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### COLLEGES COUNCIL REVIEWS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

COLLEGES camogie has gone from strength to strength in recent years, and on tomorrow (Saturday) officers and delegates of the All-Ireland Colleges Council will sit down for their annual meeting in Dublin.

Cork County Board chairman Miss Mary Moran is the only Cork representative on the Council, and she is unopposed as secretary for another year. Lily Spence of Antrim, the treasurer, is the only other officer unopposed. For the position of president, there are two nominees with Mrs. Rosina McManus being the choice of Leinster, Ulster and Munster and Sr. Consilio being favoured by Connacht. Sr. Consilio is also proposed as vice-president by Leinster and Munster, with Sr. Angela receiving the Connacht vote and Mrs. A. Purcell the choice of Ulster.

Mrs. Rosina McManus and Miss Joan Burke are the nominees for delegate to Ard Coiste, having two provinces each to back.

Mr. Nancy Murray of Antrim completes her term as president of the All-Ireland Association this year, and the two names put forward by the colleges for the post are Mrs. A. Purcell of Dublin and Miss Sheila McManus of Co. Down. Other nominees for the Ard Coiste are: General secretary, Miss Jo Golden; treasurer, Miss Lily Spence; organiser, Mr. Sean O'Duffy, and trustees Mrs. S. O'Duffy and Mrs. I. Leonard.

Among the motions to be discussed at the colleges meeting is one from Connacht which suggests that the siting of the venue for the All-Ireland senior semi-final between Connacht and Ulster be fully discussed in the light of the present disturbed situation in Northern Ireland.

The age limit for junior competitions is the subject of three motions. Connacht want the limit to be under-16 at October 1, Leinster want it under-15 on January 1 of the previous year, while Ulster want it July 1 of the year of the competition.

There is also a call from Ulster for the setting up of an executive committee to deal with colleges' affairs during the year, the committee to consist of the chairs plus one delegate appointed by each Provincial Colleges Council at their annual general meeting.

### LEAGUE GAMES.

On the playing front locally, the Leagues continue over the weekend. There are a number of colleges' ties for tomorrow, with junior, intermediate and under-16 games on Sunday. Intermediate champions Cloyne, who will be without Bernie Costine, may find Churchtown a handful when they meet in the Intermediate League. Cloyne are strong in defence, but the attack isn't quite so effective, and Churchtown's more balanced side would get the points.

There are four Junior League games down for decision on Sunday, fresh from their most impressive win in the Championship. Kilnashbeg should have little difficulty against Carrigtwohill. Na Piarsaigh could prove too strong for C.C. juniors, who are still team-building.

Ballyphehane will, no doubt, start as favourites against Nemo Rangers. But the latter have improved considerably since their arrival on the scene some months ago and will give the Ballyphehane girls a run for the points.

Old rivals Ballinlough and St. Mary's meet at the Barrs grounds, and here the game should be a close one.

In the only under-16 game, St. Mary's meet St. Finaid's at Mitchelstown, and here it is difficult to suggest likely winners.

### Junior age limit is unchanged

The age limit for the All-Ireland Junior Colleges Camogie All-Ireland remains unchanged. This was decided at the All-Ireland Colleges Annual Meeting held in Dublin on Saturday where three motions looking for a change were defeated. The present age limit is 15 years on October of year of competition.

A motion for the setting up of an Executive Committee was passed and this will be set up immediately consisting of the All-Ireland officers and a delegate from each of the four Provinces.

Cork's only representative on the Council, Miss Mary Moran was returned unopposed as Hon Secretary while Ulster's Lily Spence was unanimously returned as Treasurer.

There was a vote for the presidency with Mrs. Rosina McManus of Ulster defeating Sr. Consilio of Leinster. But Sr. Consilio had better luck in the ballot for vice-president where she defeated Sr. Angela and Mrs. Purcell. The new president, Mrs. McManus was also elected as delegate to Central Council where she was favoured over Joan Burke.

The All-Ireland Colleges semi-final draw was also made and is as follows:

Senior: Ulster v. Connacht at Ulster venue March 6. Munster v. Leinster at Munster venue March 6. Junior Connacht v. Ulster at a Connacht venue March 20. Leinster v. Munster at Leinster venue March 20.

All Ireland finals April 10.

### Cork talent finals at Glen Hall

The Cork finals of the Ceoil, Caint agus Damhsa competitions will be held in the Glen Hall on tomorrow at 7.30 p.m.

Last year the Camogie Association decided to make this a national competition. It had been highly successful in Antrim and Ulster for some years and was originally started to give players an interest during the winter months, when camogie was at a minimum.

Last year's All-Ireland competition proved a big success and Cork had three entries in the finals. They were Mary Nott of Glen Rovers (Solo Singing), Norma Ryan of Blackwater (Recitation) and Eire Og (Comedy Act). All three won in Cork and then went on to take the Munster titles. They did not win any medals on All-Ireland day but they came close.

This year the competitions include instrumental music, Irish dancing, solo singing, ballad singing, recitation, novelty acts and question time. Question time is the only section in which there are preliminary rounds. These were held in recent weeks and resulted in Eire Og, Glen Rovers and Old Aloysians qualifying for the Cork finals.

## Unique camogie decider

By TAOBH LINE

THE LEINSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP final, at Monamolin, near Gorey, on Sunday, is unique in the Eastern province. In the first place neither of the two clubs concerned, Buffers Alley (Wexford) nor Prosperous (Kildare) has ever won the title and also Prosperous is the first champion club from the junior section to reach the provincial club championship final.

On their way to this final Prosperous caused one of the biggest ever surprises in the competition when they defeated the Dublin representatives, Austin Stacks, who had twice in recent years won the all-Ireland title in this grade.

The morale of the Kildare girls must have been given a great lift by that victory, but they face even sterner opposition on Sunday, for Buffers Alley, are not alone on home ground but have already defeated the 1974-'75 All-Ireland titleholders, St. Paul's, of Kilkenny, on the same pitch.

In addition Buffers Alley will have a powerful contingent of players who helped Wexford to senior All-Ireland victory last September including Elsie and Dorothy Walsh, Margaret Leacey, Kathleen Tonks, Maggie Hearne and a number of others.

After their earlier achievements, Prosperous are bound to give a very good account of themselves, but Buffers Alley, forewarned by the defeat of Austin Stacks must get the vote to earn the title of Leinster club champions for the first time.

### RE-ELECTED

Last Saturday the annual All-Ireland Colleges Convention dealt with a most successful year. The outgoing chairman, Mrs. Rosina McManus, Vice-Chairman, Sr. Consilio and Secretary, Miss Mary Moran, were all re-elected. The only change is that Mrs. McManus replaces Leinster Colleges' Secretary, Miss Joan Bourke as Central Council representative.

Another Convention is due tomorrow week, December 13, the annual Leinster Council stocktaking which will be held in Bru na nGael.

The outgoing Chairman, Mrs. K. Timmons (Dublin) and the Registrar, Sophia Brack (Dublin) will both be returned unopposed, but there are two key positions for which elections will be necessary.

The Secretary, Mrs. Marie Managan (Dublin) who has done such good and hard work for the Association in Leinster, in recent years, has been forced to retire for personal reasons. Proposed to fill the post are Mary Fennelly (Kilkenny), Annie Ashton (Dublin), Susan McGuinness (Louth) and Mrs. B. Treacy (Kilkenny).

Mrs. Treacy and Miss McGuinness are also nominated for Treasurer. Eileen O'Brien (Wexford) who has held the position for several years is not seeking re-election.

### Camogie's successful year

MRS. K. TIMMONS, opening the Leinster Camogie Convention at Bru na nGael, Dublin, on Saturday, congratulated the All-Ireland champions, Wexford Seniors and Dublin Juniors.

The chairman also said that the Council was pleased to report a successful year's work and was glad that the finances showed a big improvement on the previous year.

The Kilkenny motion seeking "that the Leinster Senior Championship be run on a Rotary Basis" was the only motion passed. As there are only three counties graded senior, this motion ensures that the same two will not always meet in the semi-final.

Chairman — Mrs. K. Timmons (Dublin) outgoing; Vice Chairman — Mrs. B. Treacy (Kilkenny), outgoing; Secretary — Mrs. S. McGuinness (Louth); Treasurer — Miss M. Cribben (Kilkenny); Registrar — Miss S. Brack (Dublin) outgoing; Delegate to Ard Coiste — Miss S. Brack (Dublin).

victory over Eoghan Rua at Phoenix Park.

The winners, who led 3-2 to 1-1 at half-time, could not afford to take it easy after the interval as Eoghan Rua tried hard to get on top.

SCORERS — Mariner: K. LYONS (1-1), C. Lyons (2-0), D. Burke (0-2), E. Ruadh: I. Rafter, M. Doherty (1-0 each).

## Quiet Leinster Convention Likely

By AGNES HOURIGAN

There are only three motions down for discussion at the annual Convention of Leinster Camogie Council which will be held at Bru na nGael, Dublin, tomorrow.

Kilkenny ask that the provincial minor championship begin on the first Sunday in April and be finished by May 20. The same county has another motion to have the senior provincial championship in which only three counties, Kilkenny, Dublin and Wexford, usually take part, played on the League system. Baobhs want to see all championship games within the

### On The Camogie Fields

province, both inter-county and inter-club, played at venues half-way between the counties concerned.

This does not, however, in present circumstances seem to be a practical proposition as it would in effect double the expenses of the teams concerned, while it is possible that the gate receipts might diminish.

Financially the Council had a very good year, helped by a grant from the Leinster G.A.A. Council.

Because of the retirement,

midway through the year, of the Secretary, Mrs. Managan, the annual report which had to be prepared at short notice by Registrar, Miss Sophia Brack, is necessarily not as comprehensive as usual.

Nine counties again affiliated, the missing counties still being as they have been for many years past, Westmeath, Carlow and Longford.

The delegates will have the task of electing new officers for two key positions, Secretary and Treasurer, but the outgoing Chairman, Mrs. K. Timmons, and Registrar, Miss Brack, will both be returned unopposed.

Meanwhile congratulations are very much in order to Buffers Alley who, on Sunday last scored a clearcut victory over Kildare's Prosperous, to win the Leinster club title for the first time. The Kildare girls had a fair share of the play but could make no impression on the powerful Wexford defence.

Maynooth, unboasted to date in the Eastern Zone of C.C.I.A. League should further strengthen their position tomorrow at the H.C.D. when they will meet the champions of the field.

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# Spotlight On Annual Convention

# Two new Cork competitions next year

ON Sunday next at the Imperial Hotel the Cork County Board hold their Annual Convention. On the same day U.C.C. travel to Inch where they meet Drom-Inch in the Munster Inter Club Championship.

Three officers of the Cork Board have been returned unopposed for 1976. They are: Chairman, Miss Mary Moran; Hon. Sec. Miss Rose O'Leary; and P.R.O. Mrs. Joan Morley. This means that on Sunday there will be three elections for positions on the Board—Treasurer, Vice-Chairman and Registrar. The outgoing Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Nora Newman of Glen Rovers has competition from Mrs. Kay Dunne of South Presentation and Phil Crowley of Sarsfields.

Miss Mary Heelan the present Treasurer also holds this position with Munster. On Sunday she will be opposed by Miss Mary Nott the present Registrar. Both these girls have given tremendous service to camogie and the issue could be very close between them.

Both are also nominated for the position of Treasurer but here they have added competition in the persons of Miss Patricia O'Riordan and Ide Ni She.

For the new year there will be four selection committees—senior, junior, under 18 and under 16. And there is plenty of competition for positions on these committees. It is good to see so many girls keen to act

on selection committees and the coming year's county sides can only benefit from such interest. There are 13 motions listed for Convention and some of these are likely to cause lively and interesting discussion.

Sarsfields want the winners of the Intermediate Championship to go senior the following season, while Glanworth want the Avondhu team to be withdrawn from the Senior Championship owing to lack of teams in North Cork. Both Killeagh and Churchtown are looking for greater representation of G.P.C. Killeagh's motion is "That the Intermediate and junior clubs have representatives on G.P.C." while Churchtown want a representative of the Imokilly senior divisional team on the same committee.

Old Aloysians are calling for a new senior competition. This is a senior clubs championship. This new competition would in no way interfere with the Cork County Championship with rights of captaincy to Cork senior team and representation in the Inter-Club Championship continuing to be associated with the established championship.

Old Als. are also calling for the introduction of an Under 14 League.

### TOUGH TASK

On the playing field U.C.C. will be the only club in action. The University girls represent Cork in the Inter Club competition. They face a tough task on Sunday when they face newly crowned Tipperary champions, Drom-Inch.

The latter defeated long standing Tipperary champions, Thurles in the Tipperary County final last Sunday and fresh from that triumph they will be very confident of defeating the Cork girls. Their side contains several Tipperary inter county players including Biddy Phillips, Monica Butler, and the Tynan sisters, Siobhan, Kathleen and Eileen.

But U.C.C. are a very determined bunch of girls and they too have their inter county players in Cally Riordan and Nuala Jennings. And they also have top players in Mary Roche, Ellen O'Hanlon and Val O'Dwyer.

This side of the Inter Club competition was held up by the Tipperary Championship and should have been played some time ago. Crough, the Limerick champions are already through to the Munster final, having defeated Kerry champions Castleisland and Eire Og of Clare.

A Cork side has never won the All-Ireland Inter Club competition and it would be good to see U.C.C. take this first steps towards the title. But it will not be easy.

On Thursday last the Cork finals of the Ceoil, Caint agus Damsha were held and after many exciting contests resulted as follows:

- Dancing—Na Pairsaigh Group;
- Recitation—Geraldine Murray (Glen Rovers); Solo Singing—Mary Nott (Glen Rovers);
- Question Time—Old Aloysians;
- Instrumental—Nora Ann Murray (Eire Og);
- Novelty Act—Eire Og;
- Ballad Group—Eire Og.

### FIXTURES

Sunday at Imperial Hotel — Cork County Board Annual Convention, 2 p.m.

At Inch, Inter Club Championship—Drom-Inch v. U.C.C. 3 p.m.

By JOAN MORLEY  
TWO new camogie competitions will be played in Cork next year. This was decided when the Cork Co. Camogie Board held their annual convention at the Imperial Hotel, Cork, yesterday.

The new competitions will be a senior club championship and an under-14 league, and both were put forward in motions from the Old Aloysians Club.

The club championship will in no way interfere with the Cork Senior Co. Championship, with the Cork senior team captaincy and representation in the inter-club competition still being associated with the latter competition.

Convention felt that the four Cork senior club teams were in a rather weak position at the moment. The divisional teams, and in particular Imokilly, have dominated the senior county in recent years and the Cork club teams have found the going rather difficult. This new competition was proposed to give these clubs a badly needed boost as well as the extra fixtures they needed. There was some opposition to the motion but it was eventually passed by 27 votes to nine.

The under-14 league will be established in an effort to bridge the gap between primary school competitions and the under-1 leagues. Feile na Gael was held here last year and the gap between counties with and without under-14 teams was very obvious. And so the under-14 competitions and the under-16 League will get under way in 1976.

The only other motion passed at convention was one from Churchtown which called for senior clubs to name their representatives on G.P.C. at the first meeting of the County Board following convention.

Many of the motions listed were ruled out of order by Chairman Miss Mary Moran, while others were either withdrawn or unanimously defeated.

Miss Moran was returned unopposed as Chairman for the ninth successive year, while Se-

cretary Miss Rose O'Leary and PRO Mrs. Joan Morley were also returned unanimously.

There was a vote for the posts of Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Registrar, but here all three outgoing officers were re-elected:—Mrs. Nora Newman (Vice-Chairman), Miss Mary Heelan (Treasurer) and Miss Mary Nott (Registrar). The Cork delegates to Munster Council will be Mrs. Mary O'Leary, while the four delegates to Congress will be Mary O'Callaghan, Kay Dunne, Ide Ni She and Mary Heelan.

There was plenty of competition for places on the inter-county selection committees, with the voting resulting as follows:

Senior: Rose O'Leary, Anna Crotty, Mary O'Callaghan and Mary Moran, with senior champions Imokilly to nominate the fifth.

Junior: Mary O'Callaghan, Mary Nott and Sheila Morgan, with intermediate champions Cloyne and junior champions Killeagh to nominate one each.

Under-18: Sheila Morgan, Mary Whelton, Mary Moran, Christine Murray and Phil Crowley.

Under-16: Mary Nott, Geraldine Horgan, Mary Heelan, Mary Moran and Sheila Morgan.

The draws for the senior and intermediate county championships, as well as the new club championship, were also made, and resulted as follows:

Senior: Glen Rovers v Avondhu; Muskerry v South Presentation; Past Pupils: Imokilly v Naomh Gobnait; UC v Old Aloysians.

Intermediate: Cloyne v Watergrasshill; Killeagh v Glanworth; Eire Og v Blarney; Canovee Watergrasshill; Churchtown Sarsfields.

New Club Championship: UC v Glen Rovers; Old Aloysians South Presentation Past Pupils.

The draw for the junior championship was deferred until February.

Munster Inter-Club Championship—Drom-Inch (Tipperary) v U.C.C. 40.



Officers of the Cork County Camogie Board looking over their agenda at the annual convention in the Imperial Hotel, Cork. Seated (l to r.)—Rose O'Leary, hon. secretary; Mary Moran, chairman; Mrs. Nora Newman, vice-chairman. Back row—Mary Nott, registrar, and Mary Heelan, hon. treasurer.

The first winner of an All-Ireland medal and an international cap — a double now possible since the abolition of the ban — proved to be Mrs. Mary Dinan (Sinnott) who added a Badminton cap (v Holland) to her two All-Ireland senior medals won with Wexford in 1968 and 1969.

Another interesting ladies' double was that of the Secretary of the Kerry Camogie Board who was also Ireland's international hockey goalkeeper — both the functions of Miss Mary Geaney.



# CAMOGIE SHOCK BY TIPP GIRLS

By TAOBH LINE

WHILE Conventions dominated the camogie scene last weekend there was a big surprise in one of the few competitive games played. This was in the Munster Club championship semi-final when unfancied Drom and Inch from Tipperary defeated the Cork representatives U.C.C. in an exciting finish, 4-2 to 4-0.

Tipperary have not figured prominently in this competition since St. Patrick's from Glengoolle-Ballingarry won through on the first two occasions a club All-Ireland series was staged. Drom and Inch will next face the Waterford champions, Portlaw in the provincial semi-final.

Leinster will have a new Secretary and treasurer and representative on Central Council following the annual Convention in Dublin last Saturday.

The secretarial duties have been taken over by Mrs. Susan McGuinness (Louth) while the new treasurer is Miss Maire Cribben (Kildare). Miss Sophia Brack will represent the province on Central Council.

Three officers were returned unopposed. Chairman Mrs. K. Timmons (Dublin); vice-chairman Mrs. B. Treacy (Kilkenny) and registrar Miss Brack.

Of the nine affiliated counties, Laois was the only one not represented at the Convention although, oddly enough, there was one of the two counties with motions on the agenda.

## RE-ELECTED

At the Cork Convention, all the outgoing officers were again returned. Chairman Miss Mary Moran, who will hold office for the ninth successive year was unopposed, and secretary Miss Rose O'Leary and P.R.O. Mrs. Joan Morley were also re-elected unanimously. But Mrs. Nora Newman (vice-chairman), Miss Mary Heelan (treasurer) and Miss Mary Nott (registrar) were returned to office on majority votes.

Miss O'Leary will be delegate to Munster Council, while the delegates to the annual Congress will be Mary O'Callaghan, Kay Dunne, Ide Ni She and Mary Heelan.

Cork will have two new competitions next year. There will be a Senior Club Championship from which divisional teams will be excluded and there will be a special league for the under-14s.

# More Referees Are Needed

**REFEREES** — insufficient numbers of officials; lack of respect for referees, and failure by certain clubs to fulfil their obligation to supply referees. This was the main criticism expressed by Miss Mary Moran, chairman of the Cork County Board, when she addressed the annual convention of the Board on Sunday last.

Miss Moran said that the whole question of refereeing is not one which the County Board can successfully tackle on its own. The co-operation of all clubs and individuals within them is required if headway is to be made. Of course, the County Board can play its part by providing knowledge of the rules to intending referees; by endeavouring to upgrade the status of the referee and by giving a referee the necessary backing in the Boardroom.

Last year the County Board ran a special referees course but Miss Moran asked the question: "Is such a course the best method of imparting know-how? The attendance at that course indicated that only a section of the county is being catered for. Would one-day courses or even night classes in various parts of the county be of greater benefit?" What do you, the clubs, think?

The Chairman added that giving greater status to the referee could be achieved to some extent by the introduction of awards. "I suggest that Cork consider the setting up of two awards. The first would be known as 'The Young Referee Of The Year Award'. Clubs could nominate their promising young referees who would be watched by a selected panel of judges, responsible for picking the winner. The second award would be geared towards established referees and would take the form of an award to the referee of the senior county final," said Miss Moran.

Miss Moran, who starts her ninth term as chairman in 1976,

also called for an improvement in the coaching in clubs. Questionnaires were sent out during the year and Miss Moran said that the returned questionnaires gave a clear picture of the coaching position within the county.

A few clubs have no coach or trainer and do not hold regular training sessions. Skilled training is confined to the better organised clubs. Practically all our clubs depend for their existence and certainly their future on their young players.

"I suggest that the Board should form a coaching committee who would pin-point the greatest needs and how best to tackle them. They would bring forward a plan for the county and supervise its implementation, when approved," suggested the Chairman.

This is the time of year when we review the season just closing and also look forward to the one ahead. And so any problems which might exist get extra interest at this time. An improvement in playing standards, as well as the referee problem, are features of the game which are vitally important to the future of camogie.

They need attention immediately if we are to progress and so clubs should give these suggestions of the Chairman their undivided attention at this time in particular when their involvement in the playing side of the game is minimal, and officials, players and supporters alike have the time to concentrate on the administrative side of the game.

Finally, I would like to repeat the draw for the Intermediate Championship. Unfortunately in its first publication there was an error in the first pairing which put Cloyne against Watergrasshill, with the latter also playing against Canovee. The correct draw is as follows: Cloyne v. Aghabullogue; Killeagh v. Glanworth; Eire Og v. Blarney; Canovee v. Watergrasshill; Churchtown v. Sarsfields.

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Miss Jo Golden elected secretary of the Camogie Association in succession to Sighle Nic an Ultaigh retiring after 20 years of outstanding service.

But, the irrepressible Downey twins — Angela and Anne — kept pushing for space in the news, travelling to Kilkeel to win the All-Ireland Colleges semi-final one Saturday with Mercy Convent, Callan, and going on to Ballinderrin, near Craughwell on the Sunday to win the Club All-Ireland final with St. Paul's, Kilkenny.

Later, a missed '30' was all that stopped them both winning the Colleges final and completing a fantastic treble — Colleges, Club and Inter-county All-Irelands. Presentation, Athery beat Callan in extra-time.



Ballypheheane camogie team, winners of the Cork City & County Under-16 League, 1974/75.



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# Good year for Wexford

By KITTY MURPHY

It was a very good year – or so Wexford might well be saying. The third Sunday in September was Ladies' Day in Croke Park and once again we were treated to a feast of top class camogie.

A pairing of Cork and Wexford is always attractive and this year the model county brought along their own band – the New Ross & District Pipe Band – just to give them that little extra bit of encouragement. Cork had lost their four year old crown to Kilkenny last year and they were very keen to get back on top. On the other hand Wexford had not appeared in

the All-Ireland since 1971 and they were equally anxious to endorse their achievements of 1968 and 1969.

Wexford rose gloriously to the occasion. They were a well organised side and their policy of first to the ball and taking the shortest path to goal paid handsome dividends. They never gave the opposition a chance to settle down and by half time

girls from Slaneyside had well and truly stamped their authority on the game. Cork never came to grips with the situation and indeed for the last ten minutes of the game it only remained a matter of conjecture as to what Wexford's winning margin might be.

And yet Cork made no grave mistakes. Deirdre Sutton, the Glen Rovers stalwart, gave her

usual sound performance between the posts while in front of her Marie Costine, from Cloyne, was positively brilliant. Players of the calibre of Sheila Morgan, Mary O'Leary, Marion McCarthy and Marion Sweeney can always be relied on to give of their best and again they were not found wanting. However, Wexford seem to have to fortunate and happy

Mrs. Bridget Doyle receives Cuchullain Award from Mr. Ron Delaney, Asst. General Manager, B+I. On left is Bridget's husband and on right is her sister, Mrs. Kit Codd, also an All-Ireland medal winner in Camogie.





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LOCH GARMAN: All-Ireland Senior Camogie Champions 1975.

## Camogie – No euphoria th

ALL the euphoria that surrounded Kilkenny's camogie achievements in 1974 was sadly lacking this year and in the inter-county scene the story has been a very disappointing one. The girls failed to live up to the standards set by their male counterparts.

On the home front, however, considerable progress was made.

Many people considered that following their spectacular win over Cork in the 1974 All-Ireland final, Kilkenny would make a bold bid for three in a row. It was a young team and combined skill with speed.

It must be remembered, of course, that 11 of the St. Paul's club are also on the Kilkenny panel and most of these players have played in six All-Ireland club championships in eight years. In the past six years they have won four.

This year the senior and minors got into the All-Ireland semi-finals and St. Brigid's, Callan reached the colleges final. The minors are very young and quite a few of them

are eligible for the next two years.

Ballyhale and Thomastown vocational schools did very well in their zones and the development of the game in the schools generally and in the vocational schools in particular is a very healthy sign.

### PROGRESS IN THE COUNTY

There are now 10 registered clubs in the county. Johnstown and Coon are newcomers to the camogie scene.

The championships were run off very successfully this year and all matches were finished in June.

Thomastown, a very young side, are county minor title holders for the first time. This was quite some achievement since the club was only formed this year.

Carrickshock won the junior county final. Prospects certainly look good for the future down south.

A winter league is now in progress.

The Kilkenny Board are hoping to run an inter-county league for all counties that

participated in the championships and it is hoped that this will help to improve the standard of camogie by the time the championship campaign comes round again.

### SEMINAR

The Kilkenny Camogie Board intend organising a seminar early in December. It will cover three vital matters – refereeing, coaching and administration. It is hoped to have talks by experts on these three important topics while other matters relating to the game will also come up for discussion.

The fact that no All-Irelands were won does not mean that the tempo will not be maintained. The ambition of the Camogie Board is that each G.A.A. club should have or should endeavour to have a camogie team affiliated. It is only in this way that camogie can make the progress everybody hopes for.

It is also hoped that the primary schools will take a more active part in the development of the game.



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# WHAT A WAY TO BEGIN A HONEYMOON

by ÚNA BEAN UÍ PUIRSÉAL



Gretta Quigley holds the All-Ireland aloft after Wexford's win. Opposite page: Gretta and her husband Ray Quigley pose with the Kehoe family for the photographers.

**W**HAT a way to begin a honeymoon, by winning an ALL-Ireland medal. That is a wedding present which does not come the way of very many people but for young Gretta Kehoe from Palace near Poulpeasty in Co. Wexford all her dreams must have come true at one and the same time on the third week-end in September.

On the Saturday she was married to Ray Quigley, who happens to be trainer to the Adamstown-Cloughbawn camogie team of which a variety of Kehoe sisters form the backbone. On the following day, Sunday, Gretta Kehoe, who was, of course, Gretta Quigley by then, captained Wexford to victory over fancied Cork in the senior All-Ireland Camogie final.

But then it was an amazing week-end for the Kehoes. On that Saturday all sixteen of her brothers and sisters, Mary, Elizabeth, Josie, Kit, Bernie, Annie, Brigid and Eileen, Eamonn, Jim, Pat, Peter, David, John, Tommy and Noel,

together with their parents Edward and Johanna, were present at Gretta's wedding.

On that Sunday three Kehoe sisters played on the winning Wexford team Kit, Bridget and Gretta, and three sisters have never played together on a winning All-Ireland Camogie side before. Of course three sisters may well play together on a winning All-Ireland side again but they are unlikely to equal the record of the Kehoes because by then they were Kit Codd, Bridget Doyle and, of course, Gretta Quigley.

But wearing the purple and gold of Wexford is no novelty in the Kehoe family. Seven of the nine sisters have played for the county thus far in one grade or another while six of them, Brigid, Kit, Gretta, Josie, Annie and Eileen, still a minor, played together recently for Adamstown-Cloughbawn in the recent county final. (Incidentally they lost, to Buffer's Alley.)

And just for the record four of the brothers John, Jim, Pat and Peter have at one time or another worn the Wexford hurling jersey.

In addition the Kehoe sisters have set up a record that no other family can ever hope to equal. Five of them — Bridget, Annie, Kit, Gretta and Josie — have helped Wexford to All-Ireland senior victory.

Bridget has starred in all her county's three victories to date, Annie, Gretta and Kit in one each, while in 1969 Josie was a star of the Wexford side right through to the final for which she was not available. In addition Kit Codd, while still Kit Kehoe, won All-Ireland senior medals with Dublin in 1965 and 1966.

But the Kehoes were not the only set of sisters to make history on the camogie fields in 1975. The three Costine sisters from Cloyne all played for Cork in All-Ireland finals during the season just past but not all together. Marie and Bernie were on the senior side that lost to Wexford, while younger sister Kathleen was on the minor side which brought this particular honour to the Lee for the first time.

By this success the Costine family now holds a unique place in camogie as the three sisters between them now hold All-Ireland medals in each of the three inter-county grades. Marie has won four in senior 1970, '71, '72 and '73, Bernie a junior

medal in 1973 and now Kathleen can boast of a minor medal in 1975. And it seems certain that all three will yet play together for their county.

Those, of course, were only the unusual highlights of a most successful camogie year, marked initially by the regretted resignation after 20 years of faithful and fruitful service of General Secretary, Sheila MacAnulty. Congress, held in Limerick, elected Jo Golden still an active player, as Sheila's successor, and also set up finance and fixtures Committees.

Exciting games and continued progress marked the Colleges and University and Higher Institute competitions. Tremendous progress was made also at juvenile level, both in urban and rural areas. Early in the season St. Paul's completed a notable double for Kilkenny by regaining the All-Ireland club title, but outside Wexford the most successful Leinster county was Dublin, which showed signs of coming back to the top by first winning the senior provincial title and then regaining the junior All-Ireland crown.

And perhaps the most significant step of all was taken, at the National Coaching Course in Gormanston, when the preliminary stages of providing the Association with properly trained and graded coaches was set in motion.



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### JUNIOR

September 21: Dublin 5-0; Down 0-3.  
Scorers: Dublin: M. Sutton 2-0; M. McMahon 1-0; H. Roche 1-0; A. Byrne 1-0. Down: H. McGarvey 0-3.

**DUBLIN:** P. Breslin; M. Brennan; B. Kennedy (capt.), U. Flynn, M. Murphy; A. Gleeson, M. Mernagh, B. Redmond; M. Sutton, A. Byrne, M. McMahon; H. Roche.

**DOWN:** L. Kane; S. Kelly; K. King, B. Morgan (capt.), S. McCartan; J. Hamilton, S. Lively, M. Montgomery; B. Brown, M. McGarvey, M. McGrath; C. O'Hare. Subs: M. McGrattan for S. McCartan; R. Nelson for B. Brown.

### MINOR

September 15, Na Piarasigh Grounds, Cork: Cork 6-2; Galway 0-3.

Scorers: Cork: C. Cronin 2-1; J. Davis 2-0; A. Kavanagh 1-0; C. Hackett 1-0; C. Landers 0-1. Galway: A. Broderick, M. Daly, M. Coen 0-1 each.

**CORK:** C. Costine; C. Harris; B. Joyce, M. Coughlan, J. O'Brien; C. Landers, A. Delaney, C. Hackett; C. Cronin, A. Connolly, E. Kavanagh; M. Sugrue. Sub: J. Davis for M. Sugrue.

**GALWAY:** A. Haverty; M. Murphy; M. Hines, N. Treacy, C. Bracken; O. Coady, A. Burke, A. Broderick; U. Jordan, M. Daly, M. Kelly; K. Connell. Sub: M. Coen for U. Jordan.

### Senior Championship

July 6, Cork: Cork 6-3; Antrim 0-4. July 6, Gowran: Kilkenny 4-8; Galway 1-5. July 13, Ennis: Wexford 4-0; Clare 3-3 (DRAW). July 20, Enniscorthy: Wexford 3-7; Clare 3-5 (REPLAY). July 20, Thurles: Dublin 3-6; Tipperary 4-2.

### All-Ireland Semi-Finals

August 3, Na Fianna Grounds, Dublin: Wexford 3-4; Dublin 0-2. August 17, Nowlan Park, Kilkenny: Cork 4-4; Kilkenny 3-2.

### All-Ireland Junior Semi-Finals

August 24, Phoenix Park, Dublin: Dublin 4-2; Limerick 2-5. August 24, Roscommon: Down 4-9; Roscommon 0-5.

### All-Ireland Minor Semi-Finals

August 10, Ballinasloe: Galway 3-7; Kilkenny 1-1. August 31, Carrickmacross: Cork 8-1; Monaghan 2-2.

### Leinster Senior Final

July 13, Gowran: Dublin 3-1; Kilkenny 1-4.

### Leinster Junior Final

July 27, Moibhi Road, Dublin: Dublin 5-1; Wexford 0-0.

### Leinster Minor Final

July 27, Moibhi Road, Dublin: Kilkenny 4-3; Wexford 4-2.

### Connacht Junior Final

July 19, Roscommon: Roscommon 3-2; Galway 2-4.

### Ulster Minor Final

August 10: Monaghan 3-1; Cavan 2-2.

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

#### All-Ireland Final

March 9, Ballinderreen: St. Paul's, Kilkenny 3-3; Oranmore, Galway 1-1.

**ST. PAUL'S:** T. O'Neill; A. Carroll; L. Neary, Anne Downey, M. Kavanagh; H. O'Neill, H. Fogarty, M. Fennelly; U. Grace, M. Conway, Angela Downey; C. Doyle.

**ORANMORE:** M. Burke; R. Jordan; M. Cosgrave, A. Dillon, R. Divilly; G. Divilly, J. Kelly, N. McHugh; M. Forde, A. Finn, M. Murphy; T. Carroll. Sub: P. Feeney for G. Divilly.

#### All-Ireland Semi-Finals

February 23, Kilkenny: St. Paul's, Kilkenny 6-6; Portglenone, Antrim 1-3. February 23, Mardyke, Cork: Oranmore, Galway 6-4; U.C.C. 2-2.

### ASHBOURNE CUP

#### (Universities' Senior Championship)

Semi-finals — February 15, Maynooth: U.C.C. 1-0; U.C.G. 0-2. U.C.D. 4-4; St. Patrick's, Maynooth 2-0.

**Final** — February 16: U.C.C. 2-3; U.C.D. 1-2 (in extra time). U.C.C. captain C. Riordan.

### Higher Institutes League

**Final** — April 5, Mardyke, Cork: U.C.C. 2-2; U.C.D. 1-2.

### COLLEGES

#### All-Ireland Finals

**Senior** — April 19: Presentation College, Athenry 7-4; St. Brigid's, Callan, Kilkenny 2-4 (in extra time).

**ATHENRY:** B. Coady; B. Duffy; G. Healy, G. O'Brien, N. Treacy; M. Coen, M. Poniard (capt.), S. Coady; B. Poniard, E. Hynes, O. Coady; T. Duane. Sub: U. Jordan for M. Coen.

**CALLAN:** B. Cahill; B. Larkin; M. Walsh, Anne Downey (capt.), K. Murphy; M. Cahill, Angela Downey, B. Coonan; M. Carroll, A. Molloy, M. Barry; M. Lawlor. Subs: T. Mullen for M. Walsh; E. Barden for Angela Downey.

**Junior** — April 19: Presentation, Cashel 4-0; Presentation, Terenure 1-0.



# CAMOGIE REVIEW '75

# YOUNGSTERS DOMINATE SCENE

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By **JUAN MORLEY**

THE youngsters dominated the camogie scene in Munster in 1975. Cork minors won the county's first Minor All-Ireland title while Presentation Convent, Cashel, took the All-Ireland Colleges Junior title, and these were the only All-Irelands to come to Munster during the year.

Cork minors reached the All-Ireland final in 1974 and seven of that side were still under-age in 1975. They had good wins over Clare, Limerick and Tipperary to take the Munster title. Then came the most difficult game of the campaign — against Monaghan at Carrickma-

cross. In this they took some time to settle but after the interval showed their true potential and came home with a very worthy victory to their credit.

And so the stage was set for what must surely be the highlight of the season for Cork fans. The final was played at Na Piarraig Grounds and finalists Galway travelled with a fine reputation. But there was no hesitancy this time with the Cork girls playing with a maturity and confidence far beyond their tender years. They chalked up an early lead and never looked troubled, winning by 6-2 to 0-3 at the end. By this victory they brought the county its first Minor All-Ireland title while at the same time making Cork the first county to win all three All-Ireland titles — senior, junior and minor.

In the final and it was a big day indeed for three sisters on the side. They are Bridget Doyle, who recently won a "G.A.A. Personality of the Month" award, Gretta Quigley, who was married the day before the final but delayed her honeymoon to captain the side, and Kit Codd.

Dublin took the junior title. Limerick who had a grand win over Cork in Munster looked as if they might get that elusive All-Ireland in this grade. But they fell to Dublin in the semi-final.

Cork got some measure of consolation for the All-Ireland defeat by taking the Munster senior championship. And as the Under 18's, as well as the minors, also took provincial honours, three of the four Munster titles came to Cork.

### NEW EXPERIMENT

In a new experiment the Provincial sides were confined to junior players this season and Munster, powered by nine Limerick players and with three from Cork, won the Gael Linn Cup, something which the seniors had not done for nine years.

Imokilly continued to dominate the Cork County Championship scene, taking their fourth successive title at the expense of U.C.C. Cloyne snatched a most dramatic last minute win over Eire Og in the Intermediate final while Killeagh had the easiest of victories over Inniscarra in the Junior campaign.

Rosary Hill of Limerick took the Senior colleges title, while the Cork Schools Senior Championship went to North

Presentation. U.C.C. dominated the Higher Education scene taking both the Ashbourne Cup and the CCIA league.

In the Cork Leagues Old Aloysians (senior), Churchtown (intermediate), Eire Og (junior) and Ballyphehane (under 16 and 16) were triumphant.

## KEHOES TOOK CAMOGIE HONOURS

By **TAOBH LINE**

FROM many aspects the Kehoe family from County Wexford stole the show as far as the Camogie Year of 1975 was concerned. One of them Bridget Doyle received the B. and L. Award for October and therefore, in effect, was chosen as the Camogie Star of the Year.

Three of the family, all married, Bridget Doyle, Kit Codd and Gretta Quigley, played together on the Wexford team that defeated Cork in the All-Ireland final. In the process they brought the number of All-Ireland winners in the Kehoe family to five, as two other sisters, Annie and Jossie, had figured on previous All-Ireland winning sides.

Wexford's All-Ireland victory was somewhat unexpected as they had been held to a first-round draw by the 1974 junior champions, Clare, and were hard pressed to win the replay. In addition they were beaten by Kilkenny in the Leinster semi-final.

However, though Dublin beat Kilkenny in the Leinster final, Wexford defeated the Dublin girls in the subsequent All-Ireland semi-final.

### CONVINCING WINNERS

They were outsiders against Cork in the final, but proved very convincing winners in a game that saw the Cork girls, after four previous victories in succession, sustain defeat at the last hurdle for the second successive year.

Dublin juniors also set a record when winning this title for the third time, while Cork had some compensation when collecting the minor crown.

Kilkenny St. Paul's regained the All-Ireland club championship and set a record in so doing, while Presentation College Athenry retained the All-Ireland Colleges senior title, but only after a thrilling battle with Mercy Convent Callan in the final.

The junior colleges title went to Presentation Cashel, who became the first school to bring a title to Munster, while U.C.C. continued to reign supreme on the Higher Education fields retaining both the Ashbourne Cup, after extra time in a thriller with U.C.D., and the C.C.I.A. League.

### MOST EXCITING

Presentation Convent, Cashel, were one of the most exciting teams to come out of Munster. Their marvellous combination and stickwork was a treat to watch. They stormed through Munster with Cork's Mount Mercy the victims of a merciless defeat in the Munster final. Then it was on to the semi-final and Croke Park for their first All-Ireland trophy.

The Cork seniors reached the All-Ireland final again in 1975. After winning four titles in a row they lost to Kilkenny — after a replay in the '74 decider. They reversed that result in the semi-final of the 1975 campaign but went out rather tamely to Wexford in the decider.

Wexford were most impressive



**KATHLEEN TONKS**, Camogie Star of the Year 1975, who will receive the Gaelic Stars Trophy at a special presentation on behalf of the sponsors, Allied Irish Banks Ltd.

Kathleen is a native of Ferns, Co. Wexford Club: Buffers Alley Camogie Club, and a pupil of Mercy Convent, Enniscorthy. Age — not yet 16 years, and in fact played with Co. Minor (Under-16) side in 1975 Leinster Championships. Holds medals for All-Ireland Senior Championship; All-Ireland 7-a-Side Wexford Co. Senior; Leinster Senior Colleges (with Mercy Convent). She is the youngest player on the Wexford All-Champion side.

## Major Titles Change Hands In Record Year

By **AGNES HOURIGAN**

1975 was in many respects a record-year on the camogie fields. The major all-Ireland titles all found new holders with Wexford taking over from Kilkenny in senior ranks, Dublin succeeding Clare as junior champions, and Cork becoming, for the first time, minor title-holders.

In addition, St. Paul's of Kilkenny regained the all-Ireland club championship early in the season when they defeated the holders Oranmore in the final, and set a remarkable record in the process by taking this title for the fourth time.

In addition two of their players, Ann Carroll and Liz Neary, set a record never likely to be surpassed by anyone but themselves when they each won their fifth all-Ireland club title.

Ann Carroll had previously won two such awards with Glengoole-Ballingarry when resident in Tipperary, while Liz Neary gained a similar award with Austin Stacks when a student-nurse in Dublin.

Indeed, at National level, only two titles were retained. U.C.C. held on to the Ashbourne Cup after extra time in a tremendously exciting final with U.C.D. at Maynooth, while, by a coincidence, extra time was also necessary in the colleges senior final at Croke Park, before Presentation Athenry retained the honours by defeating St. Bridget's, Callan.

Presentation Cashel set a record all their own by defeating Presentation Terenure to bring the junior colleges crown to Munster, the first all-Ireland colleges title ever to go to the Southern province.

On the inter-county fields, three Kehoe sisters played together on the Wexford side that brought the O'Duffy Cup to the Slaney for the first time since 1969, a record unlikely to be equalled. All three played in their married names, Bridget Doyle, Kitt Codd and Gretta Quigley.

In the process, these girls set another record, for five Kehoe sisters have now won senior all-Ireland medals with Wexford.

Dublin became the first county ever to win the junior all-Ireland three times when they defeated Armagh in the final. When Cork won the minor crown the side included Kathleen Costine who also set a record for her family.

Her sisters, Marie (senior), and Bernie (junior) had already won all-Irelands with Cork in those grades. So the Costines of Cloyne are the only family to hold all-Ireland medals won in all three grades.

**1975 Champions: All-Ireland Senior—Wexford; Junior — Dublin. Minor—Cork. Club — St. Paul's (Kilkenny). Colleges — Senior — Presentation Athenry. Junior — Presentation, Cashel.**



The above photograph shows Kathleen making one of her many fine saves in this year's All-Ireland Senior Final at Croke Park on September 21st. Kathleen was sub on the Senior team in 1974 and played in all games in 1975 campaign.



# Opportunities for juniors

AS A RESULT of a motion passed at the camogie congress in March the inter-provincial competition for the Gael Linn trophy was confined to junior players and, in a disappointing final, played at Adare, Munster proved too strong for a younger and less experienced Ulster selection.

While the grading of this competition has given new opportunities to junior players it would be difficult just yet to say how successful the experiment is likely to be. However, congress decided on a three-year trial period, and the whole position will be reviewed in 1977.

On the colleges fields Presentation Convent, Athenry, retained the All-Ireland senior title and Corn Scelig after a very exciting decider against Mercy Convent, Callan. Presentation Convent, Cashel, defeated Presentation, Terenure in the junior final. The toast of Cashel was the twelve-year-old Regina Mulligan, who scored three goals.

To assist the Central Council in the general routine administration of the Association four sub-committees were set up during the year to handle finance, fixtures, administration and coaching.

A unique feature of 1975 was that the three major trophies found new sideboards. The sur-

prise team of the year was Wexford who, after being virtually in the wilderness since 1970, recaptured the O'Duffy Cup and All-Ireland championship by a 10-point margin from the holders and firm favourites, Cork.

Dublin, who were pipped by Clare in the 1974 junior final, came back with almost the same panel of players to defeat Down. And, in the minor championship Cork captured the Tailteann Cup for the first time at the expense of Galway.

Another unique occasion was the staging of the Ashbourne Cup inter-varsity competition in Maynooth. In a thrilling final the holders University College, Cork, snatched victory in the second period of extra time.

In the club championship St. Paul's, Kilkenny, reversed the final result of the previous year when they travelled to Galway and beat the holders, Oranmore.

On the question of coaching, a series of grades are being introduced, and the 1976 national coaching course will cover Grade B and Grade C. The 1977 course will cover the syllabus of Grade A. Thus, with the assistance of the Department of Education grant, the position of the coach throughout the Association will be vastly improved.

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## BLARNEY A.G.M.

THE annual general meeting of Blarney Camogie Club was held in the Convent Hall, Blarney, on Sunday last, January 25. There was a good attendance at this over by the chairman, Mrs. Mary O'Leary, which was presided

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman, Miss Kathleen O'Doherty; vice-chairman, Miss Noreen O'Sullivan; secretary, Miss Mary O'Doherty; asst. secretary, Miss Noreen O'Sullivan; treasurer, Mrs. Mary O'Leary; P.R.O., Mrs. Mary O'Connell. Committee: Patricia Mackey, Gonnait Twomey, Cora Humphreys, Mary Heelan, Mr. Donal Sheehan; trainer, Mr. Donal Sheehan; intermediate captain, Kathleen O'Doherty; intermediate vice-captain, Pauline Hegarty; under-18 captain, Patricia Mackey; under-18 vice-captain, Bernice Mitchell; under-15 captain, Gail Mackey. Selection committee: Donal Sheehan, Kathleen O'Doherty, Mary Heelan.



Miss Rose O'Leary, Ovens, and a member of Eire Og Club, was elected Hon. Secretary at the Cork County Camogie Convention at the Imperial Hotel, Cork.

## Croagh Camogie Team - back as County senior champions after a number of years in the wilderness.

Front: Sheila Mulcair, Sheila Murphy, Margaret Hickey, Marjie Bourke-O'Sullivan, Brid Stokes (captain), Margie Neville, Ann Sheehy, Mary Fitzgerald. Back: Bernie O'Dea, Mary T Hannan, Vera Marron, Eileen O'Keefe, Helen Sheehy, Margo Stokes, Marion Doyle.



## EIRE OG CAMOGIE OFFICERS

There was a good attendance at the A.G.M. of the Eire Og Camogie Club and the following officers were elected: President, Mr. John Lyons; vice-presidents, Rev. Fr. O'Connor, Very Rev. Canon Ahern, Mary Lane, Noreen Hallihan and Eileen Madden; chairman, Rose O'Leary; vice-chairman, Noranne Murray; secretary, Nancy O'Driscoll; treasurer, Mary Malone; registrar, Eileen Dineen; P.R.O., C. Malone; Board delegates, Hilda Horgan and Nancy O'Driscoll; intermediate captain, Nancy O'Driscoll; youth officers, Sheila O'Driscoll and Claire Keenan.

## CHURCHTOWN NORTH

If we are to keep up the standards set at the start of '75 there should be more dedication to training, so said Mrs Josie Knowles, Chairman of the Churchtown North Camogie Club at their A.G.M. Continuing, she said "While we failed by the narrowest of margins to Cloyne in our opening championship game this

one we should have won. Had the club become to complain after winning the seven-a-side senior competition and in doing so lose in the championship. Mrs Esther Horgan in her very detailed secretary's report, outlined the activities of the club, saying that they fielded five teams in various championships and while no success came our way, there were very encouraging signs from the very young teams. We had some measure of compensation by winning the intermediate league. She went on to congratulate Mary Salter, Josie Knowles, Noreen Bailey and Rosie Condon for winning county senior medals with Imokilly. Susan Burke for becoming the first member of the club to win a Gael Linn cup medal, Jane O'Brien for winning an U 16 All-Ireland medal, and Josie Knowles a Munster and All-Ireland runners-up medals. During the year we lost a great personality, a true friend and our beloved president, Rev. A. T. Barry when he became P.P. of Newtownshandrum. The club expressed their deep appreciation for all he had done since the formation of the club just over ten years ago. Mrs Horgan finished by thanking Miss Ellen Wallis for her generosity in allowing the club to use her premises for meetings. Rev. Brotheers James, Superior C.B.S., Smythe, Headmaster Middleton College and the Midleton FAA for use of their grounds. Mary Salter, Treasurer, in her report, showed the club was sound financially. Officers elected for '76 Vice-Presidents Rita Coleman, Ellen Wallis, Ml. Knowles; Chairman Josie Knowles; Vice-Chairman Mary Coter; Hon. Secretary Rosie Condon; Asst. Sec. Anne McCarthy; Treasurer Mary Salter; Asst. Treas. Mary Wall; PRO Susan Burke. Committee: Joan Murphy, Jane O'Brien, Esther Horgan, Noreen Bailey, Gerardine Horgan, Ned O'Donovan, Martina Horgan, Sandra Doyle, Catherine Broderick. Intermediate captain Susan Burke; vice-capt. Rosie Condon. Selection committee Dick Knowles, Susan Burke, Neilus Horgan, Rosie Condon, Tom Houlihan. Junior and all underage, Esther Horgan, Gerardine Horgan, Josie Knowles, Jane O'Brien, Neilus Horgan. Trainer Tom Houlihan.



## MIONÚIR CHORCAÍ

Buaiteoirí Chraobh na hÉireann, 1975.

Ar Chúil (ó chlé): Áine Ní Chonghaille, Cáit de Londras, Máiread Ní Shlochrú, Máire Ní

Cochláin, Clár Ní Eachraí (captaen), Cáit Ní Oistin.

Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): Clár Hatcéad, Sínead Ní Bhrlain, Ellis Seoigh, Clár Ní Chróinín, Áine

Ní Dhúlainné, Eibhlín, Ní Chaomhánaigh.

CORK MINORS—ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS—Front (left to right), Claire Hackett, Jane O'Brien, Betty Joyce, Claire Conna, Ann Delaney, Eileen Kavanagh. Back (left to right), Ann Connolly, Catherine Landers, Margo Sugrue, Marie Coughlan, Claire Harris (captain), Kathleen Costine.



# Croagh For Crown

By AGNES HOURIGAN

New Munster club camogie champions will be crowned at Adare on Sunday since neither of the teams, Tipperary champions Drom and Inch, or the Limerick representatives Croagh, which do battle for the title, has ever represented its province before in this competition.

Croagh, led by such talented players as Marjorie Neville, Marion Doyle and Ann and Helen Sheehy, are by far the more experienced side, even though they have in recent years been frequently felled by their great rivals from the other side of the county, Abane.

But, on recent form, Drom and Inch, who won the Tipperary title for the first time, must be respected. They caused the big surprise of the competition when they defeated the Cork representatives, U.C.C., in their opening game and then went on to beat Waterford champions Portlaw in the semi-final.

They have outstanding units in Nodlaigh and Monica Butler, Biddy Phillips and the three Tynan sisters—Kathleen, Sobhan and Maolmhuire.

## ADVANTAGE

Drom and Inch must have strong claims in view of their earlier victories, but Croagh have the greater experience, they have the advantage of home ground, and these two assets combined could just prove sufficient to see them through to the all-Ireland semi-final stage.

Delegates to the annual Wexford convention in Ennis-corthy last Sunday had much to enthuse about since, in 1975, the county regained the senior all-Ireland title, and Bridget Doyle, who was one of the delegates on Sunday, gained the award as camogie player of the year.

It was indicative of the progress the game is making throughout Wexford that steps were taken to set up a primary schools committee and inaugurate an under-12 championship. There should be little difficulty about this, as several juvenile teams already compete in the Community Games. Chairman William Corcoran was re-elected unopposed and, while long-term secretary Eileen O'Brien had expressed a desire to retire, she was persuaded to continue for at least another year.

## Brid's two clinches it

Croagh-Kilfinny (Limerick) 2-0, Drom-Inch (Tipperary) 0-4.

Limerick county camogie champions Croagh-Kilfinny, won their first Munster Inter Club Championship at Adare yesterday when they defeated Tipperary champions, Drom-Inch by 2-0 to 0-4, in a most exciting encounter.

The first half of this game was particularly good with plenty of goalmouth incident and fine camogie. The Tipperary champions were first to score and were ahead at half-time by 0-2 to nil.

But a masterly half-time switch by Croagh which saw Limerick inter-county star Brid Stokes, switched from centre to her usual full forward berth, proved decisive. Brid scored two grand goals in the second period to take the lead and although the Tipperary girls challenged gamely to the end Croagh-Kilfinny held on to their narrow lead in a tension-packed last quarter.

# Great triumph for Croagh

CROAGH 2-0;

DROM-INCH 0-4.

A NEAR RECORD attendance for a camogie game in Limerick saw Croagh take their first Munster club title by defeating the Tipperary champions, Drom-Inch, in a thrilling game at the C.B.S. Grounds, Adare, on Sunday last.

Croagh now join Abane as the only Limerick teams to win this coveted championship. And while the Croagh supporters will talk of the valour of their new generation of camogie players for many a day, I am sure they would be the first to admit that a draw would have been a more equitable result.

The first half produced fast open play, with both sets of forwards guilty of throwing away gifted opportunities. Croagh were the main offenders in this respect and their failure to raise a flag in this half was due to the hopeless efforts of their attack. Drom-Inch managed two good points from play, missed two goal scoring chances and the brilliance of Helen Sheehy in the Croagh goal prevented them from scoring on at least one occasion.

A free-flowing first half produced only two points and with the Tipperary girls playing with the assistance of a strong wind in the second half, things did not look well for the local champions.

The Croagh mentors made interval changes which contributed in a great deal to their second half recovery. Fourteen-year-old Helen Mulcair was moved to centre-field and substitute, Mary Fitzgerald, took over at right wing-forward. Breed Stokes vacated the mid field post and took over at full-forward to the exclusion of Sheila Murphy. Helen Mulcair tidied up things more than somewhat at mid-field and Breed Stokes and Mary Fitzgerald did not allow the visiting defence the freedom they enjoyed in the opening moiety. Indeed, it was Breed Stokes who set Croagh on the road to victory with a goal in the third minute of the second half. This goal inspired the Limerick girls and for long periods during the remainder of the game they were the dominant force.

Mid-way through the half,

Breed Stokes was again on target, when she moved out to the right wing and crashed home a gem of a goal.

The final ten minutes, plus three minutes of injury time, belonged to Drom-Inch. They bombarded the Croagh goalmouth as the sisters Siobhan and Maolmhuire Tynan sent over two points to reduce the deficit to two points.

These two players made some courageous runs during those hectic final minutes and with a little luck could have swung the verdict.

Helen Sheehy was in great form in the Croagh goal. Defenders, Margaret Hickey, Margie Neville, Eileen O'Keefe and Ann O'Flynn played sterling stuff in the second half. Helen Mulcair was their best midfielder after the turnover, with Mary T. Hannon and Breed Stokes being particularly effective in attack during the third quarter.

Maolmhuire Tynan was the star of Drom-Inch and she was well supported by goalkeeper Noelle Harkin, left wing-back Mary Kennedy, and forwards Carmel Harkin, Sheila Delaney and Siobhan Tynan.

Scorers:

Croagh — B. Stokes (2-0), Drom-Inch — M. Tynan (0-3), S. Tynan (0-1).

Croagh — Helen Sheehy, Mgt. Hickey, Margie Neville, Eileen O'Keefe, Ann O'Flynn, Mary T. Hannon, Breed Stokes (capt.), Ann Sheehy, Margie O'Sullivan, Marion Doyle, Helen Mulcair, Sheila Murphy.

Sub., Mary Fitzgerald for S. Murphy.

Drom-Inch — Noelle Harkin, Nollaig Butler, Rosario Purcell, Mary Kennedy, Siobhan Tynan, Kathleen Tynan, Mgt. Hayes, Breed Tynan, Maolmhuire Tynan, Carmel Harkin, Sheila Delaney, Mary Butler.

Sub., Catriona Cahill for S. Delaney.

Referee, Mary Moran, Cork.

# WAY CLEAR FOR CAMOGIE FINALS

By TAOBH LINE

When Croagh, representing Limerick, defeated Tipperary title-holders Drom and Inch in a very exciting game at Adare last Sunday to take the Munster Club Camogie Championship for the first time, the preliminary stages of the competition were all wound up and the way is now clear to the All-Ireland stages.

The four provincial winners are Newry, representing Armagh and Ulster; Athenry, champions of Galway and Connacht; Buffers Alley, who took the honours in Wexford and Leinster, and Croagh who, as recounted, proved best in Limerick and Munster.

Possibly the most remarkable fact about this year's competition, however, is that not one of the four clubs concerned has ever previously won a provincial title or qualified for the All-Ireland stages. If the regular rota is followed, the semi-final pairings are likely to be Buffers Alley against Athenry and Newry against Croagh. However, the pairings, dates and venues will be finalised by the Central Council's

Fixtures Committee, which meets in Dublin tomorrow.

There are two other meetings in Dublin tomorrow. The Leinster Colleges meet to fix dates and venues for the quarter-finals, and semi-finals of their senior and junior competitions, and to accept entries for the minor championship, which begins shortly.

The Leinster Council, at its meeting, will, among other matters, discuss the progress made to date in the Administration Course for the counties. Already the Council officers and experts have attended one-night courses in Louth, Kildare, Meath and Wexford, and steps will now be taken to hold similar sessions in the remaining counties.

Still another gathering looms ahead, the Annual Convention of the Higher Institutes Council (C.C.I.A.), which will be held in Dublin, tomorrow week, and which will discuss the position and progress of the game in the Universities and Third Level Institutions. The secretary's report will be presented by Miss Mary Matthews from Queen's.

Arrangements will also be completed for the Ashbourne Cup Universities competition.

## Camogie thriving in Limerick

Yesterday's Annual Convention of the Limerick County Camogie Board congratulations were extended to the eight members from Limerick who helped Munster win the Gael Linn Cup. It was also stated that the game was thriving in the county and that during last year every grade from under 14 upwards had been organised in the county.

Not surprisingly after what was a very successful year the majority of the officers were returned for another year with Fr. J. Ryan, C.C., Bruff, continuing as chairman.

The full list of officers is: President, Miss E. Neville, Kilfinny; Vice President: Miss A. Doyle, St. Patrick's; Chairman: Fr. J. Ryan, C.C., Bruff; Vice-Chairman Mr. H. Greensmith, Hospital; Hon. Secretary Mrs. A. Meeney, Hospital; Asst. Hon. Sec.: Mrs. C. Greensmith, Hospital; Hon. Treasurer: A. Walsh Ballingarry; Asst. Hon. Treasurer: Miss L. O'Dea, Croagh; Registrar: Miss N. Higgins, Hospital.

Delegates to Munster Council: A. Meeney and C. Clancy, Congress Delegates: Miss B. Stokes and Miss A. McGrath, Ballinacorney.

## Sars

Our under 16 girls got the new season off to a fairly bright start, even though losing to Churchtown by a single point at Middleton on Sunday last in the League. The form of the team suggested that we can look forward to many fine games in the months ahead. Final score: Sars 2-1, Churchtown 2-2 and we were represented by the following: Ger Crowley, Collette O'Riordan, Dolores Henchion, Olive Twomey, Ann O'Sullivan, Carol O'Sullivan, Lil Twomey, Lil Zinkant, Ethna Barry, Marion O'Donovan, Rose O'Callaghan, and Marie O'Sullivan. Our scorers were Marian O'Donovan 1-0, Marie O'Sullivan 1-0 and Lil Twomey 0-1.

## MUNSTER TALENT-TITLES COME TO THE LEE

Two Cork groups proved successful in the Munster finals of the Ceoil, Caint agus Damhsa competitions at Adare yesterday.

These competitions are organised by the Camogie Association on an All-Ireland basis. Yesterday's winners go forward to the All-Ireland finals.

This year Waterford entered the competitions for the first time and had two successes, Limerick winning the remaining three.

Cork proved best in the novelty act which Eire Og club won. The girls involved were Rose O'Leary, Kitty Holmes and Teresa Kelleher.

The question time title also came to the Lee, with Old Aloysians Camogie Club coming out on top. The team members were Mrs. Aedin McCarthy, Mrs. Lil O'Neill and Siobhan O'Sullivan. Results:—

Irish dancing: Abane Club (Limerick). Recitation: Brid Ní Crath Clifford (Limerick). Solo singing: Mary Novelly act: Eire Og (Cork). Instrumental music: Christine Ross (Waterford).

