M. Humphries (Blarney), K. Doherty (Blarney), N. O'Driscoll (Eire Og), N. O'Brien (Inniscarra), P. Mackey (Blarney). Sub. M. Carroll for N. O'Brien.



● Muskerry player Mary Humphreys (left) looks back as team captain Nancy O'Driscoll gains possession with Imokilly players Bernadette Costine and Antoinette Houlihan (no. 6) in the Cork County Senior Camogie Final.

Cork's Panel Of Players To Face Galway

Congratulations are in order this weekend to Imokilly, Mount Mercy Convent and Immaculate Heart for victories in their respective championships last week-end.

Imokilly were tremendous in their defeat of Muskerry when their all-round ability always proved too strong for the Muskerry girls, at the U.C.C. Grounds on Sunday last.

In the Colleges finals on Saturday Mount Mercy added the Cork Schools Championship to the League, which they won earlier in the season. Once again Mount Mercy proved too strong for arch rivals St. Aloysius and although the latter did try to mount a gallant comeback in the second period, the winners had done enough in the first half to assure themselves of victory. This puts Mount Mercy way ahead in the games tally with St. Aloysius for although the latter did defeat Mount Mercy in the Colleges Championship the Convent girls more than made amends with wins in the Cork Schools League and Championship and a win the second time round in the Colleges.

The intermediate-final was a thrilling affair with the younger girls from Immaculate Heart and South Presentation serving up a highly exciting brand of camogie. Victory was at all times in the balance but in the end Immaculate Heart deserved their trophy.

CLOYNE V CANOVEE

Back to the playing fields and we have a number of championship games listed for the coming week. Many of the players who took part in the County final on Sunday last will be involved again this week in championship ties with their clubs.

Most of these players will be involved in the Cloyne-Canovee clash in the Intermediate Championship when a number of the players involved on Sunday last will once again be in opposition. Cloyne will have Imokilly stars Marie and Bernice Costine and Nuala Guilly in their lineup in this tie while Canovee will look to Sheila Dunne and Margo Twomey of the Muskerry team. These sides met three times last season before Canovee emerged as winners and then went on to win the Intermediate title. This time they will be hoping to repeat but not if the Cloyne girls can help it. In fact, Cloyne might well square matters on this occasion.

Both Churchtown and Glanworth, who meet in the second Intermediate Championship tie can field many useful players. Again a number of last Sunday's team will be in action. This time Noreen Bailey, Josie Knowles, and Antoinette Houlihan of Imokilly, will be in the Churchtown line. Glanworth were not involved in the County final but they, too, have their stars in Mary O'Leary, Mary O'Neill, Flóida McCarthy, Deirdre Quinlan, Anne Kirby and Josie Pyne. It is difficult to suggest likely winners here as these sides are very evenly matched. However, it should be a good game and Churchtown may just get there.

EIRE OG FANCIED

In the remaining championship tie listed — this time junior — Eire Og would appear to carry too many experienced players for the youthful Na Piarais side. Nancy O'Driscoll, Rose O'Leary and Marion McCarthy were others involved with Muskerry on Sunday last and together with Noelle and Eileen Kavanagh form the nucleus of a side which will be very hard to beat. Na Piarais, although they have plenty of players, and if Janet and Claire Harris and Eithne can strike top form they could be

outgoing but they will find the going more difficult against the very promising Ballyphehane side and they should be very happy if they can manage a point in their Under-16 clash.

In the final game listed Churchtown meet Erin's Own in the Junior league and here the former should take the points.

ALL-IRELAND

The Cork senior team face a very difficult game in their first-round in the All-Ireland this season. As the open draw was so successful last season it was continued for another year and Cork's opponents in the first round are their great rivals Galway. Cork only managed a two-point win over Galway last season and although Cork are at home on this occasion it is a very tough fixture indeed. So it will be back to training for the Cork girls during the coming week to ensure that Cork will be at their best. A panel of 17 players has been announced and it is as follows:

Deirdre Sutton (Glen Rovers), Marie Costine (Cloyne), Nuala Jennings (UCC), Hannah Cotter (SPPP), Sheila Dunne (Canovee), Mary Whelton (SPPP), Betty Sugrue (do.), Pat Maloney (UCC), Marion McCarthy (SPPP), Mary Canavan (Sarsfields), Marion Sweeney (Killeagh), Nuala Guilly (Cloyne), Nancy O'Driscoll (Eire Og), Cally Rordan (UCC), Ann Ryan (Old Aloysians), Bernice Costine (Cloyne) and Rosie Hennessy (UCC).

FIXTURES

Sunday, June 2 — Intermediate Championship at Middleton at 2.30: Churchtown v Glanworth. (Ref. Old Als.); Do. at Rostellan at 3.30: Cloyne v Canovee. (Ref. South Pres.).

Tuesday, June 4 — Junior Championship at Na Piarais Grounds, at 7 p.m. Na Piarais v Eire Og. (Ref. Glen Rovers).

Thursday: U-16 League at Ballyphehane at 7.30: Bishopstown v Ballyphehane. (Ref. Douglas).

Friday: Junior League at Middleton at 7.30: Churchtown v Erin's Own. (Ref. Killeagh).

Dublin In Decider

Dublin, narrowly beaten by Wexford in the Leinster Junior Championship for the past two seasons, gained revenge yesterday when they beat on to reach the final by a two point margin. Dublin minors also got through to the Leinster final, both games were played at St. Vincent's Grounds, Naas, yesterday.

DUBLIN 4-0
WEXFORD 3-1
Dublin Juniors settled down quickly and went three goals ahead before Wexford got from a free puck by Brenda McClean to have the half-time score 3-0 to 1-0.

Wexford, now, having the advantage of the wind, were striking the ball well and gained a goal and a point to leave only two points between the sides.

Just for the winners were Maureen Sutton, Lucy McEvoy, Aileen Gibson and goalie Phyllis Rossell. Breda McClean, Eileen Hawkins and Mairead Darcy did best for Wexford.

Scorers — Dublin — M. Sutton (1-0), M. McMahon (1-0), L. McEvoy (1-0), H. Roche (1-0), L. Darcy (1-0), B. Fox (2-0), B. Rossell (1-1).

DUBLIN 4-1
WEXFORD 4-0
Dublin, after trailing 3-0 to 1-1 at half time turned in a great second half when backed by the wind they went about their task methodically and calmly to catch up and score the winning goal in the closing minutes.

Scorers — Dublin — M. McMahon (1-0), M. Sutton (1-1), O. Tabbal (1-0), Wexford — C. Murphy (2-0), B. Storey (1-0), K. Tunks (1-0).

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CHURCHTOWN NORTH THROUGH TO SECOND ROUND

Churchtown North are through to the second round of the Cork County Intermediate Camogie Championship following their 2-5 to 2-1 win over Glanworth at Middleton on Sunday last.

Mary Salter opened the scoring for the winners when she pointed a free. Susan Burke increased the ETast Cork sides lead with another minor direct from a "30". Dominating the first fifteen minutes Churchtown increased their lead further when Geraldine Horgan was on hand to score a good goal. Glanworth fought back and reduced the leeway with a goal and a point. They should have gone further ahead but Mary Roche in the homesters goal brought off four miraculous saves from the beer-like Glanworth forwards. Just before half-time Josie Knowles added another point for the winners who led at half time by 1-3 to 1-1.

On the resumption Glanworth went into the lead when they lashed home a good goal. Churchtown fought back and with Mary Wall 1-0 and Collette Leahy a point they just about deserved victory. Best for Churchtown North were Mary Salter, Susan Burke, Josie Knowles and Antoinette Houlihan while Josie Payne, A. Kirby and M. Roche were best for Glanworth.

Churchtown North: Mary Roche, Mary Wall, Jane O'Brien, Philomena O'Brien, Mary Salter, Susan Burke, Antoinette Houlihan, Majella Horgan, Collette Leahy, Noreen Bailey, Geraldine Horgan, Sub: Joan Murphy for Majella Horgan.

ON LEVEL TERMS

Cloyne 1-4; Canovee 2-1.
Once again Cloyne and Canovee finished on level terms and are to meet again in the Intermediate Championship on Sunday last. Cloyne were lucky to survive a late rally by last year's County Champions and will have to improve if they hope to advance. Indeed only for the brilliance of Marie Costine, Margaret McCoy and their keeper Kathleen Costine the East Cork side would have been well beaten. Scorers for Cloyne were Bernadette Costine 1-0, Marie Costine 0-2 and Nuala Guilly 0-2.

Cloyne team: Kathleen Costine, Anne Kenny, Marie Costine, Bonnie Costine, Bernadette Costine, Margaret McCoy, Dolores Ring, Joan O'Shea, Valerie O'Sullivan, Nuala Guilly, Gearrodine O'Sullivan, Betty Cronin.

Good weekend for Camogie

By TAOBH LINE

TWO experiments in Camogie presentation proved very successful on Sunday last and both were in connection with County finals. In Dublin the Board decided to hold all their finals on one day at na Fianna's grounds in Mobhi Road, and despite the bus strike and the fact that the Dublin footballers were in action at Croke Park, the results were more than encouraging as the crowds through the day exceeded all expectations.

In Cork, where the county final was also played on Sunday, it was decided to stage the game in the evening in order to avoid clashing with afternoon G.A.A. games. The result was one of the biggest crowds for years, and this despite the fact that Cork City was not directly involved as the final was contested by two Divisional sides, holders Imokilly and Muskerry. Imokilly's 4-4 to 2-2 victory which gave them the title for the third successive year.

In the Dublin senior final, holders Celtic were not so fortunate. Through the first half it looked as though they had rather got the measure of Austin Stacks, but the challengers, took a firm grip from the restart and finished up deserving winners.

On the inter-county fields, Kildare advanced to the semi-finals of the Leinster Junior Series when they defeated Kilkenny in an excellent game level at half-time, 2-2 each, but Kildare found new reserves of strength in extra time, and doubled their score while the home team failed to raise

25 Enter Festival Sevens

By AGNES HOURIGAN

In one of the most representative camogie festivals ever staged, 25 clubs, representing 10 counties, will compete tomorrow at the grounds of Glanabyn and Outlands in the first all-Ireland club seven-a-side championship.

The organisers, the Kilmacud-Crokes club, are more than pleased with the entry, for Dublin, Galway, Kilkenny, Wexford, Meath, Kildare, Wicklow, Clare, Waterford and Offaly are all represented.

The competition will start at 11.45 and will continue throughout the day, with the final scheduled for 7.30. The winners will receive the Proinneas O Croinin Cup and a set of plaques, while there will be gold-plated medals for the runners-up.

Each match will be 15 minutes each way, and, where scores are level at the end of games, the team with the greater number of "30s" will advance to the next round.

Not alone are all the top Dublin clubs represented, but there are teams from such well known clubs as St. Paul's (Kilkenny), Buffers Alley and Adamstown-Cloughbawn (Wexford), Ballinasloe and Oranmore (Galway).

Heartening

It is also heartening to see so many teams from Kildare and Meath. Moreover, the entries from Eire Og of Ennis, representing Clare, Ardkeen (Waterford), Kilbride (Wicklow) and Tullamore (Offaly), speaks well for the enthusiasm in those centres.

One feels that Ulster, too, would have been strongly represented were it not for petrol problems at the time entries had to be forwarded, while travel problems and local games comprise the probable reason there are no entries from Cork.

However, this is still a most remarkable entry, and while it is impossible to forecast the result, the two Dublin finalists, new champions Austin Stacks and their predecessors Celtic, must rank among the long-odds favourites, with St. Paul's also very much in contention along with all-Ireland club champions Oranmore.

On Sunday, Dublin and Wexford have a dual date in the Leinster championships when they do battle in both the junior and minor grades. To make their meetings more intriguing, both counties had impressive victories in their first-round matches.

In the junior series, Dublin showed remarkable power when routing a strong Louth side at Knockbridge and must be fancied on that form.

Unexpected

But then Wexford were no less effective when accounting for Meath at Dunboyne. There has been nothing between those counties in the last couple of seasons in this grade, with Wexford narrowly snatching victory on each occasion. Last season they went on to reach the all-Ireland semi-final but went down unexpectedly to Galway at Ballinasloe.

The sides again look very well matched, but Dublin are, I think, better than they were either last year or the year before, and may well avenge those defeats now.

In the minor grade the relative strengths of the counties is very hard to assess. Dublin had to battle very determinedly indeed to overcome the challenge of Wicklow, whereas Wexford had no difficulty at all in racing past Laois. However, the relative worth of those victories will only be revealed when the

Kilmacud Venture A Success

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Every congratulation to the Kilmacud Crokes Club on the way in which they defied constant showers, and yet made off their All-Ireland seven-a-side club championship expertly and so successfully on Saturday last.

With more than twenty teams in action and more than some ten counties represented, this first venture represented, termed an unqualified success and the standard of camogie was remarkably high.

The presence of such teams as Oranmore, Ballinasloe, the Dublin past and present champions Celtic and Austin Stacks, and St. Paul's of Kilkenny all meant a tremendous raising of the all-round standard, but in the end the honours of the day very fittingly went to the Wexford stars from Buffer's Alley, who found extra reserves of stamina to outrun All-Ireland club champions Oranmore in an exciting final.

Oranmore led at the interval, but not even the best efforts of Nono McHugh, Rosemary Devitt, Pat Feeney, and Josie Kelly could stem the second-half rally of the Buffer's Alley side.

EXCITING

But it was a very mixed weekend for Wexford. After Saturday's triumph of Buffer's Alley, the county side was engaged in two Leinster semi-finals on Sunday at St. Vincent's ground, both against Dublin, and Wexford lost both by narrow margins, after two very exciting games.

In the opening match, the minor game, the youngsters had the very worst of the fierce showers to contend with, and yet served up some very entertaining fare. Wexford with first use of the breeze led at the interval and despite a deal of Dublin pressure after the change of ends, looked just about capable of surviving until Dublin snatched the winning goal with no more than a minute or two remaining.

The positions were reversed in the second game when it was Dublin, with first use of the wind, who led well at the interval. Indeed the home county continued to do well through the early stages of the second half, but barely survived a late Wexford rally which cut the margin to two points.

So Dublin are now through to two Leinster finals. In the minor grade they await the outcome of the other semi-final between Kildare and Kilkenny, while Kildare are also in the other junior semi-final.

APPEAL

In that end of the draw, Wicklow beat Laois in the opening round but I understand there was an appeal over the game which will be dealt with at the next meeting of the provincial council.

On Sunday next, the teams of Dublin and Kilkenny meet in a challenge game in Phoenix Park (2.00) in preparation for the All-Ireland championships commence shortly. The Senior League final between the new county champions, Austin Stacks and League holders, Celtic, has been back until Metropolitan competitions resume September.

Both teams finished on 10 points and it is not possible to arrange a play-off at the moment as key players in both teams had already departed on holiday arrangements for the month.

Seniors Have Challenge Game— Minors Championship Tie

Inter-county activity resumes on Sunday next with Cork minors and seniors in action in Killarney and Riverstown respectively. The minors travel to meet Kerry in the Munster Minor Championship semi-final while the seniors meet Kilkenny in a friendly at Riverstown.

The minors, who could become the first Cork county team to reach a final this season, had a comfortable though not spectacular win over Clare in the first round. The defence played well on that occasion and conceded no score. Kathleen Costine dealt capably with anything which came her way. Claire Harris had an impressive debut at full-back while Betty Joyce was very safe at right-back.

But the Cork forward line took some time to settle down and convert their possession into scores. With all of them playing their first match for Cork this was excusable however and once they got a grip on the game Margo Sugrue distributed the ball well and Eileen Kavanagh, in particular, got some good scores. On Sunday also, Patricia Mackey moves to left-forward and her experience with Muskerry who reached the final of the senior county championship, should be a big influence on the attack. Taking over Patricia's position in the centre field is Patricia Riordan, a strong striker from Ballinlough. Patricia was not available in the Clare game and her inclusion should greatly strengthen the scoring power of the team.

Nothing is known of the Kerry side. However, they have not really made an impact in the Colleges and as this competition is Under 16 it is difficult to see how they could manage to field a side to outwit the experience of the Cork girls. Even the home advantage will hardly make that difference. But this does not mean that Cork can regard their challenge lightly as strange results often occur in championship ties, so they will need to be at their best from the beginning.

The open draw was continued for this year's senior All-Ireland and Cork's first round tie is one of the toughest they could get against arch rivals Galway. Cork are already in training for their July 14 clash and as part of their preparation they have invited Kilkenny to meet them in

a friendly at Riverstown on Sunday evening.

For this game Cork show a number of changes from the side which won the All-Ireland for the fourth successive year last September. Anne Phelan has not played for several months, while Cally Riordan, the U.C.C. student who came on as a sub against Antrim, is off to America for the summer. Marion Sweeney is at present on holidays in Europe and Hannah Cotter is unable to travel from Carlow, where she now resides.

Rosie Hennessy will be another absentee from the line-out, although she is listed in the substitutes. All these girls will come into the reckoning for places against Galway so this should give an added incentive to the girls who will be getting their chance to claim a place when they field in Riverstown.

EXPERIMENTING

Hannah's place at right-back goes to Nuala Jennings who is playing very soundly this season. The selectors are experimenting by placing Marion McCarthy at half-forward, with Mary Canavan, another newcomer, filling the vacancy at centrefield. Anne Ryan, who holds three All-Ireland medals, but who did not play for Cork last season, makes a welcome return at right-forward, while last year's junior captain, Nancy O'Driscoll, is getting her chance at full forward.

It is hoped that Kilkenny will travel with a full team for the game and so give this "new look" Cork team a chance to show what they are capable of. Kilkenny, were defeated by Cork in the final of two of their recent All-Ireland wins and are always a side who are in the reckoning for All-Ireland honours. They too will be anxious to be in top form for their All-Ireland campaign so this game should be well worth seeing.

The standard of the Intermediate championship so far has been disappointing. From the three first round games played to date no outstanding side has emerged. However, on Wednesday Churchtown meet Sarsfield in the second round when a higher standard will be expected.

Churchtown would appear to have a better balanced side as Sarsfields depend almost completely on Mary Canavan and Ellen McCarthy. If Churchtown make this pair they should advance. But if they are allowed the freedom enjoyed against

Watergrasshill Sarsfields could come through.