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Presentation, Cashel, travel to Cork with an impressive record and reputation. Last year, in their first year of competitive camogie, they went all the way to take the Junior All-Ireland title, impressing everyone who saw them. Mount Mercy, it will be remembered, were on the receiving end of a devastating performance by the Cashel girls in the Munster final last season and any one who saw them in that game can only have been impressed by their dramatic performance.

This season their forward line is proving even more deadly and they have their eyes set firmly on retaining their title. Immaculate Heart, their Cork challengers, have been very impressive indeed in their short spell in the game and have three very good victories behind them this season. But they need to be at their best tomorrow if they are to have any chance of holding Cashel star, Regina Mulligan and her team mates.

Churchtown, who remain unbeaten in the intermediate league will be in action again on Sunday and should collect further points at the expense of Canovee. A victory here could put them in a very strong position indeed and with Josie Knowles and Noreen Bailey in scoring form they will hardly be beaten.

There are two junior league games listed for Sunday. In one of these Killeagh meet Youghal at the latter's venue and this clash will have a vital bearing on the East Cork section of the league. Both are unbeaten so far so there should be plenty of excitement in this clash for points.

Ballyphehane, who took two valuable points last Sunday from Douglas should strengthen their position even further this weekend by taking another brace of points from Blackrock, who themselves lost two to St. Finbarr's on Sunday last. Blackrock only returned to camogie last season and it is not easy to get success so soon. But they are a determined side and might just surprised the fancied Ballyphehane girls.

In the only under 18 game listed Buttevant meet Glanworth in a game which could eventually decide the North Cork section of this competition, so here again there will be no lack of spirit.

The new Old Aloysians Tournament has reached the semi-final stage with South Presentation and U.C.C. meeting on next Sunday. This is the losers' semi-final as both sides lost their first game.

U.C.C. with a preliminary

round match of the Ashbourne Cup against Maynooth coming up on Saturday week, will be taking this game very seriously as a good win would be a valuable boost to their morale for the Maynooth tie. The College girls have lost a number of their star players of recent years and may not be the force they have been of late. But they still have good performers in Eileen O'Hanlon, Mary Walsh, Cally Riordan and Val O'Dwyer and with the Ashbourne Cup so near they will be very keen and competitive.

But South Presentation Past Pupils, under new captain, Annette O'Donovan, will be anxious for a win here also. With the Cork County Championship in the not too distant future, they are endeavouring to get their side into shape and a win here would be a good basis on which to plan their championship campaign. Cork players Marian McCarthy and Mary Whelton, as well as the very useful Helen O'Mahony and Eleanor Bohane will be in action for South Pres. who must be expected to advance.

Away from the playing fields a number of Cork camogie

people will be very much involved in competition on Sunday next when the finals of the Ceoil, Caint agus Damhsa will be held in Adare. Last year Cork contestants were successful in three of the seven events. Four counties will take part in the Munster Finals, but as the standard of entries from Clare, Limerick and Waterford is unknown it is difficult to know how the Cork girls will fare.

### FIXTURES

Saturday at Ballyphehane — Munster Junior Colleges Semi-final — Immaculate Heart v. Presentation, Cashel, 3 p.m.

Sunday at Cloughduv — I.L. Churchtown v. Canovee 3 p.m. (ref. Aghabullogue).

At Youghal — J.L. Killeagh v. Youghal 3 p.m. (Ref. Cloyne).

At Ballyphehane — J.L. Ballyphehane v. Blackrock, 3.0 p.m. (Ref. St. Finbarrs).

At Glanworth — U. 18 L. — Buttevant v. Glanworth, 3.0 p.m. (Ref. St. Fanahans).

At Mardyke — Old Als. Tournament — Semi-final — South Presentation v. U.C.C., 3.0 p.m. (Ref. Old Aloysians).

At Adare — Munster C.C.D. Finals 3 p.m.

## CASHEL GIRLS AGAIN IN GREAT FORM

Presentation Convent (Cashel)—7-2; Immaculate Heart (Cork)—2-0

Presentation, Cashel, the 1975 All-Ireland junior colleges champions, continue to storm their way through Munster. With two fine victories already behind them they had a most impressive 7-2 to 2-0 win over a pallant Immaculate Heart in the semi-final of the Munster junior championship at Ballyphehane on Saturday.

Cashel forwards Kathleen Ryan and Regina Mulligan always mentored the Cork girls defence and with captain Mary Kelly and Majella Hallinan giving them a constant supply of the ball, Immaculate Heart were always up against a winning combination. However, they never gave up trying and had good performers in Mary Sullivan, Geraldine Deasy and Ann Tobin.

Scorers: Presentation, Cashel: K. Ryan 5-0, R. Mulligan 2-1, M. Hallinan 0-1. Ballyphehane: A. Tobin 1-0, Pauline Long 1-0.

Cashel—C. Kelly, C. Hennessy, E. Brennan, E. Bounar, K. Bergin, T. Scully, M. Kelly, C. Baggary, M. Hallinan, M. Leamy, R. Mulligan, K. Ryan.

Immaculate Heart—M. Walsh, M. Dorsey, C. Moynihan, P. Nolan, P. Moynagh, G. Deasy, A. Corcoran, M. Martin, M. Flood, C. Laine, E. Mc Gregor, A. Tobin. Subs.: M. Sullivan for M. Walsh; C. Boyle for E. Moynagh; P. Long for M. Flood.

### KILLEAGH ON TOP

Killeagh 7-6, Youghal 1-1

In the camogie league game played last Sunday at Youghal, Killeagh had an easy win over the home team. They led at half-time 2-2 to 1-0, but took complete control in the second half. Marion Sweeney was in top form for the winners as well as Pat Moloney.



CAMOGIE CONVENTION — Officers and delegates, pictured at the annual convention held by the Limerick Camogie Board, at the Gaelic League Hall, Limerick. Included are John Ryan, C.C., Chairman; Mrs. Ann Meaney, Hon. Sec., and Marie McGrath, A. Hon. Sec.



# Maynooth

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## CAMOGIE BY TAOBH LINE

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE Cork, holders of the Ashbourne Cup, the Universities' Camogie championship, face a very stern challenge to their continued supremacy when they take on new challengers, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, in the quarter-final at The Mardyke.

Maynooth, comparative late-comers to the competition, have sent out lively teams that have made an increasing impact in recent years. Indeed, a year ago, Maynooth staged this most enjoyable competition, with U.C.C. just retaining the trophy, in extra time against an earnest U.C.D. side.

Now with the advent to their ranks of Kilkenny's All-Ireland forward Angela Downey, Maynooth have new-found power and confidence. They are thus far undefeated in the Eastern Zone of the Higher Institutes' League and will be very hopeful now of ending Cork's reign.

Cork are, perhaps, not quite the force they were in recent years, but they are at their best in the Ashbourne and, with talented Cally Riordan again their outstanding figure, they still look good enough to win on familiar ground at The Mardyke.

The other two quarter-finals are also down for decision. In an all-Dublin clash, U.C.D. meet Trinity at Santry, while Queen's and the New University of Ulster do battle at Coleraine. On all the evidence, the victors should be U.C.D. and Queen's.

U.C.D. or Trinity will meet U.C.C. or Maynooth at Galway on February 14, while Galway, who, as the host College, have a bye in the opening round, will take on the survivors of the Coleraine v Queen's game. The final will be played in Galway on February 15.

Mrs. Purcell (Dublin) continues as president and Miss Mary Matthews, Belfast, as secretary of the Higher Institutes' Council. Miss Mary O'Brien (Cork) is the new treasurer, with Miss Marie Varley again Central Council representative. Miss Pauline Burke (Carysfort College) is the vice-president.

A presentation was made to the retiring treasurer, Mrs. Jane Beatty (Galway), former secretary and founder-member of the Council.

Holders, Presentation Cashel, have again qualified for the Munster Junior Colleges' final and will be at home to North Presentation in an effort to retain their title tomorrow week.

In Leinster, Presentation Tereure are through to the senior final, in which they will meet either holders, St. Brigids, Callan, or Mountmellick. Tereure are also Dublin representatives in the junior grade and play Wicklow Vocational School tomorrow in a quarter-final.

The other quarter-final between Ardee and Kilmuckridge is also due for decision tomorrow.

Winners of the Munster section of Ceol Caint agus Dambsa were: Dancing—Abane (Limerick); Recitation—Brid Nic Craith (Poerlaige); Singing—Mary Clifford (Limerick); Novelty—Eire Og (Cork); Question Time—Old Als (Cork); Instrumental—C. Hannan (Limerick); Ballad Group—An Rinn.

# U.C.C. Begin Defence Of 'Ashbourne'

U.C.C. set out in defence of their Ashbourne Cup title on tomorrow (Saturday) when they meet Maynooth in a preliminary round tie. There are a number of colleges fixtures also listed for tomorrow, while on Sunday the various County Board leagues go a stage further.

Maynooth, who lost to U.C.D. in the semi-final of last year's Ashbourne, will be anxious to gain a place in the semi-finals again this time. Kilkenny's opportunist forward, Angela Downey, has joined them this year and her inclusion will be a big boost. They also have the services of former U.C.C. star Sheila Ryan and overall they are a very determined side who will not admit defeat easily.

So U.C.C. have a tough one for their first game this season. The Cork girls have held the title for the last four years, defeating U.C.D. after extra time in last year's final. So no doubt the other colleges will be most determined to oust them this year.

U.C.C. don't look as good as in other years as they have lost a number of their stars. But they still have senior inter-county players Cally Riordan and Rosie Hennessy. Mary

Roche, Mary Walsh and Ger Butler have also represented the county in other grades. In addition they have experienced players in this year's captain, Ellen O'Hanlon, and Val O'Dwyer. And, of course, the home venue must be an asset, so that U.C.C. will start as favourites. But they will not find it that easy.

### U.C.C. PANEL

Marian Hanrahan, Emma Kelly, Mary Roche, Maureen Murphy, Marcella Murphy, Catherine O'Sullivan, Mary Roche, Mary Walsh, Camel Lucey, Val O'Dwyer, Cally Riordan, Rosie Hennessy, Mary Murphy, Kathleen Sheehan, Ger Butler, Anne Hayes, Noreen Courtney and Aedin McCarthy.

On the colleges front there are ties in the Intermediate "A" and "B" Leagues.

Pick of Sunday's league games must surely be the clash between Cloyne and Eire Og. These sides met in the intermediate championship final and after Eire Og looked winners for most of the game, Cloyne snatched a most dramatic victory. Since then Cloyne have dropped some valuable league points, while Eire Og remain unbeaten, but have yet to play a number of games, including that against league leaders Churchtown. But a win on Sunday would be a great boost for Eire Og and would also give them some compensation for that championship defeat. But Cloyne will be just as determined to prove that the championship win was deserved. So it all adds up to a likely thriller.

There are three under 16 league games listed. Killeagh are doing nicely in this campaign and should take a further brace of points at the expense of Watergrasshill.

In the same competition Churchtown should also come out on top at the expense of Sarsfields.

Moving up a grade, we come to the under-18 league, and here Na Piarasigh can take the city section with a win over Douglas. Na Piarasigh, with several Cork minors, including Marion Twomey, Claire Harris, Marie Coughlan, Janet Davis and Ann Goggins, would appear to have too many big guns for Liz Lynch and company.

In the Junior League, St. Finbarr's meet U.C.C. Like co-leaders, Ballyphehane, St. Finbarr's are down two points in the league city section so they cannot afford to drop any more points. But U.C.C.'s second string are out of the running and are hardly likely to prevent them from getting another valuable pair of points.

The final match of the day will be an under-16 clash between Blackrock and Ballinlough. But as Ballyphehane have already won this particular section the result will not matter except to the sides involved.

## U.C.C. through after a hard fight

UCC 2-6, Maynooth 3-2

Holders UCC are through to the semi-finals of the Ashbourne Cup, but only just. At the Mardyke on Saturday they had to fight all the way in a preliminary round game against Maynooth and only scored the winning point in the closing minute.

Maynooth must consider themselves somewhat unlucky to be out after a brilliant performance, inspired by Kilkenny inter-county star Angela Downey. Angela always troubled the UCC girls and led her side to one of their finest performances in their few short years in the competition. But victory was not to be on a day when UCC missed many chances, but finally found their scoring form and snatched those vital scores.

Val O'Dwyer, Ellen O'Hanlon, Mary Roche, Mary Walsh and Cally Riordan played well for UCC, while Angela Downey, Lynn Nolan and Deirdre O'Sullivan shone for Maynooth.

Scorers: UCC — A Hayes 1-0, C Riordan 1-0, E O'Hanlon 0-3, V O'Dwyer 0-3; Maynooth — A Downey 2-2, M McAteer 1-0.

UCC — M Hanrahan, M Roche, M Murphy, M Murphy, M Walsh, V O'Dwyer, C Riordan, C Lucey, E O'Hanlon, G Butler, A Hayes, M Murphy. Sub: N Courtney for M Murphy.

Maynooth — S Ryan, B Larkin, A McHugh, C Silke, D O'Sullivan, L. Nolan, R Morris, M McAteer, A Downey, M Phelan, C O'Carroll, C Kelly. Sub: G N. Mhuire for R Norris.

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# R.T.E. Gets The Knock

By AGNES HOURIGAN  
Main Camogie interest this week centres on the Council chambers rather than on the playing fields, with two Provincial conventions being held. Both are on Sunday with the Ulster officials gathering at Edendork in County Tyrone, and the Munster delegates assembling at the Victoria Hotel in Cork.

In the North, Rev. Fr. Davies (Down), chairman for the last three years, is not seeking re-election and is likely to be succeeded by Mrs. Lynch. Miss Maureen Smyth (Antrim) as vice-chairman and both Fr. Davies and Mrs. Treanor (Monaghan) have been nominated for the post of secretary, from which Miss Rita O'Loughlin is retiring. Nobody seems anxious to take on the job of treasurer or assistant secretary.

That the Camogie Association is unhappy about the coverage, or rather lack of coverage of its games by RTE is proved by a Cavan motion that calls for the convention to condemn RTE's attitude. Cavan also ask that an Insurance scheme be introduced by Central Council for all Camogie players.

A call for the removal of the top cross-bar has been a hardy annual at Congress for many years now, and will come this time from Down.

The same county will ask that medals be provided for runners-up, both in the Ulster and All-Ireland championships, and that the All-Ireland fixtures committee find half-way venues for counties involved (presumably in semi-finals) in order to eliminate unnecessary expense, while Monaghan suggest that Central Council pay

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the catering expenses at All-Ireland semi-finals.

In her report, Miss O'Loughlin pays fitting tribute to all those who, despite almost overwhelming difficulties, have the game going so successfully in the North.

Munster discussions will centre on matters of local interest, but there the entire officer Board will be returned unchanged. They are chairman — Miss Mary Moran (Cork); vice-chairman — Sr. Angela (Clare); secretary — Miss Ethna Neville (Limerick); treasurer — Miss Mary Heelan and registrar — Miss Ann-Marie O'Loughlin (Clare).

The Munster junior colleges final is scheduled for Cashel tomorrow. There the local Presentation Convent, who are holders, will entertain North Presentation from Cork. The Cork girls will travel hopefully but all the odds must be on the Tipperary school which has never yet been beaten in its two years in this competition.

Both Leinster junior colleges semi-finals are listed for this weekend. Tomorrow Presentation Tereure face a strong side from Kilmuckridge in Wexford while on Sunday Kilmuckridge face a highly rated side from Thomastown, County Kilkenny.

Also on Sunday, the quarter-finals of the Senior 'B' brings together Mercy Convent, Naas and Thomastown, while at Durrrow tomorrow Mercy Callan play the College Mountmellick in the playoff of the Senior

## CALLAN OUT OF CAMOGIE RACE

AFTER A busy weekend on the Leinster Colleges playing field the pairings for the Senior and Junior Finals at Croke Park on February 21 are now known.

Mercy Convent, Callan, the holders of the senior crown, the Stuart Cup won the play-off game with the College, Mountmellick at Durrrow and now face Presentation, Tereure, whom they conquered in last year's final.

Vocational, Thomastown and Tereure Presentation defeated Kilmuckridge Presentation and Vocational, Kilmuckridge and will contest the Junior final.

Thomastown Vocational led 3-3 to 1-0 at half-time. Kilmuckridge turned in a great secondhalf to draw level in the closing minutes but Thomastown had the last word — a point — and victory.

Tereure, the holders, had an easy passage in the second junior semi-final winning 8-3 to 0-1 for Kilmuckridge.

Cashel blast year's Junior All-Ireland winners retained the Munster crown at Cashel on Saturday where they defeated North Presentation, Cork.

## CAMOGIE OFFICERS

The following officers were elected at the Ulster Camogie Convention in Dungannon: — Chairman, Mrs. M. Lynch (Carrickmacross); Vice-Chairman, Miss M. Smyth (Antrim); Secretary, Mrs. R. Traynor (Fermanagh); Treasurer, Rev. Fr. Anthony Davis (Downey); Registrar, Mr. John Moran (Tyrone).

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# Role of Coaching stressed

The positive role which coaching has to play in camogie was stressed by Miss Mary Moran, Chairman, when she addressed delegates at Munster Council Convention, which was held in the Victoria Hotel, Cork, yesterday. "The main objective of our association is the promotion of the game of camogie," she said and continued: "The attractiveness of camogie both to players and spectators will depend on the standard of skill, fitness and organisation displayed."

But, Miss Moran said, there were many camogie people in Munster who have yet to be convinced of the value of coaching. "To my knowledge, half of our counties have yet to hold an organised coaching course. The fact is even more surprising when one considers the almost immediate success which followed such courses in other counties."

The Chairman went on to list the benefits of coaching. "Primarily it assists a player to improve as an individual and as a member of a team and enables her to reach her full capacity. It makes camogie much more enjoyable, stimulates interest in the game as a skillful sport, improves it as a spectacle

and in its appeal to spectators. It also helps to eliminate rough play and promotes good discipline."

"Up to a few years ago, coaching in camogie, where it did exist, was haphazard, and very little aids were available. The inauguration of the National Coaching Course has done much to rectify this shortcoming. But however, interest shown by Munster personnel in the Gormanston Course has been disappointing."

Miss Moran then went on to list the aids available to clubs and counties to help them in creating a greater interest in coaching and again appealed for greater participation in this most important aspect of the game.

All the officers of the Council were returned unopposed. They are: Chairman, Miss Mary Moran (Cork); Vice-Chairman, Rev. Sr. Angela (Clare); Hon. Sec., Miss Eithne Neville (Limerick); Treasurer, Miss Mary Heelan (Cork); Registrar, Miss Ann-Marie O'Loughlin (Clare).

The Munster Championship draws were made at Convention and resulted as follows:—

Senior: Tipperary v. Limerick; Clare v. Cork.

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

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

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

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

## Cashel Favourites For Munster Title

THE first of the Munster Colleges Championships has reached its final stage. This is the junior event in which North Presentation travel to Cashel on tomorrow to take on the local Presentation, who are of course not only Munster champions but also holders of the All Ireland title.

The Victoria Hotel Cork will be the venue for Munster Convention on Sunday, while on the same day there are a number of vital league clashes.

Presentation, Cashel, will be chasing their second successive Munster title tomorrow. In their short history Cashel have made quite a name for themselves. They stormed through Munster already this season and they must start as hot favourites to represent Munster in the All-Ireland semis again this year.

North Presentation, who contested the 1974 All-Ireland Junior final, are not without hope though. They have good players in Geraldine Murray, Ber McDonald and Martha Carney but their backs will have to mark the Cashel danger girls. Kathleen Ryan and Regina Mulligan very closely indeed if they are to stay in the game. This Cashel pair are devastating when given the half chance and if Mary Kelly and Majella Hallinan are allowed to give them their usual supply of the ball, then the Cork girls will have a real fight on their hands.

But North Presentation will not be overawed by the Cashel girls' reputation and will travel to Cashel determined to cause a major upset. And they have the

spirit to do so but it will be difficult indeed.

Munster Convention is being held in Cork this year. The same team of officers will be in office again in 1976. All the outgoing group are unopposed with the exception of Ann-Maria O'Loughlin. Sr. Angela is named in opposition to the present Registrar but as the same Sr. Angela is herself unopposed for Vice-Chairman she cannot also be in the running for the Registrar's post.

So the Council remains the same and is as follows: Chairman, Mary Moran; Vice-Chairman, Sr. Angela; Hon. Sec., Eithne Neville; Treasurer, Mary Heelan; Registrar, Ann-Marie O'Loughlin.

Among the motions listed for Convention is one from Clare which asks that the Munster Senior Championship be played prior to the All-Ireland Senior Championship. At present, the championship is played after the All-Ireland.

Cork want the County champions or Co. representatives in the Inter-Club championship to be known on or before 30th September. Such teams must be prepared to play their Munster Inter-Club fixtures as and from the second Sunday in October.

From the Secretary's report to Convention we see that Munster brought three major trophies to the Province last year. Munster won the Gael Linn Cup, with the Minor All-Ireland going to Cork and the Junior Colleges going to Presentation, Cashel. But we were without the senior or junior title and lets hope that the new season brings us back to the top in these grades.

There is one senior league game listed for Sunday. In this U.C.C. meet South Presentation Past Pupils. The University girls are in the middle of Ashbourne Cup training—it takes place next weekend in Galway—and could be the fitter side.

On Saturday last they had the narrowest of wins against Maynooth in a preliminary round tie and did not look as good as other years. But they still have that great fighting spirit which would not allow them to accept defeat when it seemed inevitable. They looked out of the Ashbourne with ten minutes to go, but rallied and grabbed a dramatic win. This victory must give them a boost now and unless South Presentation have started their championship training they will hardly hold Val O'Dwyer, Ellen O'Hanlon, Cally Riordan and company.

In the Junior League, Buttevant meet Blackwater and here the more experienced Buttevant should take the points.

There are two under age games listed. In the under-16 the game between Fire Og and Castlevue should decide section winners after a very close contest, while the clash between Killeagh and Castlevue will be for two vital points.

### FIXTURES

Tomorrow at Cashel—Munster Colleges Junior final: Presentation, Cashel v. North Presentation, Cork, 3 p.m. (Ref. E. Neville, Limerick).

Sunday at Victoria Hotel, Cork—Munster Convention, 2.30 p.m. At Bandon—U-18 L: Fire Og v. Castlevue, 5 p.m. (Ref. Aghabullogue).

### CASHEL HAD TO FIGHT TO RETAIN TITLE

Presentation, Cashel ..... 1-5.  
North Presentation, Cork 0-1.

Presentation, Cashel, the holders, had to fight every inch of the way before defeating a brave North Presentation, Cork, team in the final of the Munster Junior Camogie Championship at Cashel on Saturday and thus retained the title by 1-5 to 0-1.

It must, indeed, be frustrating for the Cork girls, who played so brilliantly, to find they could only register one point for their efforts. In fact, lady luck was not too kind to them on a number of occasions, especially in the second half, when they really had the pressure on the winners.

The winners led 1-0 to 0-1 at the interval, when Kathleen Ryan beat the Cork defence to score a great goal. Martha Kearney, the best player on the field, reduced the lead with a point.

Cashel increased the lead midway in the second half with two points by Mary Kelly from the 30-yard mark. Majella Hallinan added another point from a free, and then just before the final whistle, Regina Mulligan made the issue safe with a lovely point from the sideline.

## Camogie Convention

### MUNSTER CONVENTION

FRONT:- EITHNE NEVILLE (SEC), SR. ANGELA (VICE-CH), MARY MORAN (CHAIRMAN), MARY HEELAN (TRES), JO GOLDEN (GEN. SEC.).

BACK:- K. McNicholls (CLARE), M. O'HALLORAN (CLARE), IDE NI SHE (CORK), ROSE O'LEARY (CORK), LARY CLAWLY (LIMERICK), ANN MEANEY (LIMERICK)





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# Ashbourne Cup In Galway

(By AGNES HOURIGAN)

It is Ashbourne Cup time again and Galway this weekend will house the annual battle between the universities for supremacy on the camogie fields.

Tomorrow, holders U.C. Cork take on their keepest traditional rivals, U.C. Dublin while in the second semi-final the host college, Galway play the Belfast students from Queens. The winners meet in the final on Sunday.

In the Duthracht (Shield) competition Trinity and the New University of Ulster from Coleraine meet in the semi-final tomorrow, and the winners play St. Patrick's, Maynooth, in the decider on Sunday.

This game will be the curtain raiser to the Ashbourne Cup final. The entire series will be staged at Pearse Stadium in Salthill.

## BRILLIANT

The Cork girls, seeking their fifth successive "Ashbourne" will start favourites thanks to their quarter-final victory over Maynooth, who had been rated the next strongest side in the competition. But in that suc-

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cess they had to rely greatly on the genius of their Cork All-Ireland star Caly Riordan to snatch victory.

U.C.D. have no player of similar status, but they have a well-balanced side including May Ryan, Anne Spratt, Shira Casey, Monica Lochlainn and Siobhan Aylward, Mairead Nic Raois and captain Marian Geoghegan all of whom played on the Dublin side that went down to Cork only after extra time in last year's exciting final.

Home team Galway will be making their first appearance in the current competition, but with brilliant goalkeeper Kathleen Delaney and promising Tipperary player Kathleen Tynan, they are likely to prove too good for Queen's in the second semi-final, and indeed must be rated as good prospects to recapture the trophy.

In the "Duthracht," Maynooth will be strong favourites to take the trophy, irrespective of whether Trinity or Coleraine win through tomorrow.

With the colleges season

now approaching a climax, tomorrow will see the Munster senior final between two Cork schools Mount Mercy and St. Aloysius. Mount Mercy will be favourites as they defeated St. Ais in a League game earlier in the season, and ousted the holders Rosary Hill from the championship.

## QUALIFIED

The Munster junior final was decided last weekend when the holders and all-Ireland champions, Presentation Cashel, had to fight very hard indeed to overcome the challenge of North Presentation, Cork.

At the weekend too the remaining semi-finals in the Leinster senior and junior semi-finals were played. Holders St. Brigid's, Callan, qualified to meet Presentation Terenure in the senior final with a hard-earned victory over Mountmellick.

Terenure are also through to the junior final. They had a runaway win over Kilmuckridge, but in the other semi-final the Kilkenny girls from Thomastown just held on to defeat Kilcock. Both finals will be played at Croke Park on February 21.

# UCC again Ashbourne Cup champions

U.C.C. 5-3 : U.C.G. 1-2

University College, Cork yesterday won the Ashbourne Cup for intervarsity camogie for the fifth consecutive time with a convincing win over University College, Galway at Salthill.

The stronger Cork side had to struggle right up to the last quarter to keep ahead of the spirited Galway girls, but in the end their superior skills saw them well ahead, after a game of much tight play.

U.C.C. led by 1-2 to 0-1 at the interval and added a further goal soon after the restart. Galway fought back and a goal and a point brought them into contention once more. But a strong Cork defence withstood many attacks and in the end the tired Galway team conceded three further goals.

Best for U.C.C. were Mary Roche, Caly Riordan, Ger Blaler, Aileen McCarthy and Carmel Lucey. For U.C.G., Breda Coady, Kathleen Tynan, Dolores Duggan and Kathleen Delaney were most impressive.

Scorers: U.C.C. V. O'Dwyer 1-2; A. McCarthy 2-0; C. Riordan and G. Butler 1-0 each; A. Hayes 0-1. U.C.G., D. Duggan 1-1, and K. Tynan 0-1.

U.C.C.: M. Hanrahan, M. Roche, M. Murphy, M. Murphy, M. Walsh, V. O'Dwyer, C. Riordan, C. Lucey, G. Butler, E. O'Hanlon (capt.); A. Hayes, A. McCarthy.

U.C.G.: B. Coady, K. Delaney, K. Tynan, M. McDonnell, L. Connelly, B. Donlon, B. Larkin, M. K. Donlon, C. Moroney, D. Duggan, M. Byrne, F. Walshe

Referee, P. Breslin (Dublin).

# THE CAMOGIE SCENE

By AGNES HOURIGAN

AS usual, the Ashbourne Cup competition, as it has done for more than half a century, provides the first big event of the new camogie season. Again, all seven universities in the country will be competing, and if Maynooth, who have the assistance of Kilkenny and Leinster star Angela Downey, succeed in winning the title for the first time, that would be a great landmark in the history of camogie's oldest competition.

Certainly if Maynooth continue to play as well as they have been doing in the Higher Institutes League they must travel to Galway for the February 14-15 weekend with reasonable hopes of success.

The Maynooth girls were unbeaten in the pre-Christmas stages of the C.C.I.A. (Higher Institutes) League, a competition which includes the Teacher Training Colleges as well as the Universities. The other unbeaten team in the Eastern zone was St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra.

St. Pat's have the assistance of three noted players, Nuala Jennings (Cork), Dorothy Walsh (Wexford) and Midge Poniard (Galway) and the meeting between themselves and Maynooth should be a clash worth travelling a long way to see. If the Drumcondra side is the most successful, all the Training Colleges, including the National College of Physical Education in Limerick, now possess thriving camogie teams, and the fact that Primary teachers, who are themselves active camogie players, will now be taking up positions through the country will give a much-needed boost to the efforts being made to spread the game amongst the Primary schools.

A Council set up by last Con-

gress to deal with organising the game in the Primary schools has already done much good work. There were already several counties in which Primary school competitions have been organised, and that number is increasing steadily. At present Dublin has some 18 Primary schools active. Many of these have been playing friendly games between themselves, and a competition will get under way later in the Spring.

Commensurate progress has been made in other centres, but a difficulty has been that a number of teachers had very little direct interest in promoting the game. The enthusiasm in the Training Colleges at present, however, is a very hopeful development. When those student-players become teachers themselves it is obvious that they will bring their enthusiasm for the game with them into their schools.

Leinster Convention decided to play the senior championship on an open draw system this year, and again there will only be three counties in that competition. Of course until recently Leinster was the only province with a proper senior championship, but this competition was revived in Munster in 1973 and 1974, and in 1975 four counties took part.

However, the difficulty in Leinster has been that the counties dominating the junior provincial championship are those with teams in the senior grade already.

However, on all the evidence we saw in 1975, both at inter-county and inter-club level, Kildare should be good enough to move up to the top grade during the months ahead.

There is no great hope of see-

ing full-scale senior championships restored in Ulster and Connaught in the immediate future unless, of course, there is some move to end the present open draw system of running the All-Ireland senior competition.

The open draw was only adopted for an experimental period but has proved so successful that, as I see it, there is very little to be gained by reverting to the old system.

Meanwhile, after the Ashbourne we will have the concluding stages of the All-Ireland Club championship for which Athenry, Newry, Buffers Alley (Wexford) and the Munster champions, Croagh (Limerick) or Drom and Inch (Tipperary) are in contention. In my opinion Buffer's Alley look the most likely to win through.

## JUNIOR DESK AWARDS —1975

Congratulations to all concerned, especially Paddy Downey (*Irish Times*), winner in the G.A.A. Journalist of the Year section for the fourth successive year. Almost as good as Eddie Keher and Pat Hartigan.

### 1975 JUNIOR DESK AWARDS

- Top Footballer:** John O'Keefe (Kerry).
- Top Hurler:** Liam "Chunky" O'Brien (Kilkenny).
- Top Camogie Star:** Bridget Doyle (Wexford).
- Top Handballer:** Pat Kirby (Clare).
- Top G.A.A. Journalist:** Paddy Downey (*Irish Times*).
- Top Referee:** John Moloney (Tipperary).
- Top G.A.A. Official:** Sean Ó Siocháin and Mick O'Dwyer (Kerry).

Score of the Year: John Egan's goal for Kerry v Dublin in the 1975 All-Ireland S.F. final.

# Ashbourne Cup

University College Cork, the holders, and University College, Galway, qualified for the final of the Intervarsity camogie championship for the Ashbourne Cup when they defeated University College Dublin and Queen's University Belfast respectively at Pearse Stadium, Galway, yesterday.

U.C.C. .... 1-4

U.C.D. .... 0-1

After a promising start UCD faded at the end of the first half and Cork led 1-2 to 0-1 at half time. In a hard-fought second half the winners added two further points.

Best for the winners were: Caly Riordan, Val O'Dwyer, Mary Roche, Ella O'Hanlon, and Geraldine Butler. For Dublin May Ryan, Mairead Nic Raois, Marion Geoghan, Shira Casey did best.

SCORERS UCC: C. Riordan (1-0), V. O'Dwyer (0-3), and A. McCarthy (0-1). UCD: M. Ryan (0-1).

U.C.G. .... 8-5

Q.U.B. .... 0-1

U.C.G., allround a better side and with more combination, made all the running against Queen's who had some fine individual strikers but lacked cohesion. The winners, who led 4-3 to 0-1 at half time, dominated the second half.

SCORERS: U.C.D.—F. Walshe (4-1), D. Duggan (2-2), N. Byrne (1-0), K. Delaney (1-0) and K. Tynan (0-2). Q.U.B.—A. McAlister (0-1).

N.U.U. (Coleraine) ... 6-2

DUBLIN UNIV. .... 2-1

New University of Ulster qualified for the Shield final for the first time when they versity at Galway yesterday. They play Maynooth in a final at Pearse Stadium today (2.0).

SCORERS: NUU—M. Lavery (3-0), B. Lavery (1-0), M. Gormley (1-1), and G. Rafferty (1-1). Dublin University — E. Kelly (1-0), F. Walsh (1-0), M. Gibbons (0-1).



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A St. Als forward about to rise and strike for a point during the Munster Colleges Camogie Final against Mt. Mercy at Curraheen Road on Saturday.

ANN MOORE, ETHNA BARRY & CLAIRE CRONIN

## Early goal set St. Als on right road

St. Aloysius 5-1; Mount Mercy 2-2

A first minute goal brilliantly taken by Claire Cronin, set St. Aloysius on the road to regaining the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie Cup. St. Aloysius dominated the opening twenty minutes and the scores taken during this period won the match for them.

Trailing 4-1 to 1-1 on the change-over, Mount Mercy came more in to the game in the second half. Good work by B. Golden, Anne Moore, m. p. ahern, H. Collins and B. Dunne kept Mount Mercy in the game and the big crowd on it toes. But the real heroines of the day were the St. Als stars, Claire Cronin, J. O'Brien, P. Mackey, G. Ring, B. Cronin and E. Hackett.

St. Als now meet the Leinster champions in the All-Ireland semi-final in Cork on 6th March.

Scorers — St. Als: C. Cronin 2-1, E. Barry 2-0, P. Hayes 1-0. Mount Mercy: B. Golden 1-0, G. Coffey 1-0, M. Nolan 0-2.

St. Als: G. Ring, E. Collins, E. Hackett, C. Coomey, J. O'Brien (capt.), M. Murphy, B. Cronin, C. McCarthy, P. Mackey, P. Hayes, C. Cronin, and E. Barry.

Mount Mercy: C. Mulcahy, A. Carey, A. Moore, A. O'Sullivan, B. Dunne, M. Aberne, M. Nolan, B. Golden, H. Collins, E. Galvin, M. McCarthy and P. McNally.



SHOOT! — A St. Als forward (left) has plenty of vocal support from the line as she shoots for the Mt. Mercy goal during the Munster Colleges camogie final at Curraheen Rd on Saturday.

PATRICIA MACKAY & A. CARGY



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The University College, Cork, camogie team, winners of the Ashbourne Cup inter-varsity competition for the fifth year in succession.

## BUFFER'S ALLEY FOR CLUB FINAL

### CAMOGIE BY TAOBH LINE

FOUR TEAMS, none of whom had ever won previously, won a provincial title, will contest the semi-finals of the All-Ireland Club Camogie championship on Sunday. At Monamolin a powerful Buffer's Alley side will be hosts to an extremely talented outfit from Athenry in a Wexford v Galway confrontation. Down at Adare the Limerick and Munster champions from Croagh-Kilfinny entertain the Ulster standard-bearers from Newry.

Buffer's Alley, having defeated the All-Ireland title-holders St. Paul's, Kilkenny on the way to their first Leinster title, are now fancied to keep the supreme crown in the Eastern Province. Certainly they have an impressive line-out powered by a whole galaxy of All-Ireland stars, Eisie and Dorothy Walsh, Margaret Leacy, goalkeeper Kathleen Tonks, Bridie Doran and Maggie Hearne.

But Athenry can claim a whole host of All-Ireland medalists themselves as most of their side have won Colleges trophies with their local Presentation Convent team, and many possess Connacht medals won with Galway.

Led by senior county and interprovincial players in Ann Donoghue and Midge Ponard they can also call upon Breda Coady, Olive and Sarita Coady, Noreen Treacy, Anna and Teresa Duane and Eileen Hynes.

Although not equal to the Wexford champions in experience — they are a very thoughtful side — Athenry possess an abundance of talent and will make a very brave bid to upset the odds and reach the final.

Form is harder to assess in the game at Adare, where the Croagh-Kilfinny girls will be very nearly on home ground. They did well when taking their first Munster title, and with Bridie Stokes, Margie Neville, Anne Sheehy and Marion Doyle to provide a back-bone of inter-county players, must be fancied especially since they will have an abundance of local support.

But Newry have inter-county players themselves in and will travel south optimistically, with a strong band of supporters.

Meanwhile tomorrow the Leinster and senior and junior Colleges finals will again see Presentation Terenure bidding for the provincial double. A year ago the seniors were foiled by St. Brigid's Callan, and now find themselves opposed by the same school. This time, however, the balance of power seems to have swung in favour of the Dublin girls, who have a stronger side than last year.

Callan will feel the loss of the Downey twins, but otherwise they have the bulk of last year's winners available, and will still be very hard to beat.

Terenure juniors had a sweeping semi-final victory over Kilmuckridge and on that form must be fancied to retain their title at the expense of the South Kilkenny side from Thomastown, who were hard-pressed to account for Kilcock in their semi-final, and who will be making their first appearance at Croke Park.

The Munster Colleges senior final was decided on Saturday last when St. Aloysius regained the title at the expense of Mount Mercy.

## ATHENRY MEETS LIMERICK SIDE

THE STAGE is now set for the final of the all-Ireland Senior Camogie Club Championship following the two decided semi-finals yesterday. At Monamolin, Co. Wexford, the Galway side, Athenry, ousted the Wexford favourites, Buffer's Alley, by 0-5 to 0-3, while Croagh-Kilfinny, the Limerick and Munster club champions, accounted for Shamrocks Naomh Brid, Newry, by 5-4 to 4-4, at Adare.

### Athenry (Co. Galway), 0-5;

Buffer's Alley (Co. Wexford), 0-3  
ATHENRY gave an impressive display of fast striking to score a narrow but deserved victory over Buffer's Alley in a very thrilling semi-final, in Monamolin, where the standard of camogie was first-class.

Favourites Buffers Alley never settled down and bad marksmanship cost them a total of 11 wides, including five from scorable frees in the first half. Backed by a strong defence and a very competent midfield Athenry made the most of their chances and led by 0-4 to nil at the interval.

There was tremendous excitement after the interval as Buffers Alley fought back to cut the arrears to a point with no minutes remaining. However, a superb Athenry defence defied their best efforts and the winners came back for a last minute point.

Margaret Ponard and Anne Donoghue were outstanding for Athenry at midfield. Ann Duane and Josephine Coen starred in defence while Olive Coady and Teresa Duane excelled in attack. Best for the losers were Margaret Hearne, Margaret Lacey, Eisie Walsh and Brendan McLeana.

Scorers — Athenry — M. ponard (0-3), O. Coady and T. Duane (0-1 each). Buffers Alley — M. Hearne (0-2), B. McLean (0-1).

### Croagh-Kilfinny (Limerick), 5-4; Shamrocks Naomh Brid (Newry), 4-4

CROAGH-KILFINNY had a close call, at Adare, when, after leading 5-3 to 1-1 at half time in their semi-final, with Shamrocks Naomh Brid, and just held on by a single goal at the end. However, if the Down star, Marian McGarvey, had more accuracy from her long pucks in the second half, the result might have been different.

The home side deservedly led 1-3 to 1-1 at half time. Newry were a different side with the wind behind them and gradually

narrowed the difference until with five minutes left for play they were only a goal behind.

The home side earned a free which Marian Doule pointed. Play swung to the other end and a foul resulted on one of the visitors attackers just on full time. Marian McGarvey pointed the free and this left the home side through to the final.

Best for the winners were Marian Doyle, Brid Stokes, M. Fitzgerald, M. Hickey and for Newry, Sheila Turley, Marian Finnegan, Monica McParland and Marian McGarvey.

Scorers — Croagh-Kilfinny — Doyle (2-4), M. Fitzgerald (2-0), A. Sheehy (1-0). Shamrocks Naomh Brid — M. McGarvey.

## Imokilly Pick Camogie Selection

Following a full scale trial at the C.B.S. Sportsground, Midleton, on Saturday, Imokilly County Senior camogie champions picked their selection for the defence of their title. Of last year's winning side, the bulk are retained but missing from the line-out will be Sarsfields star, Mary Canavan, who we believe, has retired from the game.

On the selection are Josie Knowles, Susan Burke, Jane O'Brien, Rosie Condon (Churchtown North), Marie Costine, Kathleen Costine, Bernadette Costine, Anne O'Shea (Clonmel), Cathy Landers, Betty Joyce, Marion Sweeney, Pat Moloney (Killeagh), Elizabeth Higgins, Angela Higgins, Mary O'Leary (Watergrasshill), and Kay Spillane (Carrigtwohill).

A feature of the selection is that each player has represented her county at some level and three of the selection have captained the county team — Marie Costine, Pat Moloney and Marion Sweeney.

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# St. Als Will Need To Be In Top Gear

CORK have won senior, junior and minor All-Ireland titles, but a notable omission is the lack of a colleges title. In 1969 St. Aloysius made it to the final in Croke Park, but had to give best to Presentation, Kilkenny. North Presentation of Cork also reached the junior final in 1974, but they, too, suffered defeat. So we are still without that elusive colleges All-Ireland.

This year Cork and Munster's hopes of a senior title rest on the shoulders of St. Aloysius, who three weeks ago defeated Mount Mercy in the Munster final. Now they have to tackle Presentation, Terenure, in the All-Ireland semi-final on tomorrow (Saturday) at Curraheen Road. In the second semi-final Presentation, Athenry, meet St. Louis, Kilkel in Kilkel.

St. Aloysius have three championship matches behind them. They defeated North Presentation and St. Pauls' before Mount Mercy and they have improved with each outing.

Ger Ring, in the St. Als goal, has some fine saves to her credit in the competition. Elaine Collins, Eleanor Hackett and Carol Cooney are improving as a unit with each outing. Captain Jas O'Brien retreated to the centrefield position for the Munster final, where she got through an amount of work.

Margaret Murphy, Bernice Cronin and C. McCarthy form a strong centrefield trio, while Patricia Mackey, Patricia Hayes and Eithne Barry can all take any chance which presents itself. Cork minor Claire Cronin, who scored two great goals in the Munster final, has been on the injured list, but St. Als are hoping that she will be flying by tomorrow. With the advantage of a home venue and the prize of a trip to Croke Park for Colleges Day, St. Als should lift themselves to great heights for the occasion.

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But it will be tough going against a side which caused something of a surprise when defeating All-Ireland finalists Callan in the Leinster final. Though behind for much of the game, Terenure battled away and came through to win. They are a strong even team with their outstanding players spread throughout the side. So St. Als will need to be on top and here their supporters — so marvellous throughout the championship so far — can give them that vocal backing so important in this grade.

In the second semi-final, All-Ireland champions for the past

two years, Presentation, Athenry, make the long journey to Kilkel to play the local St. Louis Convent. Athenry had no trouble in coming out on top in Connacht and must be favourites to reach the decider. But it's a long journey to Kilkel and the home venue could help the Antrim champions. However, Athenry must be expected to win.

The various league campaigns continue on Sunday, with six games listed.

Castleview could make sure of section honours in their clash with Ballinora in the Under-13 League, while Eire Og are likely to continue their winning sequence in the intermediate race.

There are two junior ties listed. In the first of these Ballinlough could prove too strong for Blackrock, while Buttevant should have the edge over Blackwater. Closest tie of the

day is likely to be in the under-16 campaign, where Douglas meet Ballypheane.

Following the success of camogie in the colleges in recent years, the Camogie Association is now endeavouring to get the game underway in the primary schools. Last season a Primary Schools Council was set up and they have now decided to organise a league competition this season. Many schools expressed interest in this development last year and these have been circularised about the proposed league. But there is plenty of room for more schools to take part and all those interested in entering the competition should contact Miss Rose O'Leary of the council, either at the Cork Schools Board or Senior County Board, or write to her at "Palm Grove", Knockanemore, Ovens.

### FIXTURES

Saturday — All-Ireland Colleges Senior Semi-finals: At Curraheen Road, St. Aloysius v. Presentation, Terenure, 2.30 p.m. (referee Eithne Neville, Limerick); at Kilkel, Presentation, Athenry, v. St. Louis, Kilkel, 3 p.m. (referee Phyllis Breslin).

Sunday — At Ballinora: Under-18 L., Ballinora v. Castleview, 12. (referee Ballincollig).

At Ovens: I.L., Sarsfields v. Eire Og, 12. (referee Inniscarra). At Middleton: Under-13 L., Churchtown v. Killeagh, 3 p.m. (referee Carrigtwohill). At Mallow: J.L., Blackwater v. Buttevant, 12. (referee St. Fanahans). At Ballypheane: Under-16 L., Douglas v. Ballypheane, 3 p.m. (referee Na Piarasigh). At Blackrock: J.L., Ballinlough v. Blackrock, 3 p.m. (referee St. Finbarrs).

## ST. ALOYSIUS ARE CROKE PARK BOUND

By JOAN MORLEY

St. Aloysius 4-3 Presentation, Terenure 4-1  
Cork college, St. Aloysius, are Croke Park bound for All-Ireland Colleges Day. On Saturday they earned the right to contest the final of the Senior Championship when they defeated a gallant Presentation, Terenure at Curraheen Road.

Terenure adapted themselves more quickly to the adverse conditions and were first to score. But though St. Als. were struggling somewhat in the early stages they gradually came more into the game and were ahead at half time by 2-2 to 1-1.

In the second period St. Als. might have clinched the issue before the tension packed final ten minutes. Chances were squandered and Terenure were allowed through for a vital score to level. But the Cork girls proved their worth by winning back the lead.

Scorers: St. Aloysius — Jas O'Brien 0-4, Eithne Barry, Mary Murphy and Patricia Mackey 1-0 each. Terenure — Edel Murphy 2-0, Fiona Clancy 1-0, Frances Murphy 0-1.

St. Aloysius: G. Ring, C. Coomey, E. Collins, M. Murphy, E. Hackett, C. McCarthy, P. Mackey, B. Cronin, J. O'Brien, M. Murphy, E. Barry, C. Cronin. Sub.: P. Hayes for B. Cronin.

Terenure: A. O'Brien, P. Hannigan, B. Feeney, M. Kennedy, F. Murphy, J. McMahon, J. R. O'Connor, E. Saul, E. Murphy, J. Prendergast, F. Clancy, J. Moran. Sub. C. Burke for B. Feeney.

St. Als' opponents in the All-Ireland final will be Presentation Athenry.

## Athenry, Cork into final

Holders Presentation, Athenry, and St. Aloysius, Cork, will meet in the final of the All-Ireland colleges' camogie championship, thanks to semi-final victories yesterday over St. Louis, Kilkel, and Presentation, Terenure, respectively.

ATHENRY	4-0	KILKEEL	1-2
Score: Athenry — E. Hynes, Ann Burke, U. Jordan, A. Delaney (1-0 each), Kilkel — C. O'Hare (0-2), Y. Campbell (0-2).		ST. ALOYSIUS	3-4
Score: St. Aloysius — J. O'Brien (1-0), K. Tynan, D. Duggan, K. Delaney (0-1 each), Terenure — P. Gilmore (1-0).		TERENURE	3-1

### U.C.G. too good

U.C.G. qualified for the final of the Higher Institutes' League when they defeated St. Mary's, Belfast, at Belfast yesterday.

Score: Galway — M. McInerney (1-0), K. Tynan, D. Duggan, K. Delaney (0-1 each), St. Mary's — P. Gilmore (1-0).

# Odds Favour Kilkel In The Ulster Finals

By AGNES HOURIGAN

This weekend, the Camogie spotlight swings Northward with chief interest centred on the Ulster Colleges finals row at Ballygawley in County Tyrone. That great nursery of the game, St. Louis Convent, Kilkel, will be seeking a double in the junior and senior grades.

The girls from the County Down school are the holders of the senior title, and will be fancied to retain their provincial crown at the expense of tomorrow's challengers, Claudy from County Derry.

Claudys Camogie stock has been rising in recent years, and they could spring a surprise, but the odds must be on on Kilkel, who were only narrowly defeated by St. Bridget's, Callan, in last year's All-Ireland semi-final.

The junior final is historic, since this is the first time a team from Donegal has ever reached a Colleges final. The team in question comes from Loreto Convent, Letterkenny, and they have proved the surprise team of the competition to deservedly winning their way to this final.

However, when one realises that Letterkenny have now on their teaching staff Kilkenny All-Ireland player, Ann Carroll, who is one of the National coaches, their sudden rise is not so surprising.

However, the former U.C.D. captain, together with a former Ashbourne Cup teammate, Veronica McAteer (nee Fingleton), who won an All-Ireland Junior medal with Dublin a couple of seasons ago, have had good material to work on, for many of the present junior team were on the Letterkenny side which won the Ulster first-year competition in 1973-74 under Mrs. McAteer's guidance.

The Letterkenny line-out contains promising players, in the three Logue sisters, twins Una and Maura and the younger Pauline, the O'Dowd sisters, Rita, who captains the side, and Kathleen.

Kilkel, however, have the power of tradition behind them; and will make a very brave bid to achieve the Northern double.

Last weekend, Presentation Terenure made a brave bid to achieve the Leinster double,

but, only the senior side achieved an ambition by bringing home the Stuart Cup for the first time.

In doing so, they avenged a defeat in last year's final by Callan, but only after a great game in which the standard was remarkably high.

In the junior final, however, Terenure, although the title-holders had to give best to Thomastown Vocational School, whose magnificent defence and excellent goalkeeper proved invincible on the day. So the South Kilkenny school took the Purcell Cup for the first time, a notable achievement, as this is only their second season in competitive camogie.

In the Club championship semi-finals, Athenry scored a surprising but well-earned victory over the better fancied Buffer's Alley, while Limerick's Croagh - Kilfenny, after building up a big lead, had to battle hard to survive against Newry, for whom Marion McGarvey achieved the remarkable feat of scoring all her team's total of four goals and four points.

The All-Ireland club final is scheduled for March 14.

## SACRED HEART WIN LEAGUE

Sacred Heart 5-4; Clonakilty 0-1  
Sacred Heart won the Cork Schools Junior Camogie League on Saturday by defeating Clonakilty. Clair Connolly, in her first season in goal, had some excellent saves and got plenty of assistance from wing-back Mary Horgan.

Clonakilty had a strong backline but could not hold Rose Desmond. Sarah Ryan and Deirdre Collins gave skilful displays.

The same Sacred Heart team fell to Loreto (Youghal) the previous Thursday in the opening round of the Junior Championship. Youghal, captained by the Cork senior player, Elaine Landers, took the points in goal and a point. This was the first time Sacred Heart girls debut in a game but they have plenty of support from the local and Killeagh



# Croagh Will Have To Be Good To Win

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## First title for Croagh

LIMERICK County champions Croagh-Kilfinny travel to Athenry on Sunday to meet the local club side in the final of the All-Ireland Club Championship.

On Saturday Clonakilty and Sacred Heart meet in the final of the Cork Junior Schools League, while the rest of the weekend fixtures are all League ties.

Croagh-Kilfinny and Athenry are both in the club final for the first time and the game is likely to be a very evenly contested affair. The Limerick champions have been most impressive in the competition so far and will travel to Athenry confident of victory. They have plenty of talent to call on with four Limerick inter county stars on their side. Brid Stokes, Marjorie Doyle, Anne Sheehy and Marion Doyle, were all most impressive for Limerick last season and they have played major roles in Croagh's tremendous achievements this year.

But Athenry, too, have their stars including Midge Poniard, Anne Donoghue, and Teresa Duane, all Galway inter county players, and the Coady sisters.

Athenry is an area where camogie has gone from strength to strength since the introduction of the Colleges All-Ireland. The local Presentation Convent has taken the senior Colleges title for the last two years and are due to meet Cork's St. Aloysius in this year's decider. Midge Poniard has in fact captained two successful Colleges teams and she is now established as a top senior player.

Athenry also have accounted for Buffers Alley, the Kilkenny champions who were hot favourites to take the title. So they must be good and Croagh will have to be in top form to win.

The Cork Schools League have been progressing nicely and on tomorrow Clonakilty meet Sacred Heart in the first of the schools finals, the Junior League. There is great credit due to these young sides. Clonakilty played only two League games last season so this is their first full campaign while Sacred Heart are only competing for the first time. Clonakilty have good wins over Mount Mercy, St. Aloysius and Immaculate Heart to their credit, while for their part Sacred Heart took full points from Fermoy, Rosscarbery, St. Vincent's and South Presentation.

So the stage is set for this clash of the newcomers which could go either way.

### U.C.C. FAVOURED

There is only one senior game listed for Sunday in which U.C.C. already two points up in the new League, meet holders Old Aloysians at the Mardyke. Old Als, who will be playing their first match in the competition will be without their captain, Judy Walsh who is recovering from an appendix operation. Marion O'Leary, Ann Ryan, Val Fitzpatrick, Ann O'Connor, and Gerarda Barry will, however be in action for the holders.

College, who showed such good form when winning the Ashbourne Cup for the fifth successive year, will be hard to beat. Mary Roche, Mary Walsh,

Val O'Dwyer, Ellen O'Hanlon, and Cally Riordan will all be in action for U.C.C. who must still be full of confidence following their Colleges triumph so they must be favourites to take full points.

Eire Og are unbeaten and in the process of winding up the 1975 Intermediate League. They have already accounted for the big names in the competition and should take a step further towards the title on Sunday. Their minor players, Noelle O'Driscoll and Eileen Kavanagh, have been picking off some nice scores recently, while they can also call on Cork senior Nancy O'Driscoll as well as Hilda Horgan and Marion McCarthy. Aghabullogue, who will be trying to put an end to their victory run, have not been in the limelight in recent months and would be a major upset if they managed to hold Eire Og.

There are two Under-18 League games listed. In the first of these Cloyne, backed by Kathleen and Geraldine Costine, should account for Carrigtwohill, but in the second in which Watergrasshill and Sarsfields clash it is more difficult to suggest likely winners.

In the under-16 campaign Nemo, with a huge panel of young players to draw from, may prove too strong for Ballinlough. In the same competition Ballincollig have a good number of young players and are likely to be too strong for the inexperienced Kilmichael side. In the final match in this campaign Glen Rovers meet Na Piarsaigh. Both these clubs draw on schoolgirls from North Presentation, so the rivalry here will be very keen. But the Glen should have the trump card in

the persons of Cork minors Ann Delaney and Claire Hackett.

### DRAWS

Two draws were made recently. The first of these was the 1975 Cork Junior Championship and is as follows: Nemo Rangers v. Gortree; Old Aloysians v. Ballinora; Kilmichael v. Battevant; Ballyphehane v. Douglas; Bishopstown v. St. Finbarrs; Churchtown v. Sarsfields; Killeagh v. Blackwater; Na Piarsaigh v. Ballinlough; Cobh v. Carrigtwohill; St. Fanahans v. Inniscarra; Youghal v. Eire Og; Blackrock v. U.C.C.; Castleview a bye.

The second was the Cork Senior Schools Championship which is as follows: Immaculate Heart v. South Presentation; Mount Mercy v. Macroom; North Presentation v. St. Patrick's; St. Aloysius a bye.

### FIXTURES

Tomorrow — At Mount Mercy Grounds: LL, Mount Mercy v. Immaculate Heart, 1.30 p.m. Cork Schools League Final (Junior), Clonakilty v. Sacred Heart, 3 p.m. (referee E. Caspary, St. Patrick's).

Sunday — At Athenry: All-Ireland Club Championship final, on Sunday last.

Croagh-Kilfinny v. Athenry, 3 p.m. At Mardyke: S.L., U.C.C. v. Old Aloysians, 11.30 a.m. (referee S.P.P.P.). At Coachford: 12 noon (Referee Canovee). At I.L., Eire Og v. Aghabullogue, 12 noon. Under-16 L., Glen Rovers v. Na Piarsaigh, 11.30 a.m. (Douglas). At Ballincollig: Under-16 L., Ballincollig v. Kilmichael, 3 p.m. (Ballinora). At Watergrasshill v. Sarsfields, 3 p.m. (Glanworth). At Cloyne: Under-18 L., Cloyne v. Carrigtwohill, 3 p.m. (Churchtown). Nemo Grounds: Under-16 L., Nemo Rangers v. Ballinlough, 11.30 a.m. (St. Finbarrs).

Croagh-Kilkenny (Limerick) 4-6;

Athenry (Galway) 4-5

Croagh-Kilfinny, the Limerick and Munster Club camogie champions, won the All Ireland Clubs final for the first time when after a closely contested game they just mastered a talented Athenry side in last-time at Athenry yesterday.

Athenry had their chances of levelling up in the closing minutes when Midge Poniard who had played brilliantly throughout and who had scored a point from 70 yds. with the wind behind her in the first half just failed on a 30 in the last second.

The Limerick girls opened the scoring with a great goal from Brid Stokes and Marian Doyle strengthened their position with

a point. The home side, however, quickly recovered and at half time led by 4-5 to 3-2. Play got very scrappy on resumption but the visitors finally caught up when Marian Doyle scored first two points and then a goal, to leave her side a point behind. Croagh-Kilfinny earned a free, which Marian Doyle pointed to draw level and the same player coolly took the winning point from a free a minute later.

Score: Croagh-Kilfinny — B. Stokes (3-1), M. Doyle (1-6). Athenry — M. Poniard (2-3), T. Duane (2-2).

## Sars/Glanmire

OUR intermediate footballers collected another valuable two points when they defeated a strong Middleton team in a League encounter at Middleton on Sunday last.

Bearing in mind that we were short a number of regulars, and was a fine performance, and with four out of a possible six points won, this is a very encouraging start to our Football League programme.

### CAMOGIE

For the third successive week we had a camogie team in action. This time it was the turn of our junior team, and they also travelled to Middleton last Sunday to take on the ladies from Churchtown in the Junior

League, but were beaten 3-1 to 2-0. Losing is always disappointing, but what caused most concern to mentors on this occasion was the very poor turnout of players and, in fact, the team played the entire match with only eleven players out of a notified panel of 24. This, of course, is not good enough and great credit is due to those who played and worked very hard in a very sporting contest to offset the numerical difference.

Sars led at half-time by two points, but, naturally enough, failed to withstand the pressure in the second half, despite the great goalkeeping of newcomer Mary Kelleher. Others to shine in this very young team were Collette O'Riordan, Ann O'Sullivan, Clare Condon and Marie O'Sullivan, who accounted for our two goals.

Team: Mary Kelleher, Celine McCarthy, Collette O'Riordan, Ann O'Sullivan, Carol O'Sullivan, Clare Condon, Ethna Barry, Judy O'Sullivan, Marian O'Donovan, Marie O'Sullivan and Rose O'Callaghan.

Fixture — Sunday next at Ovens, Intermediate League v. Eire Og, 12.0. Minibus will leave Riverstown Cross at 11 a.m.

## ATHENRY TIPPED TO TAKE FIRST TITLE CAMOGIE BY TAOBH LINE

THE All-Ireland Club Camogie Championship is now in its twelfth season, and when Croagh-Kilfinny travel to play Athenry in the final on Sunday they will be endeavouring to bring the trophy to Limerick for the first time. They will be hoping, too, that this will be a case of third time lucky for a Limerick side, as Athane twice reached the final only to lose to St. Paul's, Kilkenny, the specialists in this competition on each occasion.

Croagh-Kilfinny, although they fell away somewhat in the closing stages, were very effective in the earlier stages of their semi-final against Newry, with Brid Stokes, Marion Doyle, and Margie Neville very much to the fore.

However, now on their home ground in Athenry, they face one of the country's most talented young sides, who have the added boost of having defeated in the semi-final Buffers Alley, from Wexford, who had the services of six All-Ireland senior stars.

### PLENTY OF TALENT

Almost all this Athenry line-out have already won All-Ireland honours at senior Colleges level — several of them have played for Galway and Connacht — and they have particularly promising starlets in Anne Donoghue, Midge Poniard, Eileen Hynes, Noreen Treacy and Teresa Duane.

Croagh-Kilfinny will be very hard to beat, but before the home supporters I suspect Athenry are capable of taking the title for the first time. Athenry also reached another All-Ireland final on Saturday last, when the Presentation Convent team won through to the senior Colleges final for the fourth successive year by defeating St. Louis, Killeel.

Holders for the past two seasons, the Athenry girls will set an all-time record if they complete the hat-trick, but they have a very stiff hurdle ahead in the final when they face St. Aloysius from Cork, who had a very hard battle, indeed, before overcoming Presentation Terenure in the other semi-final at Cork.

### LIVELY FARE

The junior Colleges semi-finals should provide lively fare at widely separated venues tomorrow week. At Athenry, Loughrea and the local school, seeking to reach both finals yet again, entertain the surprise Ulster champions, Loreto, Letterkenny, who helped by one of the National coaches, Anne Carroll and Veronica McAteer (nee Fingleton), who won All-Ireland Junior honours with Dublin while at U.C.D.

In the other semi-final holders Presentation Cashel go to Thomastown, where they could find stiffer resistance from the local Vocational School than they have met in their triumphant progress through Munster.



Helping with the running of the Imokilly Camogie Club victory social at the Two Mile Inn were (from left)—Rosie Condon, Clare Condon, Bernadette Costine, Cloyne, Hon. Sec., and Josephine Knowles, Churchtown North, Middleton.

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CAMOGIE: Fantastic win at Athenry . . .

# Croagh-Kilfinny make history

## First Limerick team to win All-Ireland title

Croagh/Kilfinny, 4-6;

Athenry, 4-5.

Madge Poniard, Teresa Duane, Sarita Coady, Ann Denohue and Mary Daly, were the Athenry stars.

### SCORERS

Croagh/Kilfinny — B. Stokes 3-0, M. Doyle 1-6.

Athenry—M. Poniard 2-3, T. Duane 2-2.

Croagh/Kilfinny — Helen Sheehy, Mgt. Hickey, Margie Neville, Ann O'Flynn, E. O'Keefe, A. Sheehy, M. T. Hannon, Helen Mulcair, Mary Fitzgerald, Marion Doyle, Margie O'Sullivan, Brid Stokes (capt.), Sub., Margo Stokes for M. Fitzgerald.

Athenry—Bridgid Coady, Madeline Coady, Josephine Coen, Ann Duane, Noreen Treacy, Madge Poniard, Sarita Coady, Ann O'Donoghue, Mary Daly, Olive Coady, Bernie Poniard, Teresa Duane. Subs., Gretta O'Brien for M. Coady, Ann Poniard for S. Coady.

Referee, Phyllis Breslin, Dublin.

**CROAGH/KILFINNY** are All-Ireland camogie club champions. The first national title ever to come to Limerick was achieved at Athenry on Sunday by the local champions and in doing so they have established a strong claim to greatness in their thrilling one-point victory over a gallant Athenry twelve.

Amidst scenes of enthusiasm that surpassed anything seen on a camogie field in recent years, Croagh/Kilfinny, contesting their first-ever final, came from behind to snatch a thrilling and historic win.

It was not the greatest of camogie games — wind, rain and sodden underfoot conditions were not conducive to good camogie — play was at times scrambling and erratic, but the contest also had its glories and some fine individual displays, but these were amply compensated for by the uncertainty of the final outcome and the fervour and intensity displayed by both teams.

### FITTING

And it was fitting that Athenry, too, grabbed a share of the limelight and this very young team can look to the future with confidence and their turn for glory is just around the corner.

The Galway champions were slight favourites to win, but aspirations received an early knock when Brid Stokes, the Limerick captain, sent a harmless shot goalwards after ten seconds of play and it completely deceived the opposing defence and entered the net for a tonic start. Marion Doyle pointed for Croagh/Kilfinny two minutes later, and these early scores against the strong wind and rain were eventually to play a vital role in the final outcome.

### SLOW

Athenry were slow to settle down, but once they started moving they were very dangerous. Madge Poniard, their brilliant centre-fielder, opened their scoring in the 4th minute when she blasted a "thirty" to the net. Three minutes later, Teresa Duane slapped home a goal from a goalmouth melee and in a matter of seconds she repeated the dose when rounding the Croagh/Kilfinny full-back and banged home a spectacular goal. The Galway girls were well on top at this stage, but two opportunist goals by Brid Stokes kept the visitors in touch and an interval lead of 4-5 to 3-2 could not be considered good enough for a side assisted by the elements in the opening moiety.

### RUNNING

It was Athenry who took up the running in the early minutes of the second half, but the Croagh/Kilfinny defence were in no mood to concede scores and their task was made a little easier by the switching of the Athenry full-forward, Teresa Duane, to an outfield position. The Croagh/Kilfinny mentors made a similar move at the break, moving Brid Stokes to centre-field. Neither move achieved the desired objective, as both girls were far more effective in the full-forward role.

### FINE

Ann Sheehy at midfield had fine second half for Croagh-Kilfinny and almost alone she tipped the scales in her side's favour in this vital sector. By the 8th minute of the second half, Marion Doyle had cut the lead by two points and it was the same player, 11 minutes later, from a well directed "thirty" crashed home a great goal to make it 4-5 to 4-4. In the 25th minute, Marion sent the equaliser and with five minutes to go, it remained to be seen how much lost time would the referee allow. The game was held up on a number of occasions in the second half and stewards were eventually called to remove some over-enthusiastic supporters from the side.

calmly taken.

While some of her colleagues were losing concentration in the excitement of the second half, Marion was lending a hand in nearly all departments, as well as sending over the vital scores. Margie Neville at right back, had another stormer and Ann Sheehy as already stated, had a fine second half at midfield. Brid Stokes, with three first half goals was brilliant at full forward, but was less prominent outfield.

# CASHEL FANCIED TO REACH FINAL

CAMOGIE By TAOBH LINE

**PRESENTATION CONVENT,** Cashel, holders of the All-Ireland junior Colleges Camogie championship, will be favoured to reach the final for the second successive year when they travel tomorrow to take on Thomastown Vocational School in the semi-final of the current competition.

For the second successive season the Cashel girls have taken all opposition, that Munster can offer, in their stride, and, with a valuable quota of last year's winners on duty, are already favourites to retain the title.

However, Thomastown, the first Vocational School ever to win a Leinster Colleges title, were effective when coming through some very talented opposition in their own province, and on home ground could give a very good account of themselves now.

In the second semi-final Loreto Letterkenny, representing Ulster for the first time, face a very stiff assignment when they come south to take on Presentation Athenry.

It is hard to draw comparisons because the Connaught final between Athenry and Loughrea was not played, and it is difficult therefore to gauge the strength of the home side. But, judging by their current enthusiasm Athenry should have a very useful line-out.

However, Letterkenny, coached by All-Ireland players Ann Carroll and Veronica McAteer, have shown improvement on every appearance on the march to victory in the Northern province, and they could spring a surprise now.

Croagh-Kilfinny certainly sprang a surprise in the All-Ireland club final last Sunday when they travelled to Athenry and there defeated the home team, who had been strong favourites, by a single point. It was the first time this particular title had gone to Limerick, and was, in fact, the first ever All-Ireland success for the county at any level.

The result should provide a big boost for the game in what have been looked upon, but obviously no longer, as the weaker counties.

## Dedicated Anne



Anne Sheehy is a shy student nurse from Knockaderry, Co. Limerick, but she is also a very fine camogie player who must be an example to every other player in the country for sheer dedication.

Ann is at present in the Mercy Hospital in Cork as a student nurse. But she is also a Limerick inter-country star and a member of the Croagh-Kilfinny team which recently won the All-Ireland Inter-Club Championship for the first time.

The other members of Anne's club side were able to do collective training in Adare for the

all-Ireland campaign but Anne had to fend for herself in Cork.

Early in the season she trained with Old Aloysians Camogie Club until they had to abandon evening training because of failing light. Then it was out to "The Lough" for Anne where she did her own training. This solo running Anne found most difficult but she stuck to it until Togher Athletic Club came to the rescue and allowed her to join them in their training sessions. This she did whenever she had time off and the result was a very fit right centre for Croagh-Kilfinny's historic win.

## CASHEL GIRLS REACH FINAL

Presentation, Cashel 3-0; Thomastown V.S. 0-0

Presentation Convent, Cashel, qualified for the All-Ireland Junior Colleges final at Croke Park on April 10 by a deserving win over Thomastown V.S. at the Kilkenny venue on Saturday.

With the wind advantage in the opening half, Cashel took the lead when Majella Hallinan crashed home a great goal after seven minutes. They increased the lead almost immediately with another goal from Regina Mulligan, who sent a low hard shot to the net. The winners led 2-0 at the interval but this did not appear to be a safe margin facing the strong breeze and rain in the second half.

The Kilkenny girls tried hard to get on terms and were unlucky not to have scored from close in frees. In the last quarter both sides were under pressure due to the appalling conditions and with one minute left for play Kathleen Bergin held off the Thomastown defence to clinch the issue.



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## Keen Interest In Presidency Post

There will be only one election at the Annual Congress of the Camogie Association to be held in the Nuremore Hotel, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan, over next weekend.

Nancy Murray of Antrim, who has held the post of President for the regulation three years now steps down and there will be very keen interest in her successor. On the home front the Leagues continue once again.

Mrs. Agnes Purcell of Dublin is perhaps the main contender for the Presidency as she is nominated by the majority of counties. She has tremendous experience and has given dedicated service down through the years to the game. She was Secretary of Leinster Council for years and is also Chairman of C.C.I.A. The Colleges too have benefited from her help while she has also promoted the game through the papers.

Sheila McAulity of Down has been nominated by Clare and Kildare. There was some surprise at the appearance of Sheila's name on the list as she retired from the post of General Secretary last year after a long number of years, and it was felt that she was not keen on taking on any other major post. So there is some doubt as

to whether Sheila will actually go forward. The third nominee is Innez Leonard, the second from Dublin, who is a former Leinster Chairman.

The remaining officers will be returned unopposed. They are - General Secretary Jo Golden, Co. Kilkenny; Treasurer - Lily Spence (Antrim), Organiser Sean O'Duffy, Dublin. Trustees Sean O'Duffy and Innez Leonard (both Dublin).

Congress will be a very extensive affair this year as the Association are in the process of bringing out a new Rule Book. This is a gigantic undertaking and as each rule will have to be passed by Congress there is a great deal of work ahead.

This year included in the Congress papers are numbers 1-56 of the proposed new rules as presented by the Rules Sub-Committee. Ard Choiste has considered and amended these and the amendments are being put to the meeting for consideration.

The original intention was to put all the proposed new Rules on the Agenda, but as only 1-56 were discussed by Ard Choiste the others are not included. But even 56 will take some discussing.

### TACKLING

In addition to the Rules there is a long list of motions these cover all phases of the game but those likely to have general interest include one from Clare seeking an All-Ireland Under 18 Championship.

Kilkenny are looking for a senior inter county National League, while Monaghan are looking for an increased square and the prohibiting of tackling on the goalkeeper. Cavan are calling for an Insurance Scheme to cover all players, and so they go on.

Back on the playing fields the pick of Sunday's games must be the Under-18 semi-final meeting between Glanworth and Killeagh at the latter venue. Killeagh are having a great time at present and must be fancied to advance here.

In the Junior league Churchtown have won and lost a game. On Sunday they meet Youghal, who with Cally Riordan in form, may cost them two further points. On the Under 16 Glen meet Na Piarasigh in the re-fixed tie which promises plenty of excitement. While at Ballincollig the local side should prove too strong for Ballinora in the same competition.

At Ballyphehane, Bishopstown will hardly be strong enough for the local side in the Junior League.



The Croagh-Kilfinny camogie team from Limerick, which won the All-Ireland inter-club championship. Front row (from left): Helen Sheehy, Ann Sheehy, Brid Stokes (capt.); Mary Fitzgerald, Helen Mulcare. Middle row (from left): Ann O'Flynn, Sheila Murphy, Margaret O'Neill, Esther Sheehy, Brid Hannon. Back row (from left): Margie Neville, Mary T. Hannon, Bernie O'Dea, Margaret Hickey, Eileen O'Keefe, Margie O'Sullivan.

## CROAGH-KILFINNY— TOAST OF LIMERICK

by JOAN MORLEY

BONFIRES blazed, music played and the cup was filled when the victorious Croagh/Kilfinny camogie team gathered in the little village of Kilfinny, Co. Limerick, on Friday evening last to celebrate their historic win in the All-Ireland Inter-club Championship. The main purpose of the gathering was to fill the cup for their supporters, who turned out in force to cheer them to glory on Sunday week last.

Most camogie followers outside of Limerick may never have heard of Croagh/Kilfinny, but after their one-point win over Athenry in the final they have become the toast not alone of Limerick but all Munster, as they are only the second side from the province to take the title. The first were St. Patrick's of Co. Tipperary, who won it in the opening years of the competition—1965 and '66.

Proof of the pride which all Limerick shares in Croagh's success is the fact that members of Limerick clubs Feohanagh, Ahane and Ballygran travelled to Athenry for the final to cheer them on and again travelled on Friday. Another nice gesture came from well known Limerick senior inter-county player, Cary Clancy, of Ahane, who had a

beautiful cake inscribed: "Croagh/Kilfinny Founded 1953 All-Ireland Club Champions 1975" delivered to the celebrations.

The club came into existence in 1953 in the Village of Croagh when Michael and Eileen Burke and Aileen Giltinane got together to form a team. They were soon joined by enthusiasts from Kilfinny and so Croagh/Kilfinny came into being.

Most of the present side are living within a seven mile radius of the two villages. They train in Adare, where the local Christian Brothers give them the use of a pitch. This had made all the difference and they are most grateful to the Brothers. There are street lights situated next to the pitch and this enabled them to do evening training "under lights" right up to the final.

The only "outsiders" in the team are Marion Doyle, who comes from Carlow, but who works in Limerick, and Anne O'Flynn from Co. Clare, who is in school in Limerick. But one girl had to train alone. She is Ann Sheehy, a student nurse in the Mercy Hospital in Cork.

Croagh/Kilfinny's captain Brid Stokes, Marion Doyle, Ann Sheehy and Margie Neville are all members of Limerick's first

team. Ann O'Flynn, Mary T. Hannon, Helen and Ann Sheehy and Mary Fitzgerald played under-18 for Limerick, while Helen Mulcare, Mary Fitzgerald and Sheila Murphy have worn the Limerick colours as minors. Eithne Neville, the well known administrator and a senior inter-county player with Limerick for many years, is the team coach as well as treasurer. Lizzie O'Dea is secretary and, I am told the hardest worker in the background; the club president is Very Rev. John Kennedy, P.P., Croagh and the chairman is Eileen O'Keefe.



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The Sacred Heart Secondary School, South Douglas Road Camogie team which beat Clonakilty to win the Keane Cup in the Cork County Junior Schools League. —(Echo)

**'PLEASED BUT  
WE'RE NOT  
COMPLACENT'  
—CAMOGIE  
SECRETARY**

By TAOBH LINE

"WE MAY be pleased, but not complacent," says General Secretary Miss Jo Golden in her annual Report to the Annual Congress of the Camogie Association, which begins in the Nurremore Hotel, Carrickmacross tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. and will continue on Sunday 11 a.m.

Miss Golden, who has just completed her first year as Secretary and who has produced an absolutely comprehensive summary of the year goes on to underline the tasks ahead.

"While the Association has made laudable progress in many sectors, it is in some instances simply organising what is already organised, and consolidating what is already consolidated. We hesitate to make a move to initiate organisation where it does not exist.

**BIG "SELL"**

"We refuse to recognise that, in order to expand and grow we must "sell" our Association to the young people. We are in a highly competitive market and we must ensure that our sport compares favourably with the many other sports that are attracting the young people.

"We have a particular responsibility in that Camogie, which as a game can stand on its own merits, is also our national game and deserving of every effort on our part to bring it into every county in the country.

"Side by side with promoting the game itself now more than ever we must promote an awareness of the ideals of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael. The onus is on each and every member of the Association to share with young people the rich culture we have been fortunate to inherit. It is their brithright too."

There is a very busy Agenda, for as well as electing a new President to succeed Mrs. Nancy Murray (Antrim) delegates have 30 motions from the Counties to discuss, together with the first section of a completely revised Official Guide as drawn up by a Special Committee and amended by Central Council.

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# Congress Approves New Two Zone League Plan

A National League for the senior counties, to be run in two zones, was agreed to at the closing session of the All-Ireland Camogie Congress in the Nuremore Hotel, Carrickmacross, yesterday. The new League will be run on the basis of two four-team zones, with Kilkenny, Wexford, Dublin and Antrim in the Eastern section, and the Western group composed of Cork, Tipperary, Clare and Galway. The zone winners will meet in the final.



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## Versatile Solicitor From All-Ireland camogie to hockey cap

By RUTH O'MAHONY

**NANCY O'DRISCOLL**, Old Ursulines, makes her debut on the Irish ladies' hockey team in the last match of the season on Saturday against England. Nancy, who is a solicitor, must be one of the few, or even perhaps the only player to gain international honours in hockey and to have won an All-Ireland camogie medal as well.

Nancy won her Junior All-Ireland in 1973 playing for Cork, and for the last two seasons has been a member of the Cork senior side who were beaten by Kilkenny and Wexford. She plays camogie with her local club Eire Og.

Nancy is a member of a large family — she has five sisters, most of whom played hockey in their school days, and three brothers. As a family they share a common interest in sport and in Ovens, where they live, are well known in horse riding circles.

Nancy started her hockey career in school at Ursulines Convent, Blackrock and won a Munster Schools medal in her final year there. From there she went to U.C.C., where she played in the first team before moving to U.C.D. to complete her studies. On her return to Cork she joined Old Ursulines and since then has gone from strength to strength.

### REGULAR FOR MUNSTER

She has been a regular member of the Munster Senior XI for the past three years and played a prominent part in their championship win two years ago. Then this year she was chosen

on the reserve International side to play in Manchester and proved herself at this level with two spirited displays at left-half in this tournament.

Now she makes the national side for this final international match of the season and fulfils almost all of her hockey ambitions. Just one honour has eluded Nancy and clubmate international goalkeeper, Mary Geane' — they have yet to win a Munster Senior Cup medal.

### Munster clubs best in camogie club contests

Two Munster clubs proved successful in the second annual All-Ireland final of the Ceoil, Caint agus Damhsa competitions, run by the Camogie Associations in Colaiste Mhuire, Dublin, yesterday.

Old Aloysians of Cork won the question time title, while An Rinn, Waterford, proved best in the ballad group competition.

In the first All-Ireland finals last year, Ulster swept the boards, taking all the titles. This year, however, they had to settle for three—dancing, instrumental music and recitation. In addition to Munster's two, Connacht took two—solo instrumental and novelty act—while Leinster was the only province which failed to take a title.

The members of the successful Old Aloysians team were Siobhan O'Sullivan, Aedin McCarthy and Lil O'Neill.



● At the All-Ireland annual camogie convention in Carrickmacross, the elected officers for the coming year (left to right), Miss Lilly Spence (Antrim) treasurer, Mrs. Agnes Purcell (Dublin) president, Sean O'Duffy (Dublin) national organiser, Miss Jo Golden (Kilkenny) secretary and Miss Kitty Murphy (Dublin) P.R.O.

## Highly successful camogie club

Guests from Cork, Glounthaune, Cloyne and Youghal attended the annual dinner-dance of the Churchtown North (Midleton) Camogie Club, which attracted the biggest attendance in the club's ten years existence.

Guests of honour included Rev. A. T. Barry, CC, Midleton, Co. Cork; Mr. and Mrs. John Hennessy, honorary secretary of the local GAA club; Miss Rita Coleman, whose late father, Mr. B. Coleman, won a senior All-Ireland medal with Cork in 1890, and who herself won a Cork County senior camogie medal with Imokilly in 1945.

MRS. JOSIE KNOWLES, club chairman, said that the numbers participating in all age groups made it a most successful year.

She said the standard of camogie in East Cork was never higher, with Killeagh winning the county junior title, Cloyne the intermediate and Imokilly the senior title.

Mr. John Hennessy also spoke of the high standard and said that getting four of the club on the county championship winning senior side was a great honour.

Rev. Fr. Barry dealt with the



Rev. A. Barry, C.C., making presentations to (from left): Josie Knowles, Jane O'Brien and Susan Burke.

formation of the club and spoke of Jane O'Brien and her winning of an All-Ireland minor medal.

He also praised Susan Burke for annexing a Gael Linn medal, the first Churchtown girl to gain the honour, and paid high tribute to Nuala

Gully, one of the founder members, who worked with Concern in Bangladesh.

During the evening presentations were made to JANE O'BRIEN, JOSIE KNOWLES and to SUSAN BURKE for their services to camogie and to their club.





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# Drumcondra To Curb Maynooth

By AGNES HOURIGAN

With All-Ireland and inter-county players on both sides, the second of the C.I.A. (Higher Institutes) League semi-finals between St. Patrick's, Maynooth and St. Patrick's, Drumcondra, at Belfield tomorrow should prove one of the most entertaining camogie games thus far this season.

Neither has, thus far, been beaten and both can call on very talented players. Maynooth have Kilkenny's Angela Downey of the 1974 All-Ireland champions, supported by Lynn Nolan, and Rita McAteer, but will miss the inspiration of Breda Larkin, still in hospital following a car accident.

Drumcondra can boast of two senior All-Ireland medalists, Nuala Jennings (Cork) and Dorothy Walsh (Wexford), together with former colleges and present Galway star Midge Poniard, and Dublin minor stalwart Catherine Agnew.

Maynooth were very impressive in the Ashbourne Cup series, but Drumcondra may have that extra bit of power in vital positions to carry the day.

## TRICKY POSITION

Tomorrow also will see the second semi-final of the Leinster colleges B championship in which Ardee and Baltinglass look well matched at Phoenix Park.

Incidentally, for the second time in three seasons, Presentation Athenry find themselves in the tricky position that they have qualified for both the senior and junior All-Ireland colleges finals which will be played together in Croke Park, tomorrow week, April 10.

However, they have a good chance in their favour. When this happened, two years ago, Athenry won both titles, although four of their players took part in both matches. This year again four players have been fighting on both teams.

The opposition this time will be provided by St. Aloysius of Cork in the senior grade and by holders, Presentation Cashel, in the junior final.

Due to a sad lack of communication the finals of the G.A.A. winter talent competition, Scor, and of camogie's corresponding event, Ceol, Cainti agus Damhsa will both be held on Sunday next, the G.A.A. event in Galway at night-time, the camogie finals at Colaiste Mhuire, Dublin, in the afternoon.

## COMPETITIONS

The Colaiste Mhuire audience will see seven competitions, cello dancing, recitation, solo singing, novelty act, question time, solo instrument and musical groups.

Clubs which have won through to the final are: Ulster — Glenravel (Antrim), Clonduff (Down), Iniskeen (Monaghan), Shamrocks-Naomh Brid (Down), Castlewellan (Down) and Bryansford (Down). Munster — An Rinn (Waterford), Bruff (Limerick), Eire Og (Cork), Old Aloysians (Cork), Crough-Kilfinny (Limerick), Leinster — Kilmacud-Crokes, U.C.D., Celtic (all Dublin), Connacht — St. Dominic's, Roscommon Gaelic, Ballyleague (all Roscommon).

Some clubs have qualified for the final of several competitions. Congress in Carrickmacross was a very pleasant event, which, if it produced no startling developments, proved that the recent more devolved system of administration introduced by the preceding Congress has greatly helped in the smooth running of the association.

The proposed National League is a worth-while innovation, as is the proposal to try to boost the attendance at the All-Ireland finals by issuing tickets through the County Boards.

## Galway have the talent to win senior title

WE are at the pleasurable stage of the season when we can look forward with joyful anticipation to the championship season ahead, and what an intriguing season it promises to be on the Camogie fields. Already in the Club championship we have the happy position where two clubs that have never hit the headlines before, Crash-Kilfinny from Limerick and Athenry from Galway have reached the All-Ireland final. That promises well for the prospects of the teams from both counties in the championships ahead.

At the moment of course, Wexford are senior title holders and, at this stage are fully entitled to be listed as long-odds favourites to retain their title. Yet many of their stars were on the Buffers Alley side that went down to Athenry in the club semi-final, and that does not augur all that well for their inter-county championship prospects.

Kilkenny were the champions in 1974, but I feel the Noreside girls achieved an ambition in taking that title, and it may take them another while to regain their earlier hunger for success.

Great a filip though it would be for the game to see Ulster come storming back into the limelight, and magnificently though the girls there have striven to overcome the desperate difficulties that they face, the standard of the Northern teams especially at senior level, seems to have fallen steadily these last couple of seasons, and it prob-

ably is too much to expect of them to make a really effective bid for another senior title.

In the South of course you still have Cork, who must be very much in the reckoning in any senior championship survey. The county has contested the last six All-Ireland finals, but, significantly have been beaten in the last two after taking four titles in a row. To me it looks as though Cork are in a period of transition, with many of their record-making stars of a couple of years ago now in retirement, and the replacements from junior and minor ranks not really quite seasoned enough to fill the gaps. But the Cork girls will be back at the top, maybe even this year.

Of the other Munster counties only Clare and Tipperary will be seen in senior ranks. Clare were unlucky to lose to Wexford on a first-round replay last season, and on that form, if they maintain it, must come well into the reckoning, especially if they are favoured by any luck at all in the draw.

But if one wants an outsider, I cannot help but feel that Galway, a county that despite appearing in many finals, has never yet won a senior All-Ireland, must be in with a great chance. Many of their seasoned stars from Oranmore and Ballinasloe who have won Gael-linn and Club championship honours are still as good as ever, while the rising youngsters from Athenry, most of them already well used to big occasions from their successes on the All-Ireland Colleges fields,

will prove a wonderful strengthening force.

Galway in my opinion have the material to win an All-Ireland senior Camogie title this year. But that material will have to be moulded and marshalled to the best possible effect. If that is done successfully these Galway girls will be very, very hard to beat in this championship of 1976.

One county I have left until last, the most enigmatic of all, Dublin the County that so completely dominated the senior championship for 20 years, but who have not even reached a final for almost a decade. What makes the position more remarkable is this. In the past six seasons Dublin have won the junior All-Ireland title three times and appeared in four finals of that grade. That must provide a reservoir of talent, and it must be remembered that Dublin did recapture the Leinster senior title in 1975.

But when the great revival seemed at hand, the senior side went down badly to Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final. With the great number of active players in the local Leagues, with growing power on the Colleges fields — Presentation Terenure have recently won the Leinster senior crown for the first time — a Dublin revival cannot be much longer delayed. Perhaps their chief handicap is that they have lost the habit of victory, and need a fresh attitude of mind. But the talent is there, if, like Galway, it can be properly harnessed.

## THE CAMOGIE SCENE By AGNES HOURIGAN

## INTER-COUNTY SEASON GETS UNDERWAY

The inter-county season is fast approaching and on tomorrow (Wednesday) evening the Cork minor camogie selectors hold their first trial at Ballyphehane. Last year the minors won the All-Ireland, but only four of that team will be under age for the new campaign. So there are places available for newcomers and in an effort to see as many under-16's as possible the selectors plan to hold a series of trial games.

The first selected side which will play Ballyphehane under-18 team is as follows:

Anna Goggin (Na Piarraigh), Geraldine Geaney (Glen Rovers), Deirdre Lowry (Churchtown), Margaret Murphy (Ballinora), Mairead O'Brien (Eire Ag), Martha Carney (Na Piarraigh), Catherine McCarthy (Old Aloysians), Ber McDonald (Na Piarraigh), Mary Burns (Na Piarraigh), Rose Desmond (Nemo Rangers), Ellen Foley (Castleview), Ger Murray (Glen Rovers).

Subs to attend — Una Lane (Castleview), Imelda Cronin (Na Piarraigh), Anne Lee (Canovee).

The new Primary Schools League got off to an exciting start at Church Road on Friday last when North Presentation met Blackrock. There was a large contingent of children present waving flags and enthusiastically urging their players on. Blackrock emerged worthy winners.



# St. Al's To Make Amends For '72

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ST. ALOYSIUS have their big day tomorrow, when they set out in the hope of bringing the first senior colleges All-Ireland title to Cork. Scoil Mhuire of Cashel will be hoping to make it a double for Munster as they contest the junior decider.

On Sunday the Cork senior county championship gets under way with two first-round games at Curraheen Road.

St. Al's unsuccessfully contested the first-ever All-Ireland colleges final in 1969. Now they are back in Croke Park and this time hope to go one better. On the road to the final St. Al's had tough games against North Presentation, St. Paul's of Kilfinane, Mount Mercy and Presentation, Terenure. With each one they gained valuable experience and throughout the season they have shown a tremendous fighting spirit.

They have often gone behind in games, but never admitted defeat, and they have a most

impressive band of supporters to cheer them on.

A special train will take the followers to Croke Park and, no doubt, they will give a rousing welcome to Jas O'Brien and her colleagues when they take the field. St. Al's have plenty of ability on the side. Claire Cronin was the star of Cork's All-Ireland minor win last season and her scoring ability has been most impressive with St. Al's. Ger Ring has saved them more than once, while defenders Carol Cooney and Margaret Murphy, centres Catherine McCarthy and Bernice Cronin, and forwards Eithne Barry and Patricia Hayes have all played major roles for the school on their way to the final.

But they face their toughest game to date in Croke Park. Presentation (Athenry) are chasing their third successive title and have such names as the Poniards, Bernadette Duffy, Olive Coady, Anne Burke and Una Jordan to call on.

But St. Al's have faced stiff opposition and come out on top before and if spirit and determination can win the trophy for them then the All-Ireland Colleges Cup should be in Cork on Saturday evening.

Presentation (Cashel), holders of the junior title must be fancied to win again. Camogie was only introduced to the school in 1972 by Sister M. Brennan and in that short space of time they have taken Munster's first junior All-Ireland, the Munster Intermediate "B" Cup and Intermediate "A" Cup. A formidable record indeed. Their opponents, Athenry, won the title in 1974 and will be determined to regain it, but Cashel must be fancied.

Imokilly have been Cork County champions for the past four years. On Sunday they start out in defence of their title when they meet Naomh Gobnath in the first round.

In the other first-round tie South Presentation Past Pupils meet Muskerry. South Pres showed a return to form when defeating Glen Rovers in the final of the Old Al's tournament. The return of Mel Clinton to

goal has strengthened their defence, while they also have the services of Annette O'Donovan, Mary Whelton, Marion McCarthy, Eleanor Bohane and Mary Breen.

Since returning to the senior championship Muskerry's best year was 1973, when they ran Imokilly hard in a good final. Since then they have not been as impressive. They will have Nancy O'Driscoll, who has now won her full Ireland cap in hockey, Margo Twomey, Nora O'Brien and Kathleen Doherty to call on and this quartet should ensure a good performance from the divisional side.

## FIXTURES

Saturday — All-Ireland Colleges Finals at Croke Park: 1.45, Junior, Scoil Mhuire (Cashel) v. Presentation (Athenry) (referee Elsie Walsh, Wexford); 3.0, Senior, Presentation (Athenry) v. St. Aloysius School (referee Pat Rafferty, Dublin).

Sunday — Cork County Championship at Curraheen Road: 2.30, Muskerry v. South Pres (referee Old Al's); 3.45, Imokilly v. Naomh Gobnath (referee South Pres). Senior League at Curraheen Road, 7 p.m.: Glen Rovers v. College (referee Muskerry).

Tuesday — Under-14 at Ballypheane, 6.30: Glen Rovers v. Redmonds (referee Ballypheane). Under-14 at Douglas at 7.0: Douglas v. Ballinlough (referee Old Al's).

Wednesday — Under-14 at Blackrock at 7.0: Blackrock v. Na Piarasigh (referee Ballinlough). First Cork Minor Trial at Ballypheane at 7.0: Selected Side v. Ballypheane Under-18 Side.

## ST. ALS AND CASHEL BID FOR DOUBLE

By JOAN MORLEY

TWO Munster teams are Croke Park bound on Saturday next — their target an All-Ireland Colleges double. Cork school St. Aloysius play in the senior final, while Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, contest the junior decider. Their opponents in both finals will be Presentation, Athenry.

A special train will take St. Aloysius supporters to Croke Park. The Cork school contested the first ever All-Ireland Colleges final in 1969 without success. This time they hope to go one better and bring to Cork one of the few national trophies which this county has failed to win.

St. Aloysius has always been a stronghold of camogie in Cork, and to reach the decider this season they had to overcome North Presentation, St. Paul's of Kilfinane, Mount Mercy and Presentation, Terenure. These were all tough games but, with each, St. Al's gained in maturity. Since the Munster final they have been training under Father Michael O'Brien of Farranferris and they have trained very hard for the big day.

The one thing which impressed me most about St. Al's this season is their tremendous spirit. They have often fallen behind in games, but have never accepted defeat. They have a most enthusiastic captain in J. O'Brien, they have minor inter-county star, Claire Cronin in attack, and have a grand goalie in Ger Ring. Patricia Mackey, Carol Coomey, Margaret Murphy and Eithne Barry are other top performers.

But St. Al's face what must surely be their toughest game to date. Presentation Athenry are chasing their hat-trick of titles and with names such as the Poniards, Bernadette Duffy, Olive Coady, Anne Burke and Una Jordan to call on, St. Al's task is a formidable one indeed.

Munster representatives in the Junior final, Scoil Mhuire, from Cashel, have made tremendous strides since the sport was introduced to the school by Sister Mary Brennan from Drom and Inch in 1972. Last year they became the first Tipperary school side to win the All-Ireland junior title and on Saturday five of that side and two substitutes will be on duty at Croke Park.

In charge of the side in addition to Sister Brennan are

Sisters Maureen McGrath and Mary Kelly, while Wm. Prendergast has done Trojan work on the coaching side. Besides their inaugural junior titles at provincial and national level last season, they also won the Munster intermediate "B" Cup and were beaten in the final of the "A" grade intermediate this year by Kilfinny. The team will not lack support in Saturday's decider as six coaches will make the trip to Croke Park.

Cashel — Caroline Kelly, M. Maher, E. Brennan, C. Hennessy, Eithne Bonar, Teresa Scully, Mary Kelly (capt.), Kathleen Bergin, Majella Hallinan, Majella Leamy, Regina Mulligan, Kathleen Ryan.

St. Aloysius — Ger Ring, Elaine Collins, Margaret Murphy, Carol Coomey, Eleanor Hackett, Patricia Mackey, Catherine McCarthy, Bernice Cronin, Eithne Barry, Jacinta O'Brien (capt.), Patricia Hayes, Claire Cronin.

Athenry (junior) — Anne Morris, Grace Coen, Maura Murphy, Anne Delaney (capt.), Valerie Callinan, Helen Shaughnessy, Anne Burke, Cepta Forde, Bernadette McDonagh, Christina Cannon, Della Callinan, Una Jordan.

Athenry (senior) — Anne Morris, Bernadette Duffy (capt.), Geraldine Healy, Noreen Treacy, Madeleine Coen, Bernadette Poniard, Olive Coady, Anne Poniard, Anne Delaney, Eileen Hynes, Una Jordan, Anne Burke.



# CASHEL GIRL'S BID FOR ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE HONOURS

## Slievenamon's "Golden Day"

SLIEVENAMON'S column goes west this week as a tribute to Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, who, for the second year in succession, are in the all-Ireland junior camogie final. . . . A visit to Golden by the Suir to meet some of the personalities in the shade of the Galtee's blue . . . Thurles Presentation Convent scores a basket-ball double at Rockwell . . . "Get your (plastic) hats and colours" . . . Tipperary tenor for Zambia . . .

On this Saturday the girls of Scoil Mhuire, Presentation Convent, Cashel take on Presentation Convent, Athenry in the junior (under 15) All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park.

They go to Dublin as champions of Ireland following that first victory last year and they intend to return as champions, their chanting supporters told me at the school last Friday.

Mr Willie Prendergast, who is a teacher at Scoil Mhuire, is cautiously optimistic about their prospects as any team coach would be. And he hopes the present flu epidemic will not affect his team. Over 200 fans will, he expects, be in Croke Park to cheer on their heroes and as he spoke I heard girls singing "Y Viva Scoil Mhuire" to the Y Vivi Espana air.

The great resurgence of interest in camogie in Cashel over the last few years is all due to the Sister Mary Brennan, Willie Prendergast and Sister Maureen McGrath, I was told.

Last year in addition to junior national honours, Scoil Mhuire won the Intermediate All-Ireland title. With seven of last year's winning combination they beat Leinster champions Thomastown in the All-Ireland semi-final.

### THE LINE-UP

Caroline Kelly (Boherlahan), Mary Maher (do), Eleanor Brennan (Dundrum), Cora Hennessy (Clonoulty), Eithne Bonner (Cashel), Theresa Scully (do), Mary Kelly (Boherlahan, capt.), Kathleen Bergin (Grallagh), Majella Hallinan (Dualla), Majella Leamy (do), Gina Mulligan (Cashel), Kathleen Ryan (Boherlahan).

Subs — Majella Cummins (Dualla), Claire Bargary (Golden), Sheila Morrissey (Cashel), Eliane Lawrence (do), Ursula Cummins (Dualla), Anne Fitzgerald (Gooldscross).

## 'Dual' Players Hold Key To Athenry Double Bid

By AGNES HOURIGAN

Tomorrow will be another gala day for the folk of Athenry. For the second time in three seasons two camogie teams from the town's Presentation Convent contest both All-Ireland colleges finals, senior and junior at Croke Park.

When last this occurred, two years ago, Athenry performed the unequalled feat of capturing both titles on the same day, and four remarkable young ladies figured through the full game on both teams. It is, perhaps, significant that Athenry again have four players in action on both teams.

But the Connacht girls have two very big tasks ahead. In the junior final they face the holders, Presentation Cashel, who have not yet been beaten in this grade and got their hardest fight thus far in the semi-final from the surprise Leinster winners, Thomastown Vocational School.

Cashel may not have quite as powerful a side as they fielded last year, but they are still very, very good.

In the senior grade Athenry, who are seeking a record-making third successive title, look on form to have a slight advantage over their opponents St. Aloysius from Cork. The Cork girls had their uneasy moments before getting past Presentation Terenure in their semi-final whereas Athenry had a somewhat more convincing victory over St. Louis, Killeel.

But much will depend on the extent to which Athenry's 'dual' players will be able to last the pace in the second game. To cater for the big crowd expected, the Croke Park shops and canteen will be open.

On Sunday, the Leinster championship campaign opens with Wicklow coming to Dublin to tackle the home county at the ground of Scoil Cairiona in both the minor and junior grades. The Wicklow girls have been showing considerable improvement at both levels through the past couple of years and gave the Dublin minors a very close run last season.

This should prove a most entertaining game now with the odds still slightly in Dublin's favour. In the junior game, Dublin, having won the

All-Ireland last season, have to find a new side.

But the selectors have spread their net widely and the very hopeful of containing the Wicklow challenge.

On Sunday also, the new camogie pitch at Belfield adjacent to the Gaelic ground, Devlin Park, will be opened by the president of the association, Mrs. Agnes Purcell, who is herself an official of the U.C.D. club. The opening which is timed for noon will be followed by a challenge game between U.C.D. Past and U.C.D. Present.

The finals of Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa drew a near-capacity crowd to Halla Colaiste Mhuire, and the standard of the competitions was extremely high.

The winners were — Celli Dancing — Glenravel (Antrim) Recitation — M. McGinn (Clonduff, Down); Instrumental Music — P. Donlon (Ballyleague, Roscommon); Novelty Act — St. Dominics (Roscommon); Question Time — Old

Aloysians (Cork); Solo Singing — M. Crowley (Iniskeen, Monaghan); Ballad Group — An Rinn (Portlairge).

### SENIOR

**ATHENRY** — A. Morris; B. Duffy (Capt.); G. Healy, N. Treacy, M. Coen; B. Poniard, A. Coady, A. Poniard; A. Delaney, E. Hynes, U. Jordan; A. Bourke.

**ST. ALOYSIUS** — G. Ring; C. Coomey; E. Collins, M. Murphy, E. Hackett; P. Mackey, C. McCarthy, B. Cronin; E. Barry, J. O'Brien (Capt.), E. Hayes; C. Cronin.

### JUNIOR

**ATHENRY** — A. Morris; G. Coen; M. Murphy, A. Delaney, V. Callanan; H. Shaughnessy, A. Bourke (Capt.), C. Forde; B. McDonagh, C. Cannon, D. Callanan; U. Jordan.

**CASHEL** — C. Kelly; M. Maher; E. Brennan; C. Hennessy, E. Bonnar; K. Bergin; M. Kelly, T. Scully; Hallinan; M. Leamy (Capt.), R. Mulligan; K. Dwyer.

Athenry ... 4-2; Cashel ... 3-2

The holders, Presentation Convent Cashel, looked well on the way to victory, when, after leading 1-1 to 0-2 at half-time, they stretched their lead to 3-2 to 1-2 as this junior final moved into the last quarter. Then Athenry's Anne Burke gave her side fresh heart.

First, she goaled from a 30-yard free, and then shot the equalising goal from almost 50 yards with a bullet-like drive. Finally, in the last minute, she soloed upfield and Una Jordan hit the winning goal.

Athenry had other stars in goalkeeper Anne Morris, Anne Delaney and Della Callinan. Captain Mary Kelly, Mary Maher, Cora Hennessy, Eleanor Brennan and Regina Mulligan were outstanding for Cashel.

Scorers — St. Als. — P. Mackey, M. Murphy (1-0 each), C. Cronin, J. O'Brien (0-1 each); Athenry — A. Burke, O. Coady (0-1 each).

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JUBILATION—Happy St. Als supporters cheering their side on to victory over Presentation, Athenry, during the All-Ireland Senior Colleges camogie final at Croke Park on Saturday. —("Echo")

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JOAN MORLEY ON CAMOGIE

# St. Als first Munster school to win title

St. Aloysius (Cork) 2-2  
Presentation (Athenry) 0-2

**SALUTE** St. Aloysius, who have become the first school in Munster to win the Senior All-Ireland Colleges camogie title. The new champions took the trophy at the expense of holders, Presentation, Athenry, at Croke Park, on Saturday, when they won by 2-2 to 0-2.

St. Aloysius struck top form in this game. The defence was brilliantly marshalled by captain Jacinta O'Brien, with Ger Ring, Elaine Collins, Carol Coomey and Eleanor Hackett all sticking diligently to their task. In the centre field, Catherine McCarthy, Noreen Morrissey and Bernice Cronin worked ceaselessly to win the advantage while the impressive St. Als attack once again rose to the occasion.

Margaret Murphy, switched from half back to fullforward for the game, proved the sense of this switch with a great goal after nine minutes; Cork minor Claire Cronin, and Patricia Mackey again stood out as top colleges players, while Eithne Barry completed the St. Als front line efficiently.

The new champions worked hard for this victory and a word of congratulations to their coaches Sr. Louis Marie and Fr. Michael O'Brien. Their supporters too deserve mention as their tremendous backing has been a feature of the St. Als. challenge all through the championship.

Scorers: St. Als — M. Murphy 1-0, P. Mackey 1-0, C. Cronin 0-1,

J. O'Brien 0-1, Presentation — A. Burke 0-1, O. Coardy 0-1.

Presentation (Athenry) 4-2  
Colaiste Mhuire (Cashel) 3-2.

Colaiste Mhuire, surely the most exciting team of the day, must wonder how they failed to retain the junior All-Ireland title at Croke Park on Saturday. Leading by 3-2 to 1-2 with less than 10 minutes to go it looked all over. But Athenry centre Ann Burke, was to change all that

with an individual performance which left Cashel reeling.

Two long range frees from red-haired Anne brought the sides level and before Cashel could recover Una Jordan had added the winner. Anne Morris, Una Jordan, Anne Burke and Anne Delaney, who also played for their seniors, were most impressive for the winners while Regina Mulligan, Majella Hallinan, Eleanor Brennan and Mary Kelly were in brilliant form for Cashel.

Scorers: Athenry — A. Burke 2-2, U. Jordan 1-0, D. Callinan 1-0, Cashel: R. Mulligan 2-0, M. Kelly 1-1, M. Hallinan 0-1.

Teams:  
St. Aloysius: G. Ring, C. Coomey, E. Collins, J. O'Brien, E. Hackett, C. McCarthy, N. Morrissey, B. Cronin, C. Cronin, P. Mackey, E. Barry, M. Murphy.

Presentation (Athenry) — A. Morris, B. Duffy, G. Healy, N. Treacy, M. Coen, B. Poniard, O. Coady, A. Poniard, A. Delaney,

E. Hynes, U. Jordan, A. Burke Sub: H. Naughton for E. Hynes, Colaiste Mhuire: A. Morris, G. Coen, M. Murphy, A. Delaney, V. Callinan, H. Shaughnessy, A. Burke, C. Forde, B. McDonagh, C. Cannon, D. Callinan, U. Jordan, Sub: S. Kennedy for C. Forde.

Presentation (Athenry): C. Kelly, M. Maher, E. Brennan, C. Hennessy, E. Bonner, T. Scully, M. Kelly, K. Bergin, M. Hallinan, M. Leamy, G. Mulligan, K. Ryan.

## HOLDERS Imokilly are through

South Pres. P.P. 4-1; Muskerry 3-2

Imokilly 5-8; Naomh Gobnait 0-3

The Cork Senior County Camogie Championship got under way at The Farm, Curraheen Road, yesterday, with holders Imokilly and South Presentation Past Pupils advancing.

The game between South Presentation P.P. and Muskerry was a very close affair, with victory in doubt right up to the final whistle. Muskerry led at half-time by 1-1 to 0-1, but South Pres. came back in the second half to win their place in the semi-finals.

Mel Clinton and Ann Phelan have returned to South Pres. this season, and Ann's contribution was particularly impressive as she scored three of her side's goals, the other scores coming from Mary Breen (1-0) and Annette O'Donovan (0-1) and O'Driscoll (2-2) and Bleen

Kavanagh (1-0) for the selected side.

It is difficult to see how any side can put a stop to the victory march of Imokilly, chasing their fifth successive title. In yesterday's first round tie, they looked so good, in spite of a worthy performance from the youthful Naomh Gobnait (junior clubs selection). Mary O'Leary, Pat Moloney and Marion Sweeney were in command at all times and one felt that they could score at will, particularly in the second half, and were it not for the brilliance of Orla Harrington in the Naomh Gob-

nait goal the score might well have been a great deal larger in their favour.

Scorers—Imokilly: P. Moloney 1-4, E. Higgins 2-0, M. Sweeney 1-3, M. O'Leary 1-1, Naomh Gobnait: C. Cassidy 0-1, R. Desmond 0-2.

South Pres. P.P.—M. Clinton, M. O'Leary, B. Gibbons, E. Bohane, M. Bohane, H. O'Mahony, B. Horgan, M. McCarthy, N. Murphy, A. O'Donovan, A. Phelan, M. Breen. Sub: K. Dunne for B. Horgan.

Muskerry—R. O'Leary, M. McCarthy, K. Doherty, M. O'Driscoll, H. Horgan, M.

Twomey, N. O'Driscoll, N. O'Brien, E. Kavanagh, N. O'Driscoll, M. Mahon, S. Roche.

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

Naomh Gobnait—O. Harrington, C. Harris, J. Hallinan, B. Newman, A. Dent, M. Coughlan, P. Riordan, E. O'Sullivan, R. Desmond, C. Cassidy, B. Sheehan, M. Twomey, Sub: C. Cronin for B. Sheehan.

## Camogie title for 'Aloysius'

St. Aloysius brought the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie Championship to Cork and to Munster for the first time at Croke Park yesterday when they foiled Presentation Athenry's bid to take the title for the third successive year.

Athenry supporters had consolation however when their team captured the junior title in a game that proved of far higher standard than the senior encounter.

ST. ALOYSIUS ..... 2-2  
ATHENRY ..... 0-2

A superb defence in which their captain Jacinta O'Brien was the star performer, was a major factor in the first-ever victory of the Cork school. St. Als. led by 1-1 to 0-2 at the interval and really clinched their triumph with a well-taken goal by Patricia Mackey early in the second half.

SCORERS: St. Als. — M. Murphy, P. Mackey (1-0 each), J. O'Brien (0-1), C. Cronin (0-1). Athenry — A. Burke (0-1), O. Coady (0-1).

ST. ALOYSIUS — G. Ring; E. Collins, J. O'Brien (capt.), E. Hackett; C. McCarthy, M. Morrissey, B. Cronin; C. Cronin, P. Mackey, E. Barry; M. Murphy.

ATHENRY—A. Morris; B. Duffy, G. Healy, N. Treacy, M. Coen; B. Poniard, O. Coady, A. Poniard; A. Delaney, E. Hynes, U. Jordan; A. Burke, Sub. — H. Naughton for E. Hynes, Miss P. Hynes (Dublin).



St. Aloysius (Cork) players in jubilant mood after they had become the first Munster school to win the senior All-Ireland Colleges' camogie title when they beat Presentation (Athenry) in the final at Croke Park on Saturday. See report on page 9. (Examiner)



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ST. ALOYSIUS - ALL-IRELAND SENIOR COLLEGES CHAMPS  
BACK:- MARY MURPHY, ELEANOR HACKETT, NOREEN MORRISSEY,  
GER RING, CAROL COOMEY, ELAINE COLLINS  
AND PATRICIA HAYES  
FRONT:- CARMEL BUTLER, MARGARET MURPHY,  
BERNICE CRONIN, JAS O'BRIEN, CAPT. PATRICIA MACKAY  
CATHERINE MCCARTHY, CLAIRE CRONIN & EITHNE BARRY



ST. ALS ARE CHAMPIONS— The St. Aloysius team (top), which defeated Presentation, Aghery (bottom), to become the first Munster team to win the All-Ireland Senior Colleges title, at Croke Park on Saturday. —("Echo")



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St. Aloysius forward Claire Cronin racing away from her Presentation, Athenry, opponent score during the All-Ireland Senior Colleges' camogie final at Croke Park,

## MIXED LUCK FOR DUBS, WICKLOW

WICKLOW, who scored a well-deserved victory over Dublin in the Leinster Junior Camogie Championship, and Dublin, who had an easy passage in the Minor Championship, also against Wicklow, advance to meet Meath in the next rounds of these competitions.

WICKLOW ..... 6-2

DUBLIN ..... 3-2

Dublin, who had the fillip of an early goal, settled down to their task quickly and looked well on the road to victory when they led 2-2 to 0-1 at half time.

Kathleen Barry, who had played earlier for the minor side, came on as right forward for Wicklow after the interval and certainly left her mark on the game scoring three of Wicklow's second half goals as they gradually got the upper hand and finally dominated, scoring three goals in the last few minutes.

Best for the winners were Mary O'Loughlin, Kathleen O'Neill, Eileen Walsh and Kathleen Barry. For Dublin, Bernie Conway, Nora Carty and Bernie Whistler were the most prominent.

SCORERS: Wicklow — K. Barry (3-0); E. Walsh (2-1); C. Hannon (1-0); M. Kavanagh

(0-1). Dublin — D. Golden (2-0); M. Satello (1-0); J. McMahon and P. Cummins (0-1 each).

DUBLIN ..... 9-2

WICKLOW ..... 2-1

Dublin, who were faster, and combining better, proved too good for Wicklow in the minor game. In a fairly well contested first half, the winners led 4-1 to 2-1 at the interval.

The home side, however, dominated the second half adding 5-1 without reply.

The winners were best served by the Murphy sisters, Miriam Lynam and Una Crowley. For Wicklow, Kathleen Barry, Trudy Cullen, and Breda Whelan were best.

SCORERS: Dublin — E. Murphy (4-0); H. Gregsby (3-0); U. Crowley (1-1); J. Gormley (1-0); F. Murphy (0-1). Wicklow — B. Whelan (1-1); M. O'Loughlin (1-0).

## JOY DAY FOR CAMOGIE IN WICKLOW

By TAOBH LINE

WICKLOW, without ever winning a provincial title, has always been a stronghold of Camogie in Leinster. So one can appreciate the joy that was theirs on Sunday last when for the first time ever, they defeated Dublin in a championship game. This was the opening game in the Leinster junior championship.

Even though Dublin, as last year's all-Ireland winners in this grade, had to find an entirely new side, this was a very good achievement by the Wicklow girls, whose further engagements will now be watched with added interest.

On the other hand, the Dublin minors, in scoring a cler-cut victory over what looked a very useful Wicklow team, proved themselves a very promising side indeed, and will now have high hopes of conquering the provincial title for the first time.

Particularly effective was the very useful Edel Murphy who scored four of her county's goals. Presentation Convent, Athenry, met with mixed fortunes in the all-Ireland Colleges Finals at Croke Park on Saturday last. Their juniors staged a sensational late rally to snatch victory from the holders. Presentation Cashel, they seemed to have victory safely in their grasp only ten minutes from time.

The driving force behind Athenry's late and successful onslaught was Ann Burke who scored two vital goals and also laid on the winning score.

In the senior final, however, Athenry, who were seeking what would have been a record making third consecutive title, were always struggling against a sharper and more efficient side from St. Aloysius, who thus took this trophy to Cork for the first time.



ST. ALS ATTACK—St. Als forward Claire Cronin having a shot at the Presentation, Athenry, goal during the All-Ireland Senior Colleges camogie final at Croke Park on Saturday.

NOREEN MORRISSEY (background left) & Ethne Barry (right)



# Pres. Athenry Win Junior Title But Seniors Fail

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PRESENTATION CONVENT, ATHENRY . . . . . 4-2

PRESENTATION CONVENT, CASHEL . . . . . 3-2

PRESENTATION Convent, Athenry which has become the "home" of camogie in County Galway in recent years, sent two teams to Croke Park on Saturday last in pursuit of the All Ireland Colleges Senior and Junior Camogie titles and came back with the junior trophy while losing their bid to take the senior title for the third time in a row.

In beating the much fancied Cashel side, Presentation turned the tide of the game in the final seven minutes when they came back from two goals down with three sparking goals, the clincher only one and a half minutes from full time.

Cashel came to Croke Park as the holders and with an outstanding side that were worthy Munster champions once more, but they appeared to fatally underestimate the ability of the Athenry girls and when faced with two quick goals late in the game found themselves unable to get back into the game. The girls from Tipp still turned in a very stylish performance, nonetheless, and it was only in the second half that Athenry, after a number of positional changes, began to shake off their obvious youth and play with the sureness necessary to clinch an All Ireland.

### OUTSTANDING

Athenry had outstanding performances especially from captain Ann Delaney at centre back and from fourteen years old Ann Burke from Killimordaly, who had two goals (one from play and one from a free) and passed the ball that made the winning goal for Una Jordan.

Ann Burke now has the outstanding record of having won every championship honour that is open to her at this age and she will be a junior again next year - surely a point that the Galway Sports Stars selectors must note for their 1977 honours!

Una Jordan also had an outstanding game and also extremely impressive under the early pressure that Cashel mounted was goalie Ann Morris.

Cashel had a particularly good forward line in which Gina Mulligan, Kathleen Ryan and Kathleen Bergin were the real stylists, but what a pity it was that the whole Cashel team so underestimated Athenry.

Scorers for Athenry were: Ann Burke 2-2, Una Jordan and Della Callinan 1-0 each. Cashel scorers: Regina Mulligan 2-0, Mary Kelly 1-1, and Mary Hollins 0-1.

Athenry: Ann Morris, Grace Coen, Maura Murphy, Ann Delaney, Valerie Callinan, Helen Shaughnessy, Ann Burke, Cepta Forde, Bernadette McDonagh, Christian Cannon, Della Callinan,

Una Jordan. Subs: Christina Hanley for Cepta Forde. Sharon Kennedy, Ann O'Shea, Mary Kelly, Sadie Higgins.

Saint Aloysius . . . . . 2-2  
Presentation College . . . . . 0-2

Athenry in a bid to lift the senior camogie title for the third time in a row, went down to a fitter and superior team from Saint Aloysius College, Cork.

The Cork team got off to a dream start with a goal after seven minutes by Margaret Murphy. Athenry took a long time to settle down and indeed only had counted six attacks for the Athenry team in the first half.

Ann Burke who played the proverbial "blinder" in the junior match missed the easiest chance of the match, ten minutes into the first half when she broke clear through but failed to convert what looked like a certain goal. All credit to Anne, however, she played her heart out and put on a fine display in her second match of the afternoon.

After her near miss, she came back to open the scoring for Athenry in the eleventh minute with a point. Cork replied almost immediately with a point from a free by their captain, Jacinta O'Brien.

One of the rare attacks by Athenry resulted in a free which Olive Coady converted for a point. This left the half time score at 1-1 to 0-2.

The second half produced one of the most exciting and skillful displays camogie has seen for a long time. The Cork team were again the first to settle down and a marvellous goal by Patricia Mackey after two minutes left the score at 2-1 to 0-2. A further point in the ninth minute by Claire Cronin seemed to settle the issue.

But Athenry fought back with grit and determination. Valuable misses by their forwards, however, cost them the day. Ann Burke who moved to midfield from full forward fed the ball time and again into the Cork goalmouth but the solid Cork defence held firm. As the red shirts of Athenry surged forward, they were thwarted time and again by a wall of white and green and by a barrier of sound

from the wonderful Cork supporters.

With five minutes to go Athenry substituted Helen Naughton for Eileen Hynes but this move had little effect on the outcome. The final whistle blew with Athenry still trying to break through the impenetrable Cork defence but they just were not able to emulate their juniors success.

Best for Athenry were: Anne Burke, Olive Coady, Anne Poniard, and Una Jordan. Special mention must be made of the four girls who served Athenry in both the senior and junior grades: Goalkeeper Anne Morris, Anne Burke, Una Jordan and Anne Delaney.

The Athenry team: Anne Morris, Bernie Duffy (captain), Ger Healy, Noreen Treacy, Madelaine Coen, Anne Poniard, Bernie Poniard, Olive Coady, Eileen Hynes, Anne Delaney, Una Jordan, Anne Burke.

Reserve: H. Naughton for E. Hynes.

Leinster are very early in the field with the provincial Camogie championships this season and Sunday next sees the second set of first-round matches when Kilkenny entertain Louth in both minor and junior grades.

Kilkenny have been holders of the Leinster minor crown since first this competition was instituted two seasons ago, and with strong school teams in Thomastown, Callan and Ballyhale must be fancied to surmount at least this first hurdle.

In the junior game, however, Louth may prove the stronger as they can field their best team, whereas Kilkenny must rely on players who have not represented the county in senior grade. However, they will have some promising recruits from previous minor sides and the home line-out may well prove stronger than expected.

Wolfeboro, who re-

# Kilkenny Should Vanquish Louth

cently won the All-Ireland club championship, tomorrow night will celebrate with a dinner and presentation of medals in Newcastle West.

On Sunday the club champions are due to meet the Combined Universities in the annual challenge game which has been scheduled for Adare.

The new Central Council holds its first meeting in Croke Park tomorrow, and will have a very heavy agenda to deal with including recommendations from the recent Congress with regard to the advisability of holding a Youth Convention

Council will also have to appoint the various sub-committees and make preliminary arrangements for the Special Congress to finalise the new Official Guide, discuss the coaching scheme, courses for referees, and the National League which was sanctioned by the Carrickmacross Congress.

In Cork tomorrow evening there will be a very vital game in the local county championship when the Ashbourne Cup specialists, University College take on Old Aloysians. Several inter-county players will be in action on each team.

## Limerick score easy win

Limerick . . . . . 7-5  
Clare . . . . . 0-0

Limerick, the holders of the Munster Junior League for the past two seasons, easily accounted for Clare in the opening round of the current series at Adare on Sunday last.

Clare, fielding their second string, were no match for the home side. It was one-way traffic all through and it now seems as if Limerick will again have little difficulty in annexing another title.

Phil Darcy, Marion Doyle, Geraldine O'Brien, Vera Mackey, Carrie Clancy and Mary T. Hannon all starred for Limerick. Ann Fahy, Pauline O'Grady, Teresa Reidy, Kay Saunders and Bridie McGirl tried hard for Clare.

Limerick - H. Butler, A. O'Flynn, K. Ryan, G. O'Brien, E. Hayes, P. Darcy, M. Doyle, M. Hannon, N. Mackey, B. Stokes, C. Clancy, B. Darcy. Subs: P. McCarthy, B. O'Brien.

Clare - M. O'Grady, B. McGirl, E. Condron, P. O'Grady, A. Fahy, C. Glynn, T. Reidy, M. O'Donoghue, P. Moroney, C. McDonnell, K. Saunders, M. Glynn.

Referee: M. Saunders, Clare.

Under 16 Results - Ballinvreena 7-1, Feohanagh/Castlemahon 0-0; Croagh/Kilfinny 3-3, Ballygran 3-0; Bruff beat Knockalney; Croagh/Kilfinny 4-0, Croom 2-0; Ahane w.o., St. Patrick's ser.

### TOURNAMENT

The Ahane club held a tournament over the Easter weekend. In the semi-final they accounted for their week-end guests, Shamrock Naomh Brid of Newry, and qualified to meet Croagh/Kilfinny in the final. After a great game, Ahane emerged victorious and in doing so inflicted the first defeat on Croagh/Kilfinny since they won the All-Ireland Club Championship.

In a challenge game at Adare on Sunday, the Combined Universities defeated Croagh/Kilfinny 4-8 to 3-2.

Combined Universities scorers: A. McAllister (5-0), Powney (1-3), C. Riordan (2-2). Croagh/Kilfinny scorers: J. Fitzgerald (2-0), M. Doyle (1-2).



# U.C.C. The In Form Team!

TWO of St. Aloysius Colleges All-Ireland winning sides will be in action for Old Aloysians senior team for their clash with U.C.C. in the Senior County Championship at the U.C.C. Grounds on Saturday evening next. They are goalie Ger Ring and captain and star half back Jas. O'Brien.