The remaining games are all listed for Friday the 26th. In the Junior League Douglas, who lost their opening match against Old Aloysians, will be hard pressed to alter that verdict against Ballyphehane. Glen Rovers should have the edge over Ballinlough in the Under 16 league while in the Under 18 League, Cloyne, with the Costine sisters, Bernie and Kathleen available, should prove too much for newcomers, Gortroe. In the final game listed Churchtown meet Carrigtwohill in the Junior League in what should be a close tie.

Cork Minor Team (v Kerry):

Kathleen Costine (Cloyne), Claire Harris (Na Piaraisig), Betty Joyce (Killeagh), Margo Twomey (capt), (Canovee), Jane O'Brien (Churchtown), Catherine Landers (Killeagh), Patricia Riordan (Ballinlough), Gay Kavanagh (Ballyphehane), Eileen Kavanagh (Eire Og), Margo Sugrue (Ballyphehane), Patricia Mackey (Blarney), Ellen McCarthy (Sarsfields) Subs—Noelle O'Driscoll (Eire Og), Ann O'Connor (Old Ais), Ber Foley (Sarsfields), Eithne O'Sullivan (Na Piaraisig), Mary O'Shea (Innis-carra) and Ber Lyne (South Pres).

Cork Senior Team (v Kilkenny):

Deirdre Sutton (Glen Rovers), Marie Costine (Cloyne), Nuala Jennings (UCC), Sheila Dunne (Canovee), Mary Whelton (South Pres), Betty Sugrue (South Pres), Pat Moloney (UCC), Mary Canavan (Sarsfields), Anne Ryan (Old Ais), Marion McCarthy (South Pres), Nuala Gully (Cloyne), Nancy O'Driscoll (Eire Og), Subs—B Hennessy (UCC), B Costine (Cloyne).

Sunday 23: Munster minor championship semi-final at Killarney at 7.30, Cork v Kerry.

Senior friendly at Riverstown at 7.30, Cork v Kilkenny.

Wednesday 26: Intermediate championship at Carrigtwohill at 7.30, Churchtown v Sarsfields, (Ref. Cloyne).

Friday 28: Junior league at Ballyphehane at 7.30, Douglas v Ballyphehane.

Under 16 at Glen Rovers' Grounds at 7.30, Glen Rovers v Ballinlough 'B'.

Under 18 league at Gortroe at 7.30, Cloyne v Gortroe.

Junior league at Midleton at 7.30, Churchtown v Carrigtwohill.

KILKENNY WERE NO MATCH FOR ON-FORM CORK

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Cork 7-7; Kilkenny 0-5
Cork completely dominated this senior friendly game with Kilkenny at Riverstown last evening. Right from the opening minutes when Mary Canavan opened the scoring with a well-taken point, it was obvious that Cork were in scoring form.

Kilkenny, without their two big stars, Liz Neary and Ann Carroll, and fielding a number of young newcomers, had no answer to the Cork scoring machine. However, Teresa O'Neill, Bridie Martin, Helena O'Neill and Ursula Grace did play well for Kilkenny.

But it was Cork's game all the way with Nuala Gully, Marion McCarthy and Pat Moloney once again in top form for them, while newcomers Mary Canavan, Nancy O'Driscoll and Nuala Jennings also impressed.

Scorers for the winners were Nuala Gully (2-1), Nancy O'Driscoll (2-1), Marion McCarthy (1-2), Pat Moloney (1-0), Rosie Hennessy (1-2) and Mary Canavan (0-1), while Ursula Grace (0-2), Helena O'Neill (0-1), Bridie Martin (0-1) and Mary Purcell (0-1) were on the mark for Kilkenny.

Cork—D. Sutton, M. Costine, N. Jennings, S. Dunne, M. Whelton, P. Moloney, M. Canavan, B. Sugrue, M. McCarthy, N. Gully, N. O'Driscoll and A. Ryan. Subs: B. Costine for P. Moloney, R. Hennessy for B. Sugrue.

Kilkenny—T. O'Neill, M. Kennedy, M. Roche, B. Martin, M. Kavanagh, A. Bowden, M. Fennelly, H. O'Neill, A. Downey, P. Carey, U. Grace, M. Purcell.

Minors Hold Kilkenny Hope

By AGNES HOIRIGAN

The Leinster minor final, the first ever played in the Eastern province in this grade, will be staged in Kilkenny between Kilkenny and Dublin on Sunday, and this game will have an unusual "curtain-raiser," the Leinster senior semi-final between Kilkenny and Wexford.

Kilkenny, All-Ireland senior finalists twice in recent seasons, will, one feels, be placing most of their faith in the minors this time. While the minors are playing well the senior side has been hard hit for various reasons, and their reconstructed team has been far from impressive in recent challenge games.

On Sunday last they were heavily defeated by Cork at Cork, but they were then short many of their accepted stars. However, Carmel O'Shea, recuperating from an appendicitis operation, and Angela Downey, out with a knee injury, will both be absent again when they face Wexford on Sunday but two other stars, Liz Neary and Ann Carroll are expected to be back in action in the black and amber.

Form Team

Ann Carroll has not played at all since the end of last summer, as she has been doing a post-graduate course in

Loughborough, but she is a person who is always fit, and her return, if in anythink like her best form, should provide a great boost for Kilkenny.

Wexford, who are the provincial title holders, must remain the form team, even at Kilkenny. With most of their top players again available, they have already shown the healthy state of the game in the county by the victory of Buffers Alley in the All-Ireland seven-a-side.

While Wexford will be fancied to advance to meet Dublin in the senior final, the minor game could go either way. Dublin were very impressive in their opening victory over Wicklow but were very hard pressed to get past Wexford in the semi-final.

On the other hand, Kilkenny, who were lucky enough to get past the Louth challenge in their opening game, were very impressive indeed when scoring freely over Kildare in last

Sunday's semi-final at Gowran. So these sides should provide a fast and entertaining battle for the honour of becoming Leinster's first minor champions.

Favourites

The Dublin senior league final, which was tentatively put back until the Autumn, will after all be played on Sunday next at Phoenix Park and will be a repeat of the recent championship final in which Austin Stacks turned in an excellent second half to dispose of the holders, Celtic.

Because some players may be away on holiday, neither side is certain as yet how they will line out. However, both will be near full strength and while Celtic will be all out to avenge championship defeat, Stacks on recent form will be slight favourites to complete the double.

Cork, with a runaway victory over Kerry on Sunday last have installed themselves as favourites for the Munster minor title.

The All-Ireland senior championship campaign opens in the North on Sunday when last year's finalists, Antrim, will be firm favourites to account for Derry, who have made very little impression to date in the top grade.

Wexford in final

WEXFORD 3-3
KILKENNY 2-3

ALTHOUGH Kilkenny got chances enough to win their semi-final tie with Wexford in the Leinster Senior Camogie championship at Kilkenny yesterday, Wexford were the better side and deserved a hard-earned win. At the interval Wexford led 2-0 to 0-1, but a first-minute goal in the second half by Ann Carroll gave the home team a boost and from that to the end there was never more than a goal between the teams.

For the winners, Brigid Doyle, Greta Kehoe, Bernadette Murphy, Eileen Horgan and Margaret Hearne were best, and for Kilkenny, Helena O'Neill, Mary Fennelly, Mary Kennedy and Ann Carroll were the most prominent.

Scorers—Wexford—Eg Moore (2-0), Mary Shannon (1-0), Eileen Hawkins (0-3); Kilkenny—Ann Carroll, Helena O'Neill (1-1 each), Ursula Grace (0-1). Referee—Nadine Mangan (Dublin).

KILKENNY 2-3
DUBLIN 2-2

A GOAL from a "thirty" scored with the second last puck of the game, gave Kilkenny victory by a point over Dublin in a thrilling Leinster Minor Camogie final at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny yesterday. Scorer was Mary Purcell, who had contributed their first goal to give them the lead in the first half.

CORK SWAMP KERRY

Cork 14-5; Kerry nil

Cork minors qualified for the Munster Camogie Championship final with a facile win over Kerry at Killarney yesterday. Cork did not have things all their own way in the first half although they led by 5-2 to nil at the interval. However, they completely dominated the second period with Eileen Kavanagh scoring six goals and Ellen McCarthy netting 4-2. Cork's remaining scorers were Patricia Mackey (2-0), Margo Twomey (1-3) and Pat Riordan (1-0).

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ANNE SHEEHY



RECENTLY I spoke with Anne Sheehy, Personal Secretary to G.A.A. Director General, Sean O Siochain. Anne and I have known each other from schooldays when we frequently met on the camogie field. At that time she played for Holy Faith, Clontarf, with whom she won three Leinster Colleges medals.

Anne's interest in G.A.A. affairs goes back to her childhood, from the time her father, an ardent G.A.A. fan, brought her along to Croke Park every Sunday. She absolutely loves working in Croke Park and you couldn't find a more kind and considerate person than her boss.

Something which has never ceased to amaze her is the vast amount of voluntary effort put into the G.A.A. by officials throughout the country. An example of this is the tremendous work done by County Secretaries in connection with the San Francisco trips.

She considers herself very lucky to be paid for what she enjoys doing so much. The work is not always easy and coming up to All-Ireland time a twelve-hour day is not uncommon.

Anne's biggest headache at this time is tickets, people expect you to have them on demand and can not understand when the answer is No. It is not generally realised outside the membership of the G.A.A. that tickets are distributed through clubs, only a very small number are kept in Croke Park and these are earmarked well in advance of the All-Ireland finals.

Anne now plays for Austin-Stacks and has won two All-Ireland Club Championship medals, in 1971-72 and 1972-73. When she is not working or playing she enjoys dressmaking and interior decorating. She is also the unpaid official photographer for "Camogie" magazine which at present is in some financial difficulty but Anne and her colleagues are confident they can overcome these problems.



TOP—the Cork camogie team which had a convincing win over Kilkenny (below) in the friendly played at Riverstown Grounds on Sunday.



The committee of the Glen Rovers Camogie Club at their victory social in the Country Club Hotel, Cork. From left:—Miss Mary Nott, Hon. Treas., Miss Christine Murray, Hon. Sec., Mrs. Nancy Hourihan, President, Miss Anna Crotty, Vice-President, Mrs. Chrissie Buckley, Vice-Chairman and Mrs. Nora Newman, Chairman.

DUBLIN NOW AIM FOR THE DOUBLE

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Dublin, who had cherished high hopes of achieving the remarkable feat of capturing all three Leinster Camogie titles in the same season, the first season in fact in which three separate championships will be played, were foiled of that ambition on Sunday last when Kilkenny just pipped them in a magnificent minor final.

So now the Dublin girls will, I am sure, be quite happy if they can bring off the senior and junior double tomorrow at Croke Park. In the junior final Dublin, very impressive in their earlier games, take on Kildare, who also did well when ousting Kilkenny, in extra time at Kilkenny.

The Kildare girls are both talented and experienced, and will be very hard to beat. Dublin, however, are a very speedy and enthusiastic side, and are not easily taken out of their stride, as they proved in the semi-final when surviving a strong late rally by the holders Wexford. Certainly a Dublin victory looks very much on the cards.

The issue looks very much more open however in the senior final. Dublin, after completely dominating the grade in the province for 20

years, seemed to suddenly lose the knack of collecting this Leinster senior title which they have not won since 1967.

They must have high hopes this season, however, for Wexford, in last Sunday's semi-final, were not unduly impressive when accounting for a somewhat under-strength Kilkenny side by a one-goal margin. However they have potentially great players in Brigid O'Connor, Gretta Kehoe, Margaret Hearne, Eileen Hawkins, Betty Shannon, Elsie Walsh and Margaret Lally and will be very hard to beat in defence of their title.

Dublin are under the disadvantage that they have not had the benefit of a preliminary game together, and they will also suffer from the absence of Orla ni Shiochain who is unable to get back in time from a continental holiday.

...However, they will have Kitty Murphy, Rita White, Anne Sheehy, Marion Conroy, Feena Murray and Anna McManus, all players with plenty of top class experience and must be given a 50-50 chance of recaptur-

ing that elusive title this time.

This Leinster senior series, is of course, a completely separate competition from the All-Ireland championship in which, by a coincidence, Wexford and Dublin must face one another in the opening round in a couple of weeks time.

Indeed the opening game in this senior All-Ireland championship was played on Sunday last, when Antrim, last years defeated finalists, travelled to Bellaghy and there scored a runaway victory over the home team, Derry.

In Munster tomorrow, Cork, the provincial and All-Ireland junior champions, defend their titles against Limerick in the provincial semi-final. As the Cork players of last year are not eligible the strength of their new side remains to be seen, and Limerick, who have impressed in earlier outings look likely to recapture this Southern crown which they held in the season before last.

DUBLIN — Senior — A. Carey; R. White; S. Wallace,

K. Murphy, F. Murray; M. Higgins, C. Docherty, A. McManus; A. Sheehy, M. Conroy, E. Sweeney; M. Fleming.

Convincing Display By Wexford

WEXFORD 4-3
DUBLIN 0-2

Wexford, the holders, retained the Leinster senior camogie title and the O'Duffy Cup, when they scored a convincing victory over a disappointing Dublin side at Croke Park last evening.

The winners were the superior players in every sector, hitting faster and getting greater length into their strokes. They led 2-2 to 0-2 at half-time.

For Wexford, their mid-fielders Eileen Hawkins and Elsie Walsh were always in command, Brigid Doyle and Gretta Kehoe were the most prominent in defence while Maggie Hearne and Bridie Fox were most dangerous in attack.

Ann Carey, who was easily beaten for Wexford's first goal, played an outstanding game for the remainder of the match, saving her side many times. Rita White at full-back was also sound, while Marion Conroy and Fiona Murray also tried hard.

SCORERS — Wexford — B. Fox (2-0), M. Hearne (1-2), P. Moore (1-0), E. Walsh (0-1). Dublin — M. Conroy (0-2).

WEXFORD — T. Shells; J. Murphy, G. Kehoe, B. Doyle, B. Doran, B. Murphy, F. Hawkins, E. Walsh, P. Moore, M. Hearne, B. Fox, M. Shannon. Subs.—Bridie Murphy for Bernice Murphy, M. Darcy for M. Shannon.

DUBLIN — A. Carey, R. White, S. Wallace, K. Murphy, F. Murray, M. Higgins, C. Docherty, A. McManus, A. Sheehy, M. Conroy, E. Sweeney, N. Fleming. Subs.—D. Caldwell for S. Wallace, S. Murray for K. Murphy, O. Phillips for M. Higgins.

Referee — Miss H. O'Neill (Kilkenny).

Dublin Regain Smyco Cup

DUBLIN 5-4
KILDARE 1-1

Dublin regained the Leinster junior camogie title and the Smyco Cup, which they last held in 1972, when they scored a deserving victory over Kildare at Croke Park last evening.

The winners were completely on top through the opening half, at the end of which they led 3-3 to 0-0.

SCORERS: Dublin — M. Sutton (2-1), H. Roche (2-0), L. McEwag (1-1), A. Redmond, M. Kenny (0-1 each), Kildare — M. Malone (1-0), T. Lynch (0-1).

DUBLIN — P. Breslin, P. Barry, S. Kennedy, A. Whelan, M. Murphy, M. Kenny, L. Howard, A. Redmond, M. Sutton, L. McEvoy, M. McMahon, H. Roche.

KILDARE — A. Maginn, M. Maginn, G. Deering, K. O'Brien, R. Bennett, N. Malone, M. O'Reilly, M. Sutton, B. Quigley, T. Lynch, J. Kane, M. Malone.

REFEREE — Miss P. Carey (Kilkenny).

Kildare could qualify for 2 finals

By TAOBH LINE

DUBLIN, already through to the minor and junior camogie championships in Leinster, will know their opponents on Sunday, when the remaining semi-finals in both these grades will be played, with Kildare engaged in both matches. They take on Kilkenny in the minor game at Gowran in the afternoon, and then entertain Laois in the junior semi-final at Naas in the evening.

The minor game must be regarded as open, for while Kildare had something of a runaway victory over Meath first-time out, and Kilkenny were then pretty hard-pressed by Louth, it may well have been that the worth of the relative oppositions was rather different.

Kildare, however, then looked a very promising side, and they will not be easy to beat. Kilkenny, on the other hand, started very uncertainly but proved a very different proposition when they found their feet, and their confidence, in the second half.

Moreover, I understand that Kilkenny, on that occasion, had not their strongest side available, and they may well field at greater strength now.

FORM TEAM

It remains to be seen, however, if examination calls may affect one side or the other. Kildare look the form team, but Kilkenny are usually a force at

junior defeat by Kildare to avenge.

In the junior semi-final, Kildare, on home ground at Naas, must be firm favourites to reach the final. Laois were actually defeated in the first round by Wicklow, but one of the Wicklow players, who had gained two senior medals with Dublin, was ruled ineligible to compete in this grade and so Wicklow were ruled out.

So Laois would seem to have it all to do to qualify now for the final, especially as Kildare, after finishing level with Kilkenny at Kilkenny, turned on the power in extra time to win by double scores.

Dublin will be a keenly interested in both results, and the Metropolitanans are in all three Leinster finals, as they have a bye to the senior decider in which Kilkenny and Wexford are to play in the semi-final.

There is a junior semi-final listed also in the West where Mayo will be favoured to defeat Roscommon.

The Ulster junior championship has been making steady progress also in recent weeks.

Dublin had the better of their senior challenge game at the Phoenix Park last Sunday, but while Dublin fielded a strong side, Kilkenny were well short of their full championship line-out and are likely to be a far stronger senior force in a couple of weeks time.

Munster minor championship holders Limerick, with many talented Colleges players to call upon, will be hotly fancied to qualify for the provincial final again when they entertain Waterford at Limerick.

Cork should come through to the final from the other side of the Southern draw, as they too can call upon Colleges stars for their trip to Killarney to play Kerry in the other semi-final.

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Cork Juniors Face A Difficult Task

CORK juniors travel to Adare on Sunday next where they meet Limerick in the semi-final of the Munster championship. This is the big game of the coming week but there are also a number of local games listed.

Cork won the junior All-Ireland for the first time last season when with the seniors they completed an unique double. Because of that victory Cork have to field a completely new junior side this season — as medal holders are not allowed to play in the competition. This is no easy task but the selectors are confident that they can again field a strong side who may, however, be lacking in experience of inter-county games. This of course, will be a big problem for the Cork girls and with Limerick "at home" their task is certainly not an easy one.