In addition to the senior championship game there are six junior championship games listed as well as a number of league games.

U.C.C., Ashbourne cup holders and recent winners of the Cork senior league, set out on the championship trail determined to succeed. Strangely enough this trophy has not rested at the University since the mid-thirties despite their many Ashbourne successes and the number of really fine players who have worn their colours down through the years.

At the present time U.C.C. have their share of good players. Cally Riordan must be one of the fittest players in Cork while Val O'Dwyer is a beautiful striker who might have won further honours on the inter-county scene had she been interested. Waterford player Ellen O'Hanlon is a useful centre field player with College while Mary Walsh showed good form in winning an inter provincial medal with Munster a few months back. Mary Roche is a tower of strength in the backline and she looked particularly good at Centre back against Glen last week.

## YOUNG SIDE

Old Aloysians for their part field a young side. Ann Ryan, and All-Ireland medallist returns to the side while the club also welcomes back Nuala Jennings who was such a major part of

U.C.C.'s successes for the last few seasons. These two will add vital experience. Val Fitzpatrick made the Cork senior team at the end of last season while Marion O'Leary, Brid McAuliffe and Gerarda Barry have played for the Cork Juniors, and of course they have Ger Ring, who season, and Jas. O'Brien, the captain and inspiration of St. Als, both fresh from their All Ireland victory now going into the tough Cork County scene. Judy Walsh, the Old Als, captain, is not recovered from an appendix operation and will miss the game with Val Fitzpatrick leading the side in her absence.

Both sides look good for this game but on League form U.C.C. must start as favourites to advance.

Sunday is taken over completely by Junior Championship games. Buttevant with Anne Keane, Sheila Harrington and Mary Roche are likely to be too strong for Kilmichael at Ovens. At Nemo Grounds, the home side meet Gortroe and here Nemo with Ber Sheehan, Orla Harrington, and Rose Desmond of the Naomh Gobnait selection to help them, must be expected to advance.

At Mitchelstown Inniscarra with Nora O'Brien and Geraldine Ring should advance at the expense of St. Fanahans even on their own ground, while Killeagh with senior Cork player Marion Sweeney and Pat Moloney, as well as Catherine and Berda Landers, must carry too much power for Blackwater.

The Junior campaign continues on Thursday next (29th) when Blackrock might have trouble against UCC at Blackrock.

Old Als will have lost Jer Ring and Jas O'Brien to their seniors before their clash with Ballinora on the same evening but should still have good

enough players in Catherine McCarthy, Elaine Collins, Carol McArthur, Elaine Collins, Carol Coomey and Miriam O'Connor to account for Ballinora.

Tuesday will be taken up with League games with Aghabullogue and Eire Og clashing in the Intermediate League at Coachford and Glen Rovers and Bishopstown meeting at the latter grounds in the Under 18 campaign.

Finally on Thursday again Killeagh should account for Watergrasshill in the Under 16 League.

## FIXTURES

Saturday, April 24 Senior Championship, at Mardyke at 6.30: Old Aloysians v. U.C.C. Ref.: M. Mackey.

Sunday, April 25, Jun. Champ. at Ovens, at 3.30, Kilmichael v Buttevant, Rec.: Eire Og; Jun. Champ. at Nemo Grounds, at 3.30, Nemo Rangers v Gortroe Ref. Douglas Jun. Champ. at Mitchelstown at 3.50 St. Fanahans v Inniscarra, Ref. Buttevant, Jun. Champ. at Killeagh at 3.30, Killeagh v Blackwater, Ref.: Cloyne.

Tuesday, April 27, Inter League at Coachford at 7.15 Aghabullogue v Eire Og, Ref.:

Canovee. U-18 League at Bishopstown at 7.15 Glen Rovers v Bishopstown, Ref.: Nemo Rangers.

Thursday April 29, Jun. Champ. at Blackrock at 7.0 Blackrock v U.C.C. Ref. Ballylough. Jun. Champ., at Ballyphehane, at 7, Old Als v Ballinora, Ref.: St. Finbarrs.

U-16 League at Watergrasshill, at 7.15, Killeagh v Watergrasshill, Ref.: Sarsfields.

## MINOR TRIAL

The Cork minor selectors hold their second trial on Friday next in Na Piarasigh Grounds at 7 p.m. and the teams to line out are as follows:

"A" Team: Kathleen Costine (Cloyne); Geraldine Geaney (Glen Rovers); Elaine Collins (Old Als); Geraldine Costine (Cloyne); Ann Moore (St. Finbarrs); Breda Landers (Killeagh); Claire Hackett (Glen Rovers); Valerie O'Mahony (St. Finbarrs); Sally O'Connor (Killeagh); Geraldine Murray (Glen Rovers); Imelda Cronin (Na Piarasigh); Geraldine O'Donovan (Glen Rovers).

"B" Team: Anna Goggins (Na Piarasigh); Hilary Walker, Ballyphehane; Deirdre Lowry (Churchtown); Anne O'Sullivan (St. Finbarrs); Anne Lee (Canovee); Martha Kearney (Na Piarasigh); Catherine McCarthy (Old Als); Anne Delaney (Glen Rovers); Claire Cronin (Ballyphehane); Rose Desmond (Nemo Rangers); Ellen Foley (Castlevew); Mary Burns (Na Piarasigh).

To attend: Margaret Murphy (Ballinora) and Ber McDonald (Na Piarasigh).

LEINSTER CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP  
Junior — Kildare 4-4, Louth 1-0.  
Minor — Kildare 6-0, Offaly 0-2.

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## OLD ALOYSIANS IN TOP FORM

Old Aloysians 5-7, U.C.C. 2-2

Old Aloysians gave one of their finest performances for many years when they defeated U.C.C. in the Cork Senior County Championship at the Mardyke on Saturday evening, to earn their place in the semi-final against Imokilly.

The return of ex U.C.C. star Nuala Jennings as well as former Cork player Anne Ryan has added vital experience to the youthful Old Als. In addition the inclusion of St. Aloysians stars Jas O'Brien and Ger Ring proved most successful as these young girls have made the transition to the senior grade with little difficulty. Val Fitzpatrick and Clare Kenny provided the scoring power up front with 2-1 each to their credit, in this most spirited performance from Old Als.

Ashbourne Cup and Senior League holders U.C.C. were rather disappointing in this game. They were without their captain Ellen O'Hanlon for much of the game, and in spite of good work by Cally Riordan, Val O'Dwyer, Mary Roche and Mary Walsh they were struggling for most of the tie.

Scorers—Old Aloysians: V. Fitzpatrick 2-1, C. Kenny 2-1, J. O'Brien 1-2, N. Jennings 0-3, U.C.C.: M. Walsh 2-1, C. Riordan 0-1.

# Leinster Championships

By AGNES HOURIGAN

The Leinster junior and minor camogie championships are due to advance another step on Sunday when games are down for decision at two venues.

At St. Patrick's Park, Ennis-coorthy, Wexford are at home to Laois in both grades, while at Navan, Meath will take on, first, the Dublin minors and then the Wicklow junior selection.

At the County Wexford venue, the home county must be firm favourites to win both games. Laois is only slowly reorganising and can hardly be expected to give more than a lively spin to the opposition, although it would be a great thing for the game in the O'Moore County if they were to succeed in causing an upset in either grade.

But the issue could be far more open at Dunboyne, where, although the Dublin minors must be warmly fancied to get the better of the home county and thus advance to the semi-final, Meath and Wicklow could be very evenly matched in the junior encounter.

## Go On

This will be Meath's outing in the current competition, but there is plenty of talent in the county and it will field a very useful side.

But Wicklow have already proved themselves by accounting for Dublin who, although they had to find an entirely new team because of winning last year's all-Ireland, still looked one of the strongest counties in the province.

That victory, the first the county had ever achieved over Dublin, provided a wonderful boost for Wicklow's morale and could well help carry them to another success over the Meath girls this time.

Meanwhile, last Sunday's games at Kilkenny brought the expected results. A very useful Louth junior side proved that vital shade too experienced for Kilkenny, whereas the Kilkenny minors, who had held this title in Leinster for the past two seasons, proved too

clever for their Louth opponents.

Next time out, the winners of last Sunday's games will meet the survivors of the Kildare v Offaly clashes on Sunday week.

Big surprise of the weekend however, was the victory of the Combined Universities over all-Ireland club champions Croagh-Kilfinny in the annual challenge game at Adare. Admittedly, victory celebrations on the previous evening and a match on Sunday morning for some of its players did not help the club side, but, still, the students won well.

## ENTERTAINMENT

The semi-finals of the Cork senior championship should provide plenty of entertainment at The Mardyke.

South Presentation should have the measure of Glen Rovers in one but, in the other, Old Aloysians, who have not won the title since 1961, face a very daunting task when they take on the East Cork Divisional Selection that has held the honours for the last four years.



# Imokilly Will Be Hard To Beat

THERE should be a feast of camogie at the Mardyke on Sunday next with the two semi-finals of the Senior Co. Championship down for decision. Four time champions, Imokilly, meet Old Aloysians, and South Presentation Past Pupils meet Glen Rvs. in a most exciting double-decker.

Imokilly began the championship as hot favourites to win their fifth successive title. Their first round game against Naomh Gobnait did nothing to change this view, and they go into the semi-final clash with an impressive array of talent, a wealth of experience and a four year unbroken winning run.

The champions are strong in all departments and are brilliant up front where Pat Moloney, Marion Sweeney and Mary O'Leary have a wonderful understanding and make scoring look so easy. This trio will have to be held if Old AIs. hope to be in this game with a chance.

Against U.C.C. on Saturday evening last Old AIs. played with great spirit and determination. The return of Nuala Jennings and Anne Ryan has been a big

asset while the remainder of the side seem to be playing with a new confidence. Next Sunday's opposition, however, will be a different proposition from U.C.C. and Old AIs. will need to take Imokilly player for player if they hope to win.

## DETERMINED

South Presentation Past Pupils who had a disastrous championship last year are determined to win back their status. Mel Clinton has strengthened the defence and Eleanor Bohane has shown good improvement. They had a narrow, but deserved, win over Muskerry in the first round and must be expected to be good enough to advance against Glen Rovers.

Glen, who returned to senior ranks last season have lacked scoring power in recent league outings and this could cost them dearly. However, they have star Cork goalie, Deirdre Sutton, on their side and if they can revive that old "Glen" spirit then they could advance. But South Pres must be expected to shade it.

After a series of trial games the Cork minor panel has been selected and is as follows:—

Kathleen Costine (Cloyne), Anna Goggins (Na Piarasigh), Anne Moore (St. Finbarrs), Anne O'Sullivan (do.), Hilary Walker (Ballyphehane), C. McCarthy (Old Aloysians), Ber McDonald (Na Piarasigh), Anne Delaney (Glen Rovers), Claire Hackett (do.), Martha Kearney (Na Piarasigh), Rose Desmond (Nemo Rangers), Claire Cronin (Ballyphehane), Ellen Foley (Castleview), Margaret Murphy (Ballinora), Mary Burns (Na Piarasigh), Ger Murray (Glen Rovers).

Tomorrow Blarney meet Canovee in the Intermediate League and this clash could go either way. On the same evening Na Piarasigh meet Glen Rovers in the under-14 League and here again it is difficult to suggest likely winners.

Pick of the coming weekday games must surely be the Intermediate Championship tie at Midleton where Churchtown and Sarsfields clash on Wednesday evening next. This all East Cork encounter should be a good one with Churchtown's Jane O'Brien, Josie Knowles and Antoinette Houlihan determined to get the better of Sarsfields' Mary Canavan, Catherine Kenneally and Marie Barry, and vice versa.

A meeting of the Cork Primary Schools Council will be held on Monday night next at 7 p.m. at the Co. Board Rooms.

## FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Sat.), at Blarney, I.L. Blarney v Canovee, 7.15 p.m. (Ref. Inniscarra); at Na Piarasigh, Under-14 L., Na Piarasigh v Glen Rovers, 7 p.m. (Ref. Aghabullogue).

Sunday at U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, S.C., Imokilly v Old Aloysians, 2.45 p.m. (Ref. R. Riordan); S.P.P.P. v Glen Rvs., 4 p.m. (Ref. M. Moran).

Monday, J.L., at Ovens Eire Og v Ballinora, 7.15 p.m. (Ref. Ballincollig).

Tuesday, under-14 at Ballyphehane, Ballyphehane v Nemo 'A', 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Glen Rvs.); at Ballincollig, under-14 L., Ballincollig v Ballinora, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Eire Og).

Wednesday at Midleton, I.C., Churchtown v Sarsfields, 7.15 p.m. (Ref. Carrigtwohill); at Ballyphehane, under-14, Old Aloysians v Redmonds, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. S.P.P.P.); at Douglas, under-14, Douglas v Blackrock, 7.30 (Ref. Nemo Rangers).

# Imokilly girls in scoring form

Imokilly 5-9, Old Aloysians 0-2  
South Presentation PP 0-5,  
Glen Rovers 0-3

THE Imokilly scoring machine was once again in top gear in the first half of this Cork County semi-final clash with Old Aloysians at the UCC Grounds, Mardyke. Five goals and seven points were crashed home in this period, and in spite of a gallant second-half effort by Old Aloysians, during which time the champions only managed two further points, the result was never in doubt.

Imokilly were strong in all sectors and with the Costine sisters, Kathleen, Marie and Bernie, as well as Marion Sweeney 2-2, L. Higgins 2-1, P. O'Leary and Liz Higgins, all in top form, the young Old AIs side were never in the game. Ger Ring, Brid McAuliffe and Val Fitzpatrick worked hard for the losers.

Scorers: Imokilly — M. Sweeney 2-2, L. Hgins 2-1, P. Moloney 0-6, J. Knowles 1-0; Old Aloysians — C. Kenny 0-2.

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

Old Aloysians: G. Ring, M. O'Leary, A. O'Sullivan, G. Barry, N. Jennings, B. McAuliffe, A. Ryan, P. Walsh, J. O'Brien, A. O'Connor, C. Kenny, V. Fitzpatrick.

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THERE was no goal scored in this rather scrappy semi-final in which victory was in doubt to the final whistle.

Cork inter-county star Marion McCarthy was South Presentation's trump card with her long attacking pucks keeping them in the Glen half for long periods. But the Convent side lacked finish and might well have suffered the consequences when Glen Rovers went very close to scoring a goal in the closing minutes.

In addition to Marion McCarthy, Eleanor Bohane, Mel Clinton and Annette O'Donovan tried hardest. Cork minors Clare Hackett and Anne Delaney were impressive for Glen Rovers

while Deirdre Sutton and Marie Mackey also played well.

Scorers: South Presentation PP — M. McCarthy 0-3, A. O'Donovan 0-1, N. Murphy 0-1; Glen Rovers — A. Delaney 0-2, C. Hackett 0-1.

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Glen Rovers: D. Sutton, C. Murray, B. Owens, M. Nott, M. Mackey, A. Delaney, C. Hackett, C. Fitzgibbon, M. Coleman, A. Connolly, M. O'Brien, G. Murray. Sub: M. O'Connell for M. O'Brien.

## Wicklow and Dublin advance

WICKLOW and Dublin advanced to the Leinster Junior and Minor Camogie Championship semi-finals at the expense of Meath at Navan yesterday.

### Wicklow 5-6; Meath 1-1

WICKLOW had this game under control from the start. Leading 4-2 to 0-1 against the wind at half time.

Best for the winners were Margaret Kavanagh, Pat Kelly and Ann O'Neill. For Meath Pat Watters, Marian Tyrrell and Noelle Kelly did best.

Scorers, Wicklow, K. Barry (6-0), E. Ealsh (2-1), M. O'Loughlin (1-1), A. Lawlor (0-2), B. Whelan (0-2). Meath — M. Duffy (1-0), P. Watters (0-1).

### Dublin 9-1; Meath 0-1

DUBLIN scored a well deserved victory over Meath in the minor game. After a slow start when the visitors were well held by the home side, who were playing against the breeze, Dublin led 4-0 to nil at half time.

The winners, however, dominated the second half adding 5-1 to one point for Meath.

Scorers, Dublin, S. Farmer (5-0), J. Gormley (2-0), U. Crowley (1-1), B. Gogby (1-0). Meath, I. Farrell (0-1).

# WICKLOW A USEFUL SIDE

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# Spotlight On Inter-County Championship

THE inter county championship season opens for Cork this weekend when the minors set out in defence of their All-Ireland title. On the club front there are two intermediate and one junior championship game, as well as the under 18 league final, listed.

Cork won the Minor All-Ireland for the first time last season but only four of that side are underage for the current campaign. They are Kathleen Costine in goal who now captains the side, Anne Delaney and Claire Hackett at centrefield and Claire Cronin at wing forward. Eight positions are a big number to fill, particularly with such a tough game as Limerick for an opener. But the minor selectors have held a series of trials over the past few weeks and with so much young talent at their disposal they must feel confident enough of fielding another strong Cork side.

Ann O'Sullivan, Ellen Foley, Martha Kearney and Margaret Murphy are expected to make promising debuts on Sunday when the team travels to Adare to take on the under-sixteens of Limerick. Cork have recently started an under-14 league and this must be a help to selectors over the next few years in finding under-16 talent. But Limerick already run under-12, 14 and 16 leagues and with Rosary Hill, and St. Pauls, Kilfinane, among the top camogie schools in Munster, there is plenty of underage talent in Limerick. Of course Cork too have plenty of camogie in the schools—we can't forget St. Aloysius triumph in the All-Ireland a few weeks ago—and so should be able to contend with Limerick, who have also lost a number of last year's players.

The Cork minor team will be: Kathleen Costine (Capt.), Anne Moore, Ann O'Sullivan, Catherine McCarthy, Ber McDonald, Martha Kearney, Anne Delaney, Claire Hackett, Claire Cronin, Rose Desmond, Ellen Foley, Margaret Murphy.  
Subs.: Ann Goggin, Hilary Walker, Mary Byrne, Ger Murray.

## LEAGUE

On Sunday Killeagh meet Castlevew in the final of the under-18 league. Killeagh's policy of coaching their young as well as old rich dividends. Many of the girls who helped Killeagh reach the final of the Cork Community games in 1974 and 1972 will be in action in the final. Also eight members of the side have played on the club's successful junior side so they

are hardly likely to suffer from usual nerves. Betty Joyce, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Sally O'Connor, the Landers sisters Catherine, Breda and Anna Marie, the Murphy sisters Mary and Breda and the Spillanes Shelley and Mary, in spite of their youth are already established players and together they must have too much power for Castlevew.

However, Castlevew have made great strides in their short time in the game and will not admit defeat easily. It will be a busy weekend for young Ellen Foley of Castlevew. Ellen will be in the Cork side on Saturday and hopes to help her club to take the under-18 trophy on Sunday.

There should be plenty of excitement in the two intermediate championship games listed. Watergrasshill with Mary O'Leary, Elizabeth and Angela Higgins, should advance at the expense of Canovee, who depend so much on Margo Twomey when these sides meet at Cloughduv.

Aghabullogue have shown improvement in recent league outings but could still find it difficult to oust champions, Cloyne.

In the junior campaign Eire Og's second string travel to Youghal where they might find Cally Riordan and Mary Jo Daly too much to cope with.

Tomorrow (Sat) at Adare: Munster Under-16 Championship: Limerick v Cork, 3 p.m. At Youghal: J.C., Eire Og v. Youghal, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. S.P.P.P.)

Sunday — At Cloughduv: I.C., Watergrasshill v Canovee, 12.00 (Ref. Eire Og). At Castlemartyr: I.C., Cloyne v Aghabullogue, 2 p.m. (Ref. Churchtown). At Lower Ballinure: Under-18 L. Final: Killeagh v Castlevew, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Old Aloysians).

## CORK WERE NEVER IN ANY DANGER

Cork 5-5, Limerick 0-1

Inspired by the skilful play of Clare Cronin, Ann Delaney and Claire Hackett, plus some superb goalkeeping by Kathleen Costine enabled Cork to score a comprehensive 5-5 to 0-1 victory over Limerick in the Munster under-16 camogie championship at Adare on Saturday.

Limerick enjoyed much of the play in the first half and had the first score of the game after 40 minutes play. However, Cork began to exert their superiority and by half-time led 2-1 to 0-1. It was all one way traffic in the second half with Cork completely on top and finishing comfortable winners.

Scorers: Cork—C. Cronin 3-0, R. Desmond 0-4, M. Kearney 1-1, E. Foley 1-0. For Limerick—E. Hayes 0-1.

CORK—K. Costine, A. Moore, A. O'Sullivan, C. McCarthy, D. McDonald, M. Kearney, A. Delaney, C. Hackett, C. Cronin, R. Desmond, E. Foley, M. Murphy.

LIMERICK—K. Mulcahy, J. Burke, H. O'Sullivan, E. Hayes, M. O'Donnell, J. Butler, B. Hannon, H. Mulcair, M. Shanahan, J. Cross, M. O'Sullivan, S. Murphy. Subs.—A. O'Sullivan for K. Mulcahy, M. Carroll for H. Mulcair.

Referee: P. O'Riordan (Cork).

## St. Patrick's first title

ST. PATRICK'S ..... 3-1  
UCG ..... 2-2

St. Patrick's Drumcondra won the Higher Education Camogie League final at Dangan, Galway, yesterday when they beat University College Galway by two points in a great final. It was St. Patrick's first success in the competition.

St. Patrick's scorers were Nuala Jennings (1-1) Susan Halpin (1-0) and Bridie Heneghan (1-0). Galway's scorers were Kathleen Tynan (1-0) Carol O'Donovan (1-0), Bernice Lynch (0-1) and Dolores Duggan (0-1).

# KILKENNY TO MAKE IT AGAIN

KILDARE, already through to the Leinster Junior Camogie final, will be hoping to qualify for another provincial decider when they meet holders Kilkenny in the semi-final at Naas next Sunday evening (5.0).

Kildare had a convincing win, 6-0 to 0-2, over Offaly, at the same venue last Sunday and in the process avenged a defeat at the same stage last season. So the home county will field very hopefully now, but they will have their work cut out to contain the Kilkenny girls, who were very effective disposing of Louth in their previous outing.

Since the championship in this grade was first begun two years ago, Kilkenny have never tasted defeat within Leinster and must now be given a great chance of reaching the final for the third successive season.

The other semi-final, which will also be played on Sunday will have a Phoenix Park setting as no other pitch was available. In this game Dublin with convincing earlier wins over Wicklow and Meath to their credit, will be taking on Wexford making their first appearance in the current series.

On the strength of those earlier victories Dublin are very optimistic about taking the minor title for the first time this year. Yet, even though Wexford are untried to date, the all-round standard of camogie is so high by the Slaney that it would be very unwise to write off the visitors' chances.

The Cork County final is listed for Saturday at Na Piarasigh Grounds where holders, Imokilly, the East Cork Divisional selection must be odds-on favourites to take the honour for the fifth successive season.

The great goalkeeper, Mel Cummins, an All-Ireland star of a couple of years ago, returns between the posts for challengers South Presentation, but it is doubtful if even that move will contain the power of Imokilly spearheaded by the three Costine sisters; Pat Moloney, who was in wonderful form in the semi-final against Old Aloysians, and Marion Sweeney.

The last of the Leinster Colleges finals should provide plenty of entertainment tomorrow, at Monamolin where Kilmuckridge Vocational School will be at home to Thomastown Vocational School in both the Senior "B" and Minor deciders.

Thomastown already have won the junior title, but ground advantage could give us a Wexford double tomorrow.

St. Patrick's, Drumcondra, became the first non-university side ever to win the Higher Institutes League, when they narrowly defeated U.C.G. in a most exciting final at Galway last weekend.



The Churchtown North (Midleton) Camogie team which beat Sarsfields (Glanmire) 5-9 to 3-1 at Midleton.



# No Stopping Imokilly!

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Star-studded champions, Imokilly, must be odds on favourites to take their fifth successive Co. title when they meet South Presentation Past Pupils in the final on to-morrow evening at Na Piarasigh Grounds. Imokilly haven't conceded a goal so far in the championship and when their all round strength is considered it is difficult to see how South Presentation P.P. can hope to stop them.

Kathleen Costine, Marie Costine, Kay Spillane, Rose O'Sullivan and Bernie Costine make up a powerful defence. Angela Higgins, Catherine Landers and Pat Moloney are a stylish centrefield trio, while Mary O'Leary, Marion Sweeney, Josie Knowles and Elizabeth Higgins are devastating around goal.

They made it all look so easy against Naomh Gbnaid and again against Old Aloysians when the all-round strength of the side was clearly emphasised.

South Presentation have a number of very good players, but it would appear that they have not got sufficient numbers of top class performers to really challenge the champions. Mel Clinton's performance in goal will be interesting. Mel made a name for herself nationwide in Cork colours before taking a break from the camogie scene. Now she is back and will get ample opportunity to show her current form.

Mary Whelton and Marion McCarthy are current Cork senior players while Anne Phelan is another Cork star who has returned after a short absence. All these players have

plenty of experience while Eleanor Bohane, Annette O'Donovan and Mary Breen are also good players, but against Imokilly, with each player a match winner in her own right, they could have too much to cope with.

## JUNIOR C'SHIP

On Sunday there are two junior championship games listed. St. Finbarr's, who won last year's city section of the Junior League, may prove too experienced for Ballyphehane when these sides clash at the Barrs Grounds.

The homesters in the first round brushed aside the challenge of Bishopstown and with Francis Barry Murphy, Mary Walshe, Valerie O'Mahony,

Marion Bowen and Mary Christy all playing well at the moment they should advance. However Ballyphehane have some very good young players in Claire Cronin, Aisling Dent, Margo Sugrue and Marion Cooke, and could give the Barrs a run.

In the second tie Castleview, who failed by two points to Killeagh in the Under 18 last Sunday, will hope for better things against Nemo. The latter have Orla Harrington, Rose Desmond, Catherine Cassidy and Ber Sheehan in their line up but Castleview hope they will have an answer to this in the persons of Joan Shannon, Ellen Foley, Eileen Walsh and Pauline Cullinane.

On the league scene the Under 16 has reached the semi-final stage with Killeagh meeting St. Fanahan's at Killeagh. The

home side will field several of the side which won the Under 18 League last Sunday and should easily account for St. Fanahan's here.

In the only under 18 game listed Cobh meet Churchtown while the other fixtures are all Under 14 ties. This new competition is generating great interest and this week there are fixtures on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next.

## CAMOGIE: Imokilly 10-15, South Pres. 1-2

— To those in attendance at Na Piarasigh Grounds on Saturday night last, the first thing to strike us was this Imokilly side would beat any club in the 32 counties, indeed at least nine could do justice to any senior county side. What an array of talent they possessed and if South Presentation was the first side to raise the green flag against the East Cork girls, it was an accident as when clearing the ball, Imokilly's Marie Costine's shot was deflected off her skipper Kay Spillane and Anne Whelan to her surprise and delight had a gift goal.

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Fullback Marie Costine gave another impeccable display at fullback for the winners. Young Kathleen Landers, Pat Moloney and Angela Higgins were outstanding at midfield while Mary O'Leary and Marian Sweeney were outstanding in attack.

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**IMOKILLY'S CUP** — Mrs. Nora Newman, vice-Chairman Cork County Camogie Board, presenting the Cork County Senior Championship Trophy to Kay Spillane, Captain Imokilly, after their facile win over South Presentation P.P.U. in the final at na Piarasigh Grounds, Cork.



**WON OPENING ROUND**—To top: Imokilly, who scored a great win over St. Gobbans in the opening round of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship game at U.C.C.

IMOKILLY. BACK:- BETTY JOYCE, MARY O'LEARY, ANGELA HIGGINS, MARIE COSTINE, ELIZABETH HIGGINS, CATHERINE LANDERS, MARY CANAVAN & BERNIE COSTINE,  
FRONT- JANE O'BRIEN, MARION SWEENEY, KAY SPILLANE (CAPT), JOSIE KNOWLES, ROSE CONDON, KATHLEEN COSTINE & PAT MOLONEY



# CAMOGIE NEW COMPETITION

AT Cork County Convention early in the year it was decided to establish a new club competition — the Cork Senior Club Championship and the first game in this new campaign will be held on tomorrow (Saturday) evening when Glen Rovers meet U.C.C. at the latter's grounds. The second tie will take place at Ballyphehane on Sunday, when Old Aloysians meet South Presentation Past Pupils.

The first Cork senior trial will be held on Tuesday while the remaining fixtures are all league ties. The supremacy of Imokilly in the Cork county championship for the fifth successive year underlined the necessity for the new senior club competition. The clubs, with a very limited pick in comparison to the East Cork selection, are demoralised by the way in which Imokilly swept aside their efforts and if senior club camogie is not to worsen in the city it is vital to give them an incentive to keep them interested. And so to the new competition, where the clubs can meet at their own level.

In tomorrow night's game Glen Rovers will be depending a great deal on their defence where Deirdre Sutton, Mary Nott and Maura Coleman will give the U.C.C. forwards little room. The first Cork senior trial takes place on Tuesday next at the Mardyke and as expected there is a fair sprinkling of Imokilly players selected. The teams are as follows:

**Team A —** D. Sutton (Glen Rovers), M. Roche (U.C.C.), M. Whelton (S.P.P.P.), B. Costine (Cloyne), M. Walsh (U.C.C.), K. Doherty (Blarney), P. Moloney (Killeagh), A. Higgins (Watergrasshill), F. Barry-Murphy (St. Finbarrs), M. O'Leary (Watergrasshill), M. Canavan (Sarsfields), V. Fitzpatrick (Old Aloysians).

**Team B —** M. Clinton (S.P.P.P.), M. Costine (Cloyne), M. Mackey (Glen Rovers), M. McCarthy (S.P.P.P.), R. Condon (Churchtown), C. Landers (Killeagh), M. McCarthy (Eire Og), M. Sweeney (Killeagh), A. Phelan (S.P.P.P.), C. Riordan (U.C.C.), N. O'Driscoll (Eire Og), E. Higgins (Watergrasshill).

Players to attend — K. Costine (Cloyne), A. Ryan (Old Aloysians), M. Twomey (Canovee) and A. O'Donovan (S.P.P.P.). On the league front Eire Og could take the 1975 intermediate title with a win over Watergrasshill on Sunday. In the junior championship Ballinora and Old Aloysians meet for the third time. With two draws behind them this game has all the ingredients of a thriller.

**FIXTURES**  
 Tomorrow (Saturday) at U.C.C. Grounds, Cork Club Championship, U.C.C. v. Glen Rovers, 7.15 p.m. (Ref. S.P.P.P.); at Cloyne, Churchtown v. Cloyne, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Killeagh, Killeagh).  
 Sunday — At Owens, I.L., Watergrasshill v. Eire Og, 12.00 (Ref. Canovee); at Ballyphehane, J.C., Ballinora v. Old Aloysians, 2.30 p.m. (Ref. Bishopstown).  
 At Ballyphehane, Club C., Old Aloysians v. S.P.P.P., 3.45 p.m. (Ref. Glen Rovers); at Na Piarasigh, U-16 L., Ballinlough v. Na Piarasigh, 3 p.m. (Ref. U.C.C.).  
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 Thursday, at Ballinure, U-16 L., Nemo Rangers v. Blackrock, 7.30 p.m.; at Douglas, U-18 L., Douglas v. Ballinlough, 7.30 p.m.; at Ballyphehane, U-16, Na Piarasigh v. Redmonds, 7.30 p.m.

## Deserved win

Limerick ..... 3-4  
 Tipperary ..... 1-3

Limerick scored a deserved win over Tipperary in the semi-final of the Munster Senior Championship at Boherlahan on Sunday. Playing with the assistance of a very strong wind in the first half, they could only manage an interval lead of 1-4 to no score, but against the odds after the turn-over, they turned on the style and at no time did Tipperary look like pulling back the lead.

Marjie Neville, at full-back, had a fine game for the winners. Mary T. Hannon was outstanding at mid-field, while the attack was best served by Marion Doyle, whose high work-rate at centre-half set up her side for all their scores. Limerick scorers — C. Clancy, 1-1; B. Stokes, 1-0; B. Darcy, 1-0; M. Doyle, 0-2; G. O'Brien, 0-1. Tipperary scorers — D. Lane, 1-0; S. Tynan, 0-3.

Limerick — H. Butler, M. Neville, P. Darcy, G. O'Brien, K. Ryan, M. Hannon, D. O'Brien, A. Sheehy, M. Doyle, B. Stokes, B. Darcy, C. Clancy. Tipperary — M. O'Brien, K. Ryan, M. Kennedy, S. Tynan, P. Quigley, S. Delaney, D. Lane, M. Hayes, M. Hogan, M. Tynan, B. Feehan, M. Butler. Ref.: A. O'Loughlin (Clare). Limerick were scheduled to meet Tipperary in the final of the Munster Junior League on Wednesday evening, but at the request of the latter, the game was cancelled. On Sunday next they travel to Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny, to take on the home county in a tournament game, and on June 10 they play Clontarf at Hospital, a game run in conjunction with a local festival.

# KILKENNY OUST POOR KILDARE

Kilkenny, 5-2; Kildare, nil. THE writing was on the wall for Kildare at half-time in this semi-final when, despite a favourable wind, they were trailing by two goals to nil against Kilkenny at Naas yesterday.

The winners dominated the second half, though the home side fought gamely to the final whistle. Best for the winners were Cannel Moran, Catherine Hennessy, Josie O'Shea and Hazel Diamond.

Scorers—Kilkenny: C. Moran (2-2), C. Hennessy (2-0), J. O'Shea (1-0).

Wexford, 5-0; Dublin, 2-2. WEXFORD, playing skilful camogie with first-time striking prowess to powerful for Dublin in this Minor semi-final at Park yesterday.

Though the Metropolitans had the better of the exchanges in the first half, they could make no impression on an outstanding Wexford goalie and defence. Wexford led 1-0 at half-time. Scorers — Wexford: T. Butler

(2-0), R. McGuinness, M. Barron, A. Whelan (1-0 each). Dublin: M. Dwane, S. Farmer (1-0 each), E. Murphy (0-2).

Kilmuckridge Vocational School, Wexford, ended the Leinster Camogie Colleges' campaign on a high note when they won the Senior B and Minor finals for the first time, defeating Thomastown Vocational School at Monomolin, Gorey, on Saturday.

Kilmuckridge Vocational School 5-0  
 Thomastown Vocational School 2-0

AFTER trailing 2-2 to nil at half-time, after facing a stiff breeze, Kilmuckridge dominated the second half, scoring five goals without a reply to defeat Thomastown in the Senior B final.

Scorers — Kilmuckridge: B. Byrne (2-0), M. Dempsey (2-0), D. Murray (1-0). Thomastown: H. Diamond (1-2), C. Hennessy (1-0).

# Old Als. and U.C.C. for final

U.C.C. 2-4; Glen Rovers 1-4  
 Old Aloysians 2-4;  
 South Presentation P.P. 1-2

The new Cork Senior Club Championship got under way over the weekend with the four clubs involved playing in two semi-finals. The first of these, played at the U.C.C. Grounds on Saturday evening, was a most exciting affair and the atmosphere of the game must surely emphasise the need for this new competition.

Both U.C.C. and Glen Rovers played well above their championship form and with victory at all times in the balance the game was a thriller. Glen had a slight edge in the first half exchanges and with Clare Hackett, Mary Nott and Maura Coleman in sparkling form, they were ahead at the interval by 1-2 to 0-3.

On the resumption, however, U.C.C.'s Val O'Dwyer, Cally Riordan, and Ellen O'Hanlon, inspired the College girls and in a most exciting finish snatched victory.

The second semi-final played at Ballyphehane yesterday, was a closely tussle although Old Aloysians were ahead of South Presentation for most of the game. A high wind did not help the camogie in this tie in which Phil Walsh, Ger Ring, and Val Fitzpatrick were best for Old Aloysians. The experienced trio, Mel Clinton, Mary Whelton and Marion McCarthy, were most impressive for South Pres.

Scorers: U.C.C. — E. O'Hanlon 1-2, A. McCarthy 1-0, C. Riordan 0-2 Glen Rovers: M. Coleman 1-3 C. Hackett 0-1. Old Aloysians: — V. Fitzpatrick 1-3, A. O'Connor 1-0, C. Kenny 0-1 South Presentation: — M. McCarthy 1-1, A. O'Donovan 0-1.

U.C.C. — M. Hanahan, M. Roche, M. Murphy, m. Walsh, M. Murphy, C. Riordan, V. O'Dwyer, C. Lucey, E. O'Hanlon, N. Courtney, G. Butler, A. McCarthy. Sub. M. Murphy for C. Lucey.

Glen Rovers: — D. Sutton, B. Owens, N. O'Mahony, M. Nott, M. Mackey, A. Delaney, A. Connolly, C. Hackett, M. O'Connell, M. Coleman, M. O'Brien, G. Murray. Sub P. Dorgan for M. O'Connell.

Old Aloysians: — G. Ring, M. O'Leary, M. Kidney, A. Ryan, B. McAulliffe, G. Barry, P. Walsh A. O'Sullivan, A. O'Connor, V. Fitzpatrick, J. Walsh, C. Kenny. S.P.P.P. — M. Clinton, M. Bohane, M. Whelton, F. Breen H. O'Mahony, B. Lyne, E. Bohane, M. McCarthy, A. O'Donovan, A. Phelan, M. Breen N. Murphy.

# WEXFORD GIRLS BEST

Wexford 2-4; Wicklow 1-6

WEXFORD, by a single point after extra time, qualified for the Leinster Junior Camogie final against Kildare when they beat Wicklow at Knockananna, yesterday. The opening half was fast and keen with Wexford, who had benefitted from the breeze, leading 0-3 to 0-1 at half time. Wicklow asserting themselves on the restart, drew level before each die exchanged points to leave the score 0-4 each at full time.

Wexford netted two goals early in the first period of extra

time while Wicklow added a point. The home side dominated the second period of extra time, but they failed to catch up thanks to the defensive work by the Wexford girls.

Best for Wexford were— M. Cousins, M. O'Leary, G. Duggan and E. Keogh, while for Wicklow M. O'Loughlin, P. Kelly, M. Kavanagh, E. Walsh, were the most prominent.

SCORERS — Wexford — B. Higgins (2-0), M. O'Leary (0-2), G. Duggan, M. O'Connor (0-1 each). Wicklow — M. O'Loughlin (0-6), E. Walsh (1-0).

# Claire Harris stars for North Pres

North Presentation 1-3,  
 South Presentation 0-1

Claire Harris proved the trump card in North Presentation's win over South Presentation in the final of the Cork schools senior championship at Na Piarasigh Grounds yesterday.

Playing with a wind in the first half North Presentation played Claire at half-forward from which position she scored a goal and a point.

After the interval Claire was moved back to full-back where she proved unbeatable. In addition to Claire, North Pres had fine players in Irene Murphy, Martha Kearney and Ber McDonald. Valerie O'Mahony, Eileen Kavanagh and Grainne Mackey were best for the losers.

Scorers—North Pres.—C. Harris 1-1, M. Kearney and M. Heffernan 0-1 each. South Pres. E. Kavanagh 0-1.



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# Busy time for Wexford

WITH the Leinster Junior and Minor finals down for decision on Sunday next at Monomolin, Gorey, the home side, who are dually engaged, will have a busy weekend. Wexford Juniors qualified for the final against Kildare when they got the better of Wicklow after extra time.

A draw at full time, when the score was 0-4 each, Wexford scored two goals in the first period of extra time and had a point to spare at the end though Wicklow, who dominated the last period, were somewhat unlucky with their shooting.

Kildare, who reached the final last year, were somewhat unlucky to lose to Dublin, who went on to take the All-Ireland title so they will be most anxious to prove their worth this time.

They have fine players in Nuala Malone, The Miggin sisters, May Ryan, Gemma Kane and Teresa Lynch but on last Sunday's showing Wexford's Monica O'Leary, Martina Cousins, Geraldine Duggan, Eileen Kehoe and Ann Butler will give the Kildare girls a good run for the title.

Wexford, who won the Senior All-Ireland title last season, are also in action against Kilkenny in the minor final at the same venue. These two sides were in

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opposition in last year's decider which was a brilliant game between two very skilled teams.

In that game Kilkenny were the ultimate winners although Wexford were in front as often as the winners right through the game.

Wexford, who got a walk-over from Laois in the first round, proved too good for Dublin, who had defeated Wicklow and Meath while Kilkenny had accounted for Louth and Kildare in their path to this final.

Kilkenny have outstanding players in Hazel Diamond, Catherine Hennessy, Carmel Moran and Josie O'Shea, who dominates the centre-field line, Terry Butler, Brigid O'Connor, Breda Carr and Carmel Higgins will not let their second chance fail easily.

All nine counties have competed in the Ulster Junior Championship for the first time in many years. Donegal, who were making their first appearance were too inexperienced for Down in the opening game.

Antrim, down, Armagh, and Monaghan advanced to the semi-final stage last Sunday when they defeated Cavan, Tyrone, Derry and Fermanagh.

In the semi-finals Antrim face

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Armagh and Down play Monaghan.

The minor quarter finals are due to be played on Sunday next. Antrim who defeated Donegal in the opening game are down to play Cavan at home, Monaghan entertain Tyrone, Fermanagh are also at home to Armagh and Derry face Down at a Derry venue.

In Munster Waterford and Tipperary open the Munster Junior Championship on Sunday next. It is doubtful if any of the Munster counties will halt Limerick this season.

They failed narrowly to Dublin at the All-Ireland semi-final stage last season and their county champions Croagh-Kilfinny, has since won the All-Ireland Club Championship.

Yet Cork, who won last season's Minor All-Ireland title, should have some talented players coming on to their junior side, which is already a stiff hurdle to take.

Limerick defeated Tipperary in the first semi-final of the Senior Championship 2-4 to 1-3. The second semi-final Cork v Clare will not be played until June 27 to give the post primary players time to finish examinations.

Celtic, defeated by Austin Stacks in the Dublin Senior

Championship for the past two seasons, took the title from the same opposition of Moibhi Road last Sunday and the new champions are all set to complete the double by retaining the League title as well.

They are the only unbeaten side in this competition as are Marino who won the Senior "B" Championship when they just pipped Naomh Aoife.

Croagh-Kilfinny, the All-Ireland club Champions, will be among the clubs taking part in the Kilmacud-Crokes Third Annual Seven-a-Side at Glenalbyn on tomorrow, 12 noon.

Last year's winners St. Paul's will also be competing as will Buffer's Alley, who were the first club to win out this popular competition.

Celtic, the new Dublin champions, are also participating. Other clubs listed are Maynooth, Presentation, U.C.D., Marino, Na Fianna, Naomh Brid, Naomh Mhuire, Sliabh Bloom and Adamstown.

The Ulster Colleges' competitions are now almost completed. Maghera and St. Columbans, Kilkee, who recently won the Ulster Blitz One-day Competitions are in the final of the Senior League while the First-year Competition rests between the winners of Loreto Letcher, Letcher v Virginia and Keady v St. Louis, Kilkeel.

## Cork Senior Panel Goes Into Training

**BIG** news this week is the selection of the Cork senior panel to go into training next week. There are four newcomers to the 16-member panel with the remainder all having fielded with Cork seniors in the past. With so many players involved in examinations at the moment the fixture list for the coming week is sharply reduced.

Mary Walshe (U.C.C.), Kay Costine (Cloyne), Kay Doherty (Blarney) and Angela Higgins (Watergrasshill) are the four newcomers to the Cork senior panel. All four played extremely well in the county championship campaign and following excellent performances in a recent trial game won places on the selection.

Ann Phelan returns to the scene following a short absence while the remainder of the panel were involved in last season's campaign. This year Cork face the unenviable task of an away game against Antrim in the first round of the All-Ireland and on Tuesday night next they get down to the serious business of training at the Mardyke (7.30 p.m.).

The panel is: D. Sutton, M. Costine, M. Walshe, B. Costine, K. Costine, M. McCarthy, K. Doherty, A. Higgins, P. Moloney, C. Landers, M. Sweeney, C. Riordan, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, N. O'Driscoll, A. Phelan.

Junior and under-14 leagues make up the fixture list this week with the first game on Tuesday evening next. In this Glen Rovers meet Ballyphehane in the under-14 campaign and there should be little between

these sides.

On Wednesday there are two junior ties. Na Piarsaigh should take the points from Blackrock where Marion Twomey, Claire Harris, Brenda Newman, Marie Coughlan and Marion Kelly should be too experienced for the Rockies.

Ballyphehane with Margo Sugrue, Aisling Dent, Claire Cronin and Mary O'Brien should provide a close match with Ballinlough, who can call on Rosari and Patricia Riordan, Anne Healy and Anne Coughlan.

## FEILE NA nGAEL

Feile Na nGael will be held in Cork again this year. Nine visiting clubs will come to Cork, each to a host Cork club. The visitors play their hosts in the opening round as follows: Eire Og v. Kilkeel, Co. Down; Old Aloysians v. Oran, Co. Roscommon; Blackrock v. Woodville, Dublin; Nemo Rangers v. Templepart, Co. Cavan; Douglas v. Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny; Na Piarsaigh v. Knockananna, Co. Wicklow; Ballyphehane v. Croagh-Kilfinny, Co. Limerick; Ballinlough v. Buffers Alley, Co. Wexford; Glen Rovers v. Ballymacnab, Co. Armagh.

The Feile will be held on July 17-18.

Congratulations to Eire Og who recently won their first Intermediate League title when they defeated Watergrasshill at Ovens with the impressive score of 10-9 to 2-0. At half-time Eire Og were ahead by 6-7 to nil.

The winners were in top gear in this game with some fine scores coming from Eileen Dineen, Noelle and Nancy O'Driscoll and Hilda Horgan. Watergrasshill had their best players in Mary O'Leary, Marian Mackey and Elizabeth Higgins.

## Kilkenny repeat

**Kilkenny, 1-5; Wexford, 2-1**  
KILKENNY, who defeated Wexford by a single point in last year's Leinster Minor Camogie final, retained the title by the same margin and from the same opposition at Monomolin yesterday.

The winners were best served by Hazel Diamond, who got all their scores, Josie O'Shea, Mary O'Keefe and Catherine Dalton. For Wexford Caroline O'Leary, Bridget O'Connor, Breda Carr and Teresa Butler were best.

Scorers: Kilkenny — Hazel Diamond (1-5); Wexford — M. Barrett, C. O'Leary (1-0 each), T. Butler (0-1).

## Easy succes for Wexford

**Wexford, 4-5; Kildare, 0-6**

WEXFORD scored an unexpectedly easy victory over fancied Kildare in this Leinster Junior Camogie final at Monomolin yesterday.

The winners, who faced a fresh breeze settled down quickly and went a goal ahead before Kildare got going.

Best for the winners were Monica O'Leary, Josie Miller and Bridget Higgins, while Miriam Miggin, Marian Creavin, Teresa Lynch and Geraldine Dearing tried hard for Kildare.

Scorers: Wexford — J. Miller (2-2), R. Flynn and B. Higgins (1-0 each), M. O'Connor, M. O'Leary, E. Kehoe (0-1 each); Kildare — M. Miggin (0-5), J. Kane (0-1).

## Dublin Conquer Wexford Girls

**DUBLIN ..... 1-3**  
**WEXFORD ..... 1-1**

Dublin qualified for the Leinster senior camogie championship final when they overcame Wexford in a tight game at Moibhi Road yesterday.

Wexford led 1-1 to 0-2 at half-time, but after the break Dublin inspired by the goalkeeping of S. Murray, took control and once they went ahead midway through the second half, there was little doubt about the outcome.

Scorers: Dublin — A. McManus (1-0), B. Redmond, N. Fleming, M. Mernagh (0-1 each). Wexford — B. Murphy (1-0), M. Hoarney (0-1).



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# Morale Boost For City Clubs

The new Cork Senior Club championship has proved a big hit with the clubs in the City, who for the last five years have been dominated by the East Cork selection at Imokilly. The morale in the clubs has received a big boost from the new competition and the semi finals were most exciting affairs.

Now U.C.C. and Old Aloysians have reached the decider and they clash on Saturday evening at 5.30 p.m. at the Mardyke.

These sides met in the championship in a grand game in which Old Aloysians emerged as winners. Old Als have shown great improvement this season and are determined to finish out the season with a trophy. They have introduced St. Als stars Jas O'Brien, and Ger Ring, while Nuala Jennings and Ann Ryan returned to the side this season. In addition they have fine players in Marion O'Leary, Ann O'Sullivan, Judy Walsh, and Clare Kenny and are playing better than they have for a long time.

But U.C.C. have already won the Ashbourne Cup and the Senior League and will be very keen to make it a hat trick. In recent years U.C.C. have fielded many fine sides but the County Championship has eluded them. Again this year they went out to Old Als., but are confident that they can reverse the result in Saturday's final. They too have plenty of experience in the persons of Cork star Cally Riordan, Ellen O'Hanlon, Mary Roche, Mary Walsh, and Val O'Dwyer and they will be difficult to hold.

In all this game has all the ingredients of a thriller and should be well worth watching with the end result a Cork senior trophy for the winners.

In the only other fixture of the coming week Blarney meet Eire in the Under 14 at Blarney on Wednesday night. The home side

will be playing their first game in this new League and Eire Og with a number of games behind them must be fancied to take the points.

The Cork Junior selectors have announced their panel for the coming season and the girls involved will go into immediate training. There are a number of surprise omissions from the panel notably Orla Harrington of Nemo, Frances Barry Murphy, (St. Finbarr's) and Annette O'Donovan (S.P.P.P.). The selectors seemed to have gone mainly for recent minor players and overall the panel is a very youthful one indeed. It is: Kathleen Costine (Cloyne), Ger Ring (Old Aloysians) Marie Coughlan (Na Piaras) Gerarda Barry (Old Aloysians), Betty Joyce (Killeagh), Mary Roche (U.C.C.) Kay Spillane (Carrigtwohill), Mary Condon (Churchtown) Anne Connolly (Glen Rovers), Antoinette Houlihan (Churchtown), Anne O'Sullivan (Old Aloysians), Marie Power (Youghal), Geraldine Ring (Inniscarra), Claire Kenny (Old Aloysians) Patricia Mackey (Blarney), Anne O'Shea (Cloyne).

Finally a word about coaching. On Saturday next in Middleton starting at 11 a.m. a coaching session will be held for the young players in East Cork. A similar session will be held for City players at Douglas on the following Saturday. Coaching is a vital part of any game especially to-day and clubs should make sure of their participation in these coaching sessions.

### FIXTURES

To-morrow (Saturday) at U.C.C. Ground — Final Cork Senior Club Championship — Old Aloysians v U.C.C. 5.30 p.m. (Ref. M. Nott, Glen Rovers).  
Wednesday — at Blarney — U14 Eire Og v Blarney. 7.15 p.m.

# Old Als take new title

Old Aloysians 5-4, UCC 4-3

OLD ALOYSIANS became the first holders of the new Cork Senior Club Championship, when they defeated UCC by 5-4 to 4-3 in the final at the Mardyke on Saturday evening.

This was a ding-dong struggle in which the game flowed from end to end and victory was at all times in the balance. There was a plentiful supply of scores and at the same time an unusual amount of missed opportunities. UCC were ahead at half time by 3-2 to 3-1, but at the finish Old Aloysians emerged as good four point winners.

The new champions had to start the game without the services of Nuala Jennings and Anne O'Connor, and the inclusion of the latter after the interval proved most valuable. Ann scored a lovely goal early in the second half and always looked dangerous on the ball. Val Fitzpatrick was once again a major force for the winners

while Clare Kenny, Marion O'Leary, Phil Walsh and Gerarda Barry were others to impress.

U.C.C. in spite of the lack of training because of examinations in recent weeks, still did a lot of running in this game and were always there with a chance. Val O'Dwyer, Cally Riordan and Ellen O'Hanlon, gave the Old Als defence a hard time while Mary Walsh and Ger Butler also played well.

Scorers—Old Aloysians: C. Kenny (2-3), V. Fitzpatrick (2-1), A. O'Connor (1-0). UCC: V. O'Dwyer (2-0), G. Butler (1-2), C. Riordan (1-0), E. O'Hanlon (0-1).

Old Aloysians—G. Ring, M. O'Leary, B. McAuliffe, A. Ryan, M. Kidney, A. O'Sullivan, P. Walsh, G. Barry, J. O'Brien, V. Fitzpatrick, J. Walsh, C. Kenny. Sub., A. O'Connor for J. Walsh.

UCC—M. Murphy, M. Roche, M. Murphy, E. Kelly, M. Walsh, N. Courtney, V. O'Dwyer, C. Lucey, E. O'Hanlon, C. Riordan, G. Butler, A. McCarthy.

Referee: M. Nott (Glen Rovers).

# Women in Sport

By AILEEN ORPEN



CAMOGIE GIRLS . . . Jo Golden, Mary Moran and Pat Rafferty.

# More moving to camogie fields

CAMOGIE is, without doubt, the most popular women's sport in Ireland with over 23,000 playing members of Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael. "We're run on similar lines to the G.A.A.," says Jo Golden from Kilkenny City, who is the general secretary of the Association.

"I myself played colleges camogie when I was at Colaiste Mhuire in Ennis from the time I was 12 to 18. Then I played with UCD and St. Paul's, Kilkenny. I won two All Ireland club championship medals and two Ashbourne and four Gael Linn inter-provincial medals with Leinster and I have county championship medals with Kilkenny, and one senior B championship medal with UCD last year.

"The good thing about camogie is that girls are starting to play it at a younger age than before and so the standard will be much higher when they reach

junior and senior inter-county levels."

Pat Rafferty is a Dublin girl and she is chairman of the Dublin Junior County Board with a responsibility for about 65 teams in the area. "Thirty-five of these teams are what we call juvenile grades," she says. "Under 14, Under 13, Under 12 and Under 11. Then there are four sections in what we call junior, which are not governed by any age limit but by the standard of play of the different teams.

"We run leagues and championships for all grades and on Sunday, June 13 at Mobhi Road we have the junior finals and on Sunday, June 27, we have the four juvenile championship finals.

"I started playing camogie myself when I was at school and I have played my club camogie with Eoghan Ruadh. I have won Dublin senior league and championship medals with them and I also won an All Ireland club championship medal. I have won an All Ireland junior inter-county medal with Dublin and I played for a while with Trinity in the Ashbourne Cup series, which is for universities only.

"In Dublin in the last five years there has been a great increase in the number of young players under the age of 16. As a result camogie being in the Community Games the Dublin Junior Board has gained quite a few new clubs. So, all in all, I think in a matter of four or five years Dublin's inter-county teams are going to be back on a winning streak again.

Mary Moran, from Cork, is chairman of her club, Old Aloysians, Cork, county and province. "I commenced playing camogie during my school days," she says, "and won three Cork Schools Championship medals and played for the Cork schools team. When I joined the past-pupil club I won Cork junior and senior championship medals. When I came to Dublin to work with the A.I.B., I joined the Celtic Club and in their colours I won Dublin senior championship and league medals and also an All-Ireland club medal. I captained the club in a Dublin senior championship victory.

"I returned to Cork in 1966 and re-joined Old Als. I played for the Cork secondary and senior sides and won Munster secondary and senior medals and also an All Ireland senior medal in 1970.

"I have trained Cork teams to win senior, junior and minor All Ireland titles. In June 1975, I was appointed as one of the two National Coaches — Anne Carroll is the second."

Well, after that, can anyone doubt that camogie is on the up and up? I look forward with great pleasure to seeing the girls at Croke Park.

# U.C.C. A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of U.C.C. Camogie Club was held recently and brought to an end a year of mixed luck for the club.

At the A.G.M. the incoming officers and committee were elected for the '76-'77 season. They included: President: Ide, Bean Ui She M.A.; Vice Presidents: Bean Ui Mhuirthe, An tOllamh Ni Dhugain, Bean Ui Neill, Mrs. Madden; Senior Captain, Val O'Dwyer; Vice Captain, Mary Walsh; Junior Captain, Noreen Courtney; Treasurer, Carmel Lucey; P.R.O., Marcella Murphy; Secretary, Aedin McCarthy.

To end the year for the Club two of our members were pledged for the Cork Senior Panel: Cally Riordan and Mary Walsh.



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# SURPRISINGLY EASY WIN FOR WEXFORD

THE FIRST of the season's provincial camogie finals provided plenty of entertainment at Gorey on Sunday last, when Wexford scored a surprisingly easy victory over confident Kildare in the junior decider, while Kilkenny had a point to spare over the home county to retain the minor honours.

The Kilkenny youngsters now hold the remarkable record that they have never been beaten in Leinster during the three years this competition has been in existence, but, as was the case a year ago, they had a very, very hard battle before winning through, the decisive point for the second consecutive season coming from a free in the last minute.

Because of the holiday weekend, which will be followed by the post-primary examinations, means that inter-county activities will be minimal until later in the month, but Central Council, at its meeting last weekend, made a very comprehensive list of fixtures extending right to the end of the season.

## CAMOGIE BY TAQBH LINE

Seven counties have entered for the new National League competition with Antrim, Dublin, Kilkenny and Wexford in Zone A and Galway, Tipperary and Clare competing in Zone B.

### OPTED OUT

Due to local commitments, Cork has opted out, at least for this season. In the opening games, Clare will be at home to Galway on June 13 while the first-round match between Dublin and Antrim and the second round clash of Tipperary and Clare are both due on June 20. Kilkenny play Wexford on June 27.

Dates for the remaining rounds will be announced later. The All-Ireland championship at senior level, still on the Open Draw system, which has proved so successful since its inauguration, will commence on July 4 when Dublin entertain

Wexford, and Antrim will be at home to Cork. In the remaining first round games, Tipperary play Galway at a Tipperary venue on July 11, while Kilkenny must travel to Clare on July 18.

In the lesser grades the draws have also been made for the semi-finals. In junior the Munster winners will be at home to the Ulster champions on August 15, while Leinster champions Wexford will be hosts to the Connacht victors on August 22.

In the minor grade the pairings are Ulster v Connacht on July 25, and Leinster v Munster on August 1.

### COACHING COURSES

There will be two Coaching Courses next month. The first, which is organised by the All-Ireland Colleges Council, extends from July 9 to 11 and caters for those involved in coaching at schools and colleges at all levels.

The second is under the auspices of the Coaching Committee. Counties with up to ten clubs are invited to send two prospective coaches; those with more than 20 clubs are entitled

to send four candidates, while counties with more than 30 clubs can send six. This course will last from July 30 to August 1.

As a result of last year's course five Grade C coaches have already passed the prescribed tests, while 13 more have applied to take the examination. It is hoped that many of these will now advance to Grade B, and subsequently to Grade A.

Central Council has set up a sub-committee to improve the over-all standard of refereeing and a seminar is being organised at which all the problems will be threshed out.

Some 18 teams, nine from Cork and the same number from other counties will compete in the Camogie section of Feile na nGael. There were applications from all over the country for a place in this series, so eventually the Cork Board, as the fairest solution, drew nine names from a hat.

The draw is—Eire Og, Owens v Kilkenny, Co. Down; Old Als v Ouan, Roscommon; Blackrock v Woodville, Dublin; Nemo Rangers v Templeport, Cavan; Douglas v Thomastown, Kilkenny; Na Piarasigh v Knockananna, Wicklow; Ballyphabane v Croagh-Killybeg, Co. Limerick; Ballinlough v Buffers Alley, Wexford; Glen Rovers v Ballymacnab, Armagh.

This series is, of course, confined to juveniles, and the visiting players will be the guests of the home clubs.

By AGNES HOURIGAN

# CLARE GIRLS HOPEFUL OF VICTORY IN NEW LEAGUE

Sunday marks a big step forward for the Camogie Association with the official start of the new National League competition. The first game of the series is scheduled for Ennis, where Clare and Galway will have to honour of commencing the competition.

Clare, in the first senior season last year certainly covered themselves with glory, holding Wexford to a draw on Clare soil in the first round and then only failing narrowly in Wexford to a team that subsequently went on to win the all-Ireland.

With outstanding players in Margaret O'Toole, Anne Marie O'Loughlin, Claire Harrington, Catherine McNicholas, Eleece Fitzgibbon and Rose Kelleher, Clare will be more than hopeful on home ground of becoming the first ever winners of a National League game.

But they face Galway, who are the enigma of the camogie game at the moment. No county has a greater number

of talented individual players, but that has not, since all-Ireland junior victory a few seasons ago, been translated into effective team-work in inter-county play.

Perhaps Galway will avail of the league to build up championship strength.

### POTENTIAL

With such excellent players as Margaret Poniard, Josie Kelly, Margaret Murphy, Catherine Ward and Anne Donohoe, Galway is a team of considerable potential but has yet to show signs of harnessing that potential in the most effective fashion.

Meanwhile, the first semi-final of the Leinster senior championship, in which Dublin

defends its title against Wexford, should draw a big crowd to the Fianna Grounds at Mobhi Road on Sunday afternoon.

Dublin has an experienced backbone in goalkeeper, Sheila Murray, Rita White, Sheila Wallace, Anna McManus and Helen Roche, but Wexford, with goalkeeper, Kathleen Tonks, Bridget Doyle, Kit Codd, Elsie and Dorothy Walsh Mairead D'Arcy, Eileen Hawkins and Margaret Leacy, all available, should be hard to beat.

But Wexford is always slow

to warm up at the start of the season, and Dublin could shock the champions.

The special Central Council meeting to continue the revision of the playing rule and the official guide will be held in Dublin tomorrow, starting at 11 a.m., and the delegates are likely to have a long and busy day.

The venue for this meeting is Croke Park, and council will be hoping to complete the work on the guide this time, so that the revised version can be put to the special congress planned for November.

## First Points For Galway

GALWAY ..... 4-10  
CLARE ..... 4-2  
Galway defeated Clare at Ruan yesterday in the first ever National Camogie League game.

Clare, with the breeze behind them in the first half, got off to a good start with a goal, but the visitors led 1-4 to 1-2 at half-time.

Galway started the second half with great confidence and led 3-7 to 1-2 at the mid-way stage, when Clare rallied and scored three goals to leave only three points between the sides, but Galway came again to take the points.

The winners were best served by Theresa Duane, goalie, Maura et Kileen, Phil Foye and Jade Kelly. For Clare, Eleece Fitzgibbon, Claire Harrington, Margaret O'Toole and Pauline Ryan were best.

Scorers: Galway—T. Duane (3), P. Foye (2-1), A. Donoghue (1-0), M. Daly, and J. Kelly (0-2 each). Clare—E. Fitzgibbon (3-0), M. Davoren (1-1), P. Ryan (0-1).



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# PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

WITH the number of camogie teams and competitions increasing steadily year by year, one of the great difficulties presented has been that of re-adjusting organisations to keep pace not alone with so many new players but new grades.

One of the prime problems has been the necessary supply of new administrators and this is closely followed by the demand for coaches and for referees who are, respectively, properly qualified to teach and control the game.

The basic problem in administration is finding enough dedicated and able officers to fill the posts, at all levels, that the recent expansion of the game in recent years demands.

But the Association is well aware of the crying need for able officers. The March Congress sanctioned the setting up of an Administration Committee of two delegates from each Province, to try to get to grips with the problem. Leinster, however, had already tackled the matter on its own, and through the winter special Administration courses were held in almost all the affiliated counties.

The other Provinces are expediting similar action and, with the new Committee to co-ordinate the effort, there should be marked improvement in the coming year.

Moreover, through the year past, the National Coaches, Ann Carroll and Mary Moran, have been hard at work on a nationwide Coaching Plan, based on

having qualified Coaches in three grades, Introductory, Intermediate and Advanced, corresponding to Regional, Provincial and National.

The first category, described as Grade C, will be capable of coaching club and college teams, Grade B will be adjudged capable of coaching players up to Inter-county level, while grade A, as well as coaching players of all grades, will be capable of running Coaching Courses, and training and testing candidates who wish to become coaches.

There will be a relevant examination in each grade and the aspiring Coach will be issued with an appropriate badge as she progresses.

At present several Coaches have already gained their Grade C badges and these will form the nucleus of a Grade B class when the National Coaching Courses are held at Gormanston next month.

There will also be a course for aspirants to Grade C, so that by early next year, and when candidates have satisfied the examiners, there should be a good supply of Regional and Provincial Coaches qualified by this time next year. By then, B Coaches will, hopefully, be ready for the A test so the first of these new top-grade teachers should be readily available by the end of 1977.

## NEW CHAMPIONS

Meanwhile, of course, this season's championships are

already under way and already we know that at least one new set of All-Ireland champions will be crowned in September.

Dublin, who won the Junior crown last season, have already fallen by the wayside, having gone down to Wicklow. This win was almost as good as a title for the Wicklow girls, as their county had never previously defeated Dublin in a championship Camogie game in any grade.

Dublin, of course, have had to find a completely new team this season, but when first they won this junior crown they performed the remarkable feat of coming back the following year and winning it again with a completely different side.

However, the team to watch out for in this grade this year is surely Limerick. Last year they were rather unlucky to lose very narrowly to the Dublin girls in the semi-final. This year they will have an even stronger side and have an added advantage in the experience gained by the Croagh-Kilfinny players in winning the All-Ireland Club Championship title.

## Victories For Dublin—Tipp

Tipperary making their first appearance in the National Camogie League scored a merited victory over Clare and Dublin confirmed last week's form by defeating Antrim.

TIPPERARY ..... 5-5  
CLARE ..... 3-7

After a slow start Tipperary had a very good last quarter to collect the points from this game, defeating Clare at Drom and Inch.

SCORERS: Tipperary — M. Tynan (1-3), M. Troy (2-0); D. Lane, B. Feeham (1-0 each), M. Butler (0-2). Clare — A. Harrington (2-2), M. Davoren (0-3), T. McDonagh (1-0), E. Fitzgibbon (0-2).

DUBLIN ..... 5-4  
ANTRIM ..... 1-1

Dublin, who fielded six of last year's winning Junior All-Ireland side, recorded another deserved victory at Naomh Brid Grounds, Blanchardstown, where they proved too fit for Antrim.

SCORERS: Dublin — M. Mernagh (2-0), N. Fleming (1-2), M. Sutton (1-1), H. Roche (1-0), B. Redmond (0-1). Antrim — B. Dixon (1-0), M. McAtamney (0-1).

# Competitions Brought To A Halt

With so many teams at a standstill owing to examinations, most of the Cork County Board competitions have been brought to a temporary halt with the only progress being made in the new under-14 league.

In this competition Killeagh and Churchtown clash at Midleton on Tuesday evening next in the East Cork section.

On Wednesday, Old Aloysians, who have dropped two points to Na Piarasigh in their last outing, hope to get back on the winning trail against Ballinlough. On the same evening Douglas meet Redmonds and here a number of promising young players will be on view.

On Thursday, Ballyphehane, the local side, meet Na Piarasigh. The latter have full points so far but they will get nothing easy from Ballyphehane.

During last week, Watergrasshill and Churchtown had their first under-14 game with Watergrasshill winning by 9-0 to 4-0. The game was a highly entertaining one with a very closely contested first half and if these girls continue to play this kind of camogie then both clubs can look forward to very good intermediate teams in the years ahead.

Now that June is here, it won't be long before all the Cork teams are in action. The seniors and junior have their first game on the 27th of this month with a Munster Championship tie against Clare in that county.

Then comes the big one for the seniors when they face the long and difficult journey to Antrim to meet the Northerners in the first round of the All-Ireland Championship. Antrim have gone back somewhat in recent years but a game in the North at this time could never be easy.

The minors will be at home to Clare in the Munster Championship on July 10, while the Under-

18 dates have not yet been arranged.

Leinster are more advanced than Munster at this stage. Wexford are the new junior champions, while Kilkenny have retained the minor title. This latter result is significant as the Munster champions will meet Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Ulster have reached the semi-final stages in the lower grades also. The only surprise so far was the defeat of Antrim by newcomers Donegal by 3-0 to nil. Donegal minors are being trained by former U.C.D. players, Ann Carroll and Veronica McAteer and have done very well to date. Down look set to retain their junior title as they have won all their games to date by wide margins.

There is no news yet of Connacht but no doubt Galway will dominate here.

In Munster, Limerick will be the team to beat in the junior grade. They are allowed to play the junior side in the Munster Senior Championship and having already won the Junior League and defeated Tipperary in the Senior Championship, if Cork can beat Clare then they will be at home to Kerry before meeting Limerick.

In the Minor, Cork have Clare, and if successful face Tipperary who would appear to be their greatest obstacle.

## FIXTURES

(All under-14 League)

Tuesday at Midleton — Churchtown v Killeagh, 7.15 p.m. (Ref. Carrigtwohill).

Wednesday at St. Aloysius — Old Aloysians v Ballinlough, 7 p.m.; at Douglas — Douglas v Redmonds, 7.15 p.m.

Thursday at Ballyphehane — Ballyphehane v Na Piarasigh, 7.30 p.m.

## 20 YEARS AGO

CORK WON the Munster Senior Camogie Championship title with a hard earned one point (4-4 to 3-6) win over Tipperary at the Cork Athletic Grounds. The teams were:-

Cork — A. Stanton, B. Walsh, N. Deane, J. Clancy, N. Murphy, L. McKay, A. Crotty, L. Coughlan (Capt.), N. Duggan, A. Lane, M. Joyce, M. Hayes.

Tipperary — K. Carroll, B. McGrath, K. Flaherty, E. Ryan, T. Griffin (Capt.), M. England, P. Hogan, K. Downey, K. Griffin, K. England, I. Halloran, K. Maher.



# THE CAMOGIE SCENE

By AGNES HOURIGAN

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SENIOR championship time is already with us on the Camogie fields and the first round draw in the series provides some intriguing pairings. Interest whetted by recent meetings on the hurling fields, there should be a big crowd to see the outcome when Clare entertain Kilkenny, who have not since reached the heights they attained when winning the All-Ireland title of 1974.

Cork, so often supreme in recent championships, until Wexford so convincingly deposed them last September, must travel North to take on Antrim. But the Northern troubles have not helped the game in the Northern capital so, despite the long journey they face, a Cork victory must still be on the cards.

Dublin, who disappointed last season, are this time at home to All-Ireland champions Wexford in the opening round, and with for once, their junior and minor strings both already beaten, will be able to concentrate all their energies on the senior campaign.

Even so, however, I doubt if they will prove strong enough to account for the champions who have already shown their power in the other grades.

Tipperary remain very much the enigma of the Camogie game. There are wonderful natural resources available, as has been proven by the success of the Cashel teams in the Colleges competitions, but these sources have been almost untapped to date at higher levels. Yet Tipperary continue to put up good performances in the

senior championships each year. So they could well do so again, but they will have to face now potentially the best side in the country, Galway, who have a whole squad of wonderful players but seem to find great difficulty in moulding them into an effective team.

Galway possess camogie talent more than sufficient to win a senior All-Ireland, but whether anyone can transform them from brilliant individuals into a combined power is the question that has yet to be answered.

Meanwhile, Leinster was first to complete the provincial championships in the lesser grades with Wexford taking junior honours with a very solid side and the minor title being collected by Kilkenny for the third successive year.

In fact, these young Kilkenny girls have now set up a record all their own, for they have never yet been beaten in this grade in their own province. Paradoxically they have never subsequently won through to the All-Ireland final but their mentors are hoping that this year will be, for them, third time lucky.

This month will also see a big step forward on the Camogie scene with the inauguration of a National League competition for the senior counties. Originally all eight in the top grade had entered, but Cork, due to the number of other commitments, have withdrawn for this season at least. So now we have Dublin, Antrim, Kilkenny and Wexford in one zone, and Tipperary, Clare and Galway in the

other, with the respective zone winners due to meet in the League final. This is a very welcome move which will ensure matches at top level for the leading counties right through the season.

July will also see two coaching courses, both based on Franciscan College, Gormanston. The first, which is organised by the All-Ireland Colleges Council, will cater for those who wish to acquire the necessary expertise and qualifications to coach teams at post-primary level.

The second, which will be under the auspices of the National Coaching Committee, will be for those who wish to acquire coaching certificates.

Already, from last year's course, several Grade C coaches have received their certificates. It is hoped that many others will qualify for that grade this time, and that some of those who have already won the C certificate will progress to Grade B.

An Administration seminar is also on the schedule for the immediate future together with another seminar to deal with the other pressing problem of referees and refereeing. Dates for these very important events have not yet been finalised, but both will, one hopes, be very much in the news before the present season ends.

The Fixtures Committee have done plenty of work of late, and have produced an excellent printed list giving the entire schedule for all the forthcoming championships, including the club championship and the inter-provincial games.



The North Presentation Secondary School Farranree, camogie team, winners of the Cork Senior Schools Camogie Championship, photographed with Sister Stanislaus and Fr. Michael O'Brien (trainer).



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# Win Against Clare Would Boost Cork Hopes

# CLARE BOW OUT OF MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

TWO Cork teams will be on the road on Sunday next with the seniors and juniors travelling to Clare to meet that county in the first round of the senior and junior Munster championship respectively. At home the junior championship and various leagues continue.

There are a number of new faces on the Cork senior side for Sunday. These include Kay Doherty who wins her place at wing back, and Angela Higgins who comes in to the side following her most impressive performances with Imokilly in this season's County championship.

Deirdre Sutton is once again in goal while the Costine sisters Marie and Bernie fill the full and centre back positions, respectively. Marian McCarthy will partner Kay Doherty on the wings.

Killeagh colleagues Pat Moloney and the young Catherine Landers will be in the centre with Angela Higgins while the attack will feature four of last year's line up — Marion Sweeney, Cally Riordan, Nancy O'Driscoll and Val Fitzpatrick.

Cork have a very tough pairing in the first round of the All Ireland Championship this season as they have to travel to Antrim early next month to take on the Northerners. So a good win in Sunday's Munster championship game would be a big boost for them. Cork have now been without the All Ireland title for two years and are very keen to get back on top this season.

Since the resurgence of Clare as a force in senior camogie Cork have managed to keep ahead of them, but after Clare's junior All Ireland win in 1974 they have gone from strength to strength and will have to be treated with the greatest respect on Sunday. In addition, they have a home venue. But in spite of this I take Cork to advance.

In 1973 Cork won the All Ireland junior title. Since then the county has not been able to win the provincial title at this level. Of course as the rule goes Cork had to field a completely new side following their All Ireland success. This year the selectors have gone for a number of Cork minors.

### NEW FACES

Kathleen Costine is again in goal with Kay Spillane, Gerarda Barry, Betty Joyce and Marie Coughlan making up the remainder of the defence. All these girls have proved themselves with their club sides and should do well at inter county

level. Cork minor Ann Connolly is at right wing centre and she will be partnered by the Churchtown pair M Condon and A Houlihan. The attack is very much a sector of new faces with A O'Shea at centreforwards and the full forward line made up of Claire Kenny, Patricia Mackey and Mary Power.

Following Clare's All Ireland win they had the same problem as Cork of finding a completely new team. They too have been finding the task difficult but they will field a young enthusiastic side which will include Ann Fahy, a reserve in last year's Munster selection.

### CORK TEAMS

Senior: — D Sutton, M Costine, M McCarthy, B Costine (Capt.), K Doherty, C Landers, P Moloney, A Higgins, M Sweeney, C Riordan, N O'Driscoll, V Fitzpatrick. Subs: K Costine, M Walsh, A Phelan.

Junior: — K Costine, K Spillane, G Barry, B Joyce, M Coughlan, A Connolly, A Houlihan, M Condon, A O'Shea, C Kenny, P Mackey, M Power. Subs: G Ring, M Roche, S O'Shea.

In the junior championship on Sunday Castleview meet Blackrock at the latter's grounds, in what should prove a very exciting encounter. In the same campaign Sarsfields should have too much power for Blackwater when these sides meet at Riverstown.

### MIXTURES

Tonight at Coachford, under 16 L. Eire Og v Aghabullogue. Ref. Conover.

Tomorrow, under 14 league at Nemo Rangers, 6.30 p.m. Nemo A v Ballinlough. ref. Old Als.

Sunday, JC at Blackrock, 3.30 Castleview v Blackrock. Ref. Ballypheane. JC at Riverstown, Blackwater v Sarsfields. Ref. Watergrasshill (Time to be confirmed). Munster JC, Cork v Clare at Ruan, Co. Clare at 2.30. Munster SC, Cork v Clare at Ruan at 4 p.m.

Tuesday June 29, JC at Killeagh at 7.30, Killeagh v Glanworth. Ref. Churchtown.

Wednesday June 30, Under 16 league at Ballypheane at 7.30 p.m. Glen Rovers v Old Als. Ref. South Pres. Under 14 league at Killeagh at 7.30, Killeagh v Watergrasshill. Ref. Youghal. IL at Middleton at 7.45 Churchtown v Sarsfields. Ref. Cloyne. Under 16 league at Blackrock at 7.45 Blackrock v Douglas. Ref. Ballinlough.

### CORK CLARE

2-7  
1-1

UNDER the sweltering heat on Sunday last Clare and Cork camogie players were battling out the first round of the Munster championship. Cork ran out easy winners as they gained complete control after the re-start.

The score line is a good indication of how the game went. Cork piled on the pressure from the throw-in and they bombarded the Clare goal-line for most of the first half. The backs held out gallantly and no goal was conceded. The excellent goalkeeping of Ann Marie Russell saved Clare from a greater beating. Cork scored points off play and were three points up at half-time. On the turn over Cork were on the attack again and gradually wore down the Clare backline.

At centre field Catherine McNicholas and Maureen Davoren did good work but the supremacy of the Cork backline foiled any Clare attempt. On the day the forwards could not cope with the alertness and the efficiency of the backline. An excellent puck-out by Ann-Marie Russell resulted in a goal for Clare. Pat Maloney and Marion Sweeney did excellent work for Cork as did Ann O'Shea and Marie Costine.

Clare's next outing will be against Kilkenny in the first round of the All-Ireland. This will be played on July 18.

So far this season, it has been the backline who were suspect and the forwards were playing very well. Last Sunday proved the opposite. For the coming three

weeks the team has many problems to deal with.

CORK: D Sutton; M Costine; M McCarthy, B Costine, K Doherty; C Landers, P Maloney, A Higgins; M Sweeney, C Riordan, N O'Driscoll; V Fitzpatrick.

CLARE: A.M. Russell; A.M. O'Loughlin; R Kelleher, M O'Toole, C Harrington; M Davoren, C McNicholas, P Ryan; M Mahon, A Harrington, E Fitzgibbon; M Dolan. Sub.; S Harrington for M Dolan.

### BRAVE FIGHT

### CORK CLARE

3-4  
1-2

THE scoreline suggest that Cork had an easy win over the home county at the Pairgreen on Sunday last but this was far from the truth. A young, inexperienced Clare side put up a brave fight against this talented Cork side. If the Clare forwards had converted some scorable opportunities then they could very easily have scored a surprise victory.

The game was very even at the outset but Cork got a quick goal which was to prove their only score of the first half. Right wing forward Ann O'Shea was the scorer for Cork and she looked as if she was going to have a field day. However, Ann Fahy, who switched over to mark her had a fine game and came out on top thereafter. The strength of both sides lay in their backs and Kay Spillane at full-back was a tower of strength for the winners. Cork edged matters at midfield and but for some very good saves by Patricia Kirwan in goal and backs Bridie McGirl, Martina O'Grady and Theresa Reidy, Clare could have suffered a greater defeat. Lack of fitness towards the last ten minutes let Cork in for their two clinching goals and Clares late rally saw Elizabeth Condron goal and three further opportunities were lost in the closing five minutes for further goals.

However, this was a promising display from Clare who had many new players making their inter-county debut and with the U/16 and U/18 championships to come girls like Eileen Carey and Mary Murohy will be a force.

CORK: K Costine; K Spillane; G Berry, B Joyce, M Coughlan; A Connolly, A Houlihan, M Condon, A O'Shea, C Kenny, P Mackey, M Power.

CLARE: P Kirwan; B McGirl; A Fahy, T Reidy, M O'Grady; J Tuohy, K Hayes, E Condron; C Glynn, M Murphy, M Carey, E Carey.

## Camogie double for Cork

Cork 2-7; Clare 1-2

Cork qualified for the Munster Senior Camogie final when they beat Clare at the Pairgreen, Ennis, yesterday. The foundation for this victory was laid at midfield where Pat Maloney in particular and Angela Higgins dominated against several Clare pairings.

Others to play well for Cork were, Marian McCarthy, Nancy O'Driscoll and Marian Sweeney. Clare's best were, Ann Marie Russell, Rose Kelleher, Ann Maria O'Loughlin Margaret O'Toole and Clare Harrington.

A feature of the game was the scoring of Clare's goal by their goalkeeper Anna Marie Russell whose puck went out all the way to the Cork keeper Deirdre Sutton who deflected the ball to the net.

Cork—D. Sutton, M. Costine, M. McCarthy, B. Costine, K. Doherty, C. Landers, P. Moloney, A. Higgins, M. Sweeney, C. Riordan, N. O'Driscoll, V. Fitzpatrick.

Clare, A. M. Russell, A. M. O'Loughlin, R. Kelleher, M. O'Toole, C. Harrington, M. Davern, C. McNicholas, P. Ryan, M. Mahon, A. Harrington, E. Fitzgibbon, M. Dolan. Sub, S. Harrington for M. Dolan.

Cork 3-4; Clare 1-1

Cork managed a double when their junior side beat the home team also in the Munster Championship in the curtain raiser. The ability to score when presented with the opportunity was Cork's trump card in this game.

Best for Cork were, Ann O'Shea, Kay Spillane, Ann Connolly. The losers were best served by Patricia Kirwan, Bridie McGirl and Ann Fahy.

Cork, K. Costine, K. Spillane, G. Barry, B. Joyce, M. Coughlan, A. Connolly, A. Houlihan, M. Condon, A. O'Shea, C. Kenny, P. Mackey, M. Power.

Clare, P. Kirwan, B. McGirl, A. Fahy, T. Reidy, M. O'Grady, J. Tuohy, K. Hayes, E. Condron, C. Glynn, M. Murphy, M. Carey, E. Carey.



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# CAMOGIE CHAMPS DEBUT

BY TAOBH LINE

**ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS** Wexford, and their immediate predecessors in the supreme honours list Kilkenny, make their debut in the new National League competition on Sunday next when they meet at Monamolin.

All the other five counties have already played at least one game in the series, so not till after Sunday's game will we have a form-line on the relative strengths of the teams in the Eastern Zone.

The first game in this section was played on Sunday last when a steadily improving Dublin side outlasted Antrim to gain very valuable initial points. As Dublin, on the previous week had achieved a narrow victory over Wexford in the semi-finals of the Leinster Championship, a Dublin resurgence in the senior grade would seem to be well under way.

However, Wexford looked a bit sluggish in that game, and the outing may well have served

as a valuable sharpening up exercise for such acknowledged stars as Bridget Doyle, Kit Codd, Elsie and Dorothy Walsh, Margaret Leacy and Kathleen Tonks.

Kilkenny, on the otherhand, have not had a competitive outing since they went down to Cork in the All-All-Ireland semi-final last summer.

However, the 1974 champions still have a talented set of players at their disposal in the Downey twins, Angela and Anne, the two O'Neills, Helena and Teresa, Ann Carroll, Mary Fennelly, Mary Conway and Paddy Carey. Lack of an earlier outing may tell against them now, however, and Wexford must remain slight favourites to win.

Over in the Western Section the outcome depends on the concluding game between Galway and Tipperary both of whom have scored unexpected but merited victories over Clare. In the round, Galway travelled to Ruan and there led all the way,

On Sunday last the Clare girls travelled to Drom and there for two thirds of the game seemed to have played themselves back into contention.

However, a goal from a free by Deirdre Lane gave Tipperary fresh impetus, and they rallied to gain a narrow victory that ended Clare's interest in this League competition. Tipperary must now travel to play Galway, on a date yet to be fixed, the winners qualifying for the League final.

On the championship fields inter-county activity resumes on Sunday in Munster. Ulster and Connacht. Ulster will stage both junior semi-finals.

In Connacht all four affiliated Counties should be in action in the minor semi-finals, with Galway firm favourites to get back past the Roscommon challenge and Sligo and Mayo, both returning to competition and playing in this grade for the first time, likely to be very evenly matched.

## Cork and Dublin advance

Cork 11-8; Antrim 1-1

Cork, who were All Ireland camogie champions from 1970 to 1973 and were beaten finalists in 1974 and 1975 surmounted the first hurdle of this year's competition successfully when they defeated Antrim at Cushendun, yesterday.

Play was fairly even through the first half though Cork, who were the more skilled picked up scored from midfield and attack and deservedly led 3-5 to 1-1 at half-time. Antrim restarted gamely but after being foiled of an early score the visitors took command and dominated to the end, scoring 8-3 without reply.

The winners were best served by the Costine Sisters, Pat Moloney, Marian Sweeney, Anne Phelan and Mary O'Leary. For Antrim, Kathleen Kelly, Rita McAteer, and Noreen McAllister were best.

Scorers, Cork: A. Phelan 3-1, M. Sweeney 2-2, N. O'Driscoll, M. O'Leary, 2-1 each, C. O'Riordan 2-0, P. Moloney 0-3, Antrim: A. Rogers 1-0, S. Irwin 0-1.

Dublin 6-0; Wexford 2-6.

With the county's footballers and hurlers going down to defeat at Croke Park yesterday, Wexford, All-Ireland Camogie Champions, had no better fortune and went down to Dublin by 6-0 to 2-6 in the 1976 Open Draw Championship at Navan Road, Dublin, yesterday afternoon.

The Dublin girls played with tremendous verve from the start and had built up a winning lead of 5-0 to 2-0 at half time.

## Wexford come back to conquer

Wexford, 3-4; Kilkenny, 1-5

**ALL-IRELAND** Camogie Champions, Wexford, after a slow start and trailing by three points to 0-5 at half-time, turned in a great second half to take the points in this National League game against Kilkenny at Monamolin last evening.

Kilkenny had slighted the better at the first half and led 0-4 to 0-1 at half time. Wexford drew level after seven minutes after the second half

and dominated the play for the remainder of the third quarter, adding two more goals and a point before Kilkenny scored again, a point from Helena O'Neill. Kilkenny rallied and added a goal, but Wexford had the last word—a point from Bridie Doran.

Scorers — Wexford — A. Kennedy (2-0), E. Hawkins (1-0), B. Jacob (0-2), K. Codd and E. Walsh (0-1 each), Kilkenny — H. O'Neill (1-4) and A. Downey (0-1).

# Cork Have Tough Opening Match

**CORK'S** senior camogie team has been in Croke Park on every final day since 1970, and on Sunday next they set out on yet another campaign. This time they have the unenviable task of travelling to Cushendun, Co. Antrim for their first game and surely this must be one of their most difficult first round ties for many a year.

At home there are a number of championship and league games listed for Saturday, Sunday and the coming week.

Last season Antrim were drawn against Cork in the first round but then the Northerners had to travel to the Mardyke where Cork had a rather easy win. But Antrim are always a better side at home and to get Cork on their own ground must have a great boost to their hopes.

Mairéad McAtamney, rated as one of the finest exponents of the game in the country, is the Antrim player to be treated with the greatest respect. Mairéad

can create havoc for opponents from the middle of the field. Brid Scully and Teresa Kearns are other Antrim players who could give the Cork girls trouble.

On Sunday last Cork travelled to Clare where they had a 2-7 to 1-2 win over the homesters. This win must help their confidence for Sunday although we have come to expect higher scoring from the Cork forwards.

There is one change in the side which defeated Clare. Anne Phelan comes into the attack with Cally Riordan moving to centrefield to the exclusion of new 'cap' Angela Higgins.

Deirdre Sutton continues to operate between the posts while Marie and Bernie Costine, Marian McCarthy and Kathleen Doherty make up the defence.

Pat Moloney, who was in brilliant form on Sunday last will have Catherine Landers and Cally Riordan as flankers.

Marion Sweeney and Nancy O'Driscoll were both impressive against Clare and in Sunday they will have Ann Phelan and Val

Fitzpatrick to complete the attack.

Last year's captain, Mary O'Leary is still on the injured list but she is listed in the reserves so she must be on the road to recovery.

There is plenty of talent in this Cork side, and they are determined to do well this season. Since 1970 Cork have won four All Irelands and although they were on the losing end for the last two years, the 1974 final went to a replay and last year they again reached the final. This is a fine record and they are now accepted as one of the top teams in the country.

Cork team; Deirdre Sutton, Marie Costine, Marian McCarthy, Bernie Costine, Kathleen Doherty, Catherine Landers, Pat Moloney, Cally Riordan, Ann Phelan, Marian Sweeney, Nancy O'Driscoll, Val Fitzpatrick.

Subs, Mary Walsh, Angela Higgins, Mary O'Leary, Kathleen Costine.

## Cork swamp poor Antrim

Cork ... 11-8; Antrim ... 1-1

**CORK**, fitter more skilled and combining better, proved much too good for Antrim in the opening game at the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship played at Cushendun yesterday.

The visitors who had contested the All-Ireland final for the past six years winning four in a row 70/73 showed many changes from the side that reached last year's decider but the newcomers are blending well into the side.

The home side stayed with the visitors for the first half but they were not as sure or as accurate in possession and were trailing 3-5 to 1-1 at half time.

Antrim re-started with great spirit but this rally was not maintained as Cork took over and dominated the remainder of the play. The winners were best served by Pat Moloney, Marian Sweeney, Anne Phelan, and Mary O'Leary. Kathleen Kelly, Noreen McAllister in goal, and Rita McAteer were best for Antrim.

Scorers — Cork: A. Phelan (3-1); M. Sweeney (2-2); N. O'Driscoll and M. O'Leary (2-1 each); C. O'Riordan (2-0); P. Moloney (0-3). Antrim: A. Rogers (1-0); S. Irwin (0-1).



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# CAMOGIE TITLE TO RETURN TO CORK?

By TAOBH LINE

THE MOST NOTABLE EVENT of the week-end on camogie fields was the defeat, in the first round, of the All-Ireland champions, Wexford. Beaten by two points by Dublin in the opening round of the National League, Wexford had then encouraged their supporters by scoring a league victory over Kilkenny, and so returned to Dublin on Sunday last with high hopes of avenging that Leinster Championship defeat.

But whereas in that first game scoring was very low, Dublin really ran through the Wexford defence in the first half this time and led by 5-0 to 2-0 at the interval.

Another Dublin goal early in the second half seemed to put the issue beyond dispute but Wexford then rallied well. Though they scored, however, five points without reply only goals could have saved them at that stage and Dublin were giving no goals away.

So Dublin are now through to the All-Ireland semi-final in which they will take on either Galway or Tipperary who meet on Sunday at Drom, near Thurles.

### TIPP IMPROVE

A couple of weeks ago, after Galway had convincingly beaten Clare in the opening game of the National League, they would have been expected to defeat Tipperary with something to spare. But since then Tipperary have also scored a good league win over Clare, and Deirdre Lane, the tynan sisters, and Monica Butler played so well then that they must be given something like an even chance now, especially on home ground.

Moreover, Tipperary will now have the assistance of Libby Howard, who won a junior All-Ireland medal with Dublin last year, and who like Deirdre Lane played with Celtic, the current Dublin champions.

So Galway have their work cut out for them, but with such talented players as Josie Kelly, Margaret Kileen, Margaret Poniard, Margaret Murphy and Phil Foye they could be good enough to go forward to meet Dublin.

Now that Wexford are out the Cork girls seem odds on favourites to recapture the All-Ireland crown. Cork looked a very effective side indeed when readily accounting for Antrim last Sunday despite having made the long journey to Cushendun.

Cork are already through to the semi-final where they await the winners of the remaining quarter-final between Clare and Kilkenny which is scheduled for Sunday week.

Big event this weekend off the playing fields will be the Coaching Course organised at the Franciscan College, Gormanston, by the All-Ireland Colleges Council.

# WEXFORD GIRLS LOSE THEIR ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE CROWN

(By SEAN WHELAN)

Defending champions Wexford, who scored such a memorable victory in the All-Ireland senior Camogie open draw championships only last September, were bundled out of this year's race in only the opening round in defence of their title when a fast-raiding Dublin bettered them by six points (6-0 to 2-6) at Naomh Bhríde Grounds, Navan Road, Dublin, on Sunday.

Straightaway let me say that, for me anyway, one of the very few real links with their form of All-Ireland day and that of last Sunday was the colour of their uniform. True, practically the same line-out was on duty again, and a lot of the skills were there; but there was one vital aspect missing, and that was fitness.

Dublin were super-fit last Sunday — just as Wexford proved to be on that great day last September — but the Model County girls, by comparison, were ponderous, indecisive and lacking in any real method.

It is remarkable to think that the great spirit that had been built up all through last year — the sacrifices willingly made by the players, the dedication and effort put in by both players and officials — should have been so rudely undone and wantonly wasted this year, and the county has itself to blame alone.

There has been almost complete lack of preparation this season by the senior team, the Association's pride only 12 months ago. And even the warning signs of the team's defeat by Dublin in the Leinster tests only a fortnight ago failed to budge the powers-that-be into action.

Though it sounds like the proverb about the stable door and the horse, one must say that the whole set-up in the senior team in particular has been in almost total contrast to last year — no get-togethers, little enough training, and not even an attempt to build upon the spirit that was so evident in 1975.

One cannot attach too much blame to the team members themselves: their general form last Sunday was poor enough, but when one contrasts this with their displays in their All-Ireland winning season one is left with the view that most of the eventual glory is founded solidly in the amount of preparation a county puts in.

Wexford put in the bare minimum in this respect, while Dublin have been preparing with dedication and zeal: Dublin the far better, far sharper team, proved too 'hot' for an aimless though hard-trying, Wexford.

Dublin's first-time striking policy paid rich dividends from the start, racing through a porous Wexford midfield and putting non-stop pressure on a suspect defence. The result was a match-winning 5-0 to 2-0 half-time lead for Dublin. It was left up to Wexford in the last half, but though spurred on by a determined display by the great Margaret Leacy (nee O'Leary), their rally failed to produce a victory that somehow I don't think they deserved.

The easiest job in the world is to criticise and condemn after the damage has been done. Yet how Wexford officials can blindly continue in their failure to learn the lessons of last year and pursue an all-too-lackadaisical approach to date,

is beyond me.

There is a lot at stake nowadays, especially with the high standard of play leaving some six counties in contention of honours: but despite last year's lessons, we have slipped back into the old ways, the pre-'75 methods of 'hoping for the best'.

The crime is that we in Wexford have some of the game's greatest exponents, and that, with purposeful effort, no team in Ireland can match us. Wexford are still in with a chance of National League honours, but after the euphoria of 1975, this is indeed now meagre consolation.

### SCORERS

Dublin — N. Fleming, A. McManus 2-0 each; A. Byrne, M. Sutton 1-0 each. Wexford — E. O'Gorman 1-2; A. Kennedy 1-0; M. Leacy 0-2; E. Walsh, B. Jacob 0-1 each.

### TEAM

Wexford — Kathleen Tonks; Margaret Leacy; Gretta Quigley; Brigid Doyle, Dorothy Walsh; Breda Murphy, Maggie Hearne, Elsie Walsh; Annie Kennedy, B. Doran (capt.), Kit Codd; Eileen O'Gorman. Subs., Bernie Murphy for M. Hearne, Bridie Fox, Peg Moore, Joan Murphy.

### Camogie Draws

The following are the draws, venues and referees for the Camogie competition being run in conjunction with Feile Na nGael on July 16 to 18 next:

- First Round—(A) Eire Og v. Killeel, Ovens, 11.00 a.m. (Ref. M. Twomey). (B) Old Als v. Oran, Ballyphehane, 11.00 a.m. (Biarney).
- Second Round—(C) Winners of A v. B, Ballinure, 2.30 p.m. (M. Whelton). (D) Blackrock v. Woodville, Ballinure, 11.00 a.m. (R. Riordan). (E) Nemo Rangers v. Templeport, Nemo Grounds, 12.00 noon (Na Piarraigh). (F) Douglas v. Thomastown, Douglas, 12.00 noon (A. O'Donovan). (G) Na Piarraigh v. Knockananna, Na Piarraigh, 12.30 (Kay Dunne). (H) Ballyphehane v. Croagh Kilfinny, Ballyphehane, 12.00 noon (M. Moran). (I) Ballinlough v. Buffers Alley, Ballinure, 12.00 noon (F. McCarthy). (J) Glen Rovers v. Ballymacnab, Glen Field (M. O'Callaghan).
- Quarter-finals—C v. D, Ballinure, 4.30 p.m. (M. Whelton). E v. F, Ballinure, 3.30 p.m. (R. Riordan). G v. H, Ballinure, 3.30 p.m. (F. McCarthy). I v. J, Ballinure, 4.30 p.m. (Íde Ní She).
- Semi-finals—C or D v. E or F, Ballinure, 7.45 p.m. (M. Nott). G or H v. I or J, Ballinure, 7.45 p.m. (M. Moran).
- Duration of game on Saturday, July 17th, 20 minutes per side.
- Final—Pairc Uí Caoimh, Sunday, July 18th, 4.30 p.m. Duration of final, 15 minutes per side (5 minutes half time).

## Champs fall

Dublin 6-0; Wexford 2-6

vAT Navan Road yesterday Wexford, the all-Ireland Camogie champions, were beaten by Dublin the 1976 Open Draw Championship by 6-0 to 2-6. The winners took command in the opening half and were 5-0 to 2-0 ahead at the interval. Wexford improved on resuming and a series of points put them in winning vein but the Dublin defence, in which S. Murray (goal), R. White, M. Murphy, S. Wallace, were prominent stood firm.

Scorers — Dublin — N. Fleming (3-0), A. McManus, A. Byrne, M. Sutton (1-0 each). Wexford — E. O'Gorman (1-1), A. Kennedy (1-1), M. Hearne and M. Lacey (0-2 each).



# Cork Minors Set Out On The Glory Trail

CORK will be the venue for two Munster Camogie Championship games over the weekend. On Saturday, Cork minors make their first appearance of the season when they meet Clare at Na Piarasigh Grounds while on Sunday the juniors play their second round tie against Kerry at Blackrock G.A.A. Grounds.

These are the only weekend fixtures but there are club games listed on Tuesday and Wednesday of the coming week. Cork Juniors had a fine win over Clare in their initial outing of the season and they should advance again on Sunday as Kerry have yet to establish themselves in camogie circles. Cork's ability to snap up scores

brought them through in Ennis two weeks ago and with a home venue they should have little difficulty.

This is a young Cork side but the selectors have shown their confidence in the players by naming an unchanged side for Sunday. This means that Kay Costine is again in goal with Kay Spillane at fullback. The half-backline is made up of Gerarda Barry, Betty Joyce and Marie Coughlan to complete a very solid defence. Anna Connolly, Ann Houlihan and Mary Condon are an efficient centrefield trio while the forwards, Ann O'Shea, Claire Kenny, Patricia Mackey and Mary Power all proved themselves against Clare.

The selectors, however, have added three names to the panel.

Claire Hackett, Rose Desmond, and Frances Barry-Murphy, who join Ger Ring, Mary Roche, S. O'Shea and G. Ring as reserves.

Cork minors won the county's first Minor All-Ireland championship last season when amid great jubilation they beat a fancied Galway side in the decider at Na Piarasigh Grounds. Now it's back to the same venue for their first appearance as champions and no doubt this will give them a great boost.

## STRONG NUCLEUS

A number of last year's side are overage for the new campaign but even so there is still a strong nucleus of players available to the selectors and with so many young up and coming players available they should be able to field a very good side.

Clare have had a resurgence of camogie in recent years and have now to be treated with the great respect as opponents. Cork disposed of both their senior and junior teams in the Munster Championships recently and no doubt Clare will be determined not to allow Cork to make it a hat-trick of wins on Saturday. So the Cork minors, even with a home venue could be up against it, but they should come out on top in the end.

## FIXTURES

Saturday, July 10 at Na Piarasigh Grounds at 3 p.m. Munster Minor Championship, Cork v. Clare.

Sunday, July 11 at Blackrock G.A.A. pitch at 5.45 p.m. Munster Junior Championship, Cork v. Kerry.

Tuesday, July 13 — Junior League at Blackrock, 7.30 p.m. Blackrock v. Bishopstown; Junior League at Ballyphehane at 7.30 p.m. Ballyphehane v. Na Piarasigh.

Wednesday, July 14, Intermediate League at Blarney at 7.45 p.m. Blarney v. Cloyne; Ref: Iniscarra; Junior League at St. Finbarrs at 7.30 p.m. St. Finbarrs v. Nemo Rangers; Ref: Bishopstown.

## Clare were no match for Cork

Cork 12 - 8 Clare 0 - 0

Cork had no difficulty in disposing of Clare in this Munster Minor Camogie Championship semi-final played at Na Piarasigh Grounds on Saturday. Playing with a strong wind in the first half the cork girls concentrated on building up a good interval lead and succeeded to such an extent that the second half was only a formality.

Scorers — Cork: C. Cronin 4-0, R. Desmond 3-3, M. Murphy 2-1, A. Goggins 2-1, A. Delaney 1-1, Hackett 0-1, G. Murray 0-1.

Cork: K. Costine, A. Moore, A. O'Sullivan, B. McDonald, C. McCarthy, M. Kearney, A. Dealeny, C. Hackett, G. Murray, C. Cronin, M. Murphy, R. Desmond. Subs: M. Burns for C. Hackett, A. Goggins for R. Desmond, H. Walker for B. McDonald.

## Cork juniors reach final

Cork 7-4; Kerry 1-0

Cork are through to the final of the Munster Junior Championship. At Blackrock G.A.A. grounds yesterday, they had an easy win over Kerry by 7-4 to 1-0.

Scorers: F. Barry-Murphy, 4-0; A. O'Shea 1-2; M. Power, 1-2; P. Mackey 1-0. Kerry: A. Geaney 1-0. Cork: K. Costine, K. Spillane, G. Barry, M. Coughlan, B. Joyce, A. Connolly, M. Condon, A. Houlihan, P. Mackey, A. O'Shea, M. Power, F. Barry, Murphy. Sub, S. O'Shea for M. Condon.

Kerry: M. Lawlor, A. Kelly, M. Lombard, S. O'Shea, E. Geaney, M. Gilbert, M. Geaney, M. Leahy, J. Dillon, M. Ferris, M. O'Shea, P. Curtin. Subs, C. Devlin for M. O'Shea, H. Slattery for C. Devlin.

## Galway pip Tipp in a thriller

Galway 2-8, Tipperary 3-3

In a fine, entertaining game at Inch, near Thurles, yesterday, Galway qualified for the All-Ireland camogie semi-final by defeating Tipperary.

In the first half, favoured by a strong breeze, Galway went into an early lead and had a goal by Philomena Foye and three points by Treasa Dunne before Tipperary's first goal, a very good shot by Maolmuire Tynan. Tipperary settled down well after Siobhain Tynan was moved to full-back. With two points from Deirdre Lane's thirties and a goal by Libby Howard, they led by one point at half-time, 2-2 to 1-4.

Scorers: Galway — P. Foye 2-2, T. Duane 0-4, J. Kelly 0-2; Tipperary — M. Tynan 1-0, D. Lane 1-3, L. Howard 1-0.

# GALWAY JUST QUALIFY FOR SEMI

By AGNES HOURIGAN  
GALWAY ..... 2-8  
TIPPERARY ..... 3-3

Galway, just survived to qualify for the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship Semi-Final against Dublin after a keen and well-contested game with Tipperary at Inch Galway who had a strong wind behind them settled down quickly and scored one goal and three points in the opening ten minutes before

Maol Muire Tynan soloed through for Tipperary's first score, to leave the score 1-3 to 1-0.

The home side rallied from here, gradually drew closer and went into the lead just before half-time when Monica Butler goalied to leave Tipperary leading 2-2 to 1-4.

The visitors, though facing the wind, now quickly wiped out the arrears, scoring first a point and then a goal. Deirdre

Lane, however, soon had Tipperary back in contention when she sent a close-in free to the net to leave her side trailing by a point.

Both sides exchanged points but the visitors had the last word when they pointed a free. Tipperary however were foiled of victory when Margaret Kileen, the Galway goalie saved a great shot in the last minute.

The winners were best served by Kathleen Quinn at

ful-back, Margaret Kileen in goal, Katherine Wand and Josie Kelly at midfield and Phil Foye and Theresa Duane in attack. Mary O'Brien kept good goal for Tipperary, Deirdre Lane, Maol Muire Tynan, Margaret Hayes and Libby Howard all tried hard.

Scorers: Galway — T. Foye (2-2), T. Duane (0-4), J. Kelly (0-2); Tipperary — D. Lane (1-3); M. Butler, M. Tynan (1-0 each).

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# Kilkenny Must Hit Top Form

BY AGNES HOURIGAN

Sunday next will see the concluding game of the opening round of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship when Kilkenny and Clare meet to decide which will secure the only remaining place in the semi-finals.

The counties already through to the semi-final stages are Dublin and Galway who are scheduled to meet on August 8 and Cork, who await next Sunday's winners on August 15.

Kilkenny, who beat Cork in the thrilling replay of the 1974 final, have not shown the same dedication or determination. It has seemed as though, having achieved their great ambition of supreme honours, they have temporarily lost their motivation.

However, news from Kilkenny indicates that the hunger for success may well be returning and, with such outstanding players as Teresa and Helena O'Neill, Ann Carroll, Bridie Martin, and Angela and Ann Downey, they certainly have the talent to come right back into the Camogie limelight.

But Clare, although they have had a bad run to date in the National League, losing in turn to Galway and Tipperary, are always a force on home ground.

## MOST EXCITING

They, too have plenty of top-class players led by Anne Marie O'Loughlin, Claire Harrington, Margaret O'Toole, Eleece Fitzgibbon and Maureen Davoran and are well capable of surprising the more experienced opposition.

The three opening games in the senior championship have all produced lively and entertaining games thus far. If Cork's clear-cut victory over Antrim was the most impressive, Dublin's victory over last

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year's winners, Wexford, was the most meritorious, while Galway's win over Tipperary last Sunday was the most exciting.

While Galway again proved themselves a very good side, Tipperary continue to show improvement, and, indeed, but for a fine save just before the end by Galway goalkeeper, Margaret Kileen, who had a fine game, Tipperary would be through to the semi-final now.

However, they have to meet Galway again in the final of the Western zone of the National League. Judging by the close contest between them last Sunday, their second meeting should be well worth seeing.

In the South, Cork had a successful weekend beating Clare in the semi-final of the minor competition and also accounting for Kerry in the junior semi-final.

## RALLYING PLACE

So we now know the provincial finalists in both grades, with Cork scheduled to defend their minor title against Tipperary and taking on Waterford or Limerick for junior honours.

For younger camogie players, Cork City will be the rallying place this week-end when 18 teams, nine from Cork and nine more from other counties, will be competing in the juvenile hurling festival, Feile na nGael.

The visiting teams will be the home guests of their Cork opponents, and the Camogie teams will participate in Sunday's massed parade, with the Camogie final being played with the hurling finals at Pairc Uí Chaoimh in the afternoon.



# Clare play Kilkenny at Ennis

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ALL-IRELAND championship days have come round again. This championship is distinct from provincial deciders and wins and losses at this level only act as a guideline. This championship is an open draw and Clare have drawn against Kilkenny on Sunday next, July 18, at Cusack Park.

at 12.30 p.m. This announcement will probably not be hailed by a loud cheer because of the defeats suffered by the team this year.

This year the Clare camogie team have played five competitive matches. They have won once, drawn once and lost three times. For this reason they will be regarded as underdogs for next Sunday's clash with Kilkenny. When Clare lost to Galway in the first round of the League it was obvious that fitness was the big difference. When Clare met Tipperary in the second round Clare were ahead by five points with ten minutes to go. At the final whistle, however, it was Tipperary who had earned a 4 point victory. Clare were again unable to stick the pace. This factor coupled with very loose marking at centre-field and back-line were good reasons why Clare lost on both these occasions. The forwards turned in very good performances and notched the available scores.

rington, Bridie McGirl and M. O'Toole looks strong and if they find form they will not concede many scores. Centre-field players C. McNicholas, Maureen Davoren and Pauline Kilmartin have proven to be a very effective centre-field combination. They will have to stick with the play and be a strong liaison between backs and forwards. At centre-forward Anne Harrington will be a needle to the Kilkenny back-line while the corner-forwards, M. Mahon and Mary Dolan, should pick off scores. At full-forward Eleece Fitzgibbons should pose as a problem for both full-back and goal-keeper.

Kilkenny have a fine goal-keeper in Teresa O'Neill. Her sister Helena out-field is always difficult to cope with. The Downey's are a great asset to any forward line while Anne Carroll can position herself effectively in any part of the field. Liz Neary and Mary Fennelly are also highly skilled and effective players.

This match is very important on Sunday. It is all the two teams have left in competition for this season.

Clare panel: M. Kelly, A. M. O'Loughlin, B. McGirl, M. O'Toole, Claire Harrington, Rose Kelleher, M. Davoren (capt.), Kitty McNicholas, Pauline Kilmartin, M. Mahon, A. Harrington, Eleece Fitzgibbon, M. Dolan, A.M. Russell, M. O'Grady, M. Saunders, A. Casey, M. Carey.

## 'Feile' Involvement Is Main Business

THE spotlight will be on the under-14's this weekend with Feile na Gael fixed for Cork for the second successive year. At the same time the Cork Co. Board leagues continue.

Nine Cork clubs will play host to nine visiting sides over the coming weekend with visitors coming from Galway, Down, Dublin, Cavan, Kilkenny, Wicklow, Limerick, Wexford and Armagh.

Knockanana from Co. Wicklow, holders of the title, will travel, and they will make their first appearance against Na Piarasaigh at the latter's grounds in the second round on Saturday.

The Feile is a test of stamina as much as anything else as the girls involved will know tomorrow. Four clubs will take part in the first round at 11 a.m. with the winners meeting in the second round at 2.30 p.m. In the meantime the remaining first round ties will begin at 11 a.m.

In the afternoon the quarter finals will begin at 3.30 p.m. and the semi-finals will take place at 7.45 p.m. So the clubs who win their way to the final will have played three, if not four, games in the one day.

### FIRST ROUND DRAW

The draw for the first round is: Eire Og v Kilkeel at Ovens 11.00 a.m. and Old Aloysians v Oran at Ballyphehane 11.00 a.m. The winners here then go on to meet at Ballinure at 2.30 p.m. with the remaining second round games as follows: Blackrock v Woodville at Ballinure 11.00 a.m.; Nemo Rangers v Templeport at Nemo 12.00; Douglas v Thomastown at Douglas 12.00; Na Piarasaigh v Knockanana at Na Piarasaigh, 12.30; Ballyphehane v Croagh Killybeg at Ballyphehane, 12.00;

Ballinlough v Buffers Alley 12.00; Glen Rovers v Ballymacnab at Glen Field.

So the stage is set for a more than hectic weekend for the clubs involved.

On the inter county front Cork are without a game this weekend. But this is only a temporary lull and one game on Sunday which will have more than a passing interest for Cork followers is the fourth first round All-Ireland tie between Clare and Kilkenny. Clare are at home to the 1974 All-Ireland champions and the winners will meet Cork in the semi-final on August 22 next. Kilkenny defeated Cork in a replay in the 1974 decider, but they have not reached the same standard of fitness or determination since. This year they are without Ursula Grace, Marie Kavanagh and Mary Conway and to counteract two missing forwards Ann Carroll has been introduced to full forward where she is a real danger. Last year Clare experienced a new interest in the game but so far this season they have not fared that well either in the Munster championship, in which they went out rather easily to Cork or in the National League. However, Kilkenny have not impressed in the League either so Sunday's match seems open enough.

The next big games for Cork will be on the following weekend when Cork minors will be at home to Tipperary in the Munster Final on Saturday while on the following day the juniors meet Limerick in the junior decider.

A full list of league games will be decided during the coming week.

### INTERMEDIATE

There are intermediate ties on Saturday when Cloyne meet Blarney at the latter's grounds and on Sunday when Midleton will be the venue for the clash between Churchtown and Watergrasshill. In the junior campaign, Blackwater meet Buttevant at Mallow on Saturday; Youghal and Sarsfields are in opposition on Sunday and St. Finbarrs meet Nemo Rangers on Wednesday.

There is one under-18 game listed at Watergrasshill where home side meet Carrigtwohill while in the under-16 campaign two games will be decided. At Killeagh the local side meet Cobh on Saturday, and on Tuesday next Bishopstown meet Ballinlough.

In the first round of the Munster championship Clare met Cork in the Fairgreen. Again defeat was to be their lot. It was a revelation in that the back-line produced good form while the forwards slumped on the day. So far the team had failed to combine effectively. After this defeat it was decided that an intensive training campaign would have to be launched. So this Clare team have gone through their paces in preparation for this clash with Kilkenny. It appears that the previous matches have been a build-up to attaining a high standard of fitness, good combination and determination.

In goal, Maureen Kelly has found form and is playing with great confidence. The back-line of A. M. O'Loughlin, Claire Har-

## CAMOGIE FIXTURES, DATES

THE remaining fixtures for the All-Ireland Camogie series were finalised at a meeting of Ard Cholste on Saturday and are as follows:-

August 1—All-Ireland Minor semi-finals — Down v Galway at Leitrim, Co. Down, 3.0. Kilkenny v Cork at Thomastown, 3.0.

August 8—All-Ireland Senior semi-final—Galway v Dublin at Ballinasloe, 3.0.

August 15—All-Ireland Junior semi-final — Limerick v Down, at Limerick.

August 22—All-Ireland Senior semi-final — Kilkenny v Cork, at Gowran, 3.0. All-Ireland Junior semi-final — Wexford v Galway or Roscommon, at Wexford.

August 29—All-Ireland Minor final.

September 19—All-Ireland Senior and Junior finals at Croke Park.

## Na Piarasaigh GAA

THE long awaited Feile na nGael has come and gone with mixed fortunes for our club. While our boys fell at the penultimate hurdle, our girls covered themselves in glory, emerging as the country's top camogie side in their age group.

This was an outstanding achievement plotted by astute mentors Mrs. Joan Guest, Ann Barry, and P. Newman, and executed by a gallant and heroic group of dedicated girls. So they become the first Cork team to win a feile camogie title and our club is LIreland's first to be both feile hurling and camogie champions.

For the record the team was: Claire McCarthy, Martha Kearney, Nuala Barry, Mary Fox, Marie Leahy (captain), Jackey Twomey, Catherine Cuthbert, Catherine Beasley, Grace Stewart, Sandra Twomey, Paula Goggin, Celine O'Connell, Imelda Cronin, Deirdre O'Shea, Helena Fox.

## Kilkenny power show

Kilkenny.....2-8; Clare.....2-1.

AT Cusack Park Ennis yesterday Clare fell to a fitter and more experienced Kilkenny team in the Senior Camogie Open draw. The latter now meet Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Scoring was kept to a minimum in the first half by a combination of good defensive play and near misses by both sides with Kilkenny's Anne Carroll, Angela Downey and Helena O'Neill scoring a goal and a point each respectively and

Eleece Fitzgibbon replying with a goal for Clare.

Immediately after the re-start Eleece Fitzgibbon reduced the visitors lead to a point but, subsequently, Clare could find no response to Angela Downey who scored 1-4 for Kilkenny. Anne Carroll added a further point before Eilish Condrón scored a goal for Clare.

Outstanding for Kilkenny were Bridie Martin, Helena O'Neill, Mary Fennelly, and Bernie Larkin while Clare were best served by Maureen Davoren, Anne

Marie O'Loughlin, Clare Harrington, Catherine McNicholas and goal keeper Anne Marie Russell.

Scorers — Kilkenny — A. Downey (1-5), A. Carroll (1-1), H. O'Neill, A. Downey (0-1 each), Clare — E. Fitzgibbon (1-1), E. Condrón (1-0).

KILKENNY—T. O'Neill, B. Larkin, A. Downey, B. Martin, M. Kennedy, H. O'Neill, P. Carey, M. Fennelly, M. Coady, C. Doyle, Angela Downey, A. Carroll. Sub.—L. Neary for M. Coady.

CLARE—A. Russell, A. O'Loughlin, B. Kelleher, M. O'Toole, B. McGirl, C. Harrington, C. McNicholas, M. Davoren, P. Kilmartin, M. Mahon, E. Fitzgibbon, A. Harrington. Subs.—E. Condrón for P. Kilmartin; M. Saunders for E. Fitzgibbon.



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# Clare Defeated in All-Ireland Senior Championship

KILKENNY ..... 2-8  
CLARE ..... 2-1

CLARE made their exit from the All-Ireland senior camogie championship when, at Cusack Park, Ennis, on Sunday, they were beaten by Kilkenny in the first round. On the day, the visitors were deserving winners and their forwards were much more dangerous when in possession. It was in the second half that the winners played their best camogie and in a fifteen minute spell they notched 1-5 without reply.

The winners did the early attacking but Anna Marie Russell made two very good saves in the opening minutes. The Clare girls went into the lead after five minutes when Eleece Fitzgibbon shot a goal. However, this proved to be the home team's only score of this half. Ann Carroll opened the winners account in the tenth minute with a good point and five minutes later she put her side into the lead, which they were never to lose, when she flicked the ball to the net after Anna Marie Russell had made a good save. Kilkenny's only other score in the first half was a point and it came from a '30 by Helena O'Neill.

Indeed, Kilkenny would have been further ahead at the interval were it not for the good display of the Clare back line, particularly Anna Marie O'Loughlin at full back. In the second half,

Kilkenny, with Angela Downey in superb form in attack, held the upper hand and went on to record a deserving win.

The winners had their best players in Breda Larkin, Mary Kennedy and Ann Downey in defence. Helena O'Neill was outstanding at midfield, while in the forward division, Angela Downey and Ann Carroll were in superb form.

For the losers, Anna Marie Russell, Anna Marie O'Loughlin, Bridie McGirl did well in the backs. Claire Harrington and Kitty McNicholas had some bright moments at midfield, while in the forward division, the Clare girls rarely made any headway against the strong Kilkenny defence.

Scorers: Kilkenny: Angela Downey 1-4, A. Carroll (1-2), H. O'Neill (0-2); Clare: Eleece Fitzgibbon (1-1), E. Condrón (1-0).

KILKENNY: T. O'Neill, B. Larkin, M. Kennedy, Ann Downey, B. Martin, H. O'Neill, P. Carey, M. Fennelly (Capt.), C. Doyle, A. Downes, A. Carroll, M. Cody.

CLARE: A. M. Russell, A. M. O'Loughlin, B. McGirl, R. Kelleher, M. O'Toole, C. Harrington, K. McNicholas, M. Davoran (Capt.), M. Mahon, P. Kilmartin, E. Fitzgibbon, A. Harrington.

Subs.: E. Condrón for P. Kilmartin; M. Saunders for E. Fitzgibbon.

# KILKENNY OBJECT TO FAIRGREEN

LAST SUNDAY'S game was played at Cusack Park because Kilkenny objected to playing in the Fairgreen. The reason they offered was that they believed that the surface in the Fairgreen was too dangerous. When the Clare camogie board suggested that the game be played in the soccer pitch in the Fairgreen the Central Council fixtures committee—of which incidentally the chairman and secretary are both from Kilkenny—refused to agree and offered the reason that it would be very hard to collect a 'gate' at an open pitch. They still put forward this reason even though Clare pointed out to them that the largest 'gate' in Munster last year was taken at the Fairgreen.

The fixtures committee told Clare that they would either have to provide an alternative pitch for the game or concede venue and hence the reason for playing the game in Cusack Park. For the past few years the Fairgreen has been accepted as being the Clare camogie team's headquarters and no county had objected to playing there. Clare camogie officials who are more than a trifle disappointed with the treatment dished out to them in this matter pointed out this week that they have never had an injury of any consequence following a game at the Fairgreen. Indeed the grass in Cusack Park on Sunday was

too long for a camogie game but as one of the Clare girls told me on Tuesday 'Kilkenny prefer to lift the ball and therefore the conditions suited them, Clare on the other hand play more ground camogie and would have done much better in the Fairgreen.'

All in all this treatment was surprising to say the least and very unfair. In recent years in particular Clare camogie officials have worked tirelessly in their efforts to promote camogie and on no occasion has there been any occurrence which could give any team any grounds to object to playing in the Fairgreen.

# Kilkenny score convincingly at Ennis

Kilkenny 2-8 ————— Clare 2-1

KILKENNY had a convincing win over Clare on Sunday in Ennis, in the first round of the all-Ireland open draw camogie championship. In a hard, close contest Kilkenny's experience told in the end. Eleece Fitzgibbon opened the scoring for Clare after 5 minutes.

Kilkenny then settled down and led 2-1 to 1-0 at half time. The winners quickly settled down in the second half and with first time pulling, the forwards made room for themselves to add 1-6 to their total. Clare got a late goal to put a more respectable look on the scoreboard.

With this good display Kilkenny should be in good form for the Leinster final against Dublin on Sunday, July 25th in the Fianna Grounds, Dublin.

Scorers: Kilkenny — Angela Downey (1-5), Ann Carroll (1-1), H. O'Neill (0-1), Anne Downey (0-1). Clare — E. Fitzgibbon (1-1), E. Condrón (1-0).

Kilkenny: T. O'Neill, B. Larkin, A. Downey, B. Martin, M. Kennedy, H. O'Neill, P. Carey, M. Fennelly, M. Coady, C. Doyle, A. Downey, A. Carroll. Sub: L. Neary for M. Coady.

Clare: A. Russell, A. M. O'Loughlin, R. Kelleher, M. O'Toole, B. McGirl, C. Harrington, C. McNicholas, M. Davern, P. Kilmartin, M. Mahon, E. Fitzgibbon, A. Harrington. Subs: E. Condrón for P. Kilmartin; M. Saunders for E. Fitzgibbon.

# Thomastown do well

WHILE Kilkenny seniors were stealing the limelight in Ennis, the Kilkenny under-14 representatives, Thomastown were not letting the county down in the all-Ireland Feile na nGael competition in Cork.

Playing three matches on Saturday they qualified for the final on Sunday evening in the New Pairc Ni Caoimh. They defeated Douglas, Cork by 8-0 to 0-0; Templeport, Cavan by 2-1 to 1-1 and Eire Og, Cork in the semi-final by 3-3 to 1-0. Playing the Cork champions, Na Piarasigh in the final, they were unlucky to lose by 2-1 to 2-0 in a great final.