News from Limerick is impressive. Already this season they have taken the Munster junior league (Cork did not enter because they already have too many games to play). Among their successes in this competition was an 8-6 to 1-3 win over Clare and a 10-3 to 1-1 win over Waterford.

REVERSED DECISION

Two years ago in Ballinlough Limerick scored a convincing win over Cork to thake the Munster junior title. Last year however, Cork well and truly reversed that decision with a big win over them in the Mardyke, after which they went on to win the All-Ireland title. However, as already stated Cork must now field a new side whereas Limerick can call on all their experienced players.

For their league win Limerick had Noreen Ryan the colleges star with Rosary Hill between the posts. At full back they have former Cork senior player Ann Honohan (now Anne Meaney, who is married and living in Limerick). The defence is completed by Geraldine O'Brien, another colleges star, and Kitty Ryan a very experienced defender.

In the centrefield Limerick have Dolores O'Brien, Ann Sheehy and Phil Darcy, who was the only Limerick player to play well against Cork last year.

NO SENIOR SIDE

Then in the attack are stalwarts Carrie Clancy, who will need careful watching, Brid Stokes and Eithne Neville, a cute and clever forward.

Limerick have no senior team at present so Cork juniors will be facing their top side. Add to this a home venue and the confidence of their league win and what can Cork do to curb their undoubted strength.

In their efforts to do so the Cork selectors have chosen players with experience rather than youth. A number of the players have already played with Cork juniors including Josie Knowles, of Churchtown and Sheila Roche of Aghabullogue. Josie will be in attack where she will be partnered by clubmate Noreen Bailey. These two played

very well in the co. championship this year and if they can hit form then Cork will be there with a chance.

Teresa Lucey is a good goalie for Cork while Ann Kirby at full back is a solid defender.

Other players who must do well for Cork if they are to win are Aileen O'Driscoll, Annetto Houlihan and Frances Barry-Murphy.

It is certainly not going to be easy for Cork facing the best team Limerick can produce but if they play with the usual Cork spirit then they could cause an upset.

Cork Junior team — T. Lucey (Canovee), A. Kirby (Glanworth), S. Roche (Aghabullogue), M. Roche (U.C.C. and Buttevant), A. O'Driscoll (Eire Og), A. Houlihan (Churchtown), F. Barry-Murphy (Ct. Finbarrs), K. Kenneally (Sarsfields), J. Knowles (Churchtown), S. Harrington (Glanworth), K. Doherty (Blarney), N. Bailey (Churchtown). Subs: M. Barron (Youghal), M. O'Neill (Glanworth), A. O'Donovan (S.P.P.P.), M. Humphries (Blarney), C. Landers (Killeagh).

UNDER-18 LEAGUE

Back on the local front there is an under-18 league game at Killeagh where the local side take on Carrigtwohill on tomorrow (Saturday) while on Sunday Ballinlough meet Kilmichael in the Junior Championship.

On Tuesday, July 9, Eire Og meet Buttevant in the 1973 Junior League final at Ovens. There should be plenty of excitement at this game as both these sides have been playing well all season and with plenty of support from their respective followers victory should be in the balance to the finish.

The final game of the week is a junior league tie at Douglas where the home team meets Ballyphehane.

Cork seniors will face Galway on Sunday week in the first round of the All-Ireland Championship. In preparation for this game the Cork side has been announced and is as follows: Deirdre Sutton (Glen Rovers), Marie Costino (Cloyne), Hannah Cotter (S.P.P.P.), Sheila Dunne (Canovee), Mary Whelton (S.P.P.P.), Mary Canavan (Sarsfields), Pat Moloney (U.C.C.), Betty Sugrue (S.P.P.P.), Marion Sweeney (Killeagh), Marian and Bernadette Costino (Cloyne).

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday) at Killeagh, under 18 league, Killeagh v Carrigtowhill, 8 p.m. (referee Cloyne).

Sunday at Adare, Munster Junior Championship: Limerick v Cork, 5.30 p.m.; J.C. at Ovens: Ballinlough v Kilmichael, 3.30 p.m. (referee Inniscarra).

Tuesday, July 9 — J.L. final (1973) at Ovens: Eire Og v. Buttevant, 8 p.m. (referee S. Dunne).

Wednesday, July 10 — J.L. at Douglas: Douglas v. Ballyphehane, 7.30 p.m. (referee S.P.P.P.).

The women as good as the men

WIELDING THE CAMAN we always associate with men, and whenever feats of stamina, deeds of glory and medals won on the playing field are discussed, the talk invariably centres on the male sex and hurling. But what about the ladies and camogie? As caman-wielders we scarcely ever think of them; yet by way of endurance tests and records held, they leave the men trotting miles behind.

This I learn from colleague Raymond Smith's "Book of Hurling" which will be officially launched soon. But before I come to the achievements of the female sex, I invite readers to take a look at the picture I print. There are two outstandingly well known personalities in it — one associated exclusively with hurling, the other prominent in both hurling and another area of activity. Try to identify them before reading their names at the bottom of this piece.

To return to records and achievements, Raymond Smith notes that Youghal-born Caly Riordan of U.C.C. became the first player in any code to win two All-Ireland medals on the same day. She played with the winning Cork junior camogie team which won the 1973 All-Ireland, and then went on as a substitute in the senior match, which Cork also won. No man can boast of a similar feat.

Then take Bernadette Duffy, Noreen Treacy, Olive Coady and Eileen Hynes of the Presentation Convent, Athenry. In April of this year they played through the full games in both the senior and junior All-Ireland Col-

leges finals which followed each other in Croke Park.

And again, take Kathleen Mills of Dublin. Between 1942 and 1962 she won no fewer than 15 All-Ireland medals with her county. Or Una O'Connor, also of Dublin, who holds 13 senior All-Ireland medals, and set a quite remarkable record by winning ten of them in successive years.

Compare these feats with the achievements of the most celebrated names in hurling. Christy Ring, considered the greatest of them all, shares with John Doyle the record of eight All-Ireland medals, while Jack Lynch holds a record which is unlikely ever to be equalled. He won six All-Ireland medals in a row — four for hurling from 1941 to 1944, one for football in 1945 and another for hurling in 1946.

Messes Ring, Doyle and Lynch are, however, way down the field in comparison with Kathleen Mills and Una O'Connor and I take pleasure in giving the ladies their due.

EXCELLENT WIN FOR LIMERICK

Limerick 8-5; Cork 3-4

Limerick gave an excellent display when easily qualifying to meet Clare in the final of the Munster junior camogie championship at Adare, Co. Limerick, yesterday. Limerick got on top against the holders early on and led by 4-5 to 2-1 at the interval and they scored another four goals in the second half.

Cork tried gallantly and it was no fault of full-back Sheila Roche, centre-back, Frances Barry-Murphy, her attackers Marion Bailey and Josephine Knowles that they lost by such a big margin.

Scorers: Limerick: B. D'Arcy 4-0, C. Clancy 2-3, B. Stokes 2-2. Cork: A. O'Donovan 1-0, M. Humphries 1-0, J. Knowles 1-0, A. O'Driscoll 0-2 and M. Bailey 0-2.

Limerick: N. Ryan, A. Meaney, K. Ryan (capt.), M. Neville, G. O'Brien, P. D'Arcy, A. Sheehy, B. Stokes, C. Clancy, B. D'Arcy, E. Neville, D. O'Brien.

Cork: T. Lucey, A. Kirby, S. Roche, A. O'Driscoll, M. Roche, F. Barry-Murphy, K. Kenneally, A. Houlihan, C. Landers, K. Doherty, M. Bailey, J. Knowles.

20 YEARS AGO

IN Camogie Cork overwhelmed Tipperary to the tune of 13-2 to 1-2 in the Munster semi-final at the Athletic Grounds. The teams were:
Cork — S. Cahill, B. Lucey, B. Walsh, K. Coughlan, N. Murphy, M. Delea, M. Hayes A. Crotty B. Buckley N. Duggan, P. Lacey, A. Lane.
Tipperary — M. Treacy, M. Costello, M. O'Brien, G. Feehan, S. Blake, M. McGrath, M. England, K. Downes P. Hogan, K. Griffiths K. Carroll, T. Griffin.

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Can Cork Make It Five-in-a-row?

THE GAME: The All-Ireland junior championship, first round; The teams: Cork and Galway. The venue: Mardyke, Cork. The date: Sunday next, July 14.

AND so the scene is set for what must surely be the pick of the first round ties in this year's All-Ireland championship — and certainly the toughest team Cork could meet in their first outing in defence of the All-Ireland crown.

On tomorrow, Saturday, a Cork side will also be in action — this time the minors who will be travelling to Limerick to meet the home side in the Munster final.

Cork won their fourth successive All-Ireland title last September. It is never easy to sustain such a tremendous winning sequence especially over four years. Every other county in the country wants to see Cork beaten at this stage and the Cork girls have this added burden when they start out in their efforts to make it five-in-a-row. Add to this the fact that their opponents are Galway — who gave them such a fright last season — and Sunday's game is certainly not the easiest first round tie they could have.

Galway have yet to win the All-Ireland senior championship but it is the only competition which they have not won. In the past two years the All-Ireland

Linn Cup (for Connacht), the All-Ireland Inter-club championship and the All-Ireland senior and junior colleges titles have gone to the county. This is a pretty impressive collection and with their undoubted grit and determination they must surely be fancied by many — outside of Cork that is — to take the elusive All-Ireland this season. Certainly they have been coming very strongly in recent years and their great successes — outside of the All-Ireland — were only achieved with top class players.

In addition all their victories in so many competitions have given them valuable experience and certainly in their meetings with Cork last season it was obvious that they are not going to be kept waiting indefinitely for that title.

Last year Cork played Galway in the semi-final at Ballinasloe and even Cork's most ardent followers agreed that they were rather lucky to get out of it with the score of 3-2 to 2-3 in their favour.

Both teams met again subsequently under the names of Munster and Connacht in the Gael Linn Cup. They drew in Castleconnell (Munster 4-4, Connacht 3-7) but Connacht got the better of things in the replay by 1-6 to 1-1.

Of course on this occasion

Cork will have the home venue, a very valuable asset in this clash. They also have the tradition behind them and four titles in a row is certainly rather daunting to any opposition. In addition to all this they can field — with one exception — the side which defeated Antrim to take last year's title. Newcomer to the side is Sarsfields Mary Canavan, who was one of the big successes of last season's junior Cork team and who was so consistently good for Imokilly in the Co. Championship. Mary comes in at right centre where she will partner U.C.C. stylish Pat Moloney and the long hitting Betty Sugrue of South Presentation.

Deirdre Sutton, who was so good with Naomh Gobnath in the championship, is again between the post while Cloyne stalwart Marie Costine fills the full back berth. Hannah Cotter, Sheila Dunne and Mary Whelton make up the half back line and against this trio Galway will not easily find their way to goal.

Anne Phelan, who was so good at getting those early opportunist goals, has not played this season and so will be missing from the Cork attack. But there is still plenty of scoring power in the forward line with Marion Sweeney and Nuala Jennings on the wings, that powerful hitter Marion McCarthy at half forward and opportunist Rosie Hennessy at full forward.

In a recent friendly against Kilkenny the Cork girls made scoring look very easy. However, Kilkenny were rather depleted on that occasion and the Cork girls will certainly not find the path to goal so easy on Sunday. But they have the home venue and they have learned enough in four years not to be upset by the big occasion or by formidable opposition. And if they can manage to find their scoring touch then they must have a very good chance of advancing. But it will be a tough encounter all the way.

INCREASED STANDARD

The minors travel to Limerick on tomorrow (Saturday) to take on Limerick in the Munster final. These two counties have monopolised the Munster Colleges since its inception some years ago. This year Limerick had the better of things, taking both senior and intermediate titles whereas Cork had to be content with the junior championships. However, colleges alone is not the only yardstick as a number of players in the minor team have not played Colleges camogie. However the colleges competitions have greatly increased the standard at a younger age and colleges experience has proved invaluable to players as they make their way up to higher grades.

To date Cork have scored no less than 21-6 in their earlier games but as the opposition was rather poor on each occasion this is not to be taken too seriously. However, it does point to the fact that they know the way to goal and if Eileen Kavanagh, Margo Sugrue, Ellen McCarthy and Patricia Mackey can hit top form, they could have a good chance of bringing the first inter-county title to Cork this season.

Kathleen Costine is a sound goalie for Cork while Clare Harris, Jane O'Brien, Margo Twomey and Betty Joyce are sound defenders. In the centre-field Gay Desmond, Patricia O'Riordan and Catherine Landers form a stylish trio.

But Limerick too, have their stars in Noreen Ryan, who also plays for the Limerick junior side, and Vera Mackey who is a strong midfielder.

In their previous outing they disposed of Tipperary by 5-5 to 2-1, which is a very impressive win and got a walk over from

Waterford. Also they have the home venue and will be determined to emulate their juniors who had such a fine win over a gallant Cork side last Sunday.

It is certainly not going to be easy for the Cork girls but if they play with Cork spirit they must be there with a great chance.

CORK TEAMS

Minor v. Limerick: K. Costine (Cloyne), C. Harris (Na Piarasigh), J. O'Brien (Churchtown), M. Twomey (Canovee), B. Joyce (Killeagh), G. Desmond (Ballyphehane), P. O'Riordan (Ballinlough), C. Landers (Killeagh), E. Kavanagh (Eire Og), M. Sugrue (Ballyphehane), P. Mackey (Blarney), E. McCarthy (Sarsfields).

Subs. B. Lyne (S.P.P.P.), A. O'Connor (Old Als), B. Foley (Sarsfields).

Senior v. Galway — D. Sutton (Glen Rovers), M. Costine (Cloyne), H. Cotter (S.P.P.P.), S. Dunne (Canovee), M. Whelton (S.P.P.P.), M. Canavan (Sarsfields), P. Moloney (U.C.C.) B. Bugrue (S.P.P.P.) M. Sweeney (Killeagh), M. McCarthy (S.P.P.P.), N. Gully (Cloyne), R. Hennessy (U.C.C.), Subs. N. Jennings (U.C.C.), N. O'Driscoll (Eire Og), A. Ryan (Old Aloysians), B. Costine (Cloyne).

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday) at St. Patrick's, Limerick — Munster minor final, Cork v Limerick, 8 p.m.

Sunday at U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, — All-Ireland first round, Cork v Galway, 5 p.m. (ref. P. Rafferty (Dublin)).

Tuesday — under 18 league at Middleton, Churchtown v. Gortroe, 7.30 p.m. (ref. Carrigtwo hill).

Wednesday, under 16 league at Bishopstown, Bishopstown v. Douglas, 7.30 p.m. (ref. St. Finbarrs).

Under 18 league at Na Piarasigh, Ballyphehane v. Na Piarasigh, 7.30 p.m. (ref. Glen Rovers).

Thursday, I.L. at Glen Rovers, Glen Rovers v. Churchtown, 7.50 p.m.

Friday July 19, under 18 league at Berrings, Inniscarra v. Eire Og, 7.30 p.m.

Cork clinch it with dramatic scoring spree

Cork 3-5; Galway 3-2

AN inspired substitution at half-time, which was followed by a dramatic five minute scoring spree is the main reason Cork are into the second round of the All-Ireland Camogie Championship.

In their first round tie with Galway at the U.C.C. grounds, Mardyke, yesterday, the Cork girls found it very difficult to get into their stride. Even the bonus of an early goal did not inspire them and Galway were quickly back with a similar score.

Only two points separated these sides in the semi-final of the All-Ireland last season and the same margin separated the sides at the interval yesterday, when Cork led by 1-3 to 1-1.

It was on the resumption that the selectors made their dramatic substitution when they introduced Nancy O'Driscoll into the Cork attack. Nancy, who captained the Cork juniors to their first All-Ireland title last season, completely upset the Galway backs in the opening five minutes. Galway did open the scoring in this period with a point but Nancy replied with a brilliant goal.

This was followed almost immediately by a similar score

from Marion Sweeney and points from Rosie Hennessy and Pat Moloney. This put Cork on the road to victory but, as the game progressed, Cork were to be glad of this purple patch, for Galway came storming back and it took some fine goal-keeping by Deirdre Sutton and strong defensive work by Marie Costine to keep the Cork girls from suffering their first defeat in five years.

Galway did manage to break through on two occasions with goals from Midge Poniard and Jane Murphy but, although it brought them to within three points of the All-Ireland champions, Cork held out to win by 3-5 to 3-2.

Scorers for Cork were M. McCarthy (1-2), M. Sweeney (1-1), N. O'Driscoll (1-0), P. Moloney (0-1), R. Hennessy (0-1); while J. Murphy (2-0), M. Poniard (1-0), P. Foye (0-2) were on the mark for Galway.

Cork—D. Sutton, M. Costine, M. Whelton, S. Dunne, H. Dineen, B. Sugrue, M. McCarthy, M. Canavan, P. Moloney, M. Sweeney, N. Gully, R. Hennessy. Sub., N. O'Driscoll for M. Canavan.

Galway—M. Killeen, M. Kilkenny, C. Collins, R. Devilly, P. Foye, N. McHugh, J. Kelly, A. Donoghue, M. Murphy, F. Feeney, M. Poniard, J. Murphy. Subs.: C. Ward for P. Murphy. Referee: P. Rafferty, Dublin.

Cork take first Munster title

CORK 4-3; LIMERICK 3-1.

Cork won their first Munster camogie title of the season when the minors took the Munster championship at the expense of Limerick at Patrickswell on Saturday.

A brilliant display by goalkeeper Kathleen Costine plus star performances from Catherine Landers, Clare Harris and Margo Sugrue saw Cork take this, the first under-16 title after a close and exciting game, in which Limerick had their best players in the Mackey sisters, Bernadette O'Brien and Judy O'Boyle.

Scorers for Cork were M. Sugrue (2-0), E. McCarthy (1-2), P. Mackey (1-0), and M. Twomey (0-1), while O'Brien (1-1), S. Murphy (1-0), and D. Willis (1-0) scored for Limerick.

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Kilkenny oust

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Kilkenny, 1-7;
Tipperary, 1-1

KILKENNY SCORED a deserved victory over Tipperary in the quarter-final of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship at Gowran yesterday.

Kilkenny had the better of the exchanges throughout but they made very little headway with six of their eight scores coming from frees.

Kilkenny took the lead in the fourth minute when Helena O'Neill pointed a free. Deirdre Lane put her side on level terms almost immediately but the home side pointed a "30" and added another point from play to lead 0-3 to 0-1 after twelve minutes.

The visitors led for the only time when Beatrice Lawrence sent in a lobbing ball from the right corner which dropped into the net over the goalie's head.

SIDES LEVEL

The home side missed chances and it was just on half-time when Helena O'Neill pointed a placed ball to leave the sides level — Kilkenny, 0-4, Tipperary, 1-1.

When Kilkenny came out for the second half, Mary Purcell, their minor star, had replaced Ann Bowden and again, though they had more of the play they added only three points from placed balls in the third quarter.

Tipperary's only chance to save the day came in the last quarter

but a free out put paid to this effort and Kilkenny clinched the issue shortly afterwards when Carmel Doyle landed a clever pass from Mary Purcell.

Best for the winners was Helena O'Neill who also scored six points from frees. Peggy Carey did well at midfield. Bridie Martin and Liz Neary hit some fine balls and Ann Carroll played more like herself when she moved from centre forward to full-back.

For Tipperary, Maolshuire Tynan in goal made some good saves. Deirdre Lane, Bernie Dowd and Beatrice Lawrence tried hard.

Scorers—Kilkenny—H. O'Neill (0-6), C. Doyle (1-1).

Tipperary—B. Lawrence (1-0), D. Lane (0-1).

Limerick fail to Cork and Clare

MINOR: CORK, 4-3; Limerick, 3-1
JUNIOR: Clare, 4-0; Limerick, 3-1

LIMERICK'S HOPES of a historic camogie double were well and truly laid low during the weekend when their minor and junior teams were defeated by Cork and Clare, respectively.

At Patrickswell on Saturday evening, Cork and Limerick provided sparkling fare in the minor final (under 16), and it was only in the final five minutes that Cork edged in front.

The visitors were somewhat lucky to be on level terms at the interval, as Limerick had most of the play, and sheer bad luck denied them of at least two goals. At this stage it was difficult to see Limerick lose, as they had the edge in all departments.

Cork were much faster to the ball in the second half, and the interval instructions from their adviser, Mary Moran, were definitely having an effect. Entering the final quarter they really piled on the pressure and were eventually rewarded when Ellen McCarthy goalied. The same player scored a point minutes later, and a point from thirty by Margaret Toomey in the last minute put the issue beyond doubt.

GREAT FORM

Kathleen Costine was in great form in the Cork goal and made some top-class saves. Others to shine for Cork were Margaret Toomey, at centre-back; Catherine Launders at midfield, and Margaret Sugrue and Ellen McCarthy in the attack.

Maura O'Dwyer and Laura Barry were outstanding in the Limerick defence. At midfield, Vera Mackey was brilliant, and Betty Conway and Sheila Murphy were the pick of the forwards.

SCORERS

Cork—M. Sugrue, 2-0; E. McCarthy, 1-2; P. Murphy, 1-0; M. Toomey, 0-1.

Limerick—V. Mackey, 1-1; B. O'Brien and E. O'Driscoll, 1-0 each.

TEAMS

Cork—K. Costine, C. Harris,

B. Joyce, M. Toomey, J. O'Brien, C. Launders, P. Riordan, G. Desmond, E. Kavanagh, P. Murphy, M. Sugrue, E. McCarthy.

Limerick—H. Sheehy, N. Ryan, M. O'Donnell, M. O'Dwyer, M. Barry, P. Mackey, B. O'Brien, C. Deedigan, J. O'Boyle, E. O'Driscoll, S. Murphy, B. Conway.

Subs.: E. Hehir for M. Barry, M. Fitzgerald for J. O'Boyle.

Referee—M. O'Halloran, Clare.

FIRST TITLE

At the Pairgreen, Ennis, on Sunday, Clare captured their first Munster junior title, when they deservedly defeated hot favourites, Limerick, by a two-point margin.

If ever a game was thrown away this was it, Limerick enjoyed territorial advantage right through, but their forwards squandered numerous scoring chances, and it was only with the second last puck of the game that they succeeded in reducing the deficit to two points.

The game, played in torrential rain, attracted a very large attendance. Clare playing with the aid of the elements in the first half, had a nearly goal per Margaret Dolan. Two well taken goals by Breed Stokes put Limerick ahead and midway through the half Eilish Fitzgibbon had the equaliser for Clare. Just before half time, Mary McMahon put Clare ahead with a goal.

Limerick had a nearly second-half point, but the all-important score came in the twelfth minute, when Eilish Fitzgibbon and Margaret Dolan led a strong Clare challenge, and Mary Griffin moved in to put the home side five points up.

Limerick were on the offensive for the remainder of the game, but it was too late when they did eventually succeed in scoring.

Clare's full-back, Ann Marie O'Loughlin, was in devastating form, and it was this player more than anyone else, who contributed to Limerick's defeat. Claire Harrington at left wing was another prominent Clare defender. Others to star for the winners were, Catherine McNicholas, Mary Griffin and Eilish Fitzgibbon.

Ann Meaney, Kitty Ryan, Phil D'Arcy, Geraldine O'Brien and Breed Stokes were the pick of the losers.

SCORERS

Clare — M. Dolan, E. Fitzgibbon, M. Griffin, M. McMahon, 1-0 each.

Limerick — B. Stokes, 2-0; D. O'Brien 1-0, C. Clancy 0-1.

Clare: M. Kelly; A. M. O'Loughlin, R. Kelleher, M. O'Toole, C. Harrington, C. McNicholas, C. McDonagh, M. Davin, M. Dolan, M. Griffin, M. McMahon, E. Fitzgibbon.

Limerick — B. Stokes, 2-0; D. O'Brien, M. Neville, G. O'Brien, K. Ryan, D. O'Brien, P. D'Arcy, A. Sheehy, B. D'Arcy, C. Clancy, B. Stokes, E. Neville.

Sub: B. O'Brien for E. Neville.

Referee: K. Griffin (Tipperary).

REVOLUTION COMING

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE recent Administration Course in Howth, following fast on the heels of the lively Congress debate on the motions calling for Finance, Fixtures and Communications Committees, will I believe lead in the very near future to a kind of administrative revolution within the Camogie Association.

The vast and welcome expansion of the playing membership through the country in recent years has meant a far greater demand for experienced officers to take charge. That demand will surely be met by the Administration Course, at which I was very glad to see so many of the leading members of the G.A.A. give so freely of their time and advice. This is exactly the kind of support, co-operation and assistance which the Camogie people has asked vainly for from the G.A.A. for so long, and it is wonderful to see this being supplied at last, and just at the right time, for both Associations, for co-operation between them at all levels was never more essential since both are striving to attract the youth not alone to the playing fields but to the social side of the Gaelic movement.

Another difficulty caused by the recent increase in Camogie's competitions and country-wide popularity has been the vastly increased amount of work thrown on Central Council. Motions at Congress sought to lighten the burden on Central Council by setting up a Committee which would look after fixtures and referees, another to deal with Finance, principally from the viewpoint of fundraising, and a third to look

after Communications and Publicity.

Had these been proposed either direct or separately I think some of them at least would have been carried. As it was presented both as an addition to a rule and as a package deal, they needed the change of but one vote to have secured a two-thirds majority.

However, from the feeling of Congress, I think it is obvious that some such sub-committees will make their appearance within the next year at the most. There is a crying need for them, and after the Administration Course, the personnel to man them should be available. But dedication and enthusiasm will be needed in addition at every level.

Meanwhile, back on the playing fields, the draw for the Senior championship has proved of absorbing interest as it was again on the Open system. And it was surely ironic that Cork, the county that has held the title and the O'Duffy Cup for the past four years should have been drawn at home against the team that was expected to be their sharpest challengers, Galway.

It may seem a shame that Galway, first time out should have to travel to Cork to face the champions. But Galway have a great deal going for them. After all they have met Cork three times within the last twelve months at senior level, Galway lost by only a single puck of the ball in the All-Ireland senior semi-final at Ballinasloe last August. Then in October Galway, representing Connacht, met Cork's

full All-Ireland side in the Gaelic Linn Cup semi-final at Castleconnell and held them to a draw. What is more in the subsequent replay at Ballinasloe between unchanged teams, Galway scored a good victory. So these Galway girls will have no particular fears about travelling especially as the game in the Western County received such a tremendous boost in winning both All-Ireland Colleges titles.

That unique achievement was brought off by Presentation Convent Athenry who made further history by winning both finals at Croke Park on the same afternoon, with four girls, Bernie Duffy, Noreen Treacy, Olive Coady and Eileen Hynes playing on both senior and junior sides, a wonderful feat by any standards.

So Galway not alone have a fine team at the moment, they have some wonderful replacements coming up, and one thing seems certain, if in that opening game they can end the long reign of this great Cork side they will then be firm favourites to take the title and the trophy to Connaught for the first time. The other first-round pairings should provide some entertaining games, for, while Antrim will be firm favourites to account for Derry, there will be very little between Kilkenny and Tipperary, or between Dublin and Wexford.

As Cork who won both titles last year will have to find an entirely new junior side, I rather fancy Galway, last year's defeated finalists to recapture the title in this grade.

Aghabullogue Face Glen Rovers In Intermediate Championship

FOLLOWING last weekend's triumphs the limelight switches to the local scene this week.

Big game listed is the Intermediate championship clash between Glen Rovers and Aghabullogue at Coachford on Wednesday next. Glen received a bye in the opening round while Aghabullogue had a point win over Blarney. This gives the latter the advantage in match practice. In addition they have top players in Sheila Roche, Nora May Lynch, Mary Noonan and junior All-Ireland medal holder, Mary Mahon. Mary completed a unique double last Sunday when she won her second Munster junior medal with Clare, having already won one with Cork last season. In all they will not be easy to beat. However, Glen have Deirdre Sutton — who was in brilliant form for Cork last Sunday — in the goal while they have other grand players in Maura Coleman, Marie Mackey, Peggy Dorgan and Mary Nott and they will not admit defeat easily.

Another big game listed is the junior championship tie between St. Finbarrs and Killeagh on Sunday. The latter, who overcame Buttevant in their first round replay, now take on St. Finbarrs who were comfortable first round winners over Castleview. A number of the 'Barrs recently won under-18 league medals but they will be really tested by Killeagh and will have a job to hold Cork senior Pat Moloney who was in brilliant form against Galway last Sunday.

SHOULD WIN

Watergrasshill and Churchtown meet in the Intermediate League on Friday (26th) and here the Churchtown girls should make further progress in this competition. The club's under-16 should also account for Erin's Own when they clash at Middleton on Tuesday but their under-18 side may not find it easy against Cloyne at the latter's ground on tomorrow (Saturday).

Congratulations go this weekend to Cork's senior and minor teams. On Saturday last the minors became the first side to win the new under-16 trophy and also brought the first Munster inter-county trophy to the city this season. In their previous games the Cork girls had runaway victories but they really proved their worth on Saturday last when they came out on top against a very good Limerick. They are, of course, now through to the All-Ireland semi-final and in this they will

be at home to Glwy in August.

The seniors got past their "bogey" team on Sunday last but it was not an impressive Cork display. The majority of the Cork team played below their best but the Cork side are never in top form at this stage of the season and to win against Galway without being at their best just shows what this team is capable of. But they will need to raise their game to their usual standard when they travel to meet Antrim in the All-Ireland semi-final next month.

FEILE NA NGAEL

Feile na nGael is in progress in Limerick at the moment and this year camogie is introduced for the first time. Six visiting teams and six Limerick teams are taking part including Old Aloysians from Cork. However, as there is no under-14 grade — the age group in the Festival — in Cork Old Als will be at a disadvantage. However it is good to see camogie included. Feile has always been a most enjoyable Festival and Limerick have been preparing very hard to welcome and act as hosts to their guests, so the Old Als girls should have a memorable time.

COACHING

The national Coaching course is also on this weekend and as a result the inter-county programme will be at a standstill.

But to bring the position up to date: Derry, Galway and Tipperary are out of the All-Ireland, while Antrim, Kilkenny and Cork are through to the semi-finals.

Last weekend another interesting result was Clare's shock defeat of Limerick in the Munster junior final. This gave the Clare girls their first trophy since 1946.

Another recent success story was the Junior League final win by Eire Og. The new league champions took their title at the expense of Buttevant with a 5-8 to 1-1 win. This was Eire Og's third successive title and although the champions thoroughly deserved their win the game was closer than the score suggests. A unique feature of the game was that five sisters — the O'Driscoll girls — played on the winning team.

Yet another recent victory was that of Inniscarra who disposed of Youghal in the second round of the junior championship at Berrings. The winners dominated throughout despite the repeated attempts by a sporting Youghal team to score and in the end the score 7-6 to 0-1 was justified.

FIXTURES

Saturday 20th — Under-18 League at Cloyne at 7.30, Cloyne v. Churchtown (Ref. Killeath).

Sunday 21st — Junior Championship at St. Finbarrs at 7.30, St. Finbarrs v. Killeagh (Ref. Ballinlough).

Tuesday 23rd — Under-16 League at Middleton at 7.30, Churchtown v. Erins Own (Ref. Carrigtwohill).

Wednesday 24th — Inter. Champ. at Coachford at 7.45, Glen Rovers v. Aghabullogue.

Friday 26th — Inter. League at Watergrasshill at 7.30, Watergrasshill v. Churchtown.

Dublin hopes

By TAOBH LINE

DUBLIN AND WEXFORD who met in the Leinster final, a couple of weeks ago, a game which the Wexford girls won reasonably comfortably, will meet again on Sunday next at Moibhi Road, this time in the opening round of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship.

This is the concluding game of the opening series and next Sunday's winners will qualify to meet Kilkenny in one all-Ireland semi-final, last year's finalists, Cork and Antrim, having already qualified to meet

in the other semi-final.

Dublin will now have the assistance of Orla Ni Siochain who was away on the Continent when the Leinster final was played, and will be a decided asset now to the Metropolitan side.

However, Wexford were such clear-cut winners in their last meeting that it is unlikely that they will be ousted now.

The semi-finals of the senior championship have been fixed for next month with Cork travelling to face Antrim, and the winners of the Dublin v Wexford match away to Kilkenny.

In the junior semi-finals, Galway are at home to Clare, while Antrim entertain Dublin. Both these games are scheduled for August 4.

In the minor semi-finals Galway visit Cork on August 18 while Kilkenny will be at home to the Ulster winners, Down or Armagh on August 25.

The National Coaching Course at Gormanston last weekend was again a resounding success, was very beneficial to both the senior and junior participants, and was voted highly enjoyable by the instructors, the students and the officials alike.

Camogie Coaching Course

By AGNES HOURIGAN

ONCE again the annual National Camogie Coaching Course at Gormanston which runs from tomorrow evening, until late Sunday afternoon, is fully booked out and will be again divided into two sections, a course for advanced players and one for beginners.

In charge of the senior "pupils" will be Miss Mary Moran the successful trainer of the Cork All-Ireland sides who have proved all but invincible in recent years, and Miss Anne Carroll who has won interprovincial titles with both Munster and Leinster All-Ireland club titles with two different clubs and has just finished a year-long course in Sports Management in Loughborough University.

They will deal with development of basic skills, combined play, positional tactics and coaching.

The juniors will be in the capable hands of Mrs. Eileen Mahony who, when Eileen Duffy, won so many all-Ireland medals as Dublin's goalkeeper. She will be assisted by her Celtic team-mate, Miss Miriam Higgins.

Mrs. Kathleen O'Duffy, well known referee, will lecture on the Rules of Camogie.

FIRST AID

In charge of P.T. for both groups will be Mrs. G. O'Kelly who was also in charge last year, while there will also be a general course in first aid.

The week-end of the Coaching Course is competition free to give players and officials from all over the country the opportunity of attending, but there will be some interesting events on the playing fields over the week-end also.

At Feile na nGael, the national juvenile hurling festival in Limerick, there will be a series of Camogie games for the first time with young teams from several counties participating, while at Bansha in County Tipperary on Sunday evening, the Tipperary champions Thurles will play a New York team. This is by way of a return visit, as Thurles travelled out to play New York last year.

Considerable progress was made in the championships in the various grades last week-end, and Cork teams were particularly successful. At the Mardyke the senior county side, All-Ireland champions for the past four years, made a big step forward towards a fifth title in-a-row when they accounted for their most dangerous challengers, Galway.

ENTHRALLING

Galway had enough of the ball to win this enthralling first-round struggle at the Mardyke, but a great scoring burst by Cork early in the second half gave the holders just the lead that proved vital to hold off a late Galway rally.

For this game Galway, who had won the Connacht junior title, called in five of that side, which means they will be greatly weakened in the All-Ireland stages of that grade.

Clare achieved a long-cherished ambition when they narrowly defeated a very fancied Limerick team in the Munster junior final at Ennis. Star of the winning side was the former Dublin and U.C.D. player, Anne Marie O'Loughlin. Clare now advance to meet Galway in one All-Ireland semi-final, while Antrim and Dublin will clash in the other.

Indeed it was an unlucky week-end for Limerick as their juniors were narrowly defeated by Cork in the Munster minor final. Limerick were holders of the title.

In the senior All-Ireland series Kilkenny without being particularly impressive, were still too good for Tipperary, and now meet Dublin or Wexford in the semi-final.

Churchtown And Canovee Try Again To Reach A Decision

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GOOD progress continues in the local championships. In the intermediate grade, Churchtown have already won their way to the final but await their opponents. The other side of the draw is not so far advanced mainly due to a drawn game between Cloyne and Canovee. This match is refixed for Saturday night when Canovee have the advantage of home venue.

These sides have been locked together in championship ties and have played four championship games within the past two years. Following two drawn games in 1973 series, Canovee emerged as victors and went on to take the title. At Rostellan last month Cloyne were fortunate to survive but their supporters will be more hopeful on this occasion on the grounds that their team cannot play as badly again. Canovee had the winning of that game time and again but failed to make use of easy chances.

TALENTED SIDE

Kathleen Costine, the Cloyne goalkeeper, has been making a name for herself with the Cork minors. Her sister, Marie, captained the side which won the 7-a-side run in conjunction with the National Coaching Course at Gormanston College over the weekend. Add to these the O'Sullivan, Delores Ring, Nuala Gilly and Bernie Costine and the answer is a team with plenty of talent.