It was a wonderful experience for the Thomastown youngsters and many new friends were made in Cork.

The panel which received runners-up medals and a set of harleys was: M. Walsh, H.

Crowe, J. Lanigan, K. Roche, B. Farrell, P. Monahan, M. Farrell, O. Galway, F. Began, M. Holden, J. Holden, M. Aylward, M. Walsh, (Ben-nettsbridge), M. Lee.



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# Cork Teams Seek Munster Titles

TWO Munster finals will be played at the Mardyke over the weekend with Cork Minors and Juniors in the running for provincial championship titles. The County Board leagues continue during the coming week.

Cork Minors will be first into action in a Munster final this season when they meet Tipperary at the Mardyke on Saturday evening (7.30 p.m.).

Cork's record in the under 16 championship is impressive. In the first year of the competition Cork reached the All-Ireland final but failed to Down. But last year they went all the way winning the title against Galway at Na Piarasigh Grounds. Now they seek their third successive Munster title and a place in the All-Ireland semi-final against Kilkenny on August 1.

Captain Kathleen Costine has played in all three campaigns. The back line has only conceded one point but they have not been really tested by either Limerick or Clare. Next Sunday will be a different story. The hardest match Cork got last year was from Tipperary. They had to withstand great pressure and a hectic finish to emerge.

### NO EASY TASK

In the Junior competition Limerick can field their first team and with a win over Tipperary seniors to their credit, this season the Cork girls will have nothing easy. Ann Meaney, their usual full-back is not playing this year but they have a star-laden side nonetheless.

Young Margie Neville is filling the full-back berth more than adequately and other players who will make the going tough for Cork are Brid Stokes, Marion Doyle, Cary Clancy, Geraldine O'Brien, Bridget Darcy and Anne Sheehy.

So far in the Junior campaign, Cork have accounted for Clare and Kerry. Their side contains many young players who are fairly new to the inter-county scene. Limerick have beaten Cork in this grade in the past two years. Cork did win the Junior All-Ireland in 1973 and cannot play any of that panel. Neither, of course, can they play any senior player in this grade. So, it is no easy task to field a strong junior side.

Frances Marry-Murphy who came on as a substitute in the semi-final in place of Claire Kenny, slammed in four goals and retains her place at full forward for Sunday. Patricia Mackey, Ann O'Shea and Marie Power complete the attack.

Cork minor captain, Kathleen Costine, will be in goal again on Sunday with Gerarda Barry, Kay Spillane, Betty Joyce and Marie Coughlan making up the defence. Last year's minors Anne Connolly and Claire Hackett will flank Ann O'Sullivan in the midfield.

### LACK EXPERIENCE

This is a very young junior side and one feels that they will lack

experience against the powerful Limerick twelve. Limerick must start as favourites here but after Wexford's hurlers last Sunday, can there ever really be certainties?

### CORK TEAMS

Minor: K. Costine (capt), A. Moore, A. O'Sullivan, C. McCarthy, D. McDonald, M. Kearney, A. Delaney, C. Hackett, C. Cronin, G. Murray, R. Desmond, M. Murphy.

Subs: A. Goggins, M. Walker, E. Foley and M. Burns.

Junior: K. Costine, G. Barry, K. Spillane, B. Joyce, M. Coughlan, A. Connolly, A. O'Sullivan, C. Hackett, P. Mackey, A. O'Shea, M. Power, F. B. Murphy.

Subs: G. Ring, R. Desmond, M. Roche, S. O'Shea, M. Condon, A. Houlihan.

### FIXTURES

Saturday, July 24 — Munster Minor Final at Mardyke at 7.30, Cork v. Tipperary.

Sunday, 25 — Munster Junior Final at Mardyke at 1.30, Cork v. Limerick.

Tuesday 27 — Jun. League at Ballinure at 7.30, Blackrock v. Douglas (Ref., Nemo Rangers).

Wednesday 28 — Inter League at Ovens at 7.30, Aghabullogue v. Eire Og (Ref., Canovee); Juniod

League at Ballinure at 7.45, Ballinlough v. Ballymartle (Ref.: Douglas); Under-14 League at Ballyphehane at 7.30, Nemo Rangers "A" v. Glen Rovers.

Martha Kearney, who won a Feile na nGael medal with Na Piarasigh on Sunday last, Anne Delaney and Claire Hackett, for a centrefield line which can away things in Cork's favour if they strike form.

Claire Cronin and Rose Desmond can score with any room to work in, while Margaret Murphy is settling down nicely to the full-forward position. Ger Murray who came on in place of Ellen Foley in the semi-final retains her place after a fine performance.

The Mardyke will be a help to Cork but they must take the field in determined mood. Tipperary make no secret of the fact that their minor side is their best team. In goal they have Mary O'Brien who also fields on the senior side. They have star players in Cashel girls Majella Hallinan, Mary Kelly and Regina Mulligan, and though Cork should make it, it will be difficult indeed.

On Sunday the Cork junior sides face an even more difficult task in the Junior final when they play Limerick also at the Mardyke at 1.38 p.m.

## Titles for Cork and Limerick

Cork are again minor champions and Limerick have retained their junior title. This was the outcome of the Munster championship finals played at the Mardyke over the weekend.

In this exciting minor final played on Saturday evening Cork completed a hat-trick of minor titles, with a four point victory over Tipperary (1-8 to 1-4). The champions now travel to meet Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final on Sunday next.

Scorers: Cork Rose Desmond 0-5, Margaret Murphy 1-1, Claire Cronin 0-2, Tipp. Phyllis McMahon 1-1, Mary Kelly 0-2, Mona Quigley 0-1.

Cork K. Costine, A. Moore, A. O'Sullivan, C. McCarthy, B. McDonald, M. Kearney, A. Delaney, C. Hackett, C. Cronin, G. Murray, R. Desmond, M. Murphy.

Tipp: U. Hickey, N. Bonner, M. O'Brien, E. Doyle, E. Brennan, E. Bonner, M. Hallihan, M. Kelly, M. Quigley, C. Kelly, P. McMahon, R. Mulligan, Sub. T. Wright for E. Doyle.

### Limerick 6-8, Cork 1-2

It was all one way traffic in this junior final with the youthful Cork side having no real answer to the greater experience and scoring power of the Limerick girls.

Limerick were ahead by 3-6 to nil at half time and although Cork did raise their game in the second half, Limerick were always on top and increased their tally to 6-8 before the finish. The winners now go on to meet Down in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Scorers: Limerick—Brid Stokes 3-0, Bridget Darcy 1-2, Marion Doyle 1-2, Bernadette O'Brien 1-0, Cary Clancy and Pauline McCarthy 0-2 each Cork—Ger Ring 1-0, Betty Joyce 0-2.

Cork: K. Costine, K. Spillane, G. Barry, B. Joyce, M. Coughlan, C. Hackett, A. O'Sullivan, A. Connolly, G. Ring, A. O'Shea, M. Power, F. Barry-Murphy. Sub: M. Roche for G. Barry.

Limerick: H. Butler, M. Neville, K. Ryan, G. O'Brien, P. Mann, V. Mackey, M. Doyle, D. O'Brien, B. O'Brien, C. Clancy, B. Darcy, Brid Stokes, Subs. M. T. Hannon for M. Doyle; P. McCarthy for C. Clancy.



A Tipperary forward clutches the ball as she is about to break through the Cork defence during the Munster Minor camogie final at the Mardyke.

(Echo)



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# KILKENNY WILL EXTEND DUBLIN

CAMOGIE BY TAOBH LINE

DUBLIN, who last season regained the Leinster Senior Camogie title after an eight-year lapse, defeating the then reigning All-Ireland champions Kilkenny in the final defend that provincial crown, again with Kilkenny providing the opposition, at Na Fianna Grounds, Moibhi Road on Sunday (6.0).

Dublin will be rightly hopeful of retaining their title, as they have had a remarkable winning run so far this season.

They began by defeating All-Ireland champions Wexford by a narrow margin in the Leinster semi-final, then had a clear-cut victory over Antrim in the National League. They really hit the headlines when they met Wexford again in the opening round of the All-Ireland championship and won again, and more readily than they had done in the Leinster competition.

In the meantime, Wexford had beaten Kilkenny in the National League which would seem to imply that Dublin should continue their unbeaten run without undue difficulty on Sunday.

But Kilkenny learned a lesson from their defeat by Wexford. They promptly went into training, and were a vastly improved side when defeating Clare in the All-Ireland championship at Ennis last Sunday. They should be even sharper now, and with the O'Neills, the Downes, Ann

Carroll and Mary Fennelly in top form will be hard to beat.

Yet Dublin's well-balanced team with such sound players as Sheila Murray, Rita White, Sheila Wallace, Mafy Murphy and Miriam Higgins could be good enough to win again.

Three other provincial finals are down for decision over the week-end. Two of these are scheduled for Cork where the host country, the minor Munster and All-Ireland champions, defend their provincial prestige on Saturday against the challenge of Tipperary.

In the junior final on Sunday, Limerick are the defending champions, but may be pushed to shake off the challenge of the home county. Up North, Down who won the junior honours last Sunday defeating Armagh, will be hopeful of completing a double when they take on Cavan in the minor final.

But Cavan have come on wonderfully well in the past couple of years and their young side could spring a surprise.

Certainly the young Camogie players stole much of the show in the juvenile hurling festival, Feile na nGael at Cork last week-end. Indeed the Camogie final provided the high-light of the finals at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Sunday with the home club Na Piarsaigh just pipped Thomastown from Kilkenny.

## Kilkenny regain Leinster title

Kilkenny ..... 4-2  
Dublin ..... 3-4

CAMOGIE

IN ONE of the most exciting contests ever, Kilkenny regained the Leinster senior camogie championship title in Na Fianna Grounds, Dublin on Sunday when they defeated the holders, Dublin by one point. Indeed, if Kilkenny took their chances, the margin could have been much greater.

Kilkenny, the outsiders, playing with the wind in the first half missed many chances and suffered an early reverse against the run of play when Dublin goalied in the 4th minute. Kilkenny then settled down and the sides were level three times in the first half, Dublin turning over one point up.

The second half was a thriller with never more than two points between the teams. Allowing for some strange decisions by the referee, Kilkenny were unlucky not to win by more than one point. Kilkenny will now play Cork in the All-Ireland semi final on August 22, at a Kilkenny venue.

Scorers: Kilkenny: Angela Downey (3-0); Liz Neary (1-0); Helena O'Neill (0-2). Dublin - A. Byrne (2-0); A. McManus (1-2); N. Fleming (0-2).

Kilkenny: Teresa O'Neill, Ann Downey, Bernie Larkin, Mary Kennedy, Bridie Martin, Helena O'Neill, Peggy Carey, Mary Fennelly, Carmel Doyle, Angela Downey, Mary Phelan, Liz Neary.

Subs: Jo Dunne, for Mary Phelan, Ann Carroll, Ann Holden, Ann Dreelan, Margaret Cody, Joan Burke, Hanora Fogarty, Mary Conway.

Next Sunday, August 1, Kilkenny minor team will take on Cork in the All-Ireland semi final in Thomastown at 3 p.m. Kilkenny who have won the last three Leinster finals need to go one better this time and reach the All-Ireland final for the first time.

The team will be chosen from the following panel: Catherine Dalton, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Carol Caulfield; Margaret O'Farrell, Joan Holden, Oona O'Neill, Kay Dowling, Mary O'Keefe, Carmel Moran, Josie O'Shea, Catherine Hennessy (capt), Breda O'Neill, Geraldine Moylan, Aine Kirwan, Vera Raggett, Hazel Dimond.

In the final of the Macra-na-Feirme sevens championship, Johnstown defeated Ballyhale by a single point at St. Kieran's college, in a very closely contested and exciting match. More details next week.

## Angela's Goal Decisive

Kilkenny ..... 4-2  
Dublin ..... 3-4

Kilkenny regained the Leinster senior camogie title and the New Ireland Cup when they defeated the holders, Dublin, at Moibhi Road, last evening.

The game, although it produced some brilliant flashes, was dominated by the tight marking of both sides.

The visitors, who had whatever wind advantage there was, did most of the attacking early on but they missed several chances.

Dublin then took up the offensive and Anna McManus finished a long ball to the net. Angela Downey, however, equalised soon after netting a pass from her sister Ann.

### Even Exchanges

Exchanges were even for the rest of the first half and Dublin turned over leading 1-3 to 1-1.

The second half followed in the same vein with neither side able to set-up a secure lead.

Finally, the result settled by a great individual effort by Angela Downey who soloed through before hand-passing the ball to the net for her hat-trick.

The winners were best served by Bridie Martin, Ann Downey, Helena O'Neill and Angela Downey. For Dublin, Sheila Murray, in goal, Bernie Conway, Anna McManus, Sheila Wallace and Ann Byrne were best.

Scorers: Kilkenny - A. Downey (3-0), L. Henry (1-0), H. O'Neill (0-2). Dublin - A. Byrne (2-0), A. McManus (1-2); N. Fleming (0-2).

KILKENNY - T. O'Neill; B. Larkin, A. Downey, B. Martin, M. Kennedy; M. Fennelly, P. Carey, H. O'Neill; A. Downey, C. Doyle, L. Neary.

Sub - J. Dunne for M. Phelan.

DUBLIN - S. Murray; R. White; M. Murphy, S. Wallace, B. Conway; B. Redmond, F. Sutton, A. McManus; M. Sutton; M. Mernagh, N. Fleming, A. Byrne. Subs: Lindsay for E. Sutton, E. Sweeney for B. Redmond.

## Busy Time For Kathleen

By JOAN MORLEY

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even though she is only just sixteen she has already won two senior County Championship medals with Imokilly and an

Intermediate Championship medal with Cloyne.

This is Kathleen's third year as a Cork minor. She was also the goalie for the Cork juniors on Sunday last when they lost to Limerick in the Munster Junior Final. And in addition she is reserve keeper for the senior Cork side.

So, Kathleen has a busy time ahead. But she will receive the greatest encouragement from the Costine family. Elder sister Marie was the first of the Costines to hit the headlines and is Cork's senior fullback. Then came Bernie who soon followed Marie into the senior side. Three other sisters, Bunny, Rita and Geraldine, are members of the Cloyne intermediate selection and in fact all six played for the club when they won the Intermediate Championship last season.

### ENTHUSIASTIC

Finally the youngest girl in the family, Aisling, who is only ten years, is yet another camogie enthusiast and has already fielded for the club's intermediate side on at least one occasion.

Kathleen also has seven brothers. Two of these, Liam and D. J., play junior hurling for Cloyne while another brother, James, plays in the same grade for Castlemartyr. And the youngest boy of all, Jonathan, aged 11, is already playing under 16 for Cloyne.



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# 70 seek camogie coaching badge

By TAOBH LINE

SOME 70 candidates, nominated by their various County Boards, will travel to Franciscan College, Gormanston, this week-end for the annual National Coaching Course organised by the Central Council of the Camogie Association.

Their ambition will be to secure Grade C certificates which will entitle them to coach at club and college level.

There will be a brief opening ceremony tonight and the course, which will be conducted by the National Coaches Ann Carroll (Kilkenny) and Mary Moran (Dublin), continues right through the week-end until Sunday afternoon.

Meanwhile, on Sunday next we have both All-Ireland minor semi-finals. In one of these the holders Cork travel to Thomastown to take on Kilkenny.

Cork were in action as recently as last Saturday night when, at the Mardyke, they successfully defended their Munster title against a very determined challenge from Tipperary eventually winning with four points to spare.

A very talented side, Cork will be favoured to reach the final yet again, but Kilkenny who have taken three successive Leinster titles and never yet succeeded in reaching an All-Ireland final, could be hard to beat, especially as several of their players hail from Thomastown itself.

In the other semi-final Down,

who showed very good form when winning the Ulster final convincingly over fancied Cavan at Hilltown, take on Galway at the Co. Down village of Leitrim.

Down are an extremely competent side, but they are unlikely to get the better of Galway who should have plenty of Colleges stars to call upon.

Dublin's victory march was somewhat unexpectedly ended, for the present at least, when they were pipped on the post by Kilkenny in the Leinster senior final at Moibhi Road. Kilkenny have come on immensely since losing to Wexford in the National League on their first appearance of the season.

Second time out they defeated Clare in the All-Ireland series, and they improved even on that showing last Sunday, even though they would not have survived but for the goalscoring ability of Angela Downey.

But Kilkenny were on Sunday last without Ann Carroll who had sustained an injury in training. She will, however, be back for Kilkenny's next outing against Cork in Gowran on August 22. Dublin oppose Galway in the other senior semi-final at Ballinasloe on August 8.

In the only junior final played last Sunday the holders of the Munster title, Limerick, confirmed their Southern supremacy in this grade when they overwhelmed Cork at the Mardyke on Sunday evening by 6-8 to 1-2. Limerick will play Down in their All-Ireland semi-final at a Limerick venue on August 15.

# Cork minors bid for final ticket

By Joan Morley

CORK CAN reach their first All-Ireland camogie final of the season on Sunday when their minors travel to Kilkenny to take on that county in the semi-final. The second semi between Down and Galway will also be played in Co. Down, on the same day.

the final on August 29 and they have the talent to do so.

Cork: K. Costine (Captain), A. Moore, A. O'Sullivan, A. Delaney, B. McDonald, C. Hackett, C. McCarthy, M. Kearney, C. Cronin, G. Murray, R. Desmond, M. Murphy. Subs.: E. Foley, M. Byrne, A. Goggins and H. Walker.

Cork won their third successive Munster Minor Championship on Saturday last with a narrow but deserved, win over a fine Tipperary side. They are also the holders of the All-Ireland title and have four of last season's winning team under-age again. They are Kathleen Costine, Anne Delaney, Claire Hackett and Claire Cronin. The rest of the side has come on with each game and they have knitted together to become a very good outfit.

In Cork there are under-age games at Bishopstown on Saturday evening and at Inniscarra and Riverstown on Wednesday evening next.

Saturday at Bishopstown: Under 18, Bishopstown v Rallinlough, 7.30 p.m.

Sunday: All Ireland Minor Semi-finals: at Thomastown, Cork v Kilkenny, 3 p.m.; at Leitrim, Co. Down, Down v Galway.

Wednesday: at Riverstown, Under 18 League, Sarsfields v Killeagh, 7.30 p.m.; at Inniscarra Under 16 League, Aghabullogue v Inniscarra, 7.30 p.m.

However, they must have realised on Saturday that it gets harder as it gets nearer the final. In their earlier games against Limerick and Clare Cork did not find it too hard to score goals but it was a different story against Tipperary when they had to fight for every score and only won in the end by four points.

They can expect to face even stronger opposition on Sunday. Kilkenny, like Cork, have won their provincial title for the past three years and have a fine side again this season. They have several of last year's line up including Josie O'Shea, who has had a few runs with the senior side in challenge games. Carmel Moran at full back is another experienced player while Hazel Diamond and Catherine Hennessy will need to be watched in the forward line.

To qualify for Sunday's game Kilkenny disposed of Louth, Kildare and Wexford.

Kilkenny, too, have the advantage of a home venue on Sunday, something which can mean a great deal in under age camogie. But Cork are determined to be in

# DOWN RALLY TO REACH FINAL

DOWN REACHED the All-Ireland minor camogie championship final when they beat Galway by a two-point margin at Leitrim (Down) yesterday. The Cork and Kilkenny semi-final ended in a draw (2-2 each) at Thomastown.

Down, 4-2; Galway, 3-3

Galway made the most of their chances in the opening half of this game when backed by a fresh breeze, they led 3-2 to 0-1 at half-time.

Down, with the advantage of the breeze, gradually got in touch, scoring 2-1 before the visitors had their only score of this half — a point which left the score 3-3 to 2-2 in favour of Galway. But Down had a match-winner in M. McCartan, who sent two free shots all the way to the net to leave Down winners 4-2 to 3-3.

The best for Down were M. McCartan, V. McCreavy and J. Midden and for Galway, A. Ponlard, K. Daly, A. Burke were the most prominent.

Scorers — Down: M. McCartan (2-1), V. McCreavy (2-0), S. Devlin (0-1); Galway: M. Kelly (2-0), A. Ponlard (1-1), A. Morris (0-2).

Down — J. McCrickard; J. Madden, M. McComb, N. O'Prey, D. Toomey, M. McCartan, O. McKnight, G. Crilly; S. Devlin, M. Anthon, V. McCreavy; J. Doran, Sub., C. O'Hare for M. McComb.

Galway — K. Daly; B. Murphy; M.

Hynes, B. Glynn, G. Helebert, B. Cunniffe, A. Burke, U. Jordan; A. Ponlard, A. Delaney, M. Kelly; A. Morris, Sub., P. Craven for M. Hynes.

Referee — M. Higgins (Dublin).

Kilkenny, 2-2; Cork, 2-2

Kilkenny, with the wind behind them, made better use of their chances in this tie in which Cork, who had practically an equal number of scoring opportunities, only succeeded in landing one point to leave the score 2-1 to 0-1 at half-time.

Cork who were on the offensive for most of the second half, took a long time to find the range and it was only in the fourth quarter that they landed two goals and a point to draw level.

For Kilkenny Hazel Diamond, J. O'Shea and M. O'Keeffe impressed, and A. O'Sullivan, C. Cronin and C. Hackett did well for Cork.

Scorers — Kilkenny: H. Diamond (2-1), C. Moran (0-1), Cork: C. Hackett (1-1), M. Murphy (1-0), M. Kearney (0-1).

Kilkenny — C. Dalton; C. Caultfield; M. O'Farrell, J. Holden, K. Dowling; A. Kirwan, M. O'Keeffe, J. O'Shea, C. Hennessy, H. Diamond, C. Moran, U. O'Neill.

Cork — K. Costine; A. Moore; A. O'Sullivan, A. Delaney, B. McDonald; M. Kearney, C. McCarthy, C. Hackett; R. Desmond, G. Murray, C. Cronin; M. Murphy, Sub., E. Foley for R. Desmond, M. Burns for E. Foley.

Referee — M. Kileen (Galway).

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# Dublin set for camogie decider

By TAOBH LINE

DUBLIN, for so long so dominant on the senior Camogie scene, have not won the O'Duffy Cup since 1966, and have not even reached the all-Ireland final since 1967. But the Dublin girls must have high hopes of reaching the Croke Park final for the first time in nine years when they travel to Ballinasloe on Sunday to take on Alway in the first of this season's semi-finals.

The cause of Dublin's optimism is based on their excellent showing thus far this season, and more particularly on their quarter-final victory over the 1975 champions Wexford. They played most effective camogie in the first half that day and confirmed the good impression they had made in earlier National League and Leinster Championship games.

Since then, however, they have disconcerted their many supporters somewhat by losing narrowly to Kilkenny in the Leinster championship final. However, there was never more than a single stroke on the ball between those teams that day, and such a defeat for Dublin was no disaster.

The selectors have blended youth and experience extremely well in a even and well-together side, and team work and combination, Dublin's hallmarks thus far, could carry them through to the final now.

Galway, although they may lack the same degree of co-ordination, have the more skilful individual players. But they rarely seem to combine together to best effect. If they can blend talents more efficiently now they could have a shock in store for their visitors. In addition home venue should be worth a score or two to Galway, but, even so, Dublin must be ranked as slight favourites.

Tomorrow evening will see the Munster senior final at Mallow and is rather unusual as it brings into opposition the senior and junior title-holders of the province, Cork and Limerick. Indeed, it is only a couple of weeks since the Limerick girls had a most convincing win over Cork's second team in the junior final. Powered by so many of her Croagh-Kifinny team that won the all-Ireland club title, Limerick will be very hopeful of taking the Munster senior honours for the first time.

But Cork, so long the most consistent team in senior Camogie, showed no diminution of their powers when travelling all the way to Cushendun and easily defeating Antrim in the opening round.

Led by the Costine sisters, Pat Maloney, Marion O'Leary and Cally Riordan, Cork must, however, remain favourites to retain the title that has been theirs for a decade now.

Cork minors, holders of the all-Ireland title in the underage competition, were a trifle lucky to remain in the chase for honours. At Thomastown on Sunday last, in a game of remarkably high standard, they were only rescued from defeat by a last minute goal, after Kilkenny had led from the start.

The replay of this game takes place at the Mardyke on Sunday. In the other semi-final Galway, the team that had also led all the way, suffered an even worse fate than Kilkenny. They were defeated by Down, thanks to a well-taken goal by Vera McGreevy, some four minutes from time.

## Win For Cork Would Boost Morale

**THE Munster Senior Camogie Championship Final will be held at Mallow on tomorrow evening (7.30 p.m.) when Cork meet Limerick. On the club scene there are two championship games listed.**

Cork will be chasing their seventh successive Munster title and their 27th in all when they meet Limerick tomorrow evening. Limerick have never

won the Munster senior title.

It will be remembered that two weeks ago Limerick defeated Cork juniors by the impressive score of 6-8 to 1-2. Limerick are officially a junior county and so fielded their first team on that occasion. Cork seniors will be up against the same team on Saturday.

Limerick field some players of senior standard, notably the forward pair of Bridget Darcy and Brid Stokes. They have other good players in Margie Neville, Cary Clancy, Marion Doyle and Geraldine O'Brien. They have a date with Ulster champions, Down, in the All Ireland junior semi-final on August 15, and will be using Saturday's games as part of their preparation, while at the same time they will be more than anxious to win that elusive Munster title.

But Cork are expected to win this game. However, they must not just win but win impressively. For they have an All Ireland senior semi-final against Kilkenny ahead of them on August 22 and a good win over Limerick "Juniors" is vital to their morale. Cork have been in training for several weeks and they will be expected to play effectively. They will be without regular forward Nancy O'Driscoll for this game as she will be on holidays, and Val Fitzpatrick comes back into the attack. The rest of the team is the same as that which defeated Antrim so impressively some weeks ago.

It is: Deirdre Sutton, Marie Costine, Marion McCarthy, Bernice Costine, Kay Doherty, Catherine Landers, Pat Moloney, Cally Riordan, Marion Sweeney, Mary O'Leary, Val Fitzpatrick, Anne Phelan, Subs. Kathleen Costine, Mary Walsh, Kay Spillane and Angela Higgins.

### SECOND CHANCE

On Sunday last Cork and Kilkenny played a thrilling All Ireland minor semi-final at Thomastown, when Cork snatched a last minute equaliser to give them a second chance. Now the sides are scheduled to meet again at the Mardyke on Sunday next in a tie which will be eagerly awaited.

In last Sunday's game the very high wind and rock hard pitch made the ball difficult to control. Consequently both sides missed chances. Cork had a midfield edge all through due mainly to a fine display by Claire Hackett. The defenders know how tightly they must mark to hold this Kilkenny attack. Ber McDonald at left back worked extremely hard last time and if the others can follow her example then Cork may do it on this occasion.

Incidentally in all the semi-finals played to date in this competition since its inception over three years ago only one team managed to win away from home - Cork against Monaghan last year - so a home venue is a great asset and with the Cork

support behind them they could make it this time but it will be difficult. Teams:

**CORK PANEL:** Kathleen Costine, Anne Moore, Ann O'Sullivan, Anne Delaney, Ber McDonald, Martha Kearney, Catherine McCarthy, Claire Hackett, Claire Cronin, Ger Murray, Margaret Murphy, Rose Desmond, Mary Byrne, Ellen Foley, Anne Goggins and Hilary Walker.

**Kilkenny:** Catherine Dalton, Carol Caulfield, Margaret O'Farrell, Joan Holden, Kay Dowling, Ann Kirwan, Mary O'Keeffe, Josie O'Shea, Catherine Hennessy, Hazel Diamond, Carmel Moran and Oona O'Neill.

### C'SHIP GAMES

There are two championship games listed for the coming week. In the first of these Old Aloysians meet Buttevant at Ballinure on Saturday evening. Old Als., who took three games to beat Ballinora, may find Buttevant with Anne Keane, Mary Roche and Sheila Harrington too strong for them. Old Als. field several school players in their line up including Eleanor Hackett, Bernice Cronin, Carol Coomey and Elaine Collins.

In the second championship tie Killeagh meet Glanworth in the intermediate campaign on Wednesday next. Killeagh, with three Cork seniors, Marion Sweeney, Catherine Landers and Pat Moloney, as well as junior Betty Joyce, should advance at the expense of the more inexperienced Glanworth side.

### FIXTURES.

Tomorrow: Munster Senior Championship Final at Mallow at 7.30, Cork v Limerick. Junior championship at Ballinure at 7.30 Old Als v Buttevant. Wed. 11th: Intermediate Championship at Killeagh at 7.30, Killeagh v Glanworth.

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# CORK SENIORS 27th TITLE

CORK ..... 4-13  
LIMERICK ..... 1-8

FANCIED Cork proved too strong and experienced for a spirited Limerick team to win the county's seventh Munster senior camogie title in a row and it's 27th in all, at Mallow on Saturday evening.

It was a convincing victory for Cork who play Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final in two weeks time, but the scoreline fails to do full justice to the performance by Limerick, a junior county, who provided testing opposition until the last quarter when the home side forged ahead.

Cork were six points up before Cary Clancy cut the lead to two

## Minors also turn in fine display

CORK ..... 4-8  
KILKENNY ..... 1-2

Cork minors are through to the All-Ireland camogie final against Down in three weeks time. At the Mardyke, Cork, yesterday, they had a decisive win over Kilkenny in a semi-final replay which saw Cork very much on top. A week ago at Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, these sides ended all square, with Cork snatching a most dramatic equaliser in the closing minute. Kilkenny looked very good on that occasion but never produced the same form yesterday.

But how Cork raised their game. They went straight into the attack and Rose Desmond had netted before their opponents had time to settle. And in a fine first half they added a goal from Rose Desmond and 0-3 from Claire Cronin, another 1-2 from Claire Hackett to which Kilkenny could only reply with two points from Geraldine Moylan and Carmel Moran.

Most of the second half was played in a downpour but the Cork spirits were not dampened. Kilkenny tried hard in this period and Carmel Moran did get one goal back for them. But Cork replied almost immediately per Margaret Murphy and went to win easily.

Cork: K. Costine, A. Moore, A. O'Sullivan, A. Delaney, B. McDonald, M. Kearney, C. McCarthy, C. Hackett, C. Cronin, G. Murray, M. Murphy, B. Desmond.  
Kilkenny: G. Dalton, C. Caulfield, M. O'Farrell, J. Holden, K. Dowling, A. Kirwan, M. O'Keefe, J. O'Shea, C. O'Neill, Subs.: H. Desmond for S. Moylan, V. Barrett for C. Dalton, M. Barrett for O. O'Neill.

points with a well taken goal and a point for the Shannonsiders who came on terms early in the second half, 1-5 to Cork's 0-8, after trailing by three points at the interval.

But the champions then played some of their best camogie and a goal by Marion Sweeney heralded a further 3-5 before the end. Limerick replied with 0-3.

The game itself was fast and exciting with some skilled exchanges. It proved an important morale booster for Cork in preparation for the Kilkenny game, while Limerick, who play Down in the All-Ireland junior semi-final next Sunday, gained valuable experience from the outing.

Scorers: Cork, M. O'Leary 2-5; M. Sweeney 1-1; A. Phelan 1-0; P. Moloney 0-3; V. Fitzpatrick, C. Riordan, B. Costine, A. Higgins (sub.) 0-1 each. Limerick—C. Clancy 1-4; M. Doyle 0-3; B. Darcy 0-1.

Cork: D. Sutton, M. Costine, M. McCarthy, K. Doherty, G. Landers, P. Moloney, C. Riordan, M. Sweeney, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, A. Phelan.  
Limerick: H. Butler, M. Neville, G. O'Brien, K. Ryan, P. Mann, D. O'Brien, M. Doyle, V. Mackey, B. Darcy, B. O'Brien, C. Clancy, B. Stokes.  
Miss Mary Moran, Chairwoman, Munster Camogie Council, who refereed the game, presented the cup to the Cork captain, Bernie Costine.

## DUBLIN EASILY QUALIFY

DUBLIN ..... 6-1  
GALWAY ..... 3-2

Dublin easily qualified for the All-Ireland senior camogie final when they overcame Galway in the semi-final at Ballinasloe yesterday. The visitors fielded a lively and determined side who took their scoring chances well.

They led by 4-0 to 0-1 at half time after opportunist Maura Sutton had scored three-of her side's goals. Goalkeeper Sheila Murray was in great form and brought off many fine saves to deprive Galway of a major score in the first half.

After the interval, Galway tried hard but could make no impression Dublin, but in the last three minutes two Galway goals gave the scoreboard a better look.

Scorers for Dublin were: M. Sutton 3-0; N. Fleming 2-1; A. Byrne 1-0. Galway: T. Dunne 1-1; P. Foye and M. Daly 1-0 each and J. Kelly 0-1.

## DUBLIN'S EARLY GOALS DECISIVE

Dublin, 6-1; Galway, 3-2.

FOUR GOALS in the first half put Dublin in line for an All-Ireland title when they beat Galway in the All-Ireland camogie semi-final by 6-1 to 3-2 at Ballinasloe yesterday.

It was the opportunist Maura Sutton who scored three of Dublin's first half goals and she along with goalkeeper Sheila Murray were the real stars of this lively and determined Dublin side.

### GALWAY RALLY

Galway tried hard to come back in the second half but, having scored only one point in the first, they found that Dublin were determined to win. The game was played at a fast pace and it was a credit to both sides.

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# Cork Face Their Toughest Test

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Cork seniors face their biggest test of the season so far when they travel to Thomastown to take on Kilkenny in the semi final of the Senior All-Ireland on Sunday next.

Cork, who won four titles in a row from 1970, onwards, have now been out of the honours for two seasons. Following that historic fourth title, Cork again reached the decider in 1974 but went out to Kilkenny after a replay. Last season Cork and Kilkenny were again in opposition, this time in the semi final in Kilkenny. Here Cork reversed the result and were deserving winners by 4-4 to 3-2. But since then Cork seem to have lost that magic touch. They crashed to Wexford in the All-Ireland final last September and in their three games so far this season they have done nothing of note.

They are unbeaten this year but in each game they have conceded at least one give away goal. Last Saturday week in the Munster final the Cork defence conceded no less than nine scores to Limerick and when one considers that Limerick have since gone out to Down in the Junior All-Ireland, then the Cork performance, even though they won, must be questioned. The defence seems to be very open at the moment and with a sharpshooter like Angela Downey in the Kilkenny attack Cork will need to tighten up considerably if they are to advance. Angela scored 1-5 when Kilkenny beat Clare in the first round and 3-0 in her sides win over Dublin to take the Leinster championship. And when one considers that Dublin are already through to the All-Ireland final, this was a splendid victory for Kilkenny. The remaining Kilkenny forwards are also very dangerous. Anne Carroll has moved from full back to full forward where Marie Costine will have to keep her eyes glued on her. Carmel Doyle is a big strong player who will give Bernie Costine a tough afternoon. Whether Liz Neary or Mary Phelan plays in the fourth spot this is a very strong sector. At centre field Kilkenny have one of the top stars of the game

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## ANXIOUS

Breda O'Neill keeps a good goal for Kilkenny while newcomer Breda Larkin fills the full back position. The second Downey twin, Anne, and Mary Kennedy will give little away in the corners. Bridie Martin, a really fine camogie player, fields at centre back. This is a very good Kilkenny team and they are most anxious to get back on top. They showed in their outing with Dublin that they have the will to win back again.

Against them, what have Cork to offer? For four seasons everything was going so well for Cork. They were playing wonderful camogie and took their four titles in style. The following two years saw them again in the finals, but this time on the losing end. Now they have an uphill battle ahead of them. The grim determination which was so much a part of their game seems to be missing now. They still have the nucleus of the winning side and individually and collectively Cork are better than they have been playing recently. They have talent in abundance. Deirdre Sutton is capable of wonderful things in goal while Marie Costine is at full back. Marie's sister Bernie is at half back and Marion McCarthy, has moved back from centre field to wing back. Newcomer Kay Doherty completes the defence. All these girls are fine defenders and are good enough to seal off the gaps which have been so apparent this season.

Catherine Landers, Pat Moloney and Cally Riordan are all top individual players. They will have a strong Kilkenny trio to contend with on Sunday but they can be good enough to come out on top in this sector.

Anne Phelan returned to the side this year after two seasons' absence and her opportunism is always an asset. Marion Sweeney, and Mary O'Leary are two stylish players while Nancy O'Driscoll is perhaps the hardest working of the quartet. Individually

they are all grand players but against Clare they over played the ball and a more positive approach and greater combination is vital here if Cork are to win against this powerful Kilkenny side.

Cork faced Kilkenny in the same stage last season. Then Cork were expected to find Kilkenny to much of a handful, as the were the reigning champions. But Cork went to Thomastown and against the odds reached the final. Kilkenny feel that on that day they were over confident and are determined to turn the tables. But Cork will be just as determined to prove that that win was a deserved one and that they are again worthy senior finalists on All-Ireland day. Cork are always best when they face a challenge and lets hope that they can produce the form they are capable of on Sunday.

Cork Team: D. Sutton; M. Costine; M. McCarthy; B. Costine; K. Doherty; C. Landers; P. Moloney; C. Riordan; M. Sweeney; M. O'Leary; N. O'Driscoll; A. Phelan. Subs: K. Costine, M. Walsh, A. Higgins, V. Fitzpatrick.

## Sunday is reckoning day

SUNDAY could be reckoning day for either Cork or Kilkenny in the All-Ireland camogie series.

Old rivals Kilkenny and Cork clash for the third time in as many years in the closing stages of the senior camogie championship. At present the score stands at one victory each.

In 1974 Kilkenny accounted for Cork and recorded their first All-Ireland senior camogie success. Then in last year's semi-final Cork got revenge. So Sunday's clash at Gowran (5 p.m.) could be seen as the deciding match.

At the moment the Kilkenny selectors are hoping they can call on a full-strength side. There is doubt concerning the availability of Young Irelands' player, Peggy Carey, and Mary Fennelly, both of whom are fighting to shrug off nasty injuries.

The Noreiders seemed to have regained their taste for the game once again this year.

## CAMOGIE

In each outing they have shown steady improvement. In the opening round of the championship they easily disposed of Clare. (The All-Ireland series is being run on an open draw basis.)

Dublin, who for so many years were the camogie force in Leinster, sampled the Kilkenny spirit this year in the Leinster final when the locals came out on top. So the locals look, at the very least, a useful combination.

Cork, too, have given evidence that they are as strong as ever. Antrim were sent packing by the Leesiders in the first round of the competition and Limerick were unable to stop them in the Munster final.

Kilkenny, of course, have plenty of experience in their team. The Downey twins are no newcomers to the scene as

are Ann Carroll, Bridie Martin and the O'Neill sisters, Teresa and Helena.

But with the massive pick the Cork selectors have at their disposal there is no doubt but they will be stong. Marie Costine, Pat Maloney, Sally Riordan and Deirdre Sutton, along with Marian McCarthy, all know what to expect from Kilkenny.

The home venue will be of benefit to Kilkenny. Whether it will be enough is difficult to say.

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## CAMOGIE By TAOBH LINE

TWO YEARS AGO, Cork, who had then held the title for four consecutive years, met Kilkenny in the senior All-Ireland Camogie final. The game ended in a draw, and the Kilkenny girls ended Cork's long reign by winning the replay.

A year ago, Cork had revenge when in the all-Ireland semi-final they defeated their Noreiders rivals, and thus qualified for the final for the sixth consecutive year only to lose unexpectedly to Wexford in the decider.

On Sunday next at Thomastown the counties meet for the third year in a row in a vital championship game, this time the winners earning

the right to face Dublin in the final at Croke Park on September 19.

Cork, who will be striving to reach the final day for the seventh successive year, must be entitled to start as favourites, as they were very convincing winners over Antrim in their previous outing, despite having to make the long trip to Cushendun.

They have a seasoned and talented side backed by the Costine sisters, Kathleen and Bernie, Pat Maloney, Cally Riordan, Mary O'Leary and very experienced goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton. Although they have not

participated in the National League, Cork have had competitive exercise in the Munster championship scoring well over Limerick in the recent final.

Kilkenny, after a slow start this season — they lost to Wexford in a National League game — have been showing steady improvement. They won well in their opening championship game against Clare, and since then have defeated Dublin narrowly in the Leinster final. That win was the more meritorious because they were then short the services of Ann Carroll, due to injury.

Ann will be back on duty

next Sunday, however, and with Angela and Ann Downey, Teresa and Helena O'Neill, and Bridie Martin all after putting in some hard training, Kilkenny are hopeful of reversing last year's result and winning through to the final.

Meanwhile, earlier on Sunday at Monamolin, Wexford and Galway will be in action in the second of the junior semi-finals.

This game is timed for 2.0 in order to allow the teams to tune in to the commentary on the hurling semi-final replay at Cork between the same two counties. Galway had to struggle in the West, only defeating Roscommon on a replay, while Wexford's

stiffest test in Leinster came in the semi-final when they had to go to extra time to defeat neighbours Wicklow who had ousted the All-Ireland title-holders, Dublin.

There should not be a great deal between them, but home ground is usually something of an advantage in this grade, and Wexford must be taken as the more likely to advance to the final for which Down have already qualified by a surprise yet well-deserved victory over Munster champions Limerick at Adare on Sunday last.

So Down will now contest two all-Ireland finals, as their minors will take on holders Cork at Mayobridge on Sunday week.



# Kilkenny move into All-Ireland senior camogie decider

## O'NEILL STARS IN GOAL

Kilkenny 1-10; Cork 2-4

KILKENNY, 1974 All-Ireland camogie champions, qualified for their third final by defeating Cork in Thomastown yesterday. Senior championships now run on the open draw system and Kilkenny will meet Dublin in an all-Leinster final.

Cork, who have contested six finals in the last seven years, failed to find their rhythm in the first half while Kilkenny with the wind behind them and with the accuracy of Angela Downey's and Helena O'Neill's shooting led 0-8 to 0-2 at half time.

Cork's greater efforts were rewarded with a point and a goal

from Pat Maloney and Marian Sweeney respectively, early in the second half, but subsequently could not get nearer than a two points' margin to the winners although adding a further goal and a point and curtailing the winners' second half tally to 1-1.

In a game of excellent camogie Kilkenny had outstanding players in goalkeeper Theresa O'Neill who saved the team on several occasions, Liz Neary, Bridie Martin, Helena O'Neill and Angela Downey. Cork were best served by their goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton, Maria Costine, Cally Riordan and Marian Sweeney.

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Referee — Mrs. J. Beatty (Galway).

Wexford, 2-4; Galway, 1-1

Wexford qualified for the All-Ireland Junior final against Down when they deservedly beat Galway at Monamolin, Wexford. The winners, who faced a

fresh breeze in the opening half, took the lead after five minutes when Eileen Kehoe goaled and Bridget Higgins added a point in the 10th minute. Galway rallied and were awarded a free which Anne Burke pointed.

Wexford came again and added another point. Anne Burke brought her side into contention when she doubled on a fast ball to the net, but Wexford closed the scoring in this half with a point and led 1-3 to 1-1 at the interval.

The home side were quickly on the mark on resumption and pointed in the fourth minute. There was no further score until the 20th minute when the winners added their second goal.

Though Wexford dominated the closing stages they failed to turn their chances into scores.

Best for the winners were Martina Cousins, Theresa Hobbs, Monica O'Leary and Eileen Kehoe. For the losers Una Jordan, Mary Kelly and Anne Burke did best.

Scorers — Wexford — E. Kehoe (2-1), M. O'Leary (0-2), B. Higgins (0-1).

Galway — A. Burke (1-1).

Wexford—A. Butler, M. Boggan, C. Duggan, M. Cousins, D. Cousins, F. Cousins, P. Miller, T. Hobbs, E. Kehoe, M. O'Connor, B. Higgins.

Galway—B. Coady, B. Murphy, B. Linnane, B. Ponard, B. Glynn, B. Conniffe, A. Burke, U. Jordan, M. Kelly, M. Farragher, M. Armstrong, M. Feaney. Sub: B. Barrett (for Ponard). Referee—Miss P. Breslin (Dublin).

# Camogie girls reach All-Ireland final

Kilkenny .....	1-10
Cork .....	2-4

KILKENNY qualified for their fourth All-Ireland senior camogie final when they scored a fine three-point win over Cork at sun-drench Thomastown on Sunday. Kilkenny were in the decider in 1970, 1972 and 1974.

The Leesiders were attempting to reach their seventh successive final. This year's campaign is unique in that two Leinster teams will contest the final — Kilkenny and Dublin.

The game, while being close and exciting, never reached the standard of the drawn and replayed games for the 1974 crown. There is no doubt but that Kilkenny will have a lot to do between now and September 19 when they tackle the Dubs.

Kilkenny beat the Metropolitans in the Leinster championship so it is well within their capabilities to

down the Dubs and take national honours. Unfortunately, the game will clash with the All-Ireland under-21 decider which is on in Waterford on the same day.

On Sunday, Kilkenny were early into their stride and Angela Downey scored three quick points to give the home side a tonic start. After the Munster team had replied with a point from M. O'Leary, Helena O'Neill shot a similar score for the Noresiders from a "30". Marian Sweeney replied to that effort.

### In control

Gradually, Kilkenny got in control and points by Angela Downey, Helena O'Neill, Ann Carroll and Helena O'Neill again gave the Noresiders an 0-8 to 0-2 interval advantage.

On resuming, Cork came

right back into the game with a goal from Marian Sweeney. But Kilkenny's newcomer, J. Dunne (Carrickshock) set the winners' supporters wild with delight when she goaled.

Cork again came back and narrowed the deficit by one point and then a goal, both scores coming from the stick of Ann Phelan. Kilkenny at this stage were desperately holding on and had only two points in hand.

Then Helena O'Neill shot over another (1-9 to 2-3) but Bernie Costine put the game in the balance again when she hit a point to leave two in it. At this point the Noresiders missed a great chance from a free but Helena O'Neill gave the local supporters breathing room when she crashed over the last score of the game.

Teresa O'Neill gave a brilliant display of goalkeep-

ing and saved her side with a series of fine saves. The backs all stood up well with Mary Kennedy (back from her honeymoon), Bridie Martin, Ann Downey and Liz Neary particularly good.

### Deadly accurate

Helena O'Neill was again deadly accurate and Carmel Doyle and Peggy Carey won a fair share of the midfield play. Angela Downey was an inspiration in the early stages and newcomer Jo Dunne took her goal in champion fashion.

Ann Carroll and Mary Fennelly used their experience with good effect.

Best for the Corkonians were Deirdre Sutton, who did well in goal, Marian Sweeney, Cally O'Riordan, Bernie

Costine, Ann Phelan and Marian Sweeney.

Scorers: Kilkenny — H. O'Neill (0-5); A. Downey (0-4); P. Dunne (1-0); A. Carroll (0-1). Cork M. Sweeney (1-0); A. Phelan (1-0); M. O'Leary (0-2); P. Maloney and B. Costine (0-1 each).

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## Cork's powerful rally foiled

Kilkenny 1-10, Cork 2-4

A POWERFUL second half display by Cork in the All-Ireland camogie semi-final at Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, yesterday, was not sufficient to overcome a very determined Kilkenny side. Cork produced some brilliant camogie in this half but even their best efforts were frustrated by a dogged Kilkenny defence inspired by Teresa O'Neill who was in top form in goal.

Kilkenny made good use of an appreciable wind in the first half and they had a comfortable lead of six points (0-8 to 0-2) at the interval. Cork stormed into the game after the restart and they appeared determined to advance when Marian Sweeney had a lovely goal in the opening minute and Pat Moloney followed with a point one minute later, cutting the Kilkenny lead to two points.

But just after the puck out Jo Dunne replied with a Kilkenny goal. Undeterred, Cork returned to the attack and in the seventh minute the Kilkenny lead was again cut to two points when Ann Phelan had a goal. Helena O'Neill pointed for Kilkenny and the Cork captain Bernie Costine replied with the most spectacular score of the game, a point from 60 yards out.

The game was now at a hectic pace with a lot of close play and both sides missing chances. Cork were pressing strongly but repeatedly they were repulsed. Helena O'Neill closed the scoring with a Kilkenny point.

In addition to the goalkeeper, Kilkenny were best served by Liz Geary, Mary Canavan, who returned from her honeymoon on Saturday night, Bridie Martin, Angela Downey and Ann Carroll. Bernie Costine was outstanding for Cork, while others to impress were Cally O'Riordan, Marian Sweeney, Pat Moloney and Ann Phelan.

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# Minors Seeking Glory

The Minors carry Cork's last hope of 1976 All-Ireland honours with them to Mayobridge this weekend. They renew rivalry with Down, the side which beat them in the first Minor contest in 1974. But on that occasion Down had the advantage of many years of minor competition within Ulster. Since then Cork have found their feet in this grade and are the holders of Corn Tailteann.

Down, who dominate Ulster colleges camogie, had an easy run through their own province. They easily overcame the challenge of Cavan in the Ulster Final. Galway gave them a fright in the All-Ireland semi-final when they ran up a ten point lead by half-time. Down showed their true grit by coming back in the second half to win.

They field a side completely unknown to Cork. J. Madden is reputed to be very strong at full-back. M. McCartan is their main force at centre-field. In the forward-line V. McCreedy has been causing the most trouble to opposing defences. Generally Down play ground camogie with typical Northern tenacity.

Cork have out-scored Limerick, Clare, Tipperary and Kilkenny to reach the final. Limerick and Clare put up little or no resistance and Cork may ignore their performance against them. Tipperary brought Cork back to earth in the Munster Final. They showed them that it takes really hard work to edge past a good side. Cork got their closest call in Thomastown against Kilkenny. They took very long to settle down and find their scoring range, but it is to their credit that they did not accept defeat and kept plugging away to earn a draw. A great start in the replay put Cork on the road to victory and the heavy rain decreased Kilkenny's chances of making a comeback.

Cork are not looking to any particular player for victory on Sunday. This is a twelve-girl outfit. Kathleen Costine in goal has plenty of experience. Anne Moore had her best game in the Mardyke last time out, and Anne O'Sullivan's long clearances are a great relief when the pressure is on. Only for Ber McDonald's great work in Thomastown there might not have been a replay. Anne Delaney has strengthened the defence.

One side has the advantage of home venue, the other of being current champions. The odds are 50/50.

## TEAMS

Cork: Kathleen Costine, Anne Moore, Anne O'Sullivan, Anne Delaney, Ber McDonald, Martha Kearney, Catherine McCarthy, Claire Hackett, Claire Cronin, Ger Murray, Margaret Murphy, Rose Desmond. Subs: Anne



Cork trainer Mary Nott giving a team talk to the Cork side after the final training session.

Goggins, Hiliary Walker, Mary Burns.

Down: J. McCrickland, J. Madden, M. McComb, N. O'Prey, D. Tormey, M. McCartan, O. McKnight, G. Crilly, S. Devlin, M. Artharson, V. McCreedy, J. Doran.

## NOT THERE

For the first time in nine years Cork will not be represented in Croke Park on All-Ireland Day. A disappointing display against Kilkenny last Sunday leaves Cork on the sideline. It would have taken so little extra for Cork to win but when the chips were down they hadn't got it. Where do they go from here. On 13th September all interested parties will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss all aspects of the approach to the All-Ireland.

Na Piarasaigh defeated Ballinlough and Carrigtwohill so far in the championship. They would appear to have overcome stiffer opposition than Sarsfields who had victories over Churchtown and Blackwater. Na Piarasaigh should just about make it to the next round.

Newly promoted Killeagh face their first real test in the intermediate ranks when they meet Cloyne in the second round of championship. Both sides rely on a few players to see them through. The outcome could depend on whether the Costines and Anne O'Shea can get the better of Pat Moloney, Catherine Landers, Betty Joyce and Marion Sweeney or vice versa.

## PEN PICTURES

**Kathleen Costine:** (Cloyne) Goalkeeper — Captain of the team, Kathleen has played for Cork in minor, under 18 and junior grades. She is also reserve goalkeeper for the Cork senior team. A member of Imokilly which won the Cork County Championship last May, she holds 1 All-Ireland minor; 3 Munster minor; 2 Munster under 18 and Cork senior, intermediate and junior medals.

**Anne Moore:** (St. Finbarrs) Full-back — A newcomer to the inter-county scene, Anne learned her camogie with Mount Mercy College. Has played in all grades of school's camogie. Displayed good form in the replay of the semi-final. She has 1 Munster minor trophy and a

Cork Schools League medal.

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**Ber McDonald:** (Na Piarasaigh) Left-back — Ber adapted herself very well to her new position from the start of the campaign. Is a notable colleges player with North Presentation Convent. Ber is a sister of Cork minor, Richard McDonald. Her collection includes 1 Munster minor; 1 Munster junior colleges; 1 Cork Schools Championship and a Cork under 18 medal.

**Martha Kearney:** (Na Piarasaigh) Right-wing — The youngest player on the Cork side. Martha recently starred for Na Piarasaigh in the Feile na nGael camogie competition. She is a lovely striker of the ball and able to pick off the odd score. She has won 1 Munster minor; 1 Feile na nGael; 1 Cork Schools Championship; 1 Cork under 18 League and 3 Community Games medals in addition to some medals for running.

**Catherine McCarthy:** (Old Aloysians) Centre-field — Catherine won an All-Ireland Colleges medal with St. Aloysius School in Croke Park last April. A hard working player, Catherine is also a useful handballer. Is in her first season with Cork. 1976 has been her year. To date she has won 1 All-Ireland Colleges; 1 Munster minor and 1 Munster Colleges medals.

**Claire Hackett:** (Glen Rovers) Left-wing — Has improved and matured immensely since she played her first game in Cork colours. Gets through a huge amount of work and is not afraid to have a go for a score. Played senior championship with Glen

Rovers and in the Munster Junior championship with Cork. Is a daughter of former soccer star, John Hackett. Possesses 1 All-Ireland minor; 2 Munster minor and Cork Schools intermediate and junior medals.

**Claire Cronin:** (Ballyphehane) Right-forward — Claire is going for her third All-Ireland medal. Is the leading goal-scorer in the current campaign. Plays colleges camogie with St. Aloysius School and fielded with Naomh Gobnath in senior championship. She holds 1 All-Ireland minor; 1 All-Ireland Colleges; 2 Munster minor; 1 Munster Colleges; 2 under 16 and 1 under 18 medals.

**Ger Murray:** (Glen Rovers) Centre-forward — A good ball-player, Ger won her place on the Glen Rovers senior team this year. Plays regularly for North Presentation in colleges competitions. Is the owner of 1 Munster minor; 1 Munster Junior colleges and Cork Schools championship medals.

**Margaret Murphy:** (Ballinora) Left-forward — Moved from defence to attack during the season with comparative ease. Played an important part in St. Aloysius' All-Ireland Colleges success. Nearly always manages to get amongst the scorers. Margaret holds 1 All-Ireland Colleges; 1 Munster Colleges; 1 Munster minor and Cork Schools League medals.

**Rose Desmond:** (Nemo Rangers) Full-forward — Rose is the team's top scorer with a total of five goals, fourteen points. She plays colleges camogie with Sacred Heart and won a place on the Naomh Gobnath side for the senior championship. An accurate free-taker, Rose retains a Munster minor and Cork Schools Junior league medals.

## FIXTURES

Sunday, 29th Aug. All-Ireland Minor Final at Mayobridge, Co. Down @ 7.00, Cork v Down, Ref. Rose Ryan, Dublin.

Wed. 1st Sept. Jun. Champ. at Na Piarasaigh @ 7.00, Sarsfields v Na Piarasaigh (Glen Rovers); U16 L at Ballinure @ 7.00; Blackrock v Ballyphehane, (Ref. Douglas); U18 L at Ovens @ 7.00, Inniscarra v Eire Og. (Ref. Canovee).

Thurs. 2nd Sept. Inter. Champ. at Castlemartyr @ 7.00 Cloyne v Killeagh.



# Cork face tough test after a long journey

By TAOBH LINE

CORK, holders of the All-Ireland minor Camogie title, travel all the way to Mayobridge in Co. Down on Sunday to play the home side in the first of this season's All-Ireland finals. What adds absorbing interest to this game is that Down had won this title in 1974 the first year this minor competition was set up on an All-Ireland basis.

So the present champions take on their predecessors in what should prove a very entertaining final but one in which the Cork girls seem entitled to start favourites even though they may have been a trifle lucky to get this far.

In the Munster final they were hard-pressed all the way by Tipperary, and then in the All-Ireland semi-final they only snatched a draw with Kilkenny, thanks to a late goal, but were convincing winners in the subsequent replay.

They will have four of last year's winning side again on duty, the captain, Kathleen Costine in goal, Anne Delaney, Claire Hackett and Claire Cronin. Claire Cronin also won an All-Ireland senior colleges medal earlier this year with her Cork school St. Aloysius who also supply two other players to the team, Catherine McCarthy and Margaret Murphy.

However, Down will not be unduly dismayed by the reputation of the opposition after all they have fancied Galway a 10-point start in their semi-final and yet come back to win, and, powered by Maureen McCartan, Veronica McCreevey, J. Madden and N. O'Prey, will make Cork fight hard if they are to retain their title.

**CORK** — K. Costine; A. Moore, A. O'Sullivan, A. Delaney, B. McDonald; M. Kearney, C. McCarthy, C. Hackett; C. Cronin, G. Murray, M. Murphy; R. Desmond. **DOWN** — J. McCrickard; J. Madden, M. McCombe, N. O'Prey; D. Torney, M. McCartan, O. McKnight, B. Crilly; S. Devlin, M. Atherton, V. McGreevey; J. Doran.

Meanwhile, for the first time since the All-Ireland senior championship was changed to an

open draw basis, we shall see two counties from the same province contesting the final when Kilkenny and Dublin line out at Croke Park on September 19.

Kilkenny, who defeated Cork in the All-Ireland final of 1974, but lost to the Cork girls in last year's semi-final, avenged that defeat in their semi-final last Sunday, laying the foundations of victory with a series of well-taken first-half points.

Cork hit back after the interval but Kilkenny had that bit of extra edge and finished three points in front.

Incidentally, Kilkenny and

Dublin have already met in a final only a few weeks ago, the Leinster senior decider, a separate competition, in which the Kilkenny girls snatched belated victory with a goal from Angela Downey. So we can expect another thriller when they meet again.

On Sunday last also Wexford qualified for the junior final in which they will meet Down before the senior game. Galway put up a good fight at Monamolin but their forwards did not have the power to get through for the scores that some good outfield work seemed to have earned.

## No Stopping Cork Minors

WITH the nights getting darker and darker, the evening matches come to a halt this week. Sunday is free of fixtures, as camogie players will be supporting the hurlers in Croke Park.

At Mayobridge last Sunday, the Cork minors won glory for themselves and for Cork. They made light of the long journey and took the field determined to win. Before the match got underway, the rain started to fall heavily, suiting the bigger Down side.

Cork impressed in the early stages, but the scores did not come. At the other end, Anne O'Sullivan was here, there and everywhere keeping the Down forwards at bay. The sides were level at half-time.

The rain eased off and Cork drove forward and were rewarded with some good scores. Down hauled them back again. Claire Cronin was moved to centre-forward, and immediately got the attack going. She shared some great scores with Rose Desmond. Claire Hackett and

Martha Kearney sent a steady stream of balls goalwards and Cork took over. When the Cork team moved into top gear, Down had no answer and finished tamely.

This minor team showed a great willingness to work together from the beginning. They thoroughly deserved their victory. Congratulations are also due to Mary Nott, who did such a fine job in preparing the side.

What does the future hold for these players? How many of them will make the grade in the senior ranks. It will be interesting to follow their progress in the years to come.

Some of them are on the Cork under-18 panel which meets Tipperary shortly in the Munster Championship. The full panel is: Orla Harrington, Kathleen Costine, Margo Twomey, Claire Harris, Catherine Landers, Claire Hackett, Ann Connolly, Patricia Riordan, Eileen Kavanagh, Betty Joyce, Jacinta O'Brien, Liz Lych, Marie Coughlan, Anne O'Connor, Patricia Mackey, Anne Delaney and Margo Sugrue.

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# CORK RETAIN CAMOGIE TITLE

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The first half which was slowed down by heavy rain ended all-square, Cork, 0-3 to Down's, 1-0, though the visitors had many more scoring chances which they failed to finish.

Down were first to break away after the interval but the Cork defence acquitted itself very capably and play returned to the other end where Rose Desmond took the lead for Cork with well taken goals and the same player strengthened it when she landed a point.

Down rallied from this setback and got on level terms again when Veronica McGreevey

and Joan Doran pointed and scored respectively.

The holders, however, put the issue beyond doubt when they scored 2-2 in the next five minutes. Though Down fought gamely to the final whistle, the only other score was a goal for Cork in the last few minutes.

The winners were best served by: Rose Desmond, Clare Cronin, Ger. Murphy and Margo Murphy, who had a worthwhile understanding in attack.