Canovee are a great championship side. Often overlooked following unimpressive league displays, they pull out something extra for the championship. Their county players, Sheila Dunne, Margo Twomey and Tess Lucey gave a good account of themselves in recent games for Cork. They will be without O'Sullivan who is on her honeymoon. Another close match

is expected before Glen Rovers or Aghabullogue know whom they will be meeting in the semi-final.

Canovee panel: T. Lucey, G. Twomey, P. Lyons, P. Lynch, E. Moynihan, M. Twomey, C. Lyons, P. Moynihan, H. Kenny, K. Buckley, S. Moynihan, S. Dunne, N. Lyons, E. Lucey, M. Purcell and C. Lyons.

Cloyne panel: K. Costine, M. O'Donoghue, M. Costine, A. O'Sullivan, B. Costine, D. Ring, V. O'Sullivan, J. Shea, A. Shea, G. O'Sullivan, N. Guilly, R. Costine, D. Shinnick and B. Cronin.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The second round of the junior championship is now completed. At this stage it looks as if newcomers, Killeagh, will make a bold bid to join the elite who have captured championship honours in their first competitive season. Eire Og, who have failed at the final hurdle on so many occasions, must rank among the favourites for the title. No further fixtures have been made as the holiday season has reached its peak.

On Wednesday night Ballinlough meet Douglas in a junior league game. The return of former Cork junior, Katherine O'Regan, has strengthened the Douglas side but they may find Ballinlough too experienced for them.

The introduction of camogie to Feile na nGael over the weekend was a success. Cork's representatives, Old Als, thoroughly enjoyed their weekend. They reached the semi-final of the competition where they were beaten by the ultimate winners, Rathnure from Wexford.

Encouraged by their success in the Munster Junior Championship Clare sought permission of Munster Council to enter a team in the senior championship. The outcome of the draw was that

Clare will be at home to Tipperary on August 11 and Cork will travel to Limerick on 3rd proximo. The Cork under-18 team have a championship engagement with Waterford on August 4. The panel for this game is: K. Costine (Cloyne), Margo Twomey (Canovee), Deirdre Quinlan (Glanworth), Cecilia Aherne (St. Finbarrs), Claire Harris (Na Piarsaig), Liz Manley (Buttevant), Anne Keane (do), Bernie Costine (Cloyne), Catherine Ladders (Killeagh), Catherine Kenneally (Sarsfields), Patricia Rioridan (Ballinlough), Val Fitzpatrick (Old Als), Catherine O'Leary (St. Finbarrs), Claire Kenny (Old Als), Yvonne Cotter (South Pres.), Phil Kenny (do.), M. Bowen (St. Finbarrs), M. Healy (Aghabullogue) and Ellen McCarthy (Sarsfields).

FIXTURES

Saturday July 27, Intermediate Championship at Cloughduv at 7.30: Canovee v Cloyne (Ref. Eire Og).

Wednesday 31st, Junior League at Douglas at 7.30: Ballinlough v Douglas.

This Week . . . 40 YEARS AGO

SCENES of great excitement were witnessed at Whitefoot Lane, Catford, London, when Lee Hosiery from Cork, the first camogie team from Ireland to cross the Irish Sea, met and defeated Tara Selected before a large crowd. So great was the interest in the game that the Gaumont Film Co. made a picture of the game.

Wexford girls into last four

Wexford 3-7;
Dublin 2-3

WEXFORD qualified for the all-Ireland Senior Camogie championship semi-finals when they deservedly defeated Dublin after an entertaining game at Na Fianna Grounds, Moibhi Road, yesterday.

Wexford, who were in fine form, take on their neighbours and keen rivals, Kilkenny, in their next game on August 18.

The crosswind in Dublin's favour in the first half made it difficult to control the ball at the upper goal.

This was a well contested game with Dublin having the better of the play territorially, through the first half, but faulty finishing in attack lost them three scoring chances while Wexford with less opportunities were leading 2-3 to 2-2 at half time.

The Slaneysiders played brilliantly after the interval and added a goal and three points

without a reply from the home side.

The wind, which seemed to be stronger in the second half took many of Wexford's aerial shots away to the left of the goal in this half.

FOUGHT BACK

Dublin were quickly on their mark when in the first minute of the game Marion Conroy goaled a pass from Ann Sheehy,

Wexford fought back and after one wide goaled in the fifth minute to draw level.

Orla Ni Shiochain and Margaret Hearne pointed frees to leave the side still level after ten minutes play. It was at this stage that Dublin very much on top missed five scoring chances and Elsie Walsh (Wexford), and Evelyn Sweeney, Dublin, pointed from play, to make the score 1-2 each after 20 minutes play.

Margaret Hearne (Wexford), goaled a free and pointed from play and Marion Conroy goaled for Dublin just before half time to leave the score 2-3 to 2-2 in Wexford's favour.

Just after the interval Margaret Hearne put Wexford two more points ahead. Mairead Darcy added a point to this and Margaret Hearne's free in the 18th minute deflected off a defender's stick to put Wexford one goal and four points in front. Both sides added points and Wexford had a number of wides.

Best for the winners were Margaret Hearne, who had a personal tally of 2-4, Elsie Walsh on the right wing, Bernie Murphy at midfield, Bridgid Doyle and Mairead Darcy.

Orla Ni Shiochain did a power of work for Dublin at midfield, Ann Curry made some fine saves in goal, Sheila Wallace, Marion Conroy and Norreen Fleming tried hard.

SCORERS — Wexford: M. Hearne (2-4), M. Darcy (1-2), E. Walsh (0-1). Dublin: M. Conroy (2-0), O. Ni Shiochain (0-2), E. Sweeney (0-1).

WEXFORD—T. Shieles, J. Murphy, G. Kehoe, B. Doyle, B. Doran, E. Walsh, B. Fox, M. Hearne, M. Darcy, Moore.

DUBLIN—A. Carey, B. White, E. Murphy, S. Wallace, D. O'Sullivan, C. Docherty, E. Ceweney, O. Ni Shiochain, A. Sheehy, N. Fleming, M. Conroy, A. McManus, Phillips for C. Docherty.



● OLIVE COADY . . . in Galway's junior panel for clash with Clare at Ballinasloe.

Clare aim for place in final

By TAOBH LINE

THERE IS a new name to reckon with in this year's Camogie Championships. Clare have won the Munster title for the first time and so, on Sunday next, travel to Ballinasloe where they face Connacht representatives, Galway, for a place in the All-Ireland final, at Croke Park, on Sept. 15.

Clare have shown most impressive form when winning through in Munster, particularly by their defeat of Limerick, who had already ousted the all-Ireland and provincial title-holders Cork.

Though this is their first Munster victory, Clare have players who have experience in other counties particularly Anne Marie O'Loughlin, and Claire Harrington, who have played in Dublin All-Ireland sides, and their captain, Margaret O'Toole, who has been a stalwart with Clarysfort Training College in the Higher Education League through the past couple of seasons.

FLYING STYLE

Galway won through in Connacht in flying style, but since then the junior line-out has lost some of its top stars to the senior team which, even with their assistance, narrowly lost to holders Cork in the opening round of the championship in that grade.

However, Galway, who lost to Cork in last year's junior final, will again have Mary Kelly, Rita Jordan, Bernie Larkin, Anne Kilkenny and Teresa Duane, who were all on that side, aided now by Athenry College stars, Breda and Olive Coady.

So, before the home supporters in Ballinasloe, Galway must still be a force to reckon with, and Clare will really have proved themselves if they can qualify for the all-Ireland final in which they meet either Dublin or Antrim.

Sunday's winners will not, however, know their opponents until Sunday, August 25, when Dublin and Antrim meet in the second semi-final at an Antrim venue.

In the senior semi-final on August 11, Cork, the holders, must travel to play Antrim whom they beat narrowly in last year's final while Wexford are at home to Kilkenny on August 18.

Wexford looked very impressive when defeating Dublin in their first round game on Sunday last.

Galway: From, B. Coady, M. Kelly, R. Jordan, C. Ryan, U. Connell, B. Larkin, A. Donoghue, R. McGrath, M. Daly, A. Duane, A. Kilkenny, O. Coady, M. Mullins, A. Conell, A. Connelly, B. Collins, T. Ruane, H. O'Neill.

Clare: M. Kelly, A. M. O'Loughlin, R. Kelleher, M. McDonagh, K. McNicholas, M. Davoren, M. Griffin, B. E. Fitzgibbon, M. Dolan,

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CLARE JUNIOR CAMOGIE TEAM CONFIDENT OF REACHING ALL-IRELAND DECIDER

THE Clare camogie team, who are enjoying their best season for many years will take on Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final at Ballinasloe on Sunday next and they are confident of reaching the All-Ireland junior decider on September 15. Clare displayed great form in beating Tipperary, Kerry and Limerick on their way to capturing their first Munster crown ever.

Indeed Clare's chances of winning must indeed be all the more brighter because of the fact that Galway played five of their junior team when going under to Cork in the recent senior tie between the sides. However the Clare side are not and indeed would not want to take Galway for granted as the Connacht county is one of the strongest camogie counties along with Cork in Ireland and they have a considerable amount of skilful players.

It is expected that the Clare side will be the same as that which defeated Limerick in the Munster final at the Pairgreen, Ennis some weeks ago. Goal-keeper Maureen Kelly from Spencilhill has proved to be one of the most soundest custodians to represent the county for some time.

The Clare girls have a very strong back line in Ann Marie O'Loughlin, Ballyvaughan, Margaret O'Toole, Ballynacally, Claire Harrington, Peake and Rose Kelleher, Kiltartin and these have all given first class displays in their positions during the Munster championship campaign.

The midfield trio of Theresa McDonagh, Catherine McNicho-

las, both Ennis and Maureen Davoren, Corofin have been playing very well to date and they can be relied upon to give a good display. Indeed the mid-field exchanges will be vital on Sunday and no doubt the Clare girls will want to get on top in this sector and thus give a plentiful supply of the ball to their forward line. If the Clare side can get on top in this sector then the foundations of victory should be well laid.

The Clare attack will be made up of Mary Griffin, Ennis; Eleece Fitzgibbon, Shannon; Mary Mahon, Ballyvaughan and Mary Dolan, Craughwell and these players can be relied upon to snap up any scoring chances that come their way. Indeed if these players re-produce the form which they have displayed on their way to this game then the Galway girls defence will really have to be at its best to hold them off.

All in all this looks to be a very talented and strong Clare side and they stand a great chance of qualifying for the All-Ireland decider. It is expected that a large number of followers will travel to Ballinasloe on Sunday and no doubt they will be hoping that Clare will at least qualify for an All-Ireland final in some team sport.

There will be a special bus travelling to the game for supporters on Sunday. The bus will take supporters from Shannon and will be leaving O'Connell Square, Ennis at 1.15 p.m. Anybody interested in travelling from Shannon should contact Eithne O'Doherty, 5 Foyle Park, Shannon as soon as possible.

CAMOGIE

County champions, Canovee are out of the Cork Co. Intermediate championship, having been beaten on Saturday night last by a brilliant Cloyne side by 3-1 to 1-2. Three goals in the first half, two from Gearodine O'Sullivan, and one from Anne O'Shea, who was making a come-back, set the Cloyne girls on the road to victory. They will have to improve however, if they hope to overcome Glen Rovers in the semi-final, in the last ten minutes of Saturday's game, it was evident that they lacked training.

The game, played in a sporting manner, saw Cloyne lead at half-time by 3 goals to 1-1. Chrissie Lyons scoring the goal for Canovee and Margo Twomey 0-1. Half way through the second half Maria Costine pointed a long dangled free for Cloyne, while Sheila Dunne had a minor direct from a "30."

This was the fifth occasion the sides had met in the space of 12 months. They drew on three occasions and now have one victory each.

Besides Maria Costine, Mary O'Donoghue (out of action for 12 months), Dolores Ring, Bernadette Costine, Joan O'Shea and Gearodine O'Sullivan were best for the winners, while Margo Twomey, Chrissie Lyons, Sheila Dunne, Tess Lucey were the pick of a fit Canovee side.

Cloyne: K. Costine, M. Costine, M. O'Donoghue, A. O'Sullivan, J. O'Shea, B. Costine, D. Ring, V. O'Sullivan, A. O'Shea, G. O'Sullivan, N. Guilly, R. Costine, Sub., B. Cronin.

Canovee: T. Lucey, G. Twomey, P. Lyons, P. Lynch, E. Moynihan, M. Twomey, C. Lyons, P. Moynihan, S. Dunne, H. Kenny, K. Buckley, S. Moynihan.

EAST CORK GIRLS ON CORK TEAM

The following East Cork girls have been selected for the Cork under-18 team to meet Waterford in the Munster Championship on Sunday: Kathleen Costine, Cloyne; Catherine Landers, Killeagh; Catherine Kenneally, Sarsfields; Bernie Costine, Cloyne and Ellen McCarthy, Sarsfields.

CLARE REACH FINAL FOR FIRST TIME

Clare, 2-1; Galway, 0-3

CLARE qualified for the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship final for the first time when they beat Galway by 2-1 to 0-3 at Ballinasloe yesterday.

The visitors' total of 2-1 bore no relation to their superiority on the field, where poor finish in attack cost them many a score. In fact, the home side, with very few chances, were far more dangerous looking and might have swung the final result in their favour but for the brilliance of Margaret O'Toole at centre back for Clare, whose long clearances must have been a heartbreak for the Galway attack.

BRILLIANT GOAL

Clare opened the scoring when Maureen Davoren pointed a free in the 11th minute and the same player added a brilliant goal in the 18th minute. Teresa Duane pointed from a free for the home side two minutes later and added a similar score before half time to leave the visitors leading 1-4 to 0-2 at half time.

Clare were completely on top



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Cork Seniors And Under 18's In Action

SINCE the inauguration of the Open Draw, the provincial senior championships have taken a back seat. To revive interest in this competition Munster Convention decided to change its format. Four counties, Tipperary, Cork, Clare and Limerick, will contest the 1974 series with the two senior counties, Cork and Tipperary, being kept apart in the semi-finals.

At Adare on Saturday night Cork take on Limerick. On paper, this should result in another win for the All-Ireland senior champions. Memories of the fate which Cork hurlers met in Waterford will serve as a reminder that anything can happen in the championship. A defeat for Cork would have disastrous effects on their confidence with their All Ireland semi-final with Antrim only a week away.

Limerick looked good in defeating the Cork junior side early in July but they flopped badly to Clare in the Munster junior final. They will be without Eithne Neville, Phil and Brigid Darcy and Anne Meaney on Saturday and will substitute some of their under-18 players. They will have the services of the O'Briens, Kitty Ryan, Gary Clancy and Brid Stokes.

For this game the Cork selectors have made a few changes. Nuala Rennings is preferred to Mary Whelton at left back. Mary has not reached her top form in recent matches but has the talent and the spirit to come bouncing back. Nancy O'Driscoll, who came on as a substitute against Galway, is retained at full-forward in place of Rosie Hennessy.

Since Liz Garvan retired the centre-forward spot has been a problem. Anne Ryan, the versatile Old Als player, returns to the side in this position. There is no reason why Anne, Nancy, Nuala Gully and Marion Sweeney cannot work and blend together to form an effective attacking unit.

The selectors will be keeping a careful eye on the midfield section also bearing in mind how strong Antrim are in this

region. Saturday will be a try-out for all Cork players who will be anxious to reserve places on the team for Antrim.

A number of the Cork under-18 panel to meet Waterford at the weekend are unavailable owing to holidays, etc. These include Ann Keane, Val Fitzpatrick, Marion Bowen and Clare Kenny. Waterford have not been impressive in recent years in the various inter-county grades so despite the loss of the players mentioned Cork should get by. Waterford are at the disadvantage that none of their schools compete in colleges camogie. Cork have some fine players in the squad, Bernie Costine, Margo Twomey, Liz Manley, Catherine O'Leary and Clare Harris, and should advance.

Aghabullogue disappointed their supporters with a poor show against Glen Rovers in the championship. While they will be out to prove that they are capable of better things they will be very hard pressed to overcome Churchtown.

St. Finbarrs, Ballyphehane and Cloyne may collect the points in the under-age games.

Cork seniors: D. Sutton, M. Costine, H. Cotter, S. Dunne, N. Jennings, B. Sugrue, P. Moloney, M. McCarthy, M. Sweeney (capt.), A. Ryan, N. Gully and N. O'Driscoll. Subs.: M. Whelton, M. Canavan, B. Costine and R. Hennessy.

FIXTURES

Saturday, August 3 — Munster Senior Championship at Adare at 7.30: Limerick v. Cork.

Sunday, August 4 — Munster Under-18 championship at Waterford venue, at 3.30: Waterford v. Cork.

Tuesday, August 6 — Under-16 League at Bishopstown at 7.30: Bishopstown v. St. Finbarrs (Ref., Glen Rovers).

Wednesday, August 7 — Under-18 at Ballyphehane at 7.30: Ballyphehane v. Blarney (Ref., Ballinlough).

Interleague at Coachford at 7.30: Churchtown v. Aghabullogue (Ref. Canovec). Under 18 League at Carrigtwohill at 7.30: Cloyne v. Carrigtwohill (Ref. Sarsfields).

MAKESHIFT LIMERICK NO TEST FOR CORK

By DICK BRAZIL

Cork 10-9; Limerick 1-0

The happenings at the Adare sportsfield on Saturday evening, where Cork advanced to the final of the Munster senior camogie championship, must be investigated by officials at a high level of the Camogie Association.

This is my opinion after a championship tie that was turned into little more than a farce by the failure of the greater part of the Limerick side to turn out.

And when that investigation gets under way — if it does — the main question posed must be, should this game ever have been started? Fixed for 7.30 p.m., play had not got under way 50 minutes later. At that stage Limerick officials and a senior member of their team made all-out efforts to drag a team of some sort together to oppose the All-Ireland champions. They succeeded and 15 minutes later a team that was made up of five regulars, three selectors and some spectators lined out in a provincial semi-final.

A number of the home side were not even properly attired, one lady still wearing the rig-out she had donned at a wedding earlier that day, another sporting a pretty yellow outfit that was more suitable to a city street on a sunny Saturday afternoon than to a rugged camogie tie.

LITTLE CHANCE

As a result Cork, who next weekend play Antrim in the semi-final of this year's All-

Ireland, got little chance to try out their skills as they coasted to a comfortable interval lead against the makeshift home side. Though the opposition was pathetic some Cork players did impress greatly, in particular Marion Sweeney in attack, Nancy O'Driscoll, Pat Moloney, Ann Ryan, Nuala Gully and Marie Costine.

This however is not to say that any of the other Cork members were not up to par for they all played as well as was required.

Cork led 4-6 to 0-0 at the interval and had it not been for the crossbar and upright on numerous occasions this could have been far more. They continued their rout of the ragged in the second half, adding another 6-3 while Limerick's few spectators left on the sideline got something to cheer about with a goal that came as a result of defensive hesitancy in the final minutes.

It would be difficult to single out any Limerick players who impressed for some years playing their first game in years but "regulars" Kitty Ryan and Breda Stokes did try hard in a game that did little for the home county's camogie reputation.

Scorers: Cork; M. Sweeney 3-3; N. Driscoll 3-0; P. Moloney 2-2; A. Ryan 1-3; N. Gully 1-1; Limerick; N. Fitzgerald 1-0.

Cork: D. Sutton, M. Costine, H. Cotter, S. Dunne, N. Jennings, B. Sugrue, P. Moloney, M. McCarthy, M. Sweeney, A. Ryan, N. Gully, N. O'Driscoll.

Limerick: M. Fitzgerald, L. O'Donnell, P. Greensmith, P. Duffy, B. Lawlor, H. Sheehy, A. Meany, M. Neville, N. Ryan, B. Stokes, C. Clancy, A. Sheehy, K. Ryan, G. Conway, J. O'Driscoll (including subs).



Well ahead in the final mile of the fundraising walk organised by the Imokilly East Cork Camogie Club to help defray the expenses of the Cork Camogie teams were (from left) Bernadette Costine, Nuala Gully and Mary O'Donoghue, all members of the Cloyne Camogie team. (O'Reilly)

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'Replay' The Highlight

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The "replay" of last September's all-Ireland senior camogie final between Cork and Antrim provides the big attraction on camogie fields this weekend when the same two counties meet in this year's all-Ireland semi-final on the beautifully situated Waterfoot pitch between Glenarriff and the sea.

The Cork girls, seeking what would be for them a record-making fifth successive supreme title, will face the long journey North with a certain amount of trepidation. For the Antrim girls are usually at their best at the North Antrim venue, and Cork were at least a trifle lucky to account for Galway in the opening round in Cork some few weeks ago.

Moreover, Cork will now be without some of their stars as Anne Phelan (nee Comerford) is not available; Liz Garvan has retired from the game, at least temporarily, and Caly Riordan is on a working holiday in the United States.

But they welcome back Anne Ryan (nee McAuliffe) now at centre-forward, and will have an all-star side on duty still.

Deirdre Sutton, Marie Costine, Hanna Dineen, Sheila Dunne in defence, Betty Sugrue, Pat Maloney and Marion McCarthy at midfield, Marion Sweeney, Anne Ryan and Nuala Guilly and Nancy O'Driscoll, last year's junior captain, who replaces Rosie Hennessy at full forward, have a formidable array of all-Ireland medals between them, and possess both the experience and the ability to advance to yet another final.

Antrim were very unlucky not to have at least forced a draw in the closing minutes of last year's unforgettable final, and if they were able to muster at full strength now, would have to be accorded favouritism on home ground.

They had a sweeping victory over Derry in their first round outing, but they will be without their fine defender, Mairead Diamond, Sue Cashman has not been able to train, and there are doubts about the availability of full-forward, Lily Scullion.

Besides, their selectors may be reluctant to call up the stars of the county side which has also qualified for the all-Ireland semi-final of that grade.

However, those fine players, Mairead McAtamney, Kathleen Kelly, Rita McAteer, Josephine Maguire, Sue McLarnon and Nuala Havelin, will not yield easily and Antrim will at the very least give the champions a hard and entertaining game.

Clare, where the camogie revival in the past couple of years has been a remarkable tribute to the energy and dedication of a few enthusiasts, had reward last Sunday when the county side, champion of Munster for the first time, delighted its followers by defeating Galway at Ballinasloe and thus qualifying for the all-Ireland junior final.

Indeed, when they come to Croke Park for the final against Dublin or Antrim on the third Sunday in September, it will be the first time for a Clare camogie team to play at G.A.A. Headquarters.

With an excellent defence and strong midfield, Clare must be well in the running for their first all-Ireland title.

Cork Girls Travel North To Face Antrim

ONLY a single point separated Cork and Antrim in the All-Ireland final last season, with Cork taking their fourth successive title. Now the teams clash again but this time the scene moves from Croke Park to Glenarriffe, Co. Antrim, and the occasion is the All-Ireland semi-final.

It is never easy to make the long journey to Co. Antrim before a game and in the present circumstances the Cork team's task is even more difficult. On reading a preview of the Antrim team one can only wonder at their tremendous courage in keeping a side going in the county. The Falls Park is their training centre and anyone living too far from this cannot possibly risk attendance at training sessions.

Two of their big stars of last season, Sue Cashman and Mairead Diamond, are victims of this situation. They both moved house to a different area and now find it impossible to be part of the Antrim team. This is a great pity as they were both such vital cogs in the Antrim machine, and their inability to field must be a big blow to the Northerners.

Another absentee from last season's side will be that grand full-back Kathleen Kelly who is in America, while yet another rather unfortunate omission is Lily Scullion, whose club is in

dispute with the Antrim County Board at present.

NOT WEAKENED

All this might point to a weakened Antrim team. But it would be very foolish of the Cork girls to think this might be the case. Antrim have always proved difficult opponents for Cork and the fact that they keep fielding a first-class side under such difficult circumstances shows what tremendous fighting spirit these girls have. They have won the respect of opponents all over the country and they have plenty of talent remaining in their side as well as a number of very promising newcomers.

Sue McLarnon, who stopped Cork on so many occasions last year, is again between the posts, while Chris O'Boyle returns to the defence for this game. And, of course, they have super midfielder Mairead McAtamney to run things in the centre of the field. Rita McAteer is another who impressed against Cork last season while newcomer Mary Swail is reported to be a very promising young player.

Antrim had little difficulty in disposing of Derry in their first round tie and a home venue must be a tremendous advantage against the champions.

Cork will hardly relish the thought of playing in Antrim but for the past four years they have always played best when the odds were stacked against the.

CORK CHANCES

The champions also show changes from last season's side but they are not as drastic as Antrim's. Anne Phelan is not playing at the moment while Rosie Hennessy is included amongst the subs. The remainder of the side is the same. Deirdre Sutton is again between the posts while Marie Costine, Hannah Cotter, Sheila Dunne and Mary Whelton once again make up that solid Cork defence.

U.C.C.'s stylish Pat Moloney is at centrefield, where she is

flanked by South Pres.' Betty Sugrue and Marion McCarthy. Marion Sweeney, who captains the side is at wing forward while Nuala Guilly is on the other wing. Anne Ryan, who missed last year's competition returns to the side at half forward while newcomer Nancy O'Driscoll is at full forward. Nancy, who captained the juniors to All-Ireland honours last season, made all the difference when she came on against Galway and her non-stop effort should be invaluable against the speedy Antrim side.

Cork did not strike their best form against Galway in their first round tie but they showed with a ten-minute scoring spree what they are capable of. In recent years Galway have always proved their "bogey" side and the fact that they have disposed of them must be a great boost to their confidence. They also had a big win in the Munster championship against Limerick last Sunday but this can hardly be used as a "yardstick" as Limerick failed to field a full-strength team and Cork were never tested.

This could be one of the toughest games Cork have ever faced but they are good enough to win if they can strike top form and then the scene would be set for yet another All-Ireland final appearance.

Cork: D. Sutton, M. Costine, H. Cotter, S. Dunne, M. Whelton, B. Sugrue, P. Moloney, M. McCarthy, M. Sweeney (capt.), A. Ryan, N. Guilly, N. O'Driscoll. Subs—N. Jennings, M. Canavan, B. Costine, R. Hennessy.

Antrim: S. McLarnon, J. McClements, J. Maguire, C. O'Boyle, D. Webb, M. McAtamney, M. Swail, R. McAteer, A. Melvor, B. Dixon, N. Harlin, M. McAllister.

FIXTURES

All-Ireland Semi-final at Glenarriffe Co. Antrim: Cork v. Antrim, 2.30 p.m. (referee M. Hearne, Wexford). Tuesday, August 13—Under 18 at St. Finbarrs: Na Piarsaig v. St. Finbarrs, 7.15 p.m.

Cork through to All-Ireland

Cork 8-2 (26)
Antrim 3-1 (10)

Cork, the all-Ireland camogie champions had a good win over Antrim by 8-2 to 3-1 at Glenarriff yesterday, thus earning a tilt at their 5th All-Ireland title in a row. They meet Kilkenny or Wexford in the final at Croke Park on September 15th.

The game did not rise to any great heights in the opening half and neither team showed their real brilliance. Antrim however had the opening goal five minutes after the start. They failed to take their chances with placed balls. Cork took some time to settle down and after 20 minutes got their first goal. From this to the interval, play alternated and the exchanges were equal.

The interval score was Cork 2-1, Antrim 1-1. Cork went into the attack on resuming and notched two quick goals. From this to the end the visitors were supreme, but for the good goalkeeping of S. McLarnon the visitors would have had a bigger score. Despite this adverse score, Antrim tried hard to measure up to the good all round side of Cork, but in the last quarter lack of training told the tale.

Cork — M. Sweeney (2-2), L. Maloney (2-0), M. O'Driscoll (2-0), M. Guilly (1-0), A. Ryan (1-0). Antrim — C. O'Boyle (2-0), B. Dixon (1-0), M. McAtamney (0-1).

Teams:—
Cork — D. Sutton, M. Costine, M. Whelton, S. Dunne, B. Sugrue, P. Moloney, M. McCarthy, N. Guilly, A. Ryan, M. Sweeney, N. O'Driscoll.
Antrim — S. McLarnon, J. McClements, M. McAllister, M. Diamond, D. Webb, M. McAtamney, S. Cashman, R. McAteer, B. Dixon, C. O'Boyle, W. Havelin, A. Melvor.

ANTRIM NO MATCH FOR THE HOLDERS

CORK 8-2, ANTRIM 3-1.

CORK reached their fifth successive camogie All-Ireland final in brilliant style yesterday. They overcame the long journey to Glenarriffe, Co. Antrim, to have a convincing win over Antrim—the side which they only defeated by a single point in last season's final.

In the early part of the game Antrim put up a good fight but in the second half Cork took over and were very impressive winners.

Despite a tremendous performance by Antrim goalie, Sue McLarnon, the Antrim backs had no answer to the electric runs of the Cork forwards, Marion Sweeney and Nuala Guilly. Ann Ryan and newcomer Nancy O'Driscoll were other Cork forwards to impress in a game which saw the champions find their real scoring power for the first time this season. Cork were ahead by 2-1 to 1-1 at half time.

Besides the forwards Cork had top defenders in Marie Costine and Mary Whelton who never gave the Antrim forwards any real chance. Mrs. Chris Boyle, Mairead Diamond and Bernie Dickson did well for the losers but they could not halt the victory march of the Cork girls.

Scorers for Cork were M Sweeney (2-2), P Moloney (2-0), N Guilly (1-0), A Ryan (1-0), while C O'Boyle (2-0), O'Driscoll (2-0), and M McAtamney (0-1) were on the mark for Antrim.

Minors Will Be Hoping To Emulate Their Seniors

ONE team in the All-Ireland Final — Can we make it two? This is the big question for Cork followers on Sunday as the minors will be endeavouring to emulate their seniors by winning their way to All-Ireland Day at Croke Park in September.

The seniors had what must have been one of their finest wins in recent years when they defeated Antrim by 8-2 to 3-1 on Sunday last. This win followed a ten-hour coach journey on the Saturday, which took them to Glenarriffe, Co. Antrim. Then in the opening minutes Antrim were in grand form and an early goal from the Northerners put them in a very strong position. To add to this Cork centrefielder Betty Sugrue suffered a nasty injury and it looked as if she might have to come off. Betty had been assigned the difficult task of "marking" Mairead McAtamney, one of Antrim's big guns and it would have meant disrupting the side to fill in for Betty. However, in true Cork spirit, Betty played on and had one of her finest hours as she gradually began to win her "duel" with Mairead and at the finish was well on top. Pat Moloney, also in brilliant form, was Betty's partner in the centre and between them put Cork on the road to victory by winning the midfield duel.

IN BRILLIANT FORM

Hannah Dineen was another in brilliant form in this game and her long clearances turned defence into attack again and again. Marie Costine was another top defender.

And, of course, we must mention the forwards. They have not been in great scoring form this season but how they changed that on Sunday — against all the odds. Marion Sweeney and Nuala Guillytore the Antrim defence to shreds while Ann Ryan and newcomer Nancy O'Driscoll were always ready to pounce on the smallest chance.

Cork beat Galway after dream start

Cork 3-4, Galway 0-2

Cork minors had a dream opening to their All-Ireland semi-final clash with Galway at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, yesterday. The game was only minutes old when Patricia Mackey shot home a grand goal to set Cork on the road to victory.

It did take Cork until the 16th minute to add their second major, but following that first score a disappointing Galway side never looked like worrying this stylish Cork team, who led at half time by 3-4 to nil.

For Cork Kathleen Costine once again proved herself in goal, playing with a coolness and confidence that belied her tender years. Patricia Riordan, Catherine Landers, Margo Twomey and Patricia Mackey were others to shine for Cork while Galway had their best players in Bernie Larkin, Bernie Barrett and Olive Coady.

Scorers — Cork: E. McCarthy 1-1, M. Sugrue 1-0, P. Mackey 1-0, M. Twomey 0-2, P. Riordan 0-1, while R. McGrath and M. Daly scored a point each for Galway.

Cork — K. Costine, C. Harris, B. Joyce, J. O'Brien, M. Twomey, P. Riordan, C. Landers, G. Desmond, M. Sugrue, E. Kavanagh, P. Mackey, E. McCarthy, Sub. A. O'Connor for E. McCarthy.

Galway — B. Coady, B. Larkin, B. Duffy, B. Barrett, M. O'Connell, S. Coady, R. McGrath, O. Coady, B. Linnane, M. Daly, M. Mullins, M. Connolly.

A true picture of the Cork attack can be formed when one realises that Sue McLarnon in the Antrim goal had a fine game — this in spite of eight goals passing her.

TREMENDOUS FEAT

So now it's back to Croke Park for the fifth successive year — a tremendous feat indeed. The Cork opponents are not yet known as Kilkenny and Wexford have to do battle on Sunday next. No doubt the Cork girls will be eagerly awaiting the outcome of this game and will be looking forward to meeting the winners in the final.

But of more immediate importance to Cork followers is the All-Ireland minor semi-final to be played at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke on Sunday next. In this Cork take on Galway. The Cork girls have a kingsized task ahead of them in this game. The rise in standard of Galway camogie has been evident at all levels. This improvement has sprung from colleges competitions where the Galway schools must be leaders of the country. Three years ago Presentation, Oranmore, won the All-Ireland Colleges senior; two years ago Presentation, Athenry swept the boards by taking both senior and junior titles. It is not a case of one good school team in the province either as the Athenry girls maintain that they met stronger opposition within Galway than anything from outside. And as this competition is under-16 the colleges scene plays a vital role.

The Colleges champions, Athenry, have five members on the team with St. Cuan's of Castleblakney, whom they barely defeated in the final, having four.

EASY PASSAGE

The Galway champions ran through Connacht winning all games by impressive scores and with so much success at this level they will be a tough "nut" to crack.

However, Cork also had impressive wins over Clare and Kerry this season and although they had to fight all the way to win against Limerick, the latter were a strong side. The Cork defence held firm under strong pressure from the Limerick girls in the second half of this Munster final. In goal Kathleen Costine, a sister of Marie, showed good form when the chips were down while Clare Harris is a player who is improving all the time and doing well in training. Margo Twomey, captain and centre-back is capable of marshalling her defence and sealing off the gaps in fine

style. To complete the defence are two safe backs Betty Joyce and Jane O'Brien.

Catherine Landers is a great worker on the wing, while Patricia Riordan is a good striker and game to have a go if an opportunity presents itself. Gay Desmond, who completes the midfield trio, is another player with plenty of ability.

Cork forwards, Margo Sugrue, Eileen Kavanagh, Patricia Mackey and Ellen McCarthy have all got their names on the scorer's list this season but they will have to show more penetration than against Limerick if they are to get past Galway.

A home venue, will, of course, mean a lot to Cork as they have all played in the Mardyke and local support will also favour them. They face a big task, but not an impossible one and no doubt all the seniors will be there to cheer them on.

Cork Team: K. Costine (Cloyne), C. Harris (Na Piarraig), B. Joyce (Killeagh), M. Twomey (Canovee), J. O'Brien (Churchtown), C. Landers (Killeagh), P. Riordan (Ballinlough), G. Desmond (Ballypheane), E. Kavanagh (Eire Og), M. Sugrue (Ballypheane), P. Mackey (Blarney), E. McCarthy (Sarsfields), Subs: B. Foley (Sarsfields), B. Lyne (S.P.P.P.), A. O'Connor (Old Aloysians).

There are a number of local fixtures listed for the coming week. On Sunday Watergrasshill are likely to take the points from Erin's Own in the under-18 league. Tuesday will see two intermediate league games down for decision. Here Blarney and Sarsfields might well end in a draw while Churchtown should repeat their championship victory over Glanworth.

In another intermediate tie on Wednesday Canovee meet Aghabullogue and here it is difficult to suggest likely winners but on the same evening Ballypheane should get the better of Ballinlough in the U-16 league.

FIXTURES

Sunday, August 18: All-Ireland Minor semi-final at Mardyke at 3 o'clock: Galway v Cork, Ref. Carrie Clancy (Limerick).

Under-18 League at Erin's Own at 12.00: Watergrasshill v Erin's Own, Ref. Sarsfields.

Tuesday, 20th: Inter-league at Blarney at 7.15: Blarney v Sarsfields (Ref. Inniscarra); Inter-league at Middleton at 7.15: Churchtown v Glanworth (Ref. Watergrasshill).