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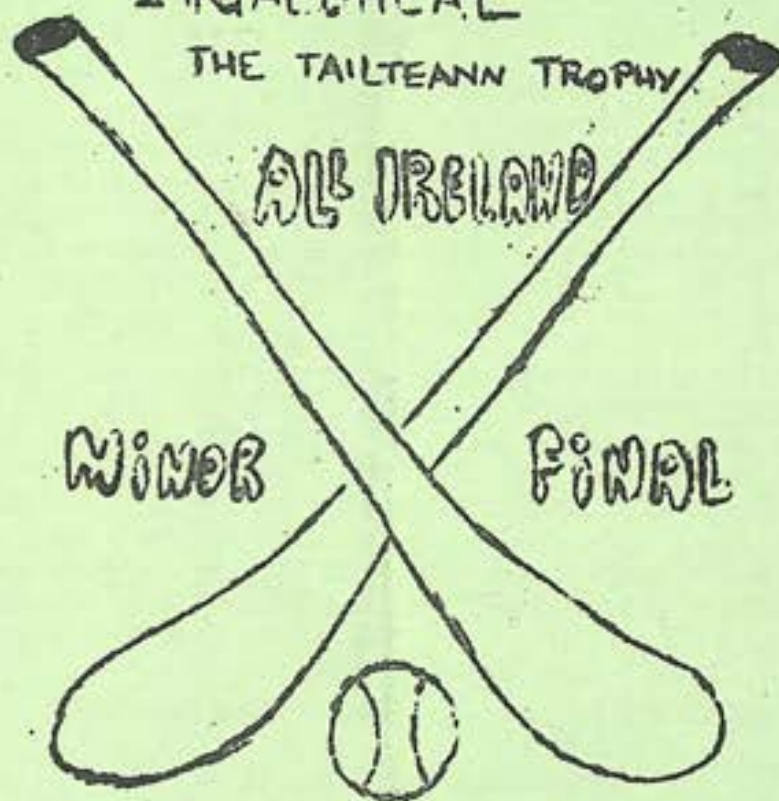
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## How Cork reached the Final

### Munster Championships

Cork	v	Limerick
5 - 5		0 - 1
Clare	v	Cork
nil		12 - 8
Cork	v	Tipperary
1 - 8		1 - 4

### All-Ireland Semi-Final

Kilkenny	v	Cork
2 - 2		2 - 2

### Replay

Cork	v	Kilkenny
4 - 8		1 - 2

## Features of Cork Minor Team

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Martha Kearney (Na Piarasaigh) Right-wing. The youngest player on the team. Martha recently starred for Na Piarasaigh in the Feile na nGael Camogie competition. She is a lovely striker of the ball and is able to pick off the odd score. She has won one Munster minor; one Feile na nGael; one Cork Schools Championship; one under 18 league and three Community Games medals in addition to some medals for running.

Catherine McCarthy (Old Aloysians) Centre-Field. Catherine won an All-Ireland Senior Colleges medal with St. Aloysius School in Cork last April. A hard working player Catherine is also a handballer. She is in her first season with Cork. 1976 has been her year. To date she has won one All-Ireland Colleges; one Munster minor and one Munster Colleges medals.

Claire Hackett (Glen Rovers) Left-wing. Claire has improved and matured immensely since she played her first game in Cork colors. She has done a huge amount of work and is not afraid to have a go for the goal. She played senior championship with Glen Rovers and intermediate with Cork. She played junior championship with Cork. Claire possesses one All-Ireland minor; two Munster minor and Cork Schools intermediate medals.

Claire Cronin (Ballyphehane) Right-forward. Claire is going for her second All-Ireland medal and is the leading goal-scorer in the current campaign with eight to her credit. Claire played with St. Aloysius School and fielded with Naomh Gobnait in the Senior championship. She holds one All-Ireland minor; one All-Ireland Colleges; two Munster minor; one Munster Colleges; one under 16 and one under 18 league medals.

Ger Murray (Glen Rovers) Centre-forward. A good ball-player Ger has taken his place on the Glen Rovers senior team this year. She plays regularly for North Presentation in Colleges competition. Ger is the owner of one Munster minor; one Munster junior colleges and Cork schools championships medals.

Margaret Murphy (Ballinora) Left-forward. Moved from defence to attack this season with comparative ease. Claire played an important part in St. Aloysius' All-Ireland Colleges success. Margaret always manages to get amongst the scorers. Margaret holds one All-Ireland Colleges; one Munster senior colleges; one Munster minor and Cork Schools League medals.

Rose Desmond (Nemo Rangers) Full-forward. Rose is the team's top scorer with a total of five goals and fourteen points. She plays camogie with Sacred Heart and won a place on the Naomh Gobnait side for the senior championship. An accurate free-taker she retains a Munster minor and a Cork Schools junior league medal.

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**A CORK camogie team will be in action again on Sunday next — this time the Under-18s who meet Tipperary in the first round of the Munster Under-18 Championship at the Mardyke.**

By TAOBH-LINE  
BIG CAMOGIE attraction this week-end will be the semi-finals and finals of the Community Games Competition for girls under 14 years of age which will be played at Butlins on Saturday and Monday next.

This competition is played out first at county level and then a provincial championship is organised. This year Oran (Roscommon) will play Marino (Dublin) in one semi-final and Bawnboy (Cavan) play Shannon (Clare) in the second. These games are timed for 3.30 and 4.30 respectively on Saturday.

The winners play for the Gold and Silver on Monday, 10 a.m. and the losers compete for the Bronze at 1 p.m.

**CORK AGAIN 1**

In the third year of the all-Ireland Minor championship the holders, Cork, retained the title and Corn Talteann when they defeated Down at Mayobridge. The game was of a very high standard, despite the heavy rain and there was some very skilful play and very well-worked scores. In her speech at the presentation of medals, Miss Mary Moran, Cork Chairman, made the point that all the Cork players, except one, had come up through the Cork colleges competitions.

At a meeting of Ard Choiste held on Saturday, the Referees' Committee reported that a Seminar will be held on October 16 to discuss ways and means of improving standards and of increasing the numbers playing.

Miss Lily Spence, treasurer of Ard Choiste and a well-known referee is the chairman of this committee, with Mrs. Nancy Murray the former president, acting as secretary. Misses Phyllis Breslin, Eithne Neville, Pat Rafferty and Mrs. Mary Lynch, all experienced referees, complete the committee. It is hoped that each County Board will have a number of referees present at this first meeting.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The first meeting of the Administration Committee takes place in Dublin on Saturday. Sighle Nic Anultaigh, who was secretary for twenty-three years is the chairman and the following delegates have been invited to attend: Misses Mary Magee (Antrim), Pauline Flanagan (Monaghan), Mrs. Peggy Duffy (Limerick), Misses Mary O'Halloran (Clare), Catherine Ward (Galway), Mary Fennelly (Kilkenny) and Libby Howard (Dublin) as well as Frank O'Grady. It is intended that the provincial delegates will organise courses on administration within zoned areas of each province.

Arrangements for the all-Ireland finals were also finalised and are as follows:

Sept. 19—Croke Park: Senior—Dublin v Kilkenny, 3.30. Ref: Mrs. J. Beatty (Galway). Jun.—Down v Wexford, 2.0. Ref: Miss P. Breslin, Dublin.

The following National League fixtures were also ratified:

Oct. 3—Kilkenny v Dublin; Miss E. Walsh (Wexford).

Oct. 17—Galway v Tipperary; Miss A. M. O'Loughlin (Clare). Wexford v Dublin, Miss H. O'Neill (Kilkenny).

Nov. 7—Kilkenny v Antrim; Miss P. Rafferty (Dublin).

Dec. 5—Antrim v Wexford; Miss P. Breslin (Dublin).

On the same day there are three club games listed.

The actual Cork line-up was not available at the time of writing but the panel of 18 named last week has a generous sprinkling of very fine young talent and the selectors should be able to pick a very worthy side.

Three members of the panel, Kathleen Costine, Anne Delaney and Claire Hackett were members of the Minor All-Ireland winning side while these three together with Claire Harris, Catherine Landers, Anne Connolly, Eileen Kavanagh, Marie Coughlan, Betty Joyce and Margo Sugrue were members of the minor title winners in 1975. Jacinta O'Brien and Patricia Mackey helped St. Aloysius to bring the first All-Ireland senior colleges title to Cork last spring while Orla Harrington, Patricia Riordan, Liz Lynch and Margo Twomey, Patricia Mackey and Mary Maher are all grand players.

Presentation, Cashel, have established themselves as one of the finest Colleges sides in the country and the Tipperary camogie mentors are hopeful that the success of this college will eventually show up in inter-county camogie.

**GOOD SIDE**

This year the Tipp. minors were a fine side and no doubt a number of these players will be in action on Sunday. Mary Kelly, Majella Halligan and Regina Mulligan are a most successful trio from Presentation and with senior goalie Mary O'Brien, almost certain to be in the side, at full-back rather than between the posts, the Tipperary mentors have the basis of a very good side.

Of course, Cork have the home venue and this always helps in the younger teams and with the majority of the panel already experienced "big game" players they will not be overawed by the occasion.

But down through the years Tipperary have always been a difficult side to beat and with that county almost certainly at the beginning of a new era in camogie the Cork girls will have to fight all the way for entry to the second round.

Cork panel: O. Harrington, K. Costine, M. Twomey, C. Harris, C. Landers, C. Hackett, A. Connolly, P. Riordan, E. Kavanagh, B. Joyce, J. O'Brien, L. Lynch, M. Coughlan, A. O'Connor, P. Mackey, A. Delaney, M. Sugrue, M. Maher.

On Sunday morning Na Piar-saigh meet Douglas in the Under-14 League. Na Piar-saigh, who won the Feile Na nGael title recently, should prove too strong for Douglas here.

There should be plenty of interest in the clash of Eire Og and Ballincollig in the Under-16 but the former are likely to have more experience than newcomers Ballincollig.

In the only club championship game listed St. Finbarrs meet Buttevant at the latter's venue

in the junior campaign.

All those who would like to travel to the All-Ireland camogie final on September 19 next can have tickets for same (£1 each) from County Board Chairman Mary Moran.

Finally, the meeting of Cork senior players, selectors, trainer, etc., arranged for Monday next has been postponed until further notice.

**FIXTURES**

**Sunday**

At U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, Under-18 Championship, Cork v. Tipperary, 3.30 p.m.

At Na Piar-saigh, Under-14 League, Na Piar-saigh v. Douglas, 11.30 a.m. (referee Nemo Rangers).

At Ballincollig — Under-16 League, Eire Og v. Ballincollig (Ballinora).

At Buttevant — Junior Championship, Buttevant v. St. Finbarrs, 3.30 p.m. (Inniscarra).

**Cork were well on top**

**Cork 2-7, Tipperary 0-3**

Cork had little difficulty in accounting for Tipperary in the first round of the under 18 Munster camogie championship at the Mardyke yesterday.

Cork, made up mainly of last season's successful minor side, got off to a great start with quick points from Claire Hackett and Eileen Kavanagh, followed by a fine major from the latter. This left Tipperary trailing by 1-2 to nil before the game had really got underway and they never recovered.

Catherine Landers, Jas O'Brien, Patricia Riordan and Claire Hackett were all in top form for Cork while Tipperary, who came more into the game in the second half, were best served by Maolmhuire Tynan, Margaret Hayes and Mary O'Brien, who are all members of the Tipperary senior side.

Scorers—Cork: J O'Brien 1-2, C Hackett 0-4, E Kavanagh 1-1. Tipperary: M Tynan, M Hayes and M Kelly 0-1 each.

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Tipperary—N Bonner, M O'Brien, R Purcell, Mary Hayes, N Harkin, Margaret Hayes, U Hickey, M Kelly, M Tynan, E Lawrence, T Scully, C Kelly.

**Killeagh girls into semi-final**

**Killeagh 3-6; Cloyne 3-4**

Despite a super human effort Cork full back Marie Costine of Cloyne, Killeagh held out to win a thrilling quarter final in the Cork intermediate camogie championship at Castlemartyr last night. Opening in fine style the winners went ahead with 3 fast goals before Cloyne opened their account. Killeagh County junior champions last year, slipped over 3 more points while last years intermediate champions had a minor to leave the half-time score 3-3 to 1-1.

On the resumption Marian Sweeney the Cork full-forward put Killeagh further ahead and the county's senior captain reduced the leeway with a great goal. Cloyne piled on the pressure in the last quarter and while they came with striking distance, Killeagh, mainly through Catherine Landers, Pat Moloney and Betty Joyce, kept their slender lead.

For Cloyne Kathleen Costine, Ann O'Shea, Marie Costine, Mary O'Donoghue and Bernie Costine were best. Scorers for the winners, Pat Moloney (1.4); Marian Sweeney (1.2); Catherine Landers (1.0), for Cloyne Bernie Costine (2.1); Marie Costine (1.2); Ann O'Shea (1.0).

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FEILE NA GAEL WINNERS—Na Piarsaigh under-14 camogie team, winners of the recent Feile Na Gael competitions. This was the first time the competition was won by a Cork team. Included are trainers: Miss Brenda Newman, Mrs. Joan Guest and Miss Ann Barry.



ALL-IRELAND MEDALS—Marta Kearney and Emelda Cronin of Na Piarsaigh Camogie Club, who recently received All-Ireland medals, at the Feile Na Gael Championships.

## Successful Ladies

FROM total obscurity the members of Na Piarsaigh's camogie team have risen to scale the heady heights of success. Founded only four years ago they defeated the cream of Ireland to win the Feile na nGael camogie competition this season.

The formation of the camogie team affiliated to the renowned Cork G.A.A. club was the brain-child of the ladies committee of Na Piarsaigh which came into existence on February 17, 1969. Six people attended that historic first meeting but since the committee has gone from strength to strength.

During the first tentative years the ladies were mainly concerned with raising finances for the club and that great work was recognised when their chairman Mrs. Peg Twomey was elected to the club's senior hurling and football committee.

However the ladies of Na Piarsaigh felt they had much more to offer and it was decided to enter a camogie team to compete in the local championships and their affiliation was accepted at the Cork Camogie Convention held on June 23, 1972.

Almost immediately Na Piarsaigh's began to make a major impact on Cork camogie. In 1974 they had two representatives on the Cork under 16 team and two members of the minor team and between them they have garnered a total of nine All Ireland medals and 11 Munster medals.

But undoubtedly the highlight for the club was their magnificent victory in the Feile na nGael competition and apart from winning they also had the distinction of being the first camogie team to play and win at Paire Uí Chaomh.

The majority of Na Piarsaigh's young players are pupils of North Presentation Convent when their first introduction to camogie was given by Rev. Michael O'Brien and Sisters De Lourde and Stanislaue.

However their skills were subsequently developed by four hard working members of the club Joan Guest, Josie McDonnell, Noreen Kent and Kathleen Martin who can take pride in the honours their charges have bestowed on the club.

The Na Piarsaigh's ladies and camogie committee is: Chairman, Peg Twomey; Secretary, Angela Spillane; Treasurer, Ann Smyth; Vice Chairman, May O'Connor; Assistant Secretary, Marie Daly; Assistant Treasurer, Nan Higgins.

Take a deserved bow ladies of Na Piarsaigh.



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# Kilkenny girls have more individual skill

By PADDY PURCELL

CROKE PARK patrons today draw has been in operation in the senior championship for some years past, this is the first time two counties from the same province have ever reached the final. But both Kilkenny and Dublin come to Croke Park today strictly on merit.

On their way to this final, Dublin have beaten the 1975 champions Wexford, while Kilkenny accounted for Cork, runners-up to the Wexford girls a year ago.

On the form book, Kilkenny are probably entitled to be favourites, as they have already defeated Dublin in the final of the Leinster championship, now a separate competition; almost all their players were on the team that brought the title and the O'Duffy Cup to the county for the first and only time by beating Cork on a replay in 1974, and they have far greater experience than have the opposition.

On the other hand, Dublin can point to the fact that they had rather the better of the play in that Leinster final, and that almost all their players have won junior All-Ireland medals.

Moreover, Dublin adopted a fixed policy early in the season, by naming a panel of senior players and sending them into special training; and the results have certainly justified that move. Dublin have only lost

one match this season in the senior grade, scoring over Wexford in both the Leinster and All-Ireland championships, and gaining a clear-cut win over Antrim in the league.

In the All-Ireland semi-final they were too good for a fancied Galway side and on that form must be in with a great chance in today's final. As compared with the days when the Dublin girls were the almost unchallenged Queens of the Camogie fields, this is Dublin's first appearance in a senior final since 1967, but the county holds twenty-five titles already as compared with Kilkenny's one, and they have talented units in goalkeeper Sheila Murray, full-back Rita White, centre-back and captain Sheila Wallace, and forwards Maura Sutton and Mary Mernagh.

However, Kilkenny have the more famed individual stars, particularly goalkeeper Teresa O'Neill, full-back Liz Neary, centre-back Bridie Martin, the Downey twins Ann and Angela, and those very experienced players, Ann Carroll and Mary Fennelly.

There will be very little between two well-matched teams, and if Dublin's team work has been the more impressive, Kil-

kenny have more players capable of turning the fortunes of the game with touches of genius, and that could prove a vital factor in their favour.

In the junior final, Down, beaten in last year's final by Dublin, will be out to compensate for that defeat this time by accounting for Wexford who have reached the final of this grade for only the second time. I have been impressed before now by the excellence of such Down players as Marian McGarvey, Susan Lively and Anne Rooney who is a sister of Down football captain Peter the G.A.A. fields, too, for goal- from Warrenpoint.

Down are a very entertaining team to watch, but they will need to be good to salvage this title from the eager Wexford representatives.

The Dublin and Kilkenny teams for the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday (3.30) are:-

**DUBLIN** — S. Murray; R. White; S. Wallace (Capt); B. Conway; M. Murphy; A. McManus; F. Sutton; B. Redmond; M. Sutton; M. Mernagh; N. Fleming; A. Byrne. Subs — A. Carey; M. Higgins; A. Lindsay; H. Roche.

**KILKENNY** — T. O'Neill; L. Neary; Ann Downey; B. Martin; H. Kennedy; H. O'Neill; F. Carr; M. Fennelly (Capt); J. Dunne; C. Doyle; Angela Downey; A. Carroll. Subs — M. Cody; A. Holden; B. Larkin; H. Fogarty.



BRIDIE MARTIN

# Kilkenny Too Experienced

BY AGNES HOURIGAN

members of the Kilkenny side are very well known on Dublin fields, where Ann Carroll was for half a dozen years the key figure on U.C.D. Ashbourne teams and Mary Fennelly won more than one championship medal with Celtic.

As I see it, Sunday's final will be a duel between Dublin's team-work and Kilkenny's individual brilliance and it remains to be seen which will triumph.

Leinster final form would seem slightly to favour Dublin, but it must be remembered that Kilkenny were then without Ann Carroll, and her return could prove a vital factor in favour of the Noreside girls, who were also a much improved team against Cork and should win their second title.

The opening game, the junior final between Down and Wexford, is scarcely less intriguing. Again, experience would seem to be on the side of the Down girls, as they field mainly the same side as failed to Dublin in last year's final of this grade, while the majority of the side were on the county minor team that won the first all-Ireland minor final in 1974.

Wexford, on the other hand, are playing in a junior final for only the second time, having lost to Galway in 1972. But they have many distinguished players, including the three Cousins sisters, Martina, Deirdre and Fiona,

captain, Mary Boggan, Philomena Millar, Monica O'Leary, Teresa Hobbs, and yet another member of the famed Kehoe family from Adamstown, Eileen and former colleges stars, Geraldine Duggan and Bridget Higgins.

But Down have the greater Croke Park experience to fall back upon, and the more brilliant individual players, particularly Marian McGarvey, Anne Rooney (sister of the county football captain), Susan Lively, Mary McGrath and Cathy O'Hare, and having gone so close a year ago, must be slight favourites to go all the way now and thus regain the title.

Down were winners of the first all-Ireland junior title back in 1968. Wexford have never previously won this competition.



● The O'Neill sisters Teresa, left, and Helena, both of whom will be in action for Kilkenny on Sunday.

**KILKENNY**  
 T. O'Neill  
 L. Neary  
 Ann-Downey B. Martin M. Kennedy  
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 Reserves: M. Cody, B. Larkin,  
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**Mary Cavanagh (24).** Young Irelands (Gowran). She won two junior county championships and three Leinster titles along with a senior All-Ireland medal. She admires the skills of Marian Sweeney (Cork).

Gael Linn, club All-Ireland and county championships. Indeed, she is one of the most honoured girls in the game and was on the 1974 Kilkenny All-Ireland winning team.

her sister. She admires Sally Riordan from Cork.

**Ann Carroll (25).** St. Paul's. Ann won Colleges, Leinster,

**Angela Downey (19).** St. Paul's. Like her twin sister, Ann, she has figured on many major honour winning sides and holds the same medals as

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



**Honora Fogarty (20).** St. Paul's. She holds a Leinster colleges; a county championship and club All-Ireland honours.



**Bernie Larkin (18).** Shamrocks (Ballyhale). Among her honours are a senior Leinster colleges; a Leinster senior and one junior championship. Her favourite player is Elsie Fitzgibbons (Clare).



**Margaret Coady (25).** Danesfort. She won a junior club championship and two Leinster honours. Her favourite player is fellow panelist Helena O'Neill.



● In action for Dublin tomorrow, Maura Sutton, left, and Anna McManus.



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

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**Liz Neary (24).** St. Paul's. Holder of two colleges All-

**Carmel Doyle (22).** St. Paul's. Another member of the last All-Ireland winning team, she also won two colleges' All-Irelands; five senior county championships;

**Jo Dunne (17).** Carrickshock. She holds Leinster minor, All-Ireland colleges, county championship and Leinster senior honours. Her favourite player is Bridget Doyle (Wexford).



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

the team, won six senior championships; a club All-Ireland; a senior league and championship with Celtic of Dublin, and two Leinster medals. She also has two Gael Linn medals and was on the last Kilkenny All-Ireland winning side.

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**Mary Fennessy (26).** St. Paul's. Mary, who captains

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



**Ann Holden (17).** Shamrocks. She holds Leinster minor, All-Ireland schools and a provincial senior medal. Her favourite player is Libby Howard (Tipperary).



# Helena Points The Way For Kilkenny

By PADRAIC PURSEAL

TREMENDOUS excitement from a small but enthusiastic crowd marked Camogie Final Day at Croke Park yesterday with the senior and junior titles both won by a single point and, in neither case was the verdict certain until the last whistle blew. In a senior game that was closely-fought rather than brilliant, Kilkenny, as they did in the recent Leinster final, came from behind to defeat Dublin by that single point and thus regain a title they last held in 1974. In the junior final, Down also had to stage a last-quarter rally to defeat Wexford and thus recapture the crown they had previously held in 1968, the first year of the competition.

KILKENNY ..... 0-6  
DUBLIN ..... 1-2

The senior final provided a sharp contrast in styles, with Dublin relying almost entirely on team-work, ground-play and speed to offset the far greater individual skills of the Kilkenny girls.

In the circumstances, we rarely saw the brilliant passages of play which have characterised other finals in which Kilkenny were engaged, but the close scoring and the end-to-end exchanges ensured that excitement and interest were sustained from start to stop with never more than two points between the teams at any stage.

Kilkenny just about deserved their narrow victory because they had, in the first place, more players who were able to get real distance into their drives, and because, though often outsped outfield, they had, in tight situations, the skilled touches and the extra experience that, in the end, made that small but vital difference on the scoreboard.

But, not for the first time, the All-Ireland title and trophy have gone to Kilkenny because of the accuracy from frees of Helena O'Neill.

### Close Marking

Two years ago, the red-headed winger scored the point that earned Kilkenny a replay in the final against Cork, and she was again deadly accurate in the replay.

Yesterday she only missed once from a free within scoring distance, she accounted for four on Kilkenny's six points, and it was she who time and time again fell back to relieve pressure in crucial moments for the defence.

Indeed, as the low scoring proves, this was a game in which the respective defences were very much on top, with which the respective defences close marking, that led to petty technical fouling, greatly restricting the free flow of play, though there was one wonderful if all-too-brief spell midway through the second half when we had a real patch of superlative skill from both teams.

### Little Impression

Over the fifty minutes, the Kilkenny defence must claim a major share of the honours with Teresa O'Neill making one astounding save from close range early in the second half, but not being otherwise unduly troubled a step back, with Anne Downey and Bridie Martin particularly conspicuous, left few opportunities to the opposing attack.

Helena O'Neill was the most effective of the mid-field trio while, though the attack was generally well held by the

close-marking Dublin backs, Ann Carroll and Angela Downey always looked dangerous on the break but missed scores through hasty shooting.

For Dublin, brilliant goalkeeper, Sheila Murray was the heroine of the day, with Rita White, Mary Murphy, Sheila Wallace and Bernadette Conway always sound in the defence.

But midfield suffered from seeing to play the ball always on the ground, and could have made more use of the wind when it was behind them in the first half. The forwards, however, made little impression, and lack of experience was too often evident, though they all tried hard.

### Well-Worked Goal

Dublin, by far the faster, and playing direct, no-nonsense camogie, dominated the early stages but failed to take their chances and two points from frees by Mary Mernagh were poor reward for ten minutes of almost constant pressure.

Kilkenny now began to come more into the game and Helena O'Neill balanced with two points from frees. Dublin continued to make most of the running but could make no impression on a Kilkenny rear-guard in which Bridie Martin was particularly prominent and we did not see another score until right on the half-time whistle when Angela Downey soloed through for a point the first score from play to put Kilkenny in the lead for the first time, 0-3 to 0-2.

A well-worked goal, finished from a seemingly impossible angle by Maura Sutton sent Dublin two points clear 40 seconds into the second half, and only a wonderful save by Teresa O'Neill in goal then prevented them from going further ahead.

But Kilkenny, the breeze freshening behind them, got timely impetus when Helena O'Neill pointed a free from 60 yards out. Kilkenny now had a whole succession of wides, and then were time and time again foiled by wonderful goalkeeping by Sheila Murray.

### Winning Point

So, despite constant pressure the winners did not draw level until mid-way through the half when Ann Carroll doubled over a remarkable point.

The same player going through again was fouled and the unerring Helena O'Neill scored what proved the winning point some eight minutes from time.

Despite hectic efforts we had no further score but Kilkenny missed some further easy

chances, and would have had no one but themselves to blame had Dublin managed to balance from a couple of frees withing scoring distance in the closing minutes.

Scorers: Kilkenny H. O'Neill (0-4); A. Carroll and Angela Downey (0-1 each). Dublin—M. Sutton (1-0), M. Mernagh (0-2).

KILKENNY—T. O'Neill, L. Neary; Anne Downey, B. Martin, M. Kennedy; H. O'Neill, P. Carey, M. Fennelly (Capt), J. Dunne, C. Doyle, Angela Downey, A. Carroll.

DUBLIN—S. Murray; R. White, S. Wallace (Capt.), B. Conway, M. Murphy, A. McManus, F. Sutton, B. Redmond; M. Sutton, M. Mernagh, N. Fleming, A. Byrne. Sub—A. Lindsay for M. Mernagh.

Referee — Mrs. J. Beatty (Galway).



MOMENT OF TRIUMPH . . . Mary Fennelly, the Kilkenny captain, holds aloft the O'Duffy Cup after her team's victory over Dublin.

# Marian Is The Down Heroine

DOWN ..... 3-4; WEXFORD ..... 3-3

THE excitement in the closing stages of the junior final at Croke Park was if anything even more intense than towards the finish of the senior game as Wexford strove valiantly but vainly to force a replay. As it was, they might well have done so, for a free within scoring distance was sent narrowly wide shortly before the finish.

But, over the entire game, Down just deserved their narrow success and they had a real match-winner in Marian McGarvey at midfield whose deadly accuracy from frees and 30s, and, whose general exhibition of the finer points in the game, laid the foundations of victory.

She had very able assistants in Bernie Brown, Anne ROONEY, Brigid Maginn, Susan Lively and Kathleen Rice.

Wexford, who had an excellent goalkeeper in Ann Butler, had other outstanding units in full-back, Mary Boggan, Geraldine Duggan, Deirdre Cousins, Mary O'Connor, Monica O'Leary and Eileen Kehoe.

### Spectacular Goal

Wexford made the early running and took a quick lead with a goal and a point from Eileen Kehoe, but, Down, thanks to the accuracy of Marian McGarvey from frees, crept back into contention.

When Marian lobbed a '30' short, Kathleen Rice finished for a goal and, then, just on the half-time whistle, Marian McGarvey herself, at this stage the outstanding player on the field, cracked home a goal from a close free to leave Down comfortably ahead, 2-3 to 1-1, at the interval.

Judicious Wexford switches that sent Mary O'Connor to mid-field and Monica O'Leary to right forward brought a change on the resumption.

Two quick O'Leary goals gave the Leinster side the lead and Eileen Kehoe then pointed a

free to stretch that lead to two points.

However, once Marian McGarvey got going again, Down came back on the offensive and, after a whole series of saves by Ann Butler in the Wexford goal, Anne Rooney met a clearance in mid-air to score a spectacular goal that gave Down back the lead.

Two minutes later, Marian McGarvey's shot from a 30 was at first adjudged by the umpires as over the top bar, but referee Phyllis Breslin awarded a point after consultation with the umpires.

### Valiant Effort

This was Down's last score, but Wexford came back in a valiant effort to stave the day, and, after Geraldine Duggan, who had come outfield from

defence, pointed a free to reduce the margin to a single point, the same player was narrowly wide from a similar award within scoring distance in a bid for a last-minute equaliser.

Scorers: Down: McGarvey (1-4); A. Rooney and K. Rice (1-0 each). Wexford: M. O'Leary (2-0); E. Kehoe (1-2); G. Duggan (0-1). n7

DOWN—E. Hamill; B. Maginn; E. Gibson, J. Hamilton, S. Kelly; B. Brown, M. McGarvey (Capt.), A. Rooney; K. Rice, S. Lively, F. McGrath; L. Kane.

WEXFORD—A. Butler; M. Boggan (capt); G. Duggan, M. Cousins, D. Cousins; F. Cousins, J. Miller, T. Hobbs; E. Kehoe, M. O'Leary, M. O'Connor; B. Higgins.

Subs: R. Flynn for F. Cousins, J. Kehoe for J. Miller, T. Higgins for T. Hobbs.

Referee: Miss P. Breslin (Dublin).



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# KILKENNY ON TOP

## DUBLIN FAIL IN BID TO REGAIN ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE CROWN



Action in the Kilkenny goalmouth as Dublin narrowly fail to score in All-Ireland Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

KILKENNY ..... 0-6  
DUBLIN ..... 1-2

KILKENNY regained the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship with a one point (0-6 to 1-2) win over Dublin who were trying to make up for lost time over the past nine years and add to their 25 titles, at Croke Park yesterday. It was the first time for two counties from the one province to meet in the final since the open draw was brought into operation and victory might have been more clear cut in the end but for a series of excellent saves by Dublin's goalkeeper, Sheila Murray.

The standard was generally high but once Kilkenny turned over to take advantage of the wind the second half their stronger strikers looked certain to assure them of victory.

However, Dublin's Maura Sutton, fastening on to a good cross by Mary Mernagh in less than a minute of the second half, had a shock Dublin goal to wipe out a one point deficit and give the Metropolitans a two points lead.

Kilkennys' power lay in a powerful midfield trio of Helen O'Neill, Peggy Carey and captain Mary Fennelly which pushed the winners into almost sustained attack. Their tally, however, was not enhanced by a series of wides often brought about when the ball was not distributed to better placed players. Then there were the saves effected by Sheila Murray in the Dublin goal, leaving Dublin in with a chance right up to the final whistle.

Perhaps Miss Murray's best save was from Carmel Doyle just after Kilkenny had drawn level 12 minutes into the second half.

It was never less than a rousing struggle which gave Kilkenny their second title. Damp conditions did not inspire a high scoring rate but there were some excellent chances missed especially by Kilkenny forwards — they had nine second half wides against one for Dublin — and the losers missed out on at least two gilt-edged chances for the equaliser in the closing five minutes.

### LAST SCORE

The lead for Kilkenny eventually came 17 minutes into the second half, the last score of

the game and the point was fittingly scored by the most accurate striker on the pitch red-haired Helen O'Neill.

Dublin earlier were unlucky not to get a second goal when Mary Mernagh had an over head "double" parried away by Teresa O'Neill.

Kilkenny had a positive advantage over the Dubliners in strength. Their lifting and striking was closer to hurling standards and was quite intimidating for the losers who struggled badly to avoid a heavier defeat in the second half.

Anne Downey, a twin sister of Angela, the fast moving solo expert of the attack, got real distance into her shots and Ann Carroll foraged impressively in the front line.

But the Dublin attackers never got the same scope for scores with so much pressure further back.

Dublin's defence saved by Miss Murray in goal, had sound players in Sheila Wallace, and Rita White, Felicity Sutton and Barbara Redmond were hard triers in the middle of the field with Maura Sutton effective in attack.

Scorers — Kilkenny — H. O'Neill (0-4), A. Downey and A. Carroll (0-1 each). Dublin — M. Sutton (1-0), M. Mernagh (0-2).

Kilkenny — T. O'Neill; F. Neary; Ann Downey, B. Martin, M. Canavan, H. O'Neill, P. Carey, M. Fennelly (capt.); J. Dunne, C. Doyle, Angela Downey, A. Carroll.

Dublin — S. Murray; R. White; S. Wallace (capt.); B. Conway, M. Murphy; A. McManus, F. Sutton, B. Redmond; M. Sutton, M. Mernagh, N. Fleming; A. Byrne, Sub. — A. Lindsay for Mernagh.

Referee — S. Uí Bhailigh

## 'TALKING' POINT DID IT

DOWN ..... 3-4  
WEXFORD ..... 3-3

DOWN got real compensation for last year's defeat when they lifted their second All-Ireland junior camogie final amid high excitement in the curtain-raiser at Croke Park yesterday. They owe much for victory to the tall central midfielder player, Marian McGarvey who virtually drove her colleagues to a winning effort through sheer example.

But the big talking point after the match was one of Miss McGarvey's scores, a point off a

umpires but following consultation with the referee the score was given. Considering Down's winning margin which they so richly deserved the score certainly proved an important one.

Marian had a big influence on the midfield play and was deadly accurate in the first half to help her side to a 2-3 to 1-1 lead at the interval.

Wexford and especially Monica O'Leary promised to upset Down ambitions within the first six minutes of the

second half when Miss O'Leary had two goals within a couple of minutes.

SCORERS: Down — M. McGarvey (1-4), K. Rice, A. Rooney (1-0 each); Wexford — M. O'Leary (2-0), E. Kehoe (1-2), E. Duggan (0-1).

DOWN — E. Hamill; B. Maginn, E. Gibson, J. Hamilton, S. Kelly; B. Brown, M. McGarvey, A. Rooney, K. Rice, S. Lively, M. McGrath; L. Kane.

WEXFORD — A. Butler; M. Boggan; G. Duggan, M. Cousins, D. Cousins; F. Cousins, J. Miller, T. Hobbs; E. Kehoe, M. O'Leary, M. O'Connor; B. Higgins; Subs. — R. Flynn for F. Cousins; J. Kehoe for Miller; P. Higgins for Hobbs (all in second half).  
Referee — F. Ni Bhreastain (Dublin).



The Kilkenny team, and reserves, who regained the All-Ireland senior Camogie championship, and the O'Duffy Cup by defeating Dublin in the final at Croke Park. From left, at back—Ann Carroll, Honora Fogarty (reserve), Bernie Larkin (reserve), Peggy Carey, Anne Downey, Liz Neary, Angela Downey, Margaret Coady (reserve). In front—Anne Holden (reserve), Jo Dunne, Helena O'Neill, Carmel Doyle, Mary Fennelly (captain), Bridie Martin, Teresa O'Neill, Mary Canavan.



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● BREAKING THROUGH . . . with Dublin's Sheila Wallace (right) and Anna McManus closing in, Kilkenny's Angela Downey evades the tackles to launch an attack on the Dublin goal.



● Dublin goalkeeper SHEILA MURRAY makes a fine save as Kilkenny's ANGELA DOWNEY awaits the outcome.

BRIDIE MARTIN; HELENA O'NEILL & M. SUTTON



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Above and below: Some of the action during last Sunday's All-Ireland camogie final, in which Kilkenny beat Dublin by six points to one goal and two points.



Dublin's Maura Sutton drives goalwards, having beaten Kilkenny's Mary Kavanagh to the ball, at Croke Park.



CARMEL DOYLE; JO DUNNE, B. CONWAY  
& M. MURPHY



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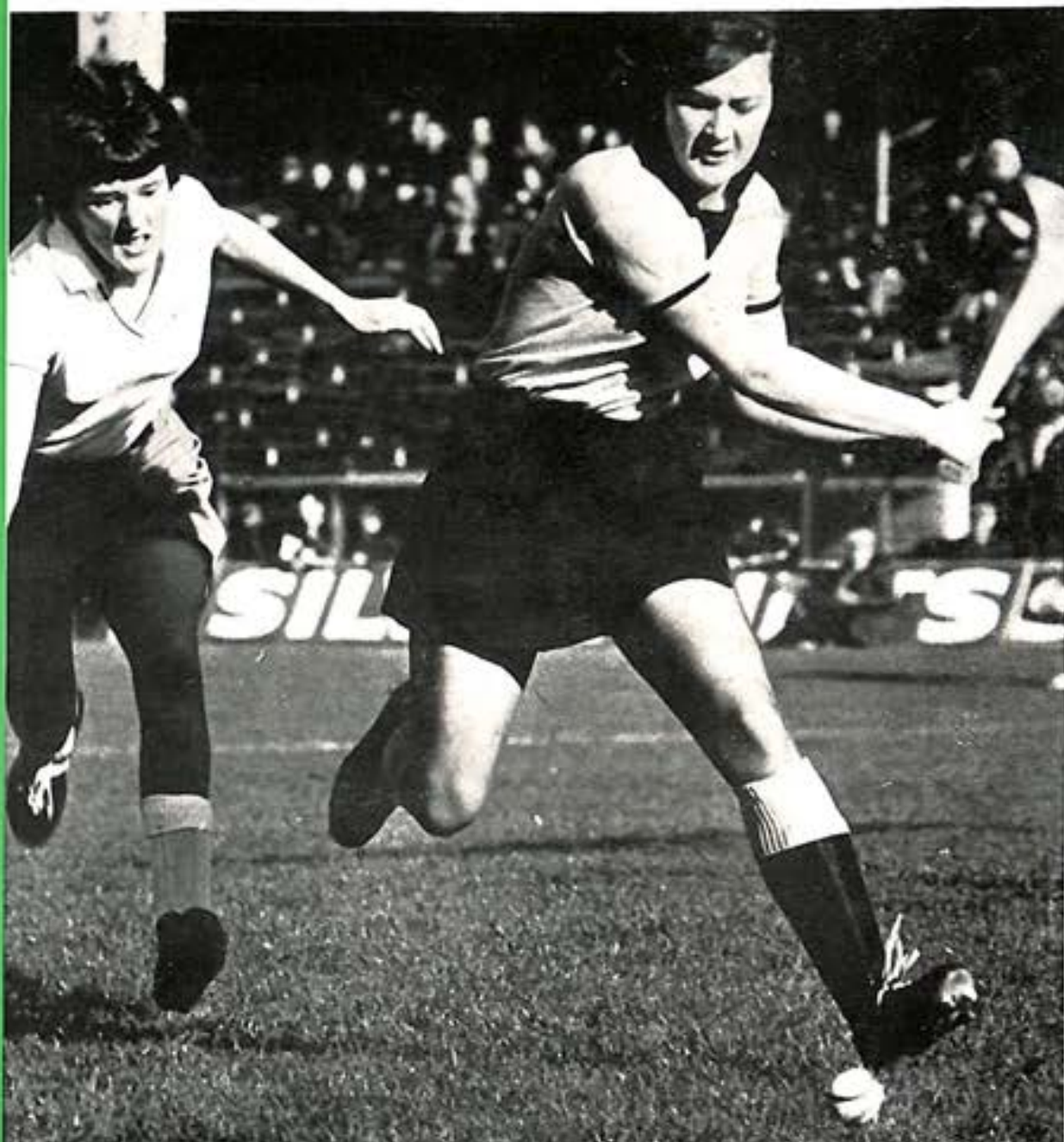
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## AN DÚN v. LOCH GARMAN

Réiteoir: Filis Ní Bhreasláin (Ath Cliath)

Sóisir 2.00 p.m.



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CAMOGIE ACTION—A Kilkenny forward brings the attack into the Dublin goal area during the All-Ireland camogie final in Croke Park. Kilkenny regained the championship with a 0-6 to 1-2 win.



# Kilkenny girls keep flag flying

**KILKENNY** ..... 0-6  
**DUBLIN** ..... 1-2

**THE KILKENNY** camogie girls struck a blow for Womens Lib. at Croke Park on Sunday when they achieved what three male teams from the Noreside failed to do this year — win an all-Ireland title. Thus the black and amber girls put their second niche on the senior crown which they first won two years ago.

That the winning margin should be only one point was entirely justified because never more than two points separated the two well balanced sides. Although the exchanges were by no means engulfing, the sharp play always made for sound entertainment value.

The fact that the issue lay in the balance until the final whistle also added appeal to the contest. But when all the dust has settled and the people behind both teams reflect on this energy sapping tie they will be of the one opinion on one matter. Both sides had individual stars — who in the case of the Kilkenny girl got just reward, but for her Dublin counterpart the sad tale 'of someone had to lose' must sound very hollow.

One of course eludes to Helena O'Neill for the winners and Dublin goalkeeper, Sheila Murray. Both should remember the 1976 final as perhaps their best 50 minutes of camogie.

Helena drove over the vital clinching point for Kilkenny 8 minutes from time. But Sheila,

with some flashy saves kept Dublin's chances bright and very much alive until Mrs. Beatty sounded the final note on her whistle.

But in the case of Kilkenny it was no one girl victory. In the end the Noresiders experience and slightly better craft told. The Leinster cham-



Mary Cavanagh . . . the only married woman to play in an All-Ireland final with Kilkenny.

pions learned the hard way having lost two all-Ireland finals before going all the way in 1974.

## What's it all about?

The 11 survivors from that last winning combination knew what Ladies Day at the Headquarters was all about

and perhaps Dublin were up against more than it looked on face value. While free open play was restricted by the close marking of both sets of backs, the long striking by the Kilkenny girls won them more territory more quickly than their opponents who moved the sliothar mainly along the ground.

Dublin failed badly at midfield where Helena O'Neill,



Anne Carroll . . . has announced her retirement.

Peggy Carey and Mary Fennelly used the ball intelligently and worked very hard throughout, although generally, the losers were quicker off the mark.

At the break the Noresiders went to the dressing room leading 0-3 to 0-2 and only one of those fine scores came from play. That was accounted for by Angela Downey who carried the ball through and sent over just on the stroke of half time.

For a time after the throw-in in the opening half, Dublin were completely on top and enjoyed the better of the exchanges. Indeed, the Kilkenny selectors must have been rather edgy for the teams clashed in the Leinster championship, which is a different competition completely, and victory also went to the Noresiders. In the early stages of Sunday's clash it looked as if Dublin had learned a lot from that match and were now going to put the experience to good use.

But the winners flattered only to deceive and in the opening 10 minutes two



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pointed frees by Mary Mernagh was all they had clocked up. The winners got into their stride and Helena O'Neill erased the deficit before the Downey twin crashed through to shoot Kilkenny in front.

## Commanding position

With the favour of the wind to come Kilkenny looked in a commanding position but their plans received a serious jolt within a minute of the restart. Dublin worked a good move which ended with Maura Sutton driving to the net from a very acute angle. Before Kilkenny had their next score from the stick of Helena O'Neill the losers almost netted again.

Teresa O'Neill deprived Mary Mernagh who doubled over-head on the ball and the goalkeeper showhow parried the ball away. However, after that Helena O'Neill score, the winners found their feet once again and moved forward with more urgency.

Seventeen minutes elapsed

before they got on equal terms and in between they hit some bad wides. In fact they accounted for 9 in the second half while Dublin hit one.

Ann Carroll got the point which brought the teams together at 0-5 to 1-2 and she



Bridie Martin . . . in top form at the heart of the Kilkenny defence.

was also involved in the winning score taken by Helena O'Neill from a free. Ann Carroll was making her way towards goal when she was impeded and red-haired Helena drove straight and through between the posts.

But immediately after Ann Carroll had notched her score

Carmel Doyle came close to wrapping it up for Kilkenny, but when a goal looked there for the taking Sheila Murray pushed the ball out away from the danger zone. Indeed, Miss Murray brought off a couple of later saves which surely kept the losers there within striking distance.

## Must wait

Now Dublin must wait at least another 12 months to collect their 26th title.

For the Noresiders who functioned very well as a unit this was the second major trophy won this year, having already taken the Leinster championship. The meeting with Dublin was the first in an all-Ireland senior final because this year the competition was run on an open draw system.

For the losers Miss Murray in goal was the one player on the team to do more than the rest to keep Dublin's hopes of victory alive, particularly when Kilkenny surged forward in the latter half. In front of her captain, Sheila Wallace tried to do too much

at times, although she always did it effectively. Rita White covered very well at the back and Felicity Sutton and Barbara Redmond fought desperately hard to get a grip on midfield. In attack Maura Sutton caused most trouble to Kilkenny, but as the covering was always good she was, for the most part, up against it.

Its difficult to know where to start with Kilkenny. Helena O'Neill, of course, must be mentioned as she was the one who struck the winning score and helped Kilkenny get the



Angela Downey . . . hit the only score from play in the first half.

grip where it most mattered — at midfield.

## Caused havoc

In that quarter she worked to assist her forwards and backs with captain, Mary Fennelly and Peggy Carey, all of whom combined to give the winners a big say in the quarter. Up front the solo running of young Angela Downey caused havoc. Jo Dunne, Ann Carroll and Carmel Doyle looked very sharp although free opportunities were very few and far between on account of the close marking.

In the opening half the work done by the Kilkenny defence opened the door. There Bridie Martin was a tremendously solid centre-back and her hard working flankers Ann Downey and



Helena O'Neill . . . hit winning point 8 minutes from time.

Mary Cavanagh covered very well and Liz Neary showed her vast experience by her positional play. Behind them all the very reliable Teresa O'Neill, if only for what one remarkable save early in the second half, did enough to earn her medal.

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# These girls are champs



Goalkeeper Teresa O'Neill (left) and captain Mary Fennelly with the All-Ireland senior camogie trophy.

Photo: Tom Brett

# Camogie shares the spoils!

By TAOBH-LINE

KILKENNY, Down and Cork, that is Leinster, Ulster and Munster have respectively taken the honours in the Senior, Junior and Minor Camogie championships.

Three of our four Provinces have shared the trophies and indeed Connacht too, won an All-Ireland title during the year when Presentation Convent, Athlone, took the Junior Colleges All-Ireland Cup.

However, there will be little rest for the Senior finalists Kilkenny and Dublin as they will be back in contention in a League game on October 3 at Kilkenny.

As is customary there will be no inter-county games on All-Ireland Football Final Day, Sunday next.

This will be the third time for the champions, Kilkenny to play Dublin. On the two previous occasions the Noresiders won by the minimum margin — one point.

The Leinster final played in July was a far better game than we witnessed last Sunday. The teams appeared very tense and marked very closely. They have completely opposite styles — Kilkenny, who like to lift and strike or solo-run, got little opportunity from this Dublin side, who struck first time, tried to pass to a team-mate and keep the ball moving. Full marks to both teams for a very sporting and entertaining display.

### NARROW LOSS

Down, who lost narrowly to Dublin in 1975 Junior final, gained recompense when they were successful this time. They seemed well on the way to victory at the interval but Wexford proved much more difficult to overcome and Down were in the end lucky to win by a point while Wexford should have high hopes of success in the future.

Also on Sunday week we will have the first semi-final of the Gael-Linn Competition. This Interprovincial trophy is now confined for competition between Junior County players.

It was won by Munster last season — the first time it was juniors only — and they travel to Connacht to defend their title.

### WORTH SEEING

This should be a game well worth seeing as both provinces have very skilled good players. Leinster make the journey to Mayobridge to play Ulster on Sunday week.

Both provinces have wide selections. Ulster have all nine counties to choose from while Leinster can call on players from nine of the twelve also.

Colleges time is here again and the Leinster and Munster Colleges Councils have their annual meetings on Saturday next.

Munster who won the Senior All-Ireland for the first time last year — St. Aloysius Cork were the champions — meet at Gaelic League rooms Limerick, while Leinster get together at 47 North Great George's St., Dublin.

It will be a sad occasion for

Leinster who will have to find a replacement for their late Secretary Miss Joan Bourke, of dheis De go raibh a b-anam dilis, whose untimely death last May was a great loss to the Council.

The Ulster Colleges reported a very successful year at their annual meeting last Saturday at Lurgan and elected the following officers.

Chairman, Sister Mairead (St. Louis, Kiltel); Secretary, Miss Lily Spence (Antrim); Treasurer, Miss Rosina McManus (Antrim).

## Anne calls it a day

IN THE wake of the All-Ireland success, Ann Carroll has decided to call it a day. The 25-year-old full-forward will not be seen in the black and amber of her county again, but she will continue to play in another part of Ireland.

Ann is now living in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, and she has plans to help the local team there. No doubt St. Paul's in Kilkenny and indeed the county camogie team will miss her undoubted skills.



● Kilkenny forward CARMEL DOYLE finds her shot partially blocked by Dublin defender BERNADETTE CONWAY.



# The rise and rise of camogie

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"A CAMOGUIDHEACHT match was played which is regarded as a novelty, and may be remarked as the first inter-club contest ever played in Ireland. Both teams were composed of cailini and belong to Dublin. The games which aroused considerable excitement, resembles hurling, the Camog or hurling stick, however, being much lighter than the ordinary camans."

The year was 1904. The occasion — An Aeridheacht at Navan and the first camogie game ever played. Two thousand people attended the game and ladies wore long flowing dresses and many of them wore hats!

The Aeridheacht was a National gathering held under the auspices of the National League. The Gaels of the period deplored the fact that there was no national pastime for the women of Ireland. That women should play outdoor games at all was in fact, a matter with which few people at the time saw eye to eye. Indeed moreover, it can be truly said that it required the greatest moral courage for any girl to take her camog to the practising ground.

Later in that same year another match was played at the Thatch, Drumcondra, and was one of the features of the Oireachtas. The attendance this time was four thousand and included many Oireachtas delegates from country districts "who had remained over to witness the match." It was hoped that as a result of what they saw at Drumcondra they would introduce the game into their native districts.

This they did and by 1911 the game was established with favourable reports from several centres in the country including Cork, Kilkenny, Clare, Dublin, Limerick, Tipperary, Wexford, Leix, Louth, Meath, Antrim and Monaghan. The game was also being played in London and New York with at least half a dozen teams in each city.

The first Annual Convention took place in the Oak Room, Mansion House on Wednesday, April 17, 1912. There was a very good country-wide representation and several letters of warm commendation were received.

The following is an excerpt from one such letter—from the pen of Dr. Douglas Hyde LL.D.:

"Of the many items that go to build up nationality and character, there are three which stand out pre-eminently — language, music and games. A person may be proficient in the national language and music, however, without any advantages to his bodily health and physique. But

not so with the national games. I hail with delight and enthusiasm the attempt you are making so successfully and so bravely to introduce Camoguidheacht amongst our girls. Such a game appeals to what is instinctive and hereditary in Irish blood."

The Ashbourne (the intervarsity championship) is the oldest competition in the game. It was initiated in 1915. The donor of the trophy was the late Lord Ashbourne. His interest in camogie was awakened by Una O'Farrelly, Professor of Gaelic poetry at UCD and one of the founder members of the Association. He was the son of the first Baron Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, after whom the Ashbourne Act was named.

The inter-county Championships which began in 1932 were until 1967 monopolised by Dublin. They believed that staying at the top was no more difficult than getting there. The name of Neil McCarthy is synonymous with Dublin's remarkable string of successes. Neil is from Carrigtwohill in Co. Cork and is renowned for her extraordinary coaching skills. She not only gave her time unselfishly to the girls of Dublin but travelled the length and breadth of the country in the service of the game she loved. It has often been asked if, in latter years, the standard in Dublin has dropped. Such is far from being the case but teams have become acutely aware of the merits of Neil's maxim that a good team will always triumph over great individuals.

The trophy for the Senior Championship was donated by no other than Mr. Camogie himself — Seán O'Duffy. Seán has been associated with the game from the very beginning and has given it a lifetime of dedication and unflinching support. He was instrumental in securing those precious playing pitches in the Phoenix Park. Now with four pitches and non-stop activity on each of them Seán spends many Sundays going from pitch to pitch watching with admiration and pride the scores of girls who display the many and varied skills of the game. Not only that but Seán rarely misses an inter-county game no matter what part of the country it is being played in.

The organisation has had many great administrators but Sighle Nic an Ultaigh from Co. Down has made an inestimable contribution to camogie. Sighle took her first office at the age of nine when she became Secretary of the Betsy Gray Club in Warrenpoint. From there she held various offices until 1949 when she was elected President of the As-

sociation. Witness to her administrative calibre is the fact that her Presidential term of office was extended by a year and in 1953 she was elected Ard-Runai — an office she held until her resignation in 1975.

During her term of office she, as Ard-Runai, saw the formation of the Gael Linn Inter-Provincial Championship in 1957 and the All-Ireland Club Championship in 1964. Having completed 50 years' service Sighle was persuaded to remain in active involvement. She is now Chairman of the Primary Schools Council (set up in 1974) and is co-ordinator of the recently-formed administration committee.

The colleges came to the fore in 1968 with the inauguration of the All-Ireland Senior Colleges Championship followed by the Junior in 1974. The CCIA was set up in 1972 and caters for Universities and all third-level colleges. In 1976 no less than 16 colleges took part in this league. The success of the colleges' competitions resulted in an influx of young players on the inter-county scene. The overall position called for a review and the result was the setting up of the Junior Inter-County Championship in 1968. This too has proved a great success and teams such as Clare and Galway who unsuccessfully contested Senior finals over 30 years ago have now through this grade attained All-Ireland success.

Croke Park was always made available for the All-Ireland finals and in 1963 the fixed date of the third Sunday in September was agreed. It is interesting that in the late 1940s and early 1950s the All-Ireland Champions played the British Champions — camogie being quite strong in England at that time. Camogie is still played in parts of London and in Luton. There are camogie teams also in New York, Chicago, and Toronto.

The first All-Ireland camogie broadcast was made in 1942. The commentator was Riobard A. Mac Bramhaim, Publicity Officer for the Association. The contestants were Cork and Dublin and the game ended in a draw. Interesting names of past players include Siobhan McKenna, Maire Ni Cheallaigh, daughter of Sean T. O'Ceallaigh, Mrs. Josie Stuart, wife of Dr. J. J. Stuart, ex-President of the G.A.A., Una bean Ul Phuirseil, President of the Association, and Noreen O'Keefe, daughter of the late great Pádraig O'Caomh. The membership of the Association is approaching 30,000 and there are 29 County Boards.

● Kitty Murphy is PRO for the Camogie Association.



Cuchullain Camogie Club, 1904—Back row: Bissett, A. Lowry, K. O'Dwyer, N. MacGrath, Lowry, Lowry, C. Hayes. 2nd row: J. MacGrath, MacDonnell, K. Hayes, —, M. K. Hogan, J. Hayes, L. Kenny, M. Kenny, Mollie Hogan. 3rd row sitting: Maggie Morgan, M. Collins, Madge O'Sullivan, Nellie Lombard, J. Monks, Annie Morgan, Nellie Corless. Fourth row, on ground: Bridie Curran, Alice Redmond, Teresa Moore, Ciss Corless.



# Camogie making great strides

—Chairman

CAMOGIE has made tremendous strides in Munster during the past two years, the Chairman, Mrs. Carmel Desmond, told delegates to the annual conference of the Munster Colleges Council in Limerick on Saturday.

She said that the progress was being reflected right through the association but there was still no room for complacency. She also stressed how important it was to have the game well organised at schools' level.

Mrs. Desmond made a strong appeal to those in charge of colleges that if in the course of a match or meeting they felt there

had been a decision with which they were not in full agreement with that they should not allow any discord to be passed on to the players as this created feelings among youngsters who at that stage were very open to suggestions.

## GREAT YEAR

She said that last year was the greatest on the playing field for Munster colleges with St. Aloysius winning the All-Ireland senior title and Scoil Mhuire narrowly losing the junior final. She also congratulated St. Paul's, Kilfinane, on their intermediate title and Presentation, Bandon on their success.

In all 26 colleges affiliated last season, 16 of them were from Cork.

The draw for this season's senior championship is:—

First round — 'A' North Presentation v St. Aloysius; 'B' Presentation, Bandon v Colaiste Mhuire (Ennis). Second round — Immaculate Heart v Mount Mercy; winners 'B' v St. Patrick's, Shannon; Loreto, Youghal v St. Paul's, Kilfinane; Scoil Mhuire, Cashel v winners 'A'.

The junior championship draw is:—

Mount Mercy v Colaiste Mhuire (Ennis); South Presentation v Presentation (Bandon); Adare C.B.S. v Sacred Heart (Cork); Immaculate Heart v North Presentation; St. Aloysius v Scoil Mhuire (Cashel); St. Joseph's (Tulla) v Loreto (Youghal); St. Patrick's (Shannon) v St. Paul's (Kilfinane); St. Mary's (Limerick) a bye.

This year it was also decided to run a first year competition. This will be run off within each county with the county winners meeting in a knockout competition to decide the eventual Munster winners.

## Killeagh girls sound warning

Killeagh 5-6, Churchtown North 1-0.

In atrocious weather conditions, Killeagh, the babes of Cork camogie, sounded a warning to Owens that they intend to add the Intermediate crown to the Junior title won in 1975. At their own venue yesterday morning they overcame the elements and the challenge of Churchtown North with a superb display of camogie. Led by Betty Joyce, captain of the Cork junior side, and the brilliance of Cork senior players Marion Sweeney, Pat Moloney and Catherine Langers, they had too many big guns for Churchtown North.

Leading at half time by 3-2 to nil, it looked as if the visitors would make a challenge in the second half when a Mairead Condon shot was deflected to the Killeagh net inside 45 seconds. Pat Moloney, however, slipped over four glorious points and Marion Sweeney added 2-0 to give Killeagh a merited win.

Scorers for the winners: M. Sweeney 3-2; M. Murphy 2-0; Pat Moloney 0-4. Churchtown — Maidead Condon 1-0.

Referee — Mary Nott (Glen Rovers).

# MUNSTER DEFEND TITLE

By AGNES HOURIGAN  
Munster, the holders, defend their interprovincial camogie title against challengers Leinster at the pleasant C.B.S. ground in Adare on Sunday (2.30), a game that looks likely to be most entertaining since this competition was confined to junior players last season.

Munster, powered by provincial champions Limerick, were impressive enough when accounting for Connacht in their semi-final at Roscommon, while Leinster looked just as effective when disposing of Ulster in the other semi-final at Mayobridge.

Munster hopes will be strengthened now by the return of Limerick star Carrie Clancy, who missed the semi-final because of injury. With such local stalwarts as Margie Neville, Geraldine O'Brien, Vera Macko, Marion Doyle and Brid Stokes also in the line-up, the Munster girls will be expected to start favourites.

Leinster however have got together a very useful side, even though it is drawn from only four counties, Wexford, Wicklow, Kildare and Dublin. Once they settled down together against Ulster they more than came up to expectations.

## IMPRESSIVE

Goalkeeper Anne Butler, Terry Lynch at full-back, Geraldine Duggan, the Cousins sisters, Monica O'Leary and Kildare captain Miriam Miggin were then very impressive, and, if they repeat that form on Sunday, could prove a handful for the confident home province to cope with.

Tipperary, unexpectedly but deservedly, are through to the first final of the National League, thanks to a hard-won victory over Galway at Ballindreen on Sunday. This victory, however, confirmed the impression given from earlier outings that the standard in Tipperary is on the upgrade again.

However, it may be some time before they know who their final opponents will be. The vital game in the Eastern zone, fixed for Monamolin on Sunday between Wexford and Dublin, had to be called off as the pitch proved unplayable due to heavy rain. So, as of now, Dublin, Wexford and Kilkenny are still in contention for that second final place.

The annual meeting of the C.C.I.A., the Universities and Higher Institutes Council will be held in Belfield tomorrow afternoon. The fixtures for all competitions will be made at that meeting.

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## Final Spot For Munster

MUNSTER ..... 3-1  
CONNACHT ..... 1-3

Munster qualified for the final of the Gael Linn interprovincial camogie competition by defeating Connacht in a closely contested entertaining game in Roscommon yesterday.

Munster were the stronger team overall and their combination gave them the advantage over a Connacht team which had some excellent individuals. Both defences were very strong and goalkeepers, Helen Butler (Munster) and Breda Coady (Connacht) were brilliant all through.

The winners opened the scoring with a goal by Brid Stokes. Brid Cunniffe, who gave a first class performance, had two points for the losers before Marion Doyle pointed from a Munster free to leave the half time score 1-1 to 0-2 in favour of Munster.

On the restart Munster had a succession of wides before Connacht's Brid Cunniffe scored a lovely point from play. Munster survived a series of Connacht attacks and went further ahead when Brid Stokes goalied but almost immediately Brid Cunniffe had a goal from a Connacht free.