Wednesday (21st): Inter-league at Cloughduv at 7.15: Canovee v Aghabullogue (Ref. Eire Og).

Under-16 at Ballypheane at 7.15: Ballypheane v Ballinlough 'B'

Kilkenny and Wexford clash

ST. KIERAN'S College is the venue for intense camogie activity these evenings as the Kilkenny senior and minor panels prepare for their respective all Ireland semi-finals.

On Sunday, August 25 the minors take on the Ulster minor champions, Down in Kilkenny. This is the first ever meeting of the two sides. Down have a string of impressive wins to their credit but the Kilkenny girls are not overawed and are working hard in order to qualify for the inaugural all Ireland minor final on September 8. They will meet either Cork or Galway.

Next Sunday in Wexford park at 6.30 p.m. the moment of truth comes for the seniors. So far it has been a pretty bad season for them — injuries and illness have taken their toll — and it is only now that the team is beginning to really take shape.

Credit must be given to the girls for the way they have faced up to the various setbacks and if anything it seems to have instilled a fighting spirit among them.

On paper Kilkenny must be outsiders in this match. They lose to Wexford in the Leinster championship (this is separate from all Ireland competition) in Kilkenny. A goal was the margin of defeat and Kilkenny mentors are taking heart from the number of missed chances that went begging in that outing.

The main Noresiders problem would appear to be an inability to convert hard earned, well crafted chances into account. Coach, Fr. Pierce Malone and the team have been working hard to overcome this weakness. Against Tipperary a six point win was poor reward for having 75 per cent of the play.

So Sunday will be different and Teresa O'Neill and her team are wished the very best of luck.

The panel is — Teresa O'Neill (capt.), C. Bowden, Teasie Brennan, Peggy Carey, Ann Carroll, Mary Conway, Ann Downey, Carmel Doyle, Mary Fennelly, Ursula Grace, Joan Kennedy, Mary Kennedy, Marie Kavanagh, Bridie Martin, Lillian Neary and Helena O'Neil.

30 YEARS AGO

CLARE won the Munster Camogie Championship when they defeated Cork 10-3 to 4-2 at Ennis.

Galway Girls In Minor Semi

Galway travel to Cork this week end to play the home side in the minor All Ireland semi final.

This is the first time that this age group, under 16, has had a competition to itself.

Galway have six of the side beaten by Clare in the junior semi final so they stand a good chance of advancing to the final on September 8.

The team finished training on Monday night last in Raheen, Athenry.

The team and subs: Breda Cody, Athenry, Bernadette Larkin, Ballinlough, Bernadette Poniard, Athenry, Bernadette Barrett, Ballinasloe, Rita Mitchell, Castleblakney, Serita Cody, Rita McGrath, Olive Coady, all Athenry, Bernadette Linnane, Ballinlough, Mary Daly, Loughrea, Mary Mullins, Castleblakney, Margaret Connolly, Saint Mary's Etna Bellew, Castleblakney, Bernadette Duffy.

AUGUST 1974

Kilkenny's late score foils Wexford

KILKENNY 1-7
WEXFORD 3-0

KILKENNY ladies have made it a fourth! On Sunday at Wexford Park the Kilkenny camogie team qualified for Kilkenny's fourth all Ireland this year when they accounted for the Model County outfit on the score, 1-7 to 3-0. They now meet Cork in the final on September 15.

And what a way they achieved this memorable win over the Leinster champions. A point from a free in the last second of the game by Kilkenny's star of the match, Helena O'Neill was the blow that sent Wexford packing.

But Kilkenny should not have had to rely on that dying seconds score. Throughout a fitter and faster Noresiders team had the advantage in team-work and when one compares the scores (8 for Kilkenny, 3 for Wexford) it shows in better light the superiority of the winners.

The winners particularly in the opening half performed at their best. When they led 1-4 to Wexford's solitary 1-0 at the interval it was a bad reflection on the amount of play Kilkenny enjoyed and their efforts merited.

And Wexford have reason to regret this day. Not only did they let this game slip when they at least had the chance of a draw they also went the full game without their star half back player, Margaret Herring. She was injured during training.

MORE FIRE

Wexford started with more fire in the second period than they showed in the first. The moving of Bernie Murphy from the half forward line to the corner was soon rewarded when she goalied. This left a point separating the sides and in the 11th minute the losers got another goal that gave them the advantage for the first time.

But Kilkenny were not to be done that easily. Two points behind they soon replied with a point and on the stroke of normal time Helena O'Neill drew the sides level.

Kilkenny now sensing victory pressed forward again and their efforts were rewarded when Helena O'Neill pointed that all important score.

SCORERS

Kilkenny: H. O'Neill (0-5); C. Doyle (1-1); M. Kennelly (0-1).
Wexford: B. Fox (2-0); B. Murphy (1-0).

KILKENNY - T. O'Neill, A. Carroll, L. Neary, B. Martin, M. Kennedy, H. O'Neill, P.

Kearney, M. Fennelly, U. Grace, C. Doyle, ASnglea Downey, M. Conway.

Subs: Ann for H. O'Neill and M. Purcell for M. Conway.

WEXFORD - T. Shields, J.

Murphy, G. Keogh, D. Doyle, B. Doran, B. Murphy, E. Hawkes, E. Walsh, B. Fox, Breda Murphy, M. Darcy, P. Moore.

Subs: M. Shannon for Eileen Hawkes.

HELENA HITS 'CLINCHER'

By AGNES HOURIGAN

KILKENNY 1-7
WEXFORD 3-0

In an exciting finish the outsiders, Kilkenny, qualified for the All-Ireland senior camogie championship final against

Cork on September 15 when their star player Helena O'Neill, scored the winning point from a free in the last second of their semi-final game with Wexford, who had to field without outstanding centre-forward Margaret Herring, who was injured in training, at Wexford Park last night.

Kilkenny, far sharper, faster to the ball and combining better, were on top right through the first half but were not flattered by their lead of 1-4 to 1-0 at half-time.

Wexford started with great dash after the interval but there was little scope for stylish play as each player kept a close watch on her opponent. Wexford, however, got through for their second goal when

Berie Murphy, availing of a defensive error, shot quickly in the fifth minute of this half.

The home side added another goal six minutes later to take the lead for the first time, when the score was 3-0 to 1-4.

Helena O'Neill scored a point from play for Kilkenny leaving only a point between the sides. Excitement ran high but there was no further scoring until Helena O'Neill scored the equalising point in the last minute of time.

The visitors missed a chance of a goal before Helena O'Neill sent over the winning point from a free in the final seconds of injury time to put her county into the All-Ireland final and defeat the Leinster

champions, Wexford, who had beaten Kilkenny decisively in the Leinster semi-final last June.

SCORERS - Kilkenny - H. O'Neill (0-5); C. Doyle (1-1); M. Fennelly (0-1). Wexford - B. Fox (2-0); B. Murphy (1-0).

KILKENNY - T. O'Neill; A. Carroll, L. Neary, B. Martin, M. Kennedy, H. O'Neill, P. Carey, M. Fennelly, U. Grace, C. Doyle, M. Conway, Angela Downey. Subs: Ann Downey for T. O'Neill; M. Purcell for M. Conway.

WEXFORD: T. Shell; J. Murphy, G. Keogh, B. Doyle, B. Doran, Bernie Murphy, E. Hawkin, E. Walsh, B. Fox, B. Murphy, M. Darcy, P. Moran. Sub: M. Shannon for E. Hawkin.



GOAL NO. 3 . . . The ball is in the back of the Kilkenny net and Wexford take the lead through Mairead Darcy (arms upraised), with Bridie Fox in support. But it was Wexford's third and last . . . short-lived lead.

AUGUST 1974

Camogie Defeat at Hands of Kilkenny

Wexford, the favourites, were pipped for a September 15 date with Cork in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie championship final when they lost by just one point to Kilkenny in the semi-final at Wexford Park on Sunday night.

It took a point from a free by sharpshooter Helena O'Neill in the dying seconds of injury time to clinch the tie for the visitors, but there was little doubt that at the finish the honours rested where they deserved to.

SUB-STANDARD

It was an uncharacteristically substandard performance by the Wexford side, who had promised so much throughout the '74 season ... and indeed who had already accounted for Kilkenny in the Leinster championships.

As expected, Kilkenny were a far better force in the Open Draw All-Ireland series. However it was most unexpected that the Slaneysiders would fail so miserably in this so vital game, after

showing great progress with each outing this season.

There's no doubt that, on this performance, the team would not have deserved to qualify for the final. As a team they lacked any great combination, and in several departments were found wanting in drive, purpose and alertness.

LOP-SIDED

The looked "lob-sided" — perhaps due to the absence of their brilliant scorer-in-chief Maggie Hearne, who was out through injury. Not alone did the attack look completely 'lost', but as a unit the Wexford midfield was for the most part nonexistent.

Wexford had a superb defence, goalie Teresa Shiel and her four defenders in truly inspired form. But from midfield onwards the

Model County side looked totally out of their depth, even if, in saying this, I must add that they all tried hard all the way, and must have been as frustrated playing as most Wexford supporters were watching.

What happened Wexford just when an All-Ireland title this year was being mentioned? No-one but the players themselves can answer that question, for they were certainly not wanting in preparation or fitness, having trained twice-weekly regularly since early Summer.

It is however, a question that should be asked and also answered, for Sunday's result could have a far reaching bearing on the game's future by Slaneyside.

The County Juniors were, unexpectedly, ousted by two points, and the county minors, who carried a lot of hopes, were pipped for honours by just one point also. The Co. Board with even greater help and co-operation from the clubs, should now take a look into the county teams' set-up and start building for the future. At least it would be a start, and might build up a greater spirit and help prevent a repeat of this year.

OUTSTANDING

In Sunday's game, Wexford had their outstanding player in red-haired right-corner back Gretta Kehoe, a junior promoted to the senior side this year. Gretta was a power-house in the backs, as was her sister, Mrs. Bridgid Doyle, and inspiring captain through some magnificent play that surely ranks her as the No. 1 all-round exponent in the game today.

But in fact the whole defence stood out for Wexford, with full-back Joan Murphy and left-corner Bridie Doran, fronting culbairre Teresa Shiel, who made some timely saves and clearances all sound. However after this it was all disappointing for losers. Eileen Hawkins (midfield) never really settled, but in the second half showed up well in bursts before retiring injured. Elsie Walsh (midfield) had some good moments, while Bridie Fox and Mairead D'Arcy, without actually shining, both caught the eye occasionally.

Incidentally a word of praise for the efforts all through the year of team selectors Martin Lancaster and Pat O'Gorman (trainer).

THE PLAY

Kilkenny led by 1-4 to 1-0 at half-time, but it was poor reward for their first half dominance. Faster to the ball and on the break for possession, they

whipped home a goal and three points before Wexford replied through Peg Moore, who crashed home from point-blank range a pin-point cross from the sideline by Eileen Hawkins.

Wexford began to show some semblance of team-work and their obvious talent in the second half. After only a couple of minutes play they cut Kilkenny's lead to one point when a 30 yard drive by Elsie Walsh from midfield went all the way to the net (2-0 to 1-4).

It was "all Wexford" at this stage, but through bad shooting or poor finishing the home side failed to convert their superiority into scores. Then, after about 12 minutes Wexford suddenly looked to be getting really on top when they crashed home their third goal, Mairead D'Arcy belting to the net from close-range a well-taken sideline cut by E. Hawkins, to give Wexford the lead for the first — and only — time (3-0 to 1-4).

This was to be Wexford's final score. A point by Helena O'Neill reduced the lead to a point — 3-0 (9) to 1-5 (8) — and the same player broke through for the equaliser with just one minute left (24th).

Both sides repused great pressure in the closing stages, but the moment of truth came for Wexford when, as injury time ticked by, Kilkenny were awarded a close-in free when a hurley was thrown as a Kilkenny player took a shot. Camly H. O'Neill pointed to clinch victory, with the full-time whistle sounding on the puck-out.

Scorers: winners — H. O'Neill 0-5, C. Doyle 1-1, M. Fennelly 0-1; losers — P. Moore, E. Walsh M. D'Arcy 1-0 each.

THE TEAMS

Kilkenny — T. O'Neill; A. Carroll; L. Neary, B. Martin, M. Kennedy; H. O'Neill, P. Carey, M. Fennelly; U. Grace, C. Doyle, M. Conway; Angela Downey. Subs. Ann Downey (for T. O'Neill), M. Purcell (for M. Conway).

Wexford — T. Shiel (St. John's); J. Murphy (do.); G. Kehoe (Adamstown/Cloughbawn); B. Doyle, captain (do.); B. Doran (uffers Alley); B. Murphy (St. John's), E. Hawkins (St. Mary's); E. Walsh (Buffers Alley); B. Fox (Kilrush), B. Murphy (A'town/Cbawn), M. D'Arcy (St. Mary's); P. Moore (Kilrush). Subs: M. Shannon (St. Patrick's) for Hawkins, K. Tonks (Buffers Alley), E. Foley (St. Patrick's), M. Hearne (Buffers Alley).

Referee — Miss A. Ashton, Dublin.

DUBLIN TO JOIN CLARE IN FINAL

This weekend the spotlight in camogie activities will be on the juniors and minors. Clare have already gained their place in the All-Ireland junior final for the first time; and Dublin will make the long trek to Glenariff on Sunday to face Antrim in the other semi-final. Both teams have arrived at this stage with excellent records, Dublin having disposed of Louth, Kildare and Wexford, while Antrim won handsomely in Ulster and took provincial honours by 8-2 to 1-3 against a more fancied Tyrone side.

While a home venue may favour Antrim, Dublin are quite optimistic of their chances of success. They won the title in 1970 and '71 and have had to find a completely new team this year.

Since winning the Leinster title in July, they have had two training sessions each week and plenty of match practice, and must be in peak form. They have very lively forwards in F. Sutton, H. Roche, M. McMahon and L. McEvoy who will be hard to contain.

P. Breslin, P. Barry, B. Kennedy, A. Whelan and M. Murphy are very sound in defence, while A. Redmond, M. Kenny and L. Howard should be equal to the best in Antrim's centre line.

Antrim, on the other hand, are very hopeful of success. Their fitness and the opportune work of the forwards paid dividends right through the Ulster competition. They will, however, be without the services of M. McAllister, who was promoted to senior ranks for her county's semi-final against Cork; but her sister, Ann, is a very elusive forward and should give the Dublin backs an anxious time.

Not to be denied, the minors are now nearing the final stages of this new competition, which is being sponsored by the Central Council. Cork qualified for the final at the expense of Galway on Sunday last; and Kilkenny, winners of the Leinster section, meet Down, the Ulster champions, at Kilkenny on Sunday. The final is fixed for September 8th.

Teams: Dublin—P. Breslin, P. Barry, B. Kennedy, A. Whelan, M. Murphy, L. Howard, L. McEvoy, A. Redmond, M. Kenny, F. Sutton, H. Roche, M. McMahon.
Antrim—G. McAteer, M. Lindsay, P. Reidy, M. Donnelly, S. Burke, M. Lundy, R. Smith, M. Fevry, J. McCann, A. McAllister, E. McAteer, C. Blaney.

CORK CONTEST TWO FINALS

A meeting of the Central Camogie Council will be held tomorrow to complete arrangements for the All-Ireland junior and senior championship finals at Croke Park on Sunday, September 15.

By virtue of their win over Antrim last week, Dublin enter the junior final for the third time. Their opponents will be Clare, who are coming to Croke Park for the first time.

Cork and Kilkenny will meet in the senior final. The former are chasing their fifth All-Ireland in a row, while Kilkenny, who contested the final in 1970 and 1972 are hoping it will be a case of third time lucky.

Cork will also be represented in the final of the new competition for the minor grade. The other finalist is not yet known as the semi-final between Down and Kilkenny ended in a draw. The replay has been fixed for a Down venue on September 8th.

Though the first meeting of the Dublin Co. Board will not be held until Wednesday next, activities resume on Sunday morning when the opening rounds of the Curran Cup and Isle of Man Cup will be played at the Phoenix Park. And, the committee are hopeful that all clubs will rally to this early start.

10 YEARS AGO

A BRILLIANT performance by Ann Crotty who scored a total of 6-2, paved the way for the victory of Glen Rovers camogie team, Cork County champions, over Killiney, the Clare champions, when they played in the Jubilee All-Ireland competition. Other scorers for the Glen, who won 9-6 to 2-2, were P. Duggan and N. O'Mahony (1-1) each, M. Browne (1-0) and S. O'Connell (0-2).

Meet Down

Cork Team In Happy Position

AUG 1974

ANOTHER CORK CAMOGIE WIN

Cork 4-5, Limerick 4-1.

Cork camogie girls win again—this time their under-18 string — but how they had to fight to earn their place in the Munster championship final against Clare. In their semi-final clash against Limerick, at the UCC grounds, Mardyke, yesterday, Cork in spite of yet another dream start—an early goal, this time from Catherine Kenneally — they were faced with a ding dong struggle which saw the play as well as the lead constantly changing.

Cork had five of the successful minor team in action yesterday and they all played well, particularly Kathleen Costine, Catherine Landers and Clare Harris. But it took that extra bit of experience in the persons of captain Anne Keane and senior substitute Bernie Costine to see Cork through. Bernie, in particular, will be remembered for her "goal of the match" which came from about 40 yards out.

The game was even more tense in the second half when Limerick shocked Cork with a Bridget Darcy goal from well out in the opening minutes. But Catherine Kenneally came to the rescue with her second major, after seven minutes.

Scorers for the winners: B Costine 1-2, C Kenneally 2-0, V Fitzpatrick 0-3, P Riordan 1-0, Limerick: P Meskill 1-1, B Darcy 1-0, I O'Driscoll 2-0.

CORK camogie girls now have two teams in the All-Ireland finals — the seniors, thanks to their grand victory over Antrim two weeks ago, and the minors as a result of their fine win over Galway on Sunday last.

This is the first year of the minor All-Ireland and it is good to see Cork among the best in this under-16 grade, as it augurs well for the future of the game in the county.

Cork, however, will have to wait until Sunday next to know their opponents in the final, as Kilkenny and Down are due to meet on Sunday next and Cork will then have to travel to play the winners at home, and no doubt Cork would favour the shorter journey to Kilkenny.

Should Kilkenny reach the final, then Cork would be meeting the same county in both finals, as the seniors are already through to meet Cork on September 15.

With many of their regulars, including Ann Carroll, Angela Downey, Liz Neary and Mary Kennedy, back in action Kilkenny showed 100 per cent. improvement on the side which Cork defeated at Riverstown some weeks ago.

FIRST TITLE

They looked fit and sharp against Wexford and seemed to have developed the knack of playing as a team — something Kilkenny sides lacked up to this.

So Cork would not want to stake too much on their earlier victory, as they will be up against a very different Kilkenny team in the final. And as Kilkenny are chasing their first title they have that extra incentive to win.

But back to the present and we have yet another Cork team in action on Sunday next — the under-18's this time. Again the venue is the Mardyke, but this time the opponents are Limerick and the game is the semi-final of the Munster Under-18 Championship. This competition is confined to Munster and Limerick are the holders, having defeated Cork in the decider at Castleconnell. So now Cork have a chance of gaining their revenge on Sunday and, of course, going a step nearer another Munster title for the county.

It will not be that easy for Cork, however, as Limerick have a number of promising players in this grade, including Noreen Ryan, the O'Brien sisters — Geraldine, Delores and Bernadette — and Vera Mackey. Cork, for their part, field five of their under-16 side of Sunday last. Kathleen Costine kept the shutters down on the Cork goal and it is no surprise to see her included in the higher age group. Clare Harris was another effective back on Sunday, so she also gains her place. The experienced Anne Keane, from Buttevant, captains the side from centre-back and she is flanked by Glanworth and Avondhu player Deirdre Quinlan and under-16 captain Margo Twomey.

STRONGEST SECTOR

Catherine O'Leary, whose speed has earned her honours on the athletic field, Catherine Landers, who in the very short time she is playing camogie has taken to the game like a duck to water, and senior reserve Bernie Costine form the centrefield line and this must be one of the strongest sectors of the side.

In the attack, Patricia Riordan finds herself at half-forward. Although more accustomed to centrefield, Patricia showed last Sunday that she knew where the posts were when she got an opportunity and should be a big success nearer the square.

Marion Bowen, from St. Finbarrs, is a good player who crosses the ball intelligently, while Catherine Kenneally, from Sarsfield, has a great turn of speed, which she should use to good effect in the open spaces of the Mardyke. Completing the attack is Val Fitzpatrick, a regular senior player with Old Als who has plenty of experience and who can make a success of this difficult position.

This then is the Cork team and there is no lack of talent. However, if Limerick show the form with which they won last year's title they will be very hard to stop. But the home advantage on this occasion and the undoubted success of Cork camogie at the moment could see Cork through to the Munster final.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings the Board continue with league fixtures. On Tuesday Blarney meet Glen Rovers in the intermediate campaign and here Glen, who meet Cloyne in the semi-final of the intermediate championship shortly, will be anxious to use this game to sharpen them up and should take the points.

St. Finbarrs and Ballyphehane dominate the underage competitions in the city and a clash of these two sides should provide a lively match on Wednesday. It is difficult to suggest likely winners, although comparative newcomers Ballyphehane, who are doing so well this year, may edge it to take these under-16 points.

Churchtown are anxious to repeat their championship win over Sarsfields and they will have their opportunity when the sides meet in the Intermediate League, also on Wednesday.

Churchtown have qualified for the championship final, so with this further incentive they should be the fitter side at the moment and should take the points.

Cork under-18 team: K. Costine (Cloyne), C. Harris (Na Piarsaig), D. Quinlan (Glanworth), A. Keane (Buttevant), (captain), M. Twomey, (Canovee), C. O'Leary (St. Finbarrs), C. Landers (Killeagh), B. Costine (Cloyne), M. Bowen (St. Finbarrs), P. Riordan (Ballylough), C. Kennedy (Sarsfields), V. Fitzpatrick (Old Als). Subs.—C. Aherne (St. Finbarrs), M. Healy (Aghabullogue), Ellen McCarthy (Sarsfields).

FIXTURES

Sunday — Munster Under-18 Championship Semi-final at the Mardyke at 5.30, Limerick v. Cork.

Tuesday — Intermediate League at Blarney at 7 p.m., Blarney v. Glen Rovers (referee Aghabullogue).

Wednesday — Under-16 League at St. Finbarrs at 7 p.m., St. Finbarrs, Ballyphehane; Intermediate League at Riverstown at 7 p.m., Churchtown v. Sarsfields.

Friday, August 30 — Junior League at Na Piarsaig at 7 p.m., Na Piarsaig v. Douglas.

KILKENNY SAVED

Down, 5-0; Kilkenny, 4-3.

In a game of varying fortunes a point from the last stroke of the game gave Kilkenny a draw in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Minor Camogie Championship at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny, yesterday. Down led 2-0 to 1-1 at the interval, and although Kilkenny went in front 3-1 to 3-0 and 4-1 to 4-0, Down regained the lead each time with a goal. Two points, one from a free, in the last three minutes earned Kilkenny a replay.

So Cork will have to wait to know their opponents in the All-Ireland final.

Dublin Qualify

DUBLIN 4-1
ANTRIM 3-0

Dublin, who last held the All-Ireland Junior Camogie title in 1971, reached the final again yesterday when they defeated a good Antrim side at Lenahiffe, Co. Antrim. The winners' combined better, made better use of their chances and were much seadier in defence.

Scorers: Dublin—M. Sutton (2-0), L. McEvoy (1-0), H. Roche (1-0), M. McMahon (0-1), Antrim: A. McAllister (2-0), M. Fryers (1-0).

DUBLIN: P. Dreshin, P. Barry, B. Kennedy, A. Whelan, M. Murphy, M. Kenny, L. Howard, A. Redmond, M. Sutton, L. McEvoy, M. McMahon, H. Roche; subs.: A. Tallon for A. Whelan and A. Murphy for B. Kennedy.

ANTRIM: G. McAteer, B. Lindsay, F. Brady, M. Donnelly, S. Bourke, M. Lundy, B. Smyth, M. Fryers, J. McCann, A. McAllister, E. McGowan, A. Levin; subs.: C. Blaney for A. Levin.

Referee: Mrs. M. Lynch (Monaghan).

By AGNES HOURIGAN
KILKENNY, who have already qualified to meet Cork in the All-Ireland senior camogie final, will be all out to gain entry to a second final against the Leesiders when on Sunday they entertain Down in the minor semi-final at Nowlan Park.

This is the first year that there has ever been an All-Ireland competition in this grade and Cork have already reached the final by scoring a convincing victory over a much-fancied Galway line-out at Cork on Sunday last.

Kilkenny were very impressive when taking the very first Leinster minor title, defeating Dublin in the final, but Down travel South with an excellent reputation and with several College stars will prove hard to beat. Kilkenny will not be the only Leinster county striving to reach an All-Ireland final on Sunday next, as Dublin take the road to Glenariff to take on Antrim in the junior semi-final.

Clare have already qualified for the final of this grade which will be played with the senior decider in Croke Park on Sunday, September 15.

NEWCOMERS

Dublin, who moved very well when recapturing the provincial crown, have a number of experienced players plus some lively newcomers, Phyllis Breslin is very sound in goal, while outfield Phil Barry, Mary Murphy, Anne Whelan, Anna Redmond, Maura Sutton and Helen Roche and Lucy McEvoy were outstanding in the Leinster series.

Antrim, however, are not short of experienced players either, especially Geraldine McAteer, Margaret Lindsay, Bernie Smyth, Ann McAllister and Kathleen McGowan. On home ground the Antrim girls will not easily give way, but they will need to be very good indeed to halt Dublin's march.

Big surprise last weekend was the victory of Kilkenny over Wexford in the senior All-Ireland semi-final at Wexford Park. Wexford had had a merited win in the Leinster semi-final at Kilkenny some two months ago, and on their subsequent form in defeating Dublin twice, first in the Leinster final and then in the opening round of the All-Ireland series, were very hopeful of going on to capture the All-Ireland title, last held by the county in 1969.

RELATIVE

Although Kilkenny only won with a last-second point, the relative number of scores, eight for Kilkenny and three for Wexford, gives a far better indication of the trend of the play. Kilkenny had obviously treated hard and were far more agile than the opposition who did not look nearly as sharp as they did when routing Dublin.

Angela Downey, absent from the game for months past with a knee injury, made an unexpected return to the Kilkenny side, but is still obviously short of full fitness, and will probably be a far more effective force by final day.

This will be Kilkenny's third appearance in a final, and their third clash with Cork at that stage. Having lost on both previous occasions the Kilkenny girls will obviously be hoping that...

Busy Days Ahead For Cork Girls

Sept. 1974

THERE are busy days ahead for Cork's camogie girls with four fixtures listed over the next six weeks. Included in these are two All-Ireland Finals, a Munster Final and the Gael Linn Cup.

On All-Ireland Day in Croke Park on September 15, Cork will be endeavouring to take their fifth successive All-Ireland title when they meet Kilkenny in the senior final.

The minors will have their day on September 29 when they meet the winners of the Kilkenny-Down replay. Back in Munster, Cork's under-18 string will contest the provincial final against Clare on October 6 while on the following Sunday Munster meet Ulster in the Gael Linn Cup semi-final and no doubt there will be a majority of Cork players in the Munster side.

But back to the local scene where the limelight turns on the Intermediate, Junior, Under-18 and 16 Leagues this week.

In the Intermediate League, Churchtown should advance at the expense of Watergrasshill when these sides clash at the latter's grounds.

In the only Junior league tie listed, Youghal meet Gortroe and here the seaside girls should prove too strong for newcomers Gortroe.

The ever-improving Ballyphehane should take two further points from Na Piarsaig when they clash at the latter's grounds in the under-16 league on Sunday while in the other under-16 game listed Ballinlough "A" and St. Finbarr's should serve up a close game of camogie.

In the only under-18 game listed, Cloyne may get the better of Sarsfields.

FUND PROBLEM

Funds are always a problem with camogie and in an effort to get some financial backing for Cork, extensive travelling this season, two sponsored walks were organised.

In the first of these, Cork star forward Nuala Guilly and her willing helpers did a tremendous work to organise the Imokilly Walk which was highly successful.

Now Muskerry are in the "hot seat" on Sunday next when they will be endeavouring to run an even more successful — if that were possible — "Walk" which will begin in Coachford at 3 p.m.

Cork still have a lot of travelling expenses ahead of them for this season and followers assistance in this practical fund-raising campaign would be very welcome.

All those interested can get cards from Rose O'Leary, the Hon. Secretary of the Cork County Board.

So come on camogie followers and show your appreciation for Cork's tremendous successes over the last five seasons, by participating in this fine effort

by the Muskerry girls. And as well as helping the camogie girls you are sure to have a good time.

FIXTURES

Sat. Sept. 7—Under-18 league at Carrigtwohill at 7.00. Cloyne v. Sarsfields. Ref. Carrigtwohill.

Sun. Sept 8—Jun. league at Youghal at 3.30. Youghal v. Gortroe. Ref. Killeagh.

Inter-league at Watergrasshill at 12.00: Churchtown v. Watergrasshill. Ref. Sarsfields.

Under 16 league at Na Piarsaig at 11.30. Na Piarsaig v. Ballyphehane. Ref. Glen.

Tues. Sept. 10—Under 16 league at St. Finbarrs at 7.00. Ballinlough "A" v. St. Finbarrs.

KILKENNY OFF TO HILLTOWN

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Kilkenny, always in the All-Ireland senior Camogie final, will make a second attempt to reach the minor final also when they travel to Hilltown on Sunday next to take on the home county Down in a semi-final replay.

The drawn game at Kilkenny two weeks ago was a very evenly contested and exciting encounter and a draw was possibly the fairest result, although neutral observers felt that, on the day's play, Down were possibly the slightly superior side.

On that basis, the girls from the home county are entitled to start favourites in next Sunday's replay, and certainly they are a most promising and stylish side. However, Kilkenny supporters claim that their players did not strike their true form in that meeting at Nowlan Park and are very hopeful that, with the benefit of an extra two weeks training with the seniors, their minors will come out on top this time and thus qualify to meet Cork in the final which has been put back to September 29.

Meanwhile, Central Council at its meeting in Dublin last week-end completed the arrangements for the senior and junior finals which will be played together at Croke Park on September 15, next Sunday week. A special 16-page illustrated programme is being produced which will constitute a very interesting souvenir of the occasion.

Cork seniors, seeking what would be for them a record-breaking fifth successive All-Ireland title, have been in training, since they beat Antrim so conclusively in the semi-final. So have their opponents Kilkenny who have rising hopes of not alone taking the All-Ireland title for the first time but also of completing the senior hurling and Camogie double—a feat which Cork accomplished in 1970.

Interest is also remarkably high in the junior final which is unique in that it brings Clare and Dublin into opposition for the first time. In fact this is the first time ever for a Clare camogie team to play in Croke Park. Moreover, interest is so high in the Banner County, that a special train is being run from Ennis on All-Ireland Sunday to bring their supporters to Dublin. This is the first time a Camogie Special has ever been run on a Sunday.

Down In Minor Decider

DOWN 2-4

KILKENNY 1-4

Down qualified for the All-Ireland Minor Camogie final when they defeated Kilkenny in the replay of the semi-final at Hilltown yesterday.

Down, who were the stronger side, wasted some easy scoring chances and were lucky to be on level terms at half time when each side had scored two points.

The home side went two points ahead after the interval but the visitors rallied bravely to take the lead midway through this half when Teresa Freeman goaled and Mary Purcell put her side two points in front scoring a point from a free.

Down registered wide after wide from far out and from in front of the goal during this period. However, they finished in fine style scoring two goals in the last few minutes for victory.

Best for the winners were Sheila McCartan at full back, Susan Lively at midfield and Rita Neeson at centre forward. For Kilkenny Jodie O'Shea, Teresa Freeman, Ann Dreeelin and Mary Purcell tried hard.

SCORERS: Down — M. McGrath, B. Malone (1-0 each), R. Neeson (0-2), S. Lively M. Montgomery (0-1 each). Kilkenny—T. Freeman (1-1), M. Purcell (0-3).

DOWN—C. Rooney; T. Gilchrist; S. Kelly, S. McCartan, C. Courtney; M. Finnegan, S. Lively, M. Montgomery; C. O'Hare, R. Neeson, M. McGrath; C. O'Hare.

KILKENNY — B. Cahill; C. Davis; P. McGrath, K. O'Keefe, H. Duggan; J. Dunne, T. Freeman, A. Dreeelin; M. Purcell, J. O'Shea, M. Gorry; L. Dwyer. Referee — Mrs. M. Kileen (Garway).

CLOYNE BOW OUT

A listless display in the first half by all the Cloyne side proved to be their undoing in the semi-final of the Cork County Intermediate tie against Glen Rovers at the latter's field, the Glen winning by 3-5 to 3-8.

Cloyne could not get going in the first half and with Kathleen Costine their brilliant keeper having a nightmare of a start, the Glen led at the interval by 2-2 to 0-1.

Cloyne came more into the game in the second half and with both sides playing delightful hurling the good sized attendance were treated to a most entertaining game.

Cloyne came to within a point of the winners, but the Glen got a good goal at a vital stage to leave them 3-5 to 3-8 winners at the end.

Cloyne team were best served by Marie Costine, Joan O'Shea, Nuala Guilly, while Deirdre Sutton, Mary Coleman, Peggy Dorgan, Margaret Mackey and Mary Knott were best for the winners.

Cloyne: Kathleen Costine, Marie Costine, Bonnie Costine, Bernadette Costine, Dolores Ring, Anne Kenny, Margaret McCoy, Mary O'Donoghue, Nuala Guilly, Gearoidine O'Sullivan, Anne O'Shea, Joan O'Shea.

CAMOGIE MATTERS

By AGNES HOURIGAN

CAMOGIE folk have no complaints about the final dates allotted to them at Croke Park, the third Sunday in September, but it is a disadvantage that coming in between the hurling final and the football final, the Camogie decider can never be properly featured in such publications as GAEILIC SPORT . . . which is a great pity for all concerned.

However, there was a lot to be learned from the current All-Ireland campaigns. There you had Cork, written off by a lot of people after their close call from Antrim and Galway last year, taking both Galway and Antrim more or less in their stride this time, and doing so despite the absence of such stars as Liz Garvan and young Callie Riordan. They go on to meet Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final for the third time in five seasons.

Personally, having seen the Kilkenny girls lose to Wexford in the semi-final of the Leinster championship, I would have laid any odds against them making any mark in the subsequent All-Ireland series. Yet they got past Tipperary without undue difficulty and thus reached the All-Ireland semi-final in which they caused what was to me the surprise of the season when they travelled to Wexford and there defeated the much-fancied home side.

Now as I said last month, I though Wexford, on their previous displays were possibly good enough to win back the All-Ireland title this year. True in that game against Kilkenny they were short their great forward star Maggie Hearne, but Kilkenny played with such determination on the day that they would have been very hard to beat in any case and were worth far more of a margin than the single point that saw them through.

The great inspiration of their side that day came from winger Helena O'Neill, but I was very impressed too by the great work of Ann Carroll.

Writing before the event, as I have already said, I do hope my friends in Cork will understand when I say that for Ann's sake I sincerely hope Kilkenny win the All-Ireland. Not alone is she a colleague here in GAEILIC SPORT, but she has won every other honour in the game. She has several interprovincial medals, won in turn with Munster and with Leinster, she has won four All-Ireland club championship medals, Leinster championships, Munster championships, Colleges championships and All-Ireland victory now would be the crown of a remarkable career. I wonder how many folk realise that although Ann Carroll has got a great thrill out of playing camogie she has given a great deal back to the game she loves, as coach, as trainer, as organiser.

Last month I detailed why it gave me much pleasure to see Clare juniors come out of Munster. It would be a real fairytale ending if the girls from the Banner County went on to All-Ireland victory.

Unlucky team of the season thus far has, to my mind, been Galway. They could, with a bit more steadiness have defeated Cork in that first round All-Ireland game. For that match they took some stars off their junior team, which in consequence went down in the All-Ireland semi-final, while their fancied minors also failed to come up to expectations. Yet, I would not bet against the Galway girls coming out next month and retaining the interprovincial Cup playing for Connacht.