In an exciting finish Munster came back again with a goal from Geraldine Ring to put the issue beyond doubt. Munster were best served by Helen Butler in goal, Margie Neville, Mary Roche, Vera Mackey and Marion Doyle while best for Connacht were goalkeeper Breda Coady, Kitty Hohey, Brid Cunniffe, Una Jordan and Mary Mulherrin.

Scorers: Munster—B. Stokes (2-0), G. Ring (1-0), M. Doyle (0-1). Connacht—B. Cunniffe (1-3).

## CAMOGIE SUCCESS FOR LEINSTER

Leinster 4-5; Ulster 1-3

LEINSTER proved too good for Ulster in the Gael-Linn Camogie semi-final at Mayobridge yesterday when they qualified to meet Munster, the holders, at a Munster venue on October 24.

The winners, though they had the better of the play in the first half, wasted many chances and only led 1-1 to 0-2 at the interval.

Leinster, however, found the mark after the interval adding 3-4 to 1-1 for Ulster.

The winners were best served by Geraldine Duggan, Mary O'Loughlin, the Cousins sisters and Miriam Miggin. For Ulster Stephanie Kelly, Marian McGarvey, Joan Hamilton and Judina McKeogh, starred.

SCORERS — Leinster — D. Cousins (1-1), K. O'Neill, K. Barry (1-0 each), M. Miggin, A. O'Neill, M. O'Leary and M. O'Loughlin (0-1 each).

Ulster — M. McGarvey (0-3), D. Ruxton (1-0).

# Down To Lead The Battle

BY AGNES HOURIGAN  
Munster's hard-earned victory over Connacht in the first of the Camogie interprovincial semi-finals at Roscommon on Sunday last heightens interest in the second semi-final in which Ulster entertain Leinster at Mayobridge in Co. Down on Sunday next.

Down themselves are the All-Ireland junior champions and have an outstanding leader in Marian McGarvey. With strong assistance from most of the other counties in the province, the Down contingent should lead the battle to reach the final.

Leinster, however, have named their side after a tripartite game and will send North a very useful looking side drawn from Wexford who lost Down by a single point in the All-Ireland final, Wicklow, Kildare and Dublin.

Unexpectedly, there is a Kilkenny representative, but then Kilkenny are rare strong in the junior grade which this inter-provincial competition is at present confined.

Ulster, with home advantage are entitled to be favourites but if the Wicklow and Wexford girls play up to local form Leinster could have a surprise in store.

The National League will resume activities on Sunday when Kilkenny and Dublin staged a replay of their Ireland final at Gowran Park. In their two previous meetings this season Kilkenny have twice snatched victory by one or a single point after Dublin had led for a long way in each game.

So Dublin travelled hopefully to the Kilkenny venue but despite the fact that a home team had to field without such stalwarts as goalkeeper Teresa O'Neill, A. Carroll and Carmel Doyle Dublin just were not in it to hunt this time, although they did not help their cause hitting wide in the opening half.

## FULL POINTS

Wexford are the only team with full points, but they have only played one game, against Kilkenny early in the season and they have yet to take on Antrim and Dublin. Kilkenny and Dublin have each played two games, and each has chalked up one victory against one defeat. Dublin's remaining game is against Wexford while Kilkenny are home to Antrim, who will entertain Wexford.

If Wexford can win both their games they go through to the final. If they lose to Dublin, and beat Antrim and if Kilkenny also beat Antrim we could have a triple play-off between Kilkenny, Wexford and Dublin.

LEINSTER — A. Butler (Wexford), T. Lynch (Kildare), G. Duggan (Wexford), Cousins (Wexford), B. Whistler (Dublin), F. Cousins (Wexford), M. O'Loughlin (Wicklow), M. Miggin (Kildare), M. O'Neill (Wicklow), M. O'Leary (Wexford), K. O'Neill (Wicklow), K. Burns (Wicklow). Reserves: M. Whelan (Wexford), M. Boggan (Wexford), D. Cousins (Wexford), Ravanagh (Wexford).

## Colleges camogie convention

The annual general meeting of the Munster Camogie Colleges Council takes place in Limerick today. It is interesting to note from the secretary's report that Cork are by far the strongest participants in Munster at present. There are 26 colleges affiliated and no less than 16 of these are from Cork with the remainder coming from Limerick, Clare, Tipperary and Kerry. Waterford are the only Munster county not represented.

For a number of years Munster appeared to lag behind the other provinces at colleges level. But the last two years has seen the province really emerge as a major force. In 1975 Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, brought the first All-Ireland title—the junior—to Munster while this year saw Munster colleges camogie reaching the top of the ladder with the emergency of St. Aloysius as senior All-Ireland champions.

The secretary-treasurer of the Council is Mary Moran, who is also chairman of the Cork County Board and Mary has worked tirelessly for the colleges since their inception. In her report she deals with many subjects, including the All-Ireland finals.

She also expresses disappointment at the representation at the colleges coaching course during the year and says that some schools are still haphazard in the preparation of their teams, and she feels that they would benefit by sending their coach to the coaching course specially organised for this purpose.



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## Munster take on Leinster

THE Munster Senior Colleges Championship gets under way on Saturday with a most intriguing first round tie at Na Piarasigh Grounds where holders St. Aloysius meet North Presentation. On Sunday Munster meet Leinster at Adare in the Gael Linn Cup final.

Munster, holders of the Interprovincial Championship, have a very efficient side this season. Made up mainly of Limerick players, they were very good in the semi-final. On that day Margie Neville, Bridget Darcy, Vera Mackey, of Limerick, as well as Cork's Betty Joyce and Mary Roche were all in top form and if these girls can give a repeat, Munster could take their second successive title.

But camogie is very strong in Leinster at the moment and they must be in a position to field a strong side. The selectors are looking to Wexford for most of their players, but there are also representatives from Wicklow and Kildare and Munster can expect a tough game.

Last April St. Aloysius became the first Munster College to take the Senior title. On Saturday they set out in defence of this title with a very difficult tie in the opening round of the Munster championship. Their opponents, North Presentation, have gone from strength to strength in recent years and last season they gave the champions one of their toughest outings.

So the scene must be set for a thriller, with Claire Cronin, Elaine Collins, Catherine McCarthy, Eithne Barry and Margaret Murphy, of last season's side in action for St. Aloysius, while North Presentation can call on the services of Martha Kearney, Ber McDonnell, Mary Byrne and Imelda Cronin.

Presentation, Bandon, make their debut in the senior colleges on Saturday also and they could manage a win against Colaiste Mhuire.

There are three Cork league games listed for Sunday. Two of these, the Junior League tie between Douglas and

Ballyphehane and the Under-18 game between Ballinlough and Nemo Ranger, must be close while in the Intermediate encounter Glanworth could find Sarsfields too much of a handful.

**Fixtures:** Saturday — Munster Senior Colleges First Round, at Na Piarasigh — St. Aloysius v. North Presentation, 3 p.m.; at Bandon — Colaiste Mhuire v. Presentation, Bandon, 3 p.m.

Sunday: Gael Linn Cup final at Adare — Munster v. Leinster, 3.30 p.m.; at Glanworth — Cork I.L. Glanworth v. Sarsfields, 3 p.m.; at Douglas, J.L.: Douglas v. Ballyphehane, 3 p.m.; at Ballinlough, U-18 L — Ballinlough v. Nemo Rangers, 3 p.m.

## Munster fail to Leinster

Leinster 2-6, Munster 2-3.

Title holders Munster failed in dramatic manner to retain the Gael Linn interprovincial camogie championship title at Adare, Co. Limerick yesterday. Munster played exceptionally well in the first half and fully deserved their 2-2 to 1-4 half time lead. Indeed, Munster remained in front until five minutes from the end when Mary O'Loughlin levelled for Leinster from a "30".

Just when it seemed that a draw was inevitable Kay Barry scored the decisive winning goal for Leinster two minutes from the end.

**Scorers:** Munster — G. Ring 1-0, B. Darcy 1-0, M. Doyle 0-2, C. Clancy 0-1. Leinster: M. O'Loughlin 1-4, K. Barry 1-1, M. O'Leary 0-1.

## Cork U-18's Should Defeat Waterford

THE inter-county season is almost at an end with most of the national and provincial championships already decided. But Cork have an opportunity of reaching one more final. This is the under-18 championship which is confined to Munster, and Cork meet Waterford in the semi-final on Sunday next at Na Piarasigh Grounds. There are two under-14 games listed for the same day.

The Cork side has a nucleus of minors in their line-up. And following the minors great win in the All-Ireland final, Cork must go into this game full of confidence. Despite their youth this Cork side has plenty of experience and here they could have a big advantage over Waterford, their opponents on Sunday.

No school in Waterford is involved in colleges' camogie, so their young players lack the vital match practice. It must also make it very difficult for the Waterford selectors to see young

players and know their true worth.

Cork's young players have plenty of inter-county experience already behind them and should have no qualms about wearing the county colours again on Sunday. They had a good win over Tipperary in the first round when Anne O'Connor came on as substitute. Anne retains her place at full forward and this is the only change from the side which defeated Tipperary. Anne will be partnered in the forward line by Jas. O'Brien, who was such an influence in St. Aloysius College's win last season, and Eileen Kavanagh and Anne Connolly, both first-class minors.

Catherine Landers, who captains the side, played on the senior team in the Munster final and she will be assisted by Margo Twomey and Claire Hackett, two determined and hard-working players, in the centre of the field.

Kathleen Costine, although still a minor, is already established as a top class goalie and she will have the efficient Claire

Harris in front of her at full-back. The half-line is made up of Betty Joyce, who played well in Munster's win last Sunday; Marie Coughlan and Patricia Riordan.

### HOT FAVOURITES

It is difficult to see how Waterford can travel to Cork and stand up to this challenge. They had a bye in the first round and so will be playing together for the first time. But championship ties can sometimes be unexpected and Cork cannot afford to take the Waterford challenge lightly. But Cork must be hot favourites to advance to meet the winners of Kerry and Limerick in the final.

### FIXTURES

All on Sunday at Na Piarasigh Grounds — U-14 league: Na Piarasigh v. Nemo Rangers, 2.15 p.m. (Ref., Ballinlough).

Munster U-18 semi-final: Waterford v. Cork, 3.15 p.m.

At Ballyphehane — U-14 league: Glenovers v. Blackrock, 11.15 a.m. (Ref., Ballyphehane).

SPORTS STARS OF THE MONTH

FELICITY SUTTON CAMOGIE

TOM WALSH RALLYING

SPORTS STARS OF THE MONTH



Felicity Sutton of the Income Tax Department is the Sports Star of the Month and for the first time the award goes to a Camogie player. Felicity is a regular member of the Dublin team and played at Centre field for her County in the All Ireland Final last month. Kilkenny were of course the victors but Felicity was one of the stars of the Dublin team. She learned her camogie at Kings Inns School and is a founder member of her club, Phoenix. She holds a junior All Ireland medal, a Leinster Senior medal and three Dublin Colleges medals. Felicity is extremely keen to encourage the growth of the game in the Bank and is the organiser in chief of the fledgling AIB team. She would very much like to hear from other camogie players in the Dublin area. As well as Camogie Felicity is a keen member of the AIB Ladies Soccer Team.

## ANOTHER CAMOGIE TITLE FOR CORK

Cork 1-3, Limerick 1-0

Cork won another Munster championship when the under-18 camogie side beat Limerick in the provincial final at Adare, Co. Limerick yesterday. Although the game produced only five scores it was quite an interesting contest with Cork in front by a point, 1-1 to 1-0 at half-time.

Cork were, however, the better balanced side and in Betty Joyce, Clare Hackett, Catherine Landers and Anne Connolly they had excellent players. Goalkeeper Helen O'Sullivan, Joan Butler and Elizabeth Hayes did best for Limerick.

**Scorers:** Cork — C. Harrison 1-0, B. Joyce, M. Twomey, C. Hackett 0-1 each; Limerick: P. McCarthy 1-0.



# Colleges Season Gets Underway

THE Colleges' season gets under way on tomorrow (Saturday) when no less than eight first round ties will be decided in the junior championship. On the following day St. Finbarr's meet Na Piarsaigh in the junior championship while two under 18, one under 14 and one junior league tie will also be decided.

Presentation, Cashel, are holders of the Munster Junior Colleges title and they travel to meet St. Aloysius tomorrow for their first round encounter in the new campaign. The Cashel girls have dominated this competition for the past two years and will present plenty of

problems for St. Als. But last season St. Aloysius won the senior All-Ireland and this must spur all their players on to greater things. Of course junior teams change considerably from year to year so form for the current season is unknown at this stage. However Saturday's games could give some indication of where the strength lies this season.

In addition to St. Als there are eight other Cork schools in action. Mount Mercy are at home to Colaiste Mhuire and here the Cork girls could advance. South Presentation are hosts to Presentation Bandon while Sacred Heart have to

travel to Adare where they meet newcomers Adare C.B.S. Cork Schools Immaculate Heart and North Presentation meet at Ballyphehane and this could be a most exciting encounter as these schools have gone from strength to strength in recent years.

Loretto, Youghal, travel to Tulla where they take on the local St. Josephs and this could be a tough tie for the seashiders, while St. Patricks are also on the move — to Shannon where they meet St. Pauls.

Na Piarsaigh, who won the Feile Na nGael competition, are endeavouring to make this their greatest season yet. With plenty of good young players to choose from, they must face St. Finbarrs with a certain amount of confidence, when these sides clash in the Junior Championship on Sunday. Marion Twomey, Brenda Newman, Marie Coughlan, Claire Harris, Eithne O'Sullivan and Marion Kelly are all established Na Piarsaigh players who will be making the going tough for the 'Barrs.

## EXPERIENCE

However, the Barrs, who impressed with their big win over Buttevant, could have the edge in experience. They can call on such players as Mary Walsh, Frances Barry-Murphy, Anne O'Sullivan, Anne Moore, Valerie O'Mahony and Marian Bowen, all girls who will not admit defeat easily.

In the other junior game listed Bishopstown should take the points from newcomers Ballymartle when these sides meet at Bishopstown.

## FIXTURES

### Tomorrow

(All First Round Munster Junior Colleges Championship) (all 3 p.m.)

- At St. Aloysius — St. Als. v. Presentation, Cashel.
- At Mount Mercy — Mount Mercy v. Colaiste Mhuire.
- At Cork — South Presentation v. Presentation, Bandon.
- At Adare — Adare C.B.S. v. Sacred Heart, Cork.
- At Ballyphehane — Immaculate Heart v. North Presentation.
- At Tulla — St. Josephs v. Loretto, Youghal.
- At Shannon — St. Patricks v. St. Pauls, Shannon.
- At Limerick — St. Marys v. Mercy, Carrick-on-Suir.

### Sunday

- At St. Finbarrs — J.C. Na Piarsaigh v. St. Finbarrs, 3.30 p.m. (referee South Presentation).
- At Ballyphehane — Under-14 League, Ballyphehane v. Old Aloysians, 11.30 (referee Glen Rovers).
- At Cloyne — Under-18 League, Cloyne v. Sarsfields, 3 p.m. (Churchtown).
- At Douglas — Under-18 League, Douglas v. Nemo Rangers, 2.30 (Blackrock).
- At Bishopstown — J.L. Bishopstown v. Ballymartle, 11.30 a.m. (Ballinora).

# TIPP GIRLS HAD NARROW WIN

TIPPERARY ..... 2-3  
GALWAY ..... 1-4

TIPPERARY won the Western Zone of the National Camogie League when they defeated Galway in Ballindereen, Co. Galway yesterday by 2-3 to 1-4. In a very closely contested and exciting match the issue was in doubt until the final whistle. Tipperary settled down more quickly and had two points from Deirdre Lane and a goal from Monica Butler before Jane Beatty scored an opportunist goal for Galway.

Josie Kelly and Phil Foye added two points for the losers but Deirdre Lane put Tipperary ahead again with a point from a 60 yard free. Immediately on the restart, Phil Foye pointed for Galway. There was no further score until the same player had another point after 20 minutes to put her team ahead.

Tipperary recovered and Kathleen Tynan scored the winning goal almost on full time.

The winners were best served by goalkeeper Mary O'Brien, Deirdre Lane, Monica Butler, Bernadette Feehan and Siobhain Tynan while Galway's best were goalkeeper Margaret Killeen, Ann Duane, Josie Kelly, Catherine Ward and Jane Beatty.

Scorers — Tipperary — Deirdre Lane (0-3), Monica Butler (1-0), Kathleen Tynan (0). Galway — Jane Beatty (1-0), Phil Foye (0-3), and Josie Kelly (0-1).

Tipperary — M. O'Brien; M. Molloy, B. Feehan, D. Lane, M. Hogan, Tynan, M. Hayes, M. Troy, Howard, M. Tynan, K. Tynan, Butler. Subs.: N. Bonner, J. Molloy; M. Kelly for E. Howard.

Galway — M. Killeen; K. Quinn, Larkin, A. Duane, N. Tynan, Collins, J. Kelly, C. Ward, Poinard, T. Duane, P. Foye, Beatty. Subs.: M. Farragher for Collins.

Referee — Ann Marie (Clare).

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# St. Als make a winning start

St. Aloysius (Cork 5-3, North Presentation (Cork) 2-3; Presentation (Bandon) 2-1, Colaiste Mhuire (Ennis) 1-1.

All-Ireland senior colleges champions, St. Aloysius had a winning start to the new campaign when at the North Monastery Grounds on Saturday they defeated North Presentation in the first round of the Junior Championship.

Presentation Convent,

## PROSPERUS SHINE

Prosperus 5-3; Dunboyme 0-2

Prosperous, Kildare, despite the absence of some of their regular players defeated Dunboyme, Meath, in the final of the Leinster Club Championship Junior Section at Clane yesterday. They thus qualified to meet Celtic, Dublin, in the Leinster Club Championship semi-final.

Ahead by 2-1 to 0-2 at half-time Prosperus completely dominated the second half during which they added three goals and two points without reply.

Scorers — Prosperus — M. Johnston (2-0), G. Kane (1-3), L. Dempsey (1-0), D. Dowling (1-0); Dunboyme — A. Moran (0-1), A. Gannon (0-1).

## IT'S PROSPEROUS

PROSPEROUS ..... 2-2  
KILTEGAN ..... 1-1

PROSPEROUS, Kildare champions, defeated Kiltegan, Wicklow at Knockanna yesterday. They thus qualified to meet Dunboyme, Meath, in the final of the Leinster Club Championship Junior Section, the winners of which play Celtic, Dublin, in the

Leinster Club Championship semi-final.

The teams were level at half-time both having scored 1-1. Prosperous however, dominated throughout the second half adding a goal and a point without reply from Kiltegan.

SCORERS — Prosperous — G. Kane (1-1), G. Dowling (1-0), N. Malone (0-1). Kiltegan — B. Kelly (1-1), B. Whelan (0-1).

Bandon, were also successful on Saturday, when they made their debut in the competition a successful one with a one-goal victory over Colaiste Mhuire of Ennis, at Charleville.

St. Aloysius 5-3, North Presentation 2-3;

The game between St. Aloysius and North Presentation was a most exciting affair. The first half was particularly close with Claire Cronin, Margaret Murphy, Eithne Barry and Catherine McCarthy, all in fine form for St. Als, while North Presentation were strongly challenging with top performances from Ger Murray, Mary Burns and Martha Kearney.

At the interval the champions were ahead by 3-2 to 1-1 and at that stage the game could have gone either way. But on the resumption St. Als slowly ascertained their authority and they snatched the vital scores to leave them good 5-3 to 2-3 winners at the finish.

Scorers: St. Aloysius, E. Barry 3-0, C. Cronin 1-1, M. Murphy 1-0, and C. McCarthy 0-2; North Presentation: M. Kearney 1-1, M. Burns 1-0, G. Murray 0-1, R. Guest 0-1.

Referee: Mary Nott (Glen Rovers).

Presentation (Bandon) 2-1, Colaiste Mhuire 1-1;

Presentation, Bandon were never really in trouble in their first round tie against Colaiste Mhuire. They were ahead at the interval by 1-1 to nil, and it was only in the closing ten minutes that the Colaiste Mhuire girls managed to get their names on the scoreboard and their goal only came minutes from the end.

The Bandon girls were very strong in defence where Merlyn Crowley, Una Lane and Mary O'Conovan were particularly impressive, while Munster player Anne Fahy was the pick of the Ennis side.

Scorers: Presentation, E. O'Donovan 1-0, C. O'Leary 1-0, C. O'Callaghan 0-1; Colaiste Mhuire, H. Mulqueen 1-0, M. Fitzpatrick 0-1.

## Kilkenny Back

KILKENNY ..... 3-6  
DUBLIN ..... 1-2

All-Ireland camogie champions, Kilkenny, who were short three of their champion side, came back into national League contention at Gowran yesterday with a clearcut victory over hitherto unbeaten Dublin.

The visitors, who never showed the same skill as a fortnight ago when they held Kilkenny to a point in the All-Ireland final, were well beaten this time. In the first half, Dublin had plenty of chances but shot ten wides and so trailed 1-4 to 1-0 at the interval.

Kilkenny, by far the more effective on a heavy pitch, dominated the second half to run out easy winners.

Best for Kilkenny were Angela Downey, Helena O'Neill, Bridie Martin and Lis Neary.

For Dublin, Sheila Murray, Mary Mernagh, Rita White, Sheila Wallace were best.

Scorers — Kilkenny — A. Downey (1-3); H. O'Neill (0-3); J. Dunne, A. Dreebling (1-0 each), Dublin — A. Byrne (1-0); M. Mernagh (0-2).



Sheila Wallace on the Dublin Camogie team to meet Westford on Sunday.

## 10 YEARS AGO

MUNSTER camogie team won back the Gael Linn Cup when they defeated Leinster 4-2 to 1-3 in a hard fought game at Ballinlough, Cork. The Munster team was — S. Long (Tipp.), E. Cummins (Cork), B. Giltinane (Limerick), A. Graham (Tipp.), B. Guiry (Limerick), A. Carroll (Tipp.), L. Howlett (Waterford), P. Dorgan (Cork), M. Loughnane (Tipp.), Subs. A. Crotty, M. Ryan, W. Cullinane, M. Gough, M. Frisby.



# Second Chance For Eire Og And Inniscarra

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**THE** beaten finalists in both the Junior Intermediate championships of last season have reached their respective finals again, and on Sunday Eire Og in the Intermediate and Inniscarra in the Junior, have their second successive opportunity of taking a county title.

South Presentation Past Pupils represent the county in this season's Inter-Club Championship and on Sunday they will be in action when they meet Drom Inch at St. Finbarr's Grounds in the Munster campaign.

Eire Og had the most heartbreaking of defeats in last year's Intermediate final when they went down to Cloyne in the last minute of the game. This time they face Killeagh, who won the Junior title last year. Eire Og are Intermediate League holders, won the 1974 Junior championship and four Junior League titles in a row, but they would dearly love to take the Intermediate championship. Sunday's final is a repeat of the 1974 Junior decider which saw Eire Og defeat Killeagh. But since then Killeagh have improved immensely and having taken the Junior title last year they have been most impressive in their first Intermediate season. Eire Og will have their hands full to hold Cork players Pat Moloney and Marion Sweeney, while at the same time they will have to show an improvement on their semi-final form if they are to make it this time. They have an all-round strength with grand players in Rose O'Leary, Marian McCarthy and Cork player, Nancy O'Driscoll, but Killeagh are likely to start as favourites.

Inniscarra were well beaten in last year's Junior final and their chances on Sunday must be much better. Their side has come competently to the final and looks strong in all sectors.

St. Finbarr's field a young side on Sunday. They have their defence to thank for getting them to the final as against Na Piarasaigh Cecile Aherne, Josephine Hallihan and Marie O'Sullivan saved them repeatedly.

Both these games are fixed for Ballinlough and it should be a double-decker well worth watching.

The Munster Inter-Club Championship begins on Sunday with Cork's representatives, South Presentation Past Pupils meeting Drom Inch of Tipperary at St. Finbarr's Grounds. Drom Inch have taken over from Thurles as kingpins of Tipperary and they have Siobhan and Maolmhuire Tynan, Monica

Butler and Mary O'Brien of the Tipperary team on their side. Tipperary teams are usually impressive in this competition and the Cork girls are likely to have a tough game on hands. However, South Presentation have very experienced players in Mary Whelton, Anne Phelan, Marion McCarthy, Eleanor Bohane and Mel Clinton and with a home venue they could go to the second round.

### FIXTURES

Saturday — Schools, S.L., Mount

Mercy v Immaculate Heart at Mount Mercy, 1.15; St. Vincent's v South Presentation at Ballyphehane; North Presentation v Mount Mercy at Fair Field; Blackpool v South Presentation at Ballyphehane.

Under-15, North Presentation v South Presentation at Ballyphehane.

Sunday — At Ballinlough, J.C. final, St. Finbarr's v Inniscarra, 2.30, Ref. M. Moran; I. Final, Killeagh v Eire Og, 3.45 p.m., Ref. M. Nott; at St. Finbarr's Grounds, Munster Inter-Club, S.P.P.P. v Drom Inch, 3 p.m.; at Na Piarasaigh, Under-16 L, Na Piarasaigh v Old Aloysians, 11.30 a.m.; at Bishopstown, J.L., Ballymartle v Bishopstown, 3 p.m., Ref. Ballinora.

## Inniscarra go one better

Only one of the Cork County camogie finals played at Ballinlough yesterday produced a result. This was in the junior decider when last year's beaten finalists, Inniscarra, went one better this year, but in the intermediate final Killeagh after looking well on the road to victory at half-time were lucky to get another bite at the cherry in the end.

Killeagh 3-3, Eire Og 3-3

Powered by the Cork senior stars Marion Sweeney and the free scoring Pat Moloney, Killeagh were completely in command in the first half and a goal and two points from Moloney plus a goal and one point by Catherine Griffin hardly reflected the superiority which they enjoyed and despite conceding a goal to Eire Og late in the half they were not flattered by their 2-3 to 1-2 half-time lead.

The trend of Killeagh dominance continued in the third quarter and the issue looked settled when Marion Sweeney crashed home a goal after five minutes to put Killeagh into a seven point lead. Eire Og then came to grips with their game and a goal a minute later from Nancy O'Driscoll followed by another shortly afterwards by Eileen Kavanagh completely changed the complexion of the game and it was Killeagh now who were under continuous pressure. O'Driscoll levelled it with seven minutes left but Eire Og could not get the winner missing a close in free and a '30 near the end.

Inniscarra 1-6, St. Finbarr's 1-2

The brilliant overall play of Inniscarra full-back Gretta O'Sullivan was the difference between the sides in the junior final. In all she contributed six points to Inniscarra's tally with three frees and three '30s. There was never much between two closely matched sides with Inniscarra's ability to take their chances telling in the end.

## Second Chance

Two Cork county camogie titles were also down for decision yesterday. The beaten finalists in both the junior and intermediate championships of last year Inniscarra and Eire Og both won through again to yesterday's deciders but while Inniscarra made no mistake this year Killeagh barely lived to fight another day against Eire Og.

Eire Og who suffered a heart-breaking defeat at the hands of Cloyne last year when a last minute score deprived them found the opposite was the case yesterday when it was they who had to come from a long way behind to snatch a draw. Killeagh fielding two Cork senior stars in Marion Sweeney and Pat Moloney looked assured of victory when Sweeney goaled after five minutes of the second half to give the East Cork village a seven point lead, but a magnificent Eire Og rally in the last quarter saw them wipe out the deficit and get a second chance of taking what will be if they succeed in the replay, a very hard-earned title.

Inniscarra who were badly beaten in the junior final last year were never in much trouble this year. Though made work hard for their victory by a young St. Finbarr's side they always looked the most capable and with sharp-shooter Gretta O'Sullivan in scoring form they had the game won long before the end.

# They take first ever camogie title

A DASHING set of Inniscarra girls, led by dynamic Nora O'Brien, captured the first ever county camogie championship title when they beat St. Finbarr's by 1-6 to 1-2, in the County Junior final at Ballinlough, last Sunday.

In fact, the standard of play in this opening game was far in excess of the intermediate game between Killeagh and Eire Og which followed and ended in a draw.

The outstanding player on the field was Mary Ellen O'Shea of Dripsey, who dominated midfield from the start to the exclusion of any significant answer from Saint Finbarr's. Her play was reminiscent of the great games by her father on the successful Inniscarra sides of the 1940s.

Gretta O'Sullivan, who hails from Vicarstown, stole the glory at full-back against the best efforts of the 'Barrs forwards, including Frances Walsh, Marian Bowen, and Gretta Aherne outfield, Frances Barry-Murphy, sister of hurling star, Jimmy.

## Players

Other players who starred for Inniscarra in this historic game were: Nora O'Brien, Ann Healy, Geraldine Downey, Crissie Driscoll, Geraldine Ring and Margaret Carroll. But that is not to say that each and every player on the Inniscarra side did not play a significant part in this momentous final.

Cheered on by hundreds of Inniscarra supporters the girls found fresh courage in the second half and stormed to victory over the city side.

In the excitement one of the supporters, Mr. Jerry O'Callaghan of the Dripsey Tavern, could not get his hands on the cup soon enough to fill it with champagne.

The final scores were: Inniscarra, 1-6; St. Finbarr's, 1-2.

**Inniscarra:** Rita Casey, Ann Healy, Gretta O'Sullivan, Eileen Ring, Nora O'Brien, A. O'Brien, Norcor Morrissey, Crissie O'Driscoll, Margaret Carroll, Geraldine Ring, M. E. O'Shea, Geraldine Downey.

**St. Finbarr's:** Marie O'Sullivan, Marian O'Brien, Cecilia Aherne, Josephine Hallinan, Mary Walsh, Ann O'Sullivan, Frances Barry-Murphy, Mary Christie, Catherine O'Leary, Marian Bowen, Collette Aherne, Frances Walsh.



COUNTY JUNIOR CHAMPION — Inniscarra, who defeated St. Finbarr's 1-6 to 1-2 in the Cork County junior camogie championship final at Ballinlough, Cork. (Echo)



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# KILLEAGH AND EIRE OG MEET AGAIN

KILLEAGH and Eire Og meet again on Sunday to decide the destination of the Intermediate championship. Following their exciting drawn game in the final two weeks ago the replay should attract another big gate at Ballinlough (2.45 p.m.).

## LEVI'S YOUTHS SPORTS AWARDS

### 28 still in running

Twenty eight young sportstars have been nominated for final consideration in the Levi's Youths Sports Awards for 1976. The selections were made by the Sports Editors of the national papers and the Head of Sport R.T.E., assisted by nominations submitted by various sports organisations.

Further ballots will be held to pick the outstanding boy and girl, under the age of eighteen, whose performances during 1976 merit special recognition. Each will be presented with a gold award. The runners-up will receive silver awards.

The awards represent a single laurel leaf set on a replica of Levi's bronze button, flanked by two shields and mounted on Connemara marble.

The twenty eight category winners will receive Special Certificates of Merit as the outstanding personality in their particular sport in 1976.

The category winners who go forward to the final ballot, are:

#### BOYS

- Athletics: Joseph Ryan (Dublin).
- Boxing: Anthony Noonan (Dublin).
- Cricket: C. S. Beverand (Belfast).
- Cycling: Tom Greene (Templepatrick).
- Gaelic Football: Aidan O'Halloran (Westmeath).
- Golf: Thomas Corridan (Ballyunion).
- Gymnastics: Joseph Corbett (Dublin).
- Hurling: Tom Grogan (Tipperary).
- Handball: Brendan Flanagan (Castleblayney).
- Judo: Aidan Mitchell (Belfast).
- Karate: Mark Ryan (Dublin).
- Rowing: Denis Rice (Fermoy).
- Soccer: Marty Kelly (Donegal).
- Swimming: Kevin Wilkinson (Dublin).
- Water Skiing: Tom Burke (Golden Falls).
- Yachting: Bruce Douglas (Carrickfergus).

#### GIRLS

- Athletics: Marita Walton (Kilkenny).
- Camogie: Clare Cronin (Cork).
- Golf: Philomena Wickham (Laytown).
- Gymnastics: Adrienne Egan (Dublin).
- Handball: Geraldine Hall (Oldtown).
- Judo: Ita Cormack (Belfast).
- Netball: Alvy Styles (Dublin).
- Rowing: Frances Cryan (Carrick-on-Shannon).
- Swimming: Miriam Hopkins (Wicklow).
- Tennis: Louise Tuff (Belfast).
- Volleyball: Margaret Holden (Dublin).
- Water Skiing: Michelle Castley (Golden Falls).

The winners will be announced next Thursday and the awards will be presented at a banquet in Dublin on November 25.

### Tipperary champions advance

Drom-Inch 1-4; South Presentation 2-0

Tipperary Co. champions, Drom-Inch are through to the second round of the Munster Inter-Club camogie championship. At St. Finbarr's grounds Cork yesterday, they had the narrowest of wins after a dour second half struggle in which Cork's representatives South Presentation Past Pupils might have snatched at least an equaliser.

The Tipperary girls were ahead at half time by 1-4 to 1-0 and with the wind behind them in the second half they look set for victory. But a quick goal from Anne Phelan put South Pres. right back into the game and from there to the end only a single point separated the sides.

Marion McCarthy, Mary Whelton and Mel Clinton played well for South Presentation but fine performances from Maolmhuire and Siobhan Tynan, Margaret Hayes and Sheila Delaney gave the Tipperary girls the necessary edge which saw them hold on to the finish. They now go on to meet the Co. Clare champions, Shannon, at Inch, on Sunday next.

Scorers: Drom-Inch, M. Tynan 1-1; M. Hayes 0-2; M. Hayes 0-1; S.P.P.P. A. Phelan 1-0, A. O'Donovan 1-0.

Drom-Inch: M. Kennedy, R. Purcell, M. Butler, S. Tynan, M. Tynan, M. Hayes, N. Harkin, C. Harkin, S. Delaney, C. Cahill.

S.P.P.P.: M. Clinton, M. Whelton, M. Bohane, H. O'Mahony, E. Bohane, B. Lyons, B. McCarthy, M. McCarthy, M. Breen, P. O'Donovan, A. O'Donovan, A. Phelan, Sub: N. Murphy for Breen.

On Saturday the interest swings to the junior colleges' quarter-finals with games at four venues.

Killeagh have injury problems for Sunday's replay and are likely to be without the services of Cork senior Pat Moloney and Sally O'Connor while Eire Og will be without Marion McCarthy.

Killeagh were anxious to have the game postponed but the Co. Board ruled that the tie must go on. It is always difficult to organise venues etc. and the Co. Board felt that there was not a good enough reason for a postponement so the game goes ahead as scheduled.

In the drawn game Killeagh made the early running and seemed destined for victory. Later, however Eire Og came to grips with the game and might well have won. However, it will be

back to scratch on Sunday and again there is likely to be little between the sides. Pat Moloney will be a big loss to Killeagh but they still have a very strong side with their second Cork senior Marion Sweeney, as well as Catherine and Breda Landers, Patricia Fitzgibbon, and Betty Joyce, forming a strong nucleus around which a very efficient team is built.

#### TOP FORM

Eire Og may have lost their chance last time out and the absence of Marion McCarthy will be an upset. But with Eileen Dineen, Eileen Kavanagh, Hilda Horgan and the O'Driscoll sisters all in top form at the moment they will give little away, and I have no doubt that only a narrow margin will separate the sides at the finish.

### Killeagh fail to turn up

Killeagh did not turn out for their Cork Intermediate Camogie Championships final replay clash with Eire Og at Ballinlough yesterday.

The Killeagh club had intimated during the week, following an extraordinary meeting of their members, that they would not field, following the Co. Board's decision not to grant them a postponement, because of injuries to two of their players and difficulty in getting some players out of Boarding School for the game. The Co. Board felt that that there was not sufficient reason for a postponement and so yesterday the fixture stood, with referee Mary Nott of Glen Rovers, lining up the Eire Og players at the start.

Now the referee's report will go before the Cork Co. Board and a decision will be taken on the destination of this year's Intermediate Championship.

Munster Junior Colleges Quarter Finals played on Saturday: Scoil Mhuire, Cashel 4-2; Loreto, Youghal 1-1; Presentation, Bandon 3-1; Mount Mercy 1-0. Sacred Heart 5-1; North Presentation 1-1.



MUST MEET AGAIN — The Eire Og team which drew with Killeagh in the Cork Co. Intermediate Camogie Championship final at Ballinlough.



# Vital Time In Championship

**TOMORROW** is a vital day for the Colleges with the quarter-finals of the Munster senior Colleges championship down for decision and with the Munster under 18 final listed for Adare on Sunday the weekend is a big one for the younger players.

The Munster under 18 championship is confined to Munster and Cork and Limerick have dominated this competition since its inception some years ago. Cork lead in the titles race and are the present holders and on Sunday they travel to Adare to meet Limerick once again in this season's final.

Limerick who defeated Clare and got a walk over from Kerry, have many well known names in their line-up. Senior co. players Vera Mackey and Bernadette O'Brien are still under age and will give Cork plenty to think about.

But Cork have a young team with many of the successful minors of recent years in their line up and led by Catherine Landers are quietly confident that they can retain the title.

Having attended the St. Aloysius and North Presentation clash in the Munster Colleges competition one must admit that in no other grade of camogie is there such tremendous enthusiasm both from the players and supporters. That match was played in the North Monastery Grounds and a casual passerby would be forgiven for believing that that game was at least a Munster final, instead of the first round, there was so much vocal support and flag waving for both schools.

Tomorrow that sort of atmosphere will be expected at most venues when the quarter-finals of the

Munster campaign will be decided.

## IMPRESSIVE

All-Ireland holders St. Aloysius travel to Cashel for their tie, in which they meet senior debutantes Scoil Mhuire Cashel. But though Cashel are playing for the first time in the senior competition they have won the All-Ireland junior championship and have been a most impressive side in recent years. They can call on such experienced colleges players as Mary Kelly, Regina Mulligan, and Kathleen Ryan and their tremendous will-to-win makes them a formidable obstacle for the champions. And, of course, they have the advantage of a home venue.

But St. Ais have a fine win over North Presentation behind them — Cashel were not involved in the first round — and with Eithne Barry, who showed great confidence and purpose last day out, established players Claire Cronin, Anne Delaney and Margaret Murphy, and newcomers Geraldine O'Donovan, Marcella Fitzpatrick and Claire Madden all capable of impressive performances, then the Cork girls could reach another Munster semi-final but it will not be easy.

Two Cork colleges clash at Ballyphehane when Immaculate Heart meet Mount Mercy. The Ballyphehane girls have not been very impressive in the league so far this season and could find Mount Mercy too much of a handful. The Model Farm Road girls can call on such players as Anne O'Sullivan, Bernie Dunne, Anne Moore and Mary P. Aherne, and with some fine victories behind them this season they must be expected to advance.

—A second school playing in their first senior campaign is

Presentation, Bandon. Their players acquitted themselves well in their opening game when they had a goal to spare over Colaiste Mhuire of Ennis. However, their opponents on Saturday, St. Patricks, Shannon, also have a victory over the Ennis College to their credit, so this is likely to be a close tie.

In the other quarter final St. Pauls, Kilfinane meet Loreto Youghal at the latter's venue. St. Pauls have been improving each year and it will be remembered that St. Ais. only managed the narrowest of victories over them last season. So they must be expected to be strong contenders again this time. They include a number of Limerick minors and have a strong all round strength. Loreto, too have made great strides since their return to camogie and they could give the Kilfinane girls a good run, especially with the home venue. Their trump card is Cork senior, Catherine Landers, and they also have a number of Killeagh players including Breda Landers and Sally O'Connor.

All Munster Colleges senior quarter-finals

At Youghal — Loreto, Youghal v. St. Pauls, Kilfinane, 3 p.m.

At Ballyphehane — Immaculate Heart v. Mount Mercy, 3 p.m.

At Bandon — Presentation, Bandon v. St. Patricks, Shannon, 3 p.m.

At Cashel — Scoil Mhuire, Cashel v. St. Aloysius, 3 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

At Adare — Munster under 18 final — Cork v. Limerick, 3 p.m.

At Riverstown — J.L. Cobb v. Sarsfields, 11.30 a.m. (ref. Watergrasshill).

At Na Piarraigh — under 14 league, Na Piarraigh v. Redmonds, 3 p.m. (ref. Nemo Rangers).

At U.C.C. — J.L. Old Aloysians v. U.C.C. 11.30 a.m. (ref. Bishopstown).

At Middleton — J.L. Blarney v. Churchtown, 3 p.m. (ref. Clonmel).

At St. Finbarrs — under 14 league, St. Finbarrs v. Ballyphehane 12 noon (ref. S.P.P.P.).

# Cashel Girls In Top Form

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Scoil Mhuire Cashel 9-6  
St. Aloysius (Cork) 0-0

O'Donovan and Ellen O'Donovan, while Shannons stars were Gallery, Joan Touhy and Catherine Jones.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, making their first appearance in senior ranks, had a most decisive win over St. Ais, Cork, the All-Ireland senior championship holders, in the Munster Colleges Camogie championship at Cashel on Saturday. The winners led by 4-4 at the interval and were always in command.

Best for the winners were Me. Hayes, E. Bonner, E. Brennan, C. Hennessy, M. Hallinan, G. Mulligan, K. Ryan.

St. Ais were best served by C. Cronin, A. Delaney, E. Barry, M. Murray.

The winners play Loreto School, Youghal, in the Munster semi-final in two weeks time.

Presentation Convent, Bandon 0-1;  
St. Patricks Comprehensive, Shannon 0-0

A point from a line ball, midway through the second half was enough to see Presentation Convent, Bandon through to the semi-final of the Munster schools senior camogie championship at Bandon on Saturday.

In a game which was played in bitterly cold conditions, the Clare girls had the better of the exchanges in the opening half, but they failed to convert their superiority into scores.

The home side improved on the changeover but they also found scores difficult to come by. When the game looked destined to end on a draw, Bandon succeeded in notching the vital score and they held on grimly despite a final rally by the visitors.

Best for Bandon were Una Lúne, Catherine O'Callaghan, Ann Callanan, Mary

Youghal 3-1;  
St. Pauls, Kilfinane 0-2

St. Pauls, Kilfinane, narrowly beaten by All-Ireland champions St. Ais last year, were surprisingly beaten in the quarter final of the Munster senior camogie championship by debutantes Loreto Convent, Youghal in a pulsating game played at the seaside local pitch. Both sides served up some excellent camogie.

Best for Youghal were Patricia Fitzgibbon in goal who brought off some great saves, Betty Walsh, Maeve O'Sullivan, Fidelma O'Connor, Breda Landers and her sister the Cork star Catherine Landers were excellent.

This quarter-final of the Munster Colleges championship between Mount Mercy and Immaculate Heart fixed for Balltphehane on Saturday was postponed because of a bereavement. It will now be played at the same venue on Wednesday next at 3 p.m.

# Vital ties in East Zone of League

By TAOBH LINE

WHILE Tipperary, winners of the Western Zone, are already through to the final of the Camogie National League, it will be some weeks yet before they know their opponents, as several vital games have yet to be played in the Eastern Zone.

There Wexford, Tipperary and Kilkenny all stand equal on points at the moment, but Wexford have played a match less than their rivals and can move to the top of the table on Sunday next when they travel to Belfast to play Antrim.

It has been a somewhat frustrating year thus far for the Wexford girls, as they lost the All-Ireland senior title on their first appearance in this year's series, have since been defeated in the Leinster club championship, of which Buffer's Alley were the holders, and though the county junior side took the provincial title, they were narrowly defeated by Down in the All-Ireland final.

However, with so many talented players available, including Margaret Lacey, Dorothy and Elsie Walsh, Bridie Doran, Kathleen Tonks and Maggie Hearne, Wexford must be favourites to win now.

Antrim have kept going gallantly, despite the stresses and strains to which the county is subject, but the high standard of play and of fitness which so long marked the county's Camogie sides, has fallen steadily and the senior side has yet to win a game this season in League or championship.

They will lack for nothing in earnestness and determination but if they can beat Wexford they will have sprung a very big surprise indeed.

last game, against udublin to make certain of a place in the final.

'One of the best games of the year,' was the unanimous verdict after the Leinster club semi-final between St. Paul's, Kilkenny and Buffer Alley at Thomastown. In the end of a see-saw game, St. Paul's won by two points, and can thank a wonderful display by Helena O'Neill for this victory.

She not alone scored eight of her side's nine points but time and again fell back to assist a hard-pressed defence.

The other Leinster club game marked the first appearance in this competition of the new Louth champions, Togher, who only a week before had ended Kilkenny's more than 20 year long local reign.

The Munster Senior Colleges Championship will have a full round tomorrow, with the most intriguing game at Cashel, where the local Scoil Mhuire take on Cork's St. Aloysius, the current All-Ireland senior champions. Cashel have a great record on Munster junior fields through the past couple of seasons, and will be very hopeful of halting the title-holders.

In other Munster games tomorrow Presentation, Bandon entertain St. Patrick's Shannon, while Loreto, Youghal are at home to St. Paul's, Kilfinane, and Immaculate Heart are a home to Mount Mercy in Cork.

In Leinster, holders, Presentation, Terenure face strong rivals from Thomastown Vocational School.

A special meeting of Connacht Council in Roscommon tonight will be attended by the President and General Secretary of the

## 20 YEARS AGO



A most amazing feature of the replayed Cork County senior camogie final was that both teams involved, Old Aloysians and Glen Rovers, had only one score each. Old Ais getting a goal (by Angela Lane) and the Glen (one point) by Eve Dempsey, which enabled Old Ais to retain their title. The teams were as listed in last weeks column. (Pic shows Old Ais team).



# St. Pauls to test Buffer's Alley stars

MAIN ACTIVITY on the Camogie fields on Sunday next will be provided by the opening games in the Leinster Club Championship, with matches listed for two venues, Reigning provincial title-holders Buffer's Alley, from Wexford, travel to Thomastown to tackle St. Paul's from Kilkenny, while in the junior section, Kildare representatives, Prosperous, make the journey to Knockbridge to take on the Louth standard-bearers, Kilkenny.

A year ago at the same stage of the competition, Buffer's Alley scored a narrow home victory over St. Paul's who were then the reigning all-Ireland club champions. Now as then, Buffer's Alley will have star players in Elsie and Dorothy Walsh, Bridie Doran, Kathleen Tonks, Margaret Leacy and her sister Monica O'Leary and the Cousins sisters, who played on the Leinster side that defeated Munster in the Gael-Linn Cup final at Adare on Sunday last.

So the Wexford champions will be hard to beat, but St. Paul's can call on the backbone of the Kilkenny team that won the senior All-Ireland last month.

With such stars as Teresa and Helena O'Neill, Mary Fennelly, Anne and Angela Downey, Carmel Doyle and possibly Liz Neary, St. Paul's will be all out to go on to the Leinster final.

### JUNIORS PLAY OFF

In Leinster the counties graded junior play off their own club championship, with the winners joining the Kilkenny, Wexford and Dublin champions in the semi-finals.

The first of these junior games between Prosperous and Kilkenny should provide a very close and entertaining game, with the odds slightly in favour of the Kildare girls even though they have to travel.

Incidentally, Sunday last was a

proud day for Kildare's Miriam Miggin, who became the first player from the county to captain Leinster to final victory in the inter-provincial series. I think another record was set last Sunday when the three Cousins sisters from Wexford, Martina, Fiona and Deirdre, all played together on the winning Leinster team.

Two new colleges have affiliated to the C.C.I.A., the Higher Institutes Council to bring the total to 16. The newcomers are Letterkenny Regional and Carlow Regional, and both will take part in a new competition, a championship for third-level colleges apart from the Universities.

The latter will, of course, still have their Ashbourne Cup competition, while all the colleges will take part in the C.C.I.A.

There is another innovation this year, a blitz competition for first-year students, which will be staged at Belfield on November 27, and in which it is hoped all 16 affiliated universities and colleges will participate.

The Referees' Committee are holding a seminar at the Crofton Airport Hotel, Dublin, on November 13 to which all county chairmen and secretaries are invited, together with two referees from each county, and representatives from the Provincial Colleges Councils, C.I.A.A. and Primary Schools' Committee.

## HELENA PROVES ST. PAUL'S STAR

ST. PAULS ..... 2-9  
BUFFERS ALLEY ..... 2-7

ST. PAULS (Kilkenny) qualified for the final of the Leinster Camogie club championship when they emerged as winners after a most entertaining game against Buffer's Alley, the holders, at Thomastown, yesterday.

Helena O'Neill, who played an outstanding game for St. Pauls, opened the scoring with a point from a 30 after five minutes.

Buffer's Alley took the lead two minutes later with a goal from Bridie Doran. Angela Downey then goaled for St. Pauls, and after 15 minutes a point from Margaret Hearne brought the teams to level scores for the first of five occasions.

St. Pauls added three points before half-time while a Bridie Doran goal and points from Fiona Cousins and Margaret Hearne left Buffer's Alley two points clear at this stage.

St. Pauls dominated the early stages of the second half, Helena O'Neill adding two points from 30's. Another well-taken free by Helena led to Ann Carroll's goal and St. Pauls were now a goal clear.

Buffer's Alley then added four points in the next seven

minutes, St. Pauls fought back levelling with points from Helena O'Neill and Ann Downey then pointed a free from deep in her own half and from then to the end St. Pauls were always in control adding one more point.

Scores—St. Pauls: H. O'Neill (0-8), A. Carroll (1-0), A. Downey (1-0), Anne Downey (0-1), Buffer's Alley: Bridie Doran (2-0), M. Hearne (0-4), M. Lacey (0-2), F. Cousins (0-1).

### PROSPEROUS START

Prosperous 2-3, Togher 0-1  
PROSPEROUS, Kildare champions, defeated new Louth champions Togher in the opening round of the Leinster camogie club championship at Knockbridge, the winners led 1-1 to a point at half-time.

Scores—Prosperous: J. Kay (0-3), M. Johnston (1-1), E. O'Reilly (0-1), Togher: A. Harrington (0-1).

## WEXFORD SET TO ELIMINATE DUBS

It will be make or break day for both Dublin and Wexford when they meet in the Eastern zone of the National Camogie League at Monamolin on Sunday next.

For both it will be their last regular league engagement and the losers will have no further interest since, as of now, all four counties in the section are level on points, each with just one match to play. Kilkenny will be at home to Antrim in the concluding game of the Easter Zone on Sunday week.

Until Sunday last Wexford held the distinction of being the only team with full points, but they failed to travel to Belfast for their match against Antrim who were therefore declared the winners. So the Wexford girls are now back level with all the rest, and must win on Sunday if they are to earn a play-off with the winners of the subsequent Kilkenny v Antrim game.

However, in their two previous meetings his season, in the Leinster and the All-Ireland championships, Dublin had the whip hand over the Wexford girls. But whether Dublin can maintain that superiority remains to be seen.

### HOME GROUND

They certainly fell far short of that championship form when losing to Kilkenny on their last League outing. So Wexford on home ground this time may well succeed in carrying their League interest on at least another stage.

Sunday next will be a par-

ticularly busy day in the Club Championship in both Munster and Leinster. Munster stages both provincial semi-finals, Tipperary champions, Drom and Inch, are at home to the Clare champions Shannon, and will be expected to reach the final in view of their first-round victory over Cork's South Presentation.

Waterford winners Gaultier are at home to Limerick winners Ahane, but even that advantage may not prove sufficient against a club that defeated All-Ireland champions Crough-Killfinny in their local final.

### JUNIOR SECTION

In Leinster we have the two semi-finals in the junior section. Kildare banner-bearers Prosperous travel to Knockanna to tackle the Wicklow representatives Kiltegan, while Meath's Dunboyne are at home to St. Finbarr's from Tullamore.

In the last of the inter-county provincial championships, Cork defeated Limerick 1-3 to 1-0 in the Munster under-18 final after a very good game at Adare last Sunday.

Last week-end was one of shocks on the Colleges fields. All-Ireland senior champions St. Aloysius of Cork were not alone defeated but routed by Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, while Leinster champions Presentation Terenure went down to Thomastown Vocational School.

## Cashel, Bandon girls in final

Scoil Mhuire (Cashel) ... 4-3  
Loreto (Youghal) ..... 0-3  
Presentation Convent ... 3-1  
(Bandon)  
Immaculate Heart Convent  
(Ballyphehane) ... 2-3

IN the Munster Senior Camogie Championship semi-final, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, overcame the challenge of Loreto, Youghal at the seashiders' venue on Saturday. In a tremendous game of camogie fought at a furious pace.

Experience was very obvious in the first half when the Cashel girls built up a lead of 2-3 to 0-1. Positional changes in the Loreto team saw a greater improvement in their play and in the second half they proved a good match for the Cashel girls. However, they were prevented from scoring at least two goals by a brilliant Cashel defence in which Eleanor Brennan, the daughter of former Tipperary hurler, was outstanding.

Scoil Mhuire: N. Bonner, M. Hayes, E. Brennan, C. Hennessy (01); E. Bonner, M. Kelly, M. Looby, T. Scully (0-2); M. Hallinan (1-0); K. Ryan (1-0); T. Mulligan (2-0).

Loreto: P. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Sullivan, M. Coyne, B. Walsh, B. Landers, S. O'Connor, M. Murphy, C. Landers (0-2); M. Power (0-1); B. Murphy, F. O'Connor, M. Landers.

Confusion reigned at the end of the other semi-final at Bandon on Saturday when the referee declared that Bandon had won by a point. Immaculate Heart supporters maintained that they had secured a draw with a goal in extra time, but the referee said otherwise and so Bandon were through to their first ever senior final.

After a slow start, Bandon jumped into an interval lead of 2-0 to 0-1, but the city girls improved on the resumption.

A quick goal and a point reduced the leeway to just one point, and Bandon were in trouble. They battled back gamely, however, and succeeded in adding a further goal and a point, but the fitter Ballyphehane girls really extended them in the closing minutes.

Bandon — P. O'Riordan, M. Crowley, T. Danegan, M. O'Donovan, E. O'Donovan, B. O'Donovan, B. O'Sullivan, U. Lane, C. O'Callaghan, C. O'Leary, A. Callanan, C. Desmond.

Immaculate Heart — M. Flood, C. Moynihan, R. Dorney, M. O'Sullivan, G. Desmond, A. Corcoran, M. Martin, E. McGregor, M. Hourihan, E. Donnelly, C. McCarthy, B. Sexton Subs: P. Long and P. Griffin.



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Loreto Convent, Youghal (top) who were beaten by Scoil Mhuire, Cashel (below) in the Munster Senior Camogie semi-final at Copperalley, Youghal.

## Ahane and Celtic fancied in vital club ties

By TAOBH LINE

CLUB championship games hold the centre of the Camogie stage this weekend, starting with the Munster final tomorrow followed by the Leinster semi-final on Sunday.

The Munster decider will be at Drom in Co. Tipperary, where the local side Drom and Inch take on the Limerick title-holders, Ahane. This title has never yet gone to Tipperary, and the home club are very hopeful of making history now. Certainly they have earned themselves excellent credentials in defeating South Presentation, the Cork representatives, and Clare champions Shannon. On home ground now and led by the talented Tynas they will make a brave bid for that historic first victory.

But Ahane, who have won this Munster title on several occasions in recent years, are the more experienced side, and they had the easier passage in the earlier Munster rounds.

### FANCIED

But, in their own county final the Ahane girls defeated the reigning All-Ireland club champions, Croagh-Kilfinny and on that form must be fancied to regain the provincial crown.

In the Leinster Semi-final the contestants will be Dublin champions Celtic and the Kildare winners Prosperous. The Kildare girls will in fact be in action for the third consecutive Sunday having had consecutive victories over Kiltegan (Wicklow) and Dunboyne (Meath) that last success giving them the provincial junior title.

They have shown themselves an efficient and well-balanced team, but Celtic on their return to competitive Camogie last Sunday played so well in a Dublin game against Marino that they must be warmly fancied to win again this time and thus qualify to meet Kilkenny's St. Paul's in the provincial final.

Meanwhile, Kilkenny have qualified for a play-off in the Eastern Zone of the National League by defeating Antrim in an extremely well contested game last Sunday.

### SUCCESSFUL YEAR

They now await, in the Eastern Final, the winners of the twice-postponed Dublin v Wexford game which is scheduled for Monamolin on December 5.

Meanwhile, the All-Ireland Colleges Convention in Dublin tomorrow, (Belvedere Hotel, 2.0) will have a very successful year to review. In all 110 schools at post-primary level were affiliated last year, but efficient secretary Miss Mary Moran (Cork) is worried at what she feels is the low status of the game in the National College of Physical Education in Limerick.

## Kilkenny retain top position

Kilkenny, 2-4; Antrim, 0-1  
KILKENNY maintained their unbeaten position at the top of the Eastern zone by defeating Antrim 2-4 to 0-1 in a well contested Senior League Camogie game at Kilkenny yesterday.

Antrim who have suffered heavy defeats in other fixtures this season caused some surprise by holding Kilkenny, the all-Ireland champions, for most of the first half. The latter led by 0-3 to 0-1 at half time after Antrim had missed several scoring chances.

Kilkenny scored two goals and

appoint in the second half but Antrim failed against a Kilkenny defence in which goallier Teresa O'Neill, Ann Downey and Bridie Martin were outstanding.

Kilkenny had to work hard to secure their scores as Antrim's goallier, Carol Blaney, had an outstanding game and Kathleen Kelly at full back also featured prominently. Angela Downey's untiring efforts were rewarded when Breda Coonan goalced twice.

Scorers — Kilkenny — B. Coonan (2-0), A. Downey (0-2), J. Dunne (0-1). Antrim — M. McAtamney (0-1).

### All-Ireland camogie semi-final dates

At the annual general meeting of the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Council, held in Dublin last weekend, the draws were made for the semi-finals of the All-Ireland senior and junior colleges championships. They are as follows:

Senior: March 5, 1977, Ulster v. Munster champions at an Ulster venue; Leinster v. Connacht champions at a Leinster venue.

Junior: March 12, Munster v. Ulster champions at a Munster venue; Connacht v. Leinster champions at a Connacht venue.

The All-Ireland senior and junior finals will be played on April 2, 1977.

The date was also fixed for the 1977 colleges coaching course which will take place at Gormanstown College on June 24-26.

A new competition with a difference is also being introduced and is open to all affiliated colleges. This is a "Project on Camogie" competition, in which individual pupils, or groups of pupils, may select and prepare their project. It is hoped to display the best entries at the All-Ireland colleges finals.

### CAMOGIE OFFICERS

MONAGHAN County Camogie Board at the Annual Convention elected the following officers — Chairman: Mary Kerr (Carrickmacross), Vice-Chairman: Alice McMahon (Castleblayney), Secretary: Pauline Fianagan (Coomeragh), Assistant Secretary and Registrar: Maureen Crumley (Toome), Delegate to Ulster Council: Alice McMahon. A treasurer will be appointed at a later date.

MINOR BOARD — Chairman: Mrs. Mary Lynch (Carrickmacross), Secretary: Maureen Crawley (Toome), Registrar: Rose O'Rourke (Enniskerry).



# Plenty Of Interest In C'ship Games

THREE Munster counties are represented in the semi-finals of the Munster Junior Colleges' Championships, with two representatives from Cork and one each from Tipperary and Clare.

On tomorrow the two Cork sides, Presentation, Bandon, and Immaculate Heart meet at Bandon while St. Patrick's, Shannon, and Scoil Mhuire, clash at Cashel to decide the finalists of this year's competition.

There are Cork Schools' League fixtures on tomorrow also, while on Sunday the intermediate, junior, under-18 and under-16 league will continue.

City college, Immaculate Heart, travel to Bandon where they take on the local Presentation side in the first semi-final of the Munster Junior Championship. The local side have accounted for South Presentation and Mount Mercy in their journey while for their part Immaculate Heart have defeated Adare and North Presentation. Both have been quite impressive in

their games so far so the stage seems set for a thrilling All-Cork clash.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, won the junior All-Ireland title a few years ago, and with their seniors already in the final they are determined to make it a double appearance at Croke Park on All-Ireland finals day. On their journey to the final they had little to spare over St. Aloysius and then went on to account for Loretto, Youghal. St. Patrick's Shannon, had good wins over St. Paul's and St. Mary's and are likely to give the Cashel girls a close game for that place in the decider.

Blarney and Cloyne clash at Blarney in the intermediate league in what should be a close encounter for the points. There are two junior league games down for decision. At St. Finbarr's Grounds, the Barrs meet Douglas while Youghal will be at home to Carrigtwohill.

There should be plenty of excitement at Ballypheane where the local girls meet Nemo Rangers in the only under 18 game listed. There are two games in the under-16 campaign and here wins

are likely for Na Piarsaigh over Bishopstown and Eire Og over Ballinora.

In the Cork Schools' Leagues North Presentation meet St. Aloysius at the latter's venue in the senior competition tomorrow, while on the same day Cobh meet St. Patrick's at Cobh in the junior campaign.

At last Monday's meeting of the Cork Co. Board Eire Og were awarded the intermediate championship. It will be remembered that their final opponents, Killeagh, did not field in the decider. This followed a Co. Board refusal to change a venue request. Now the title goes to Eire Og without a final being played.

## VICTORY SOCIAL

A victory social and presentation of trophies will take place at St. Finbarr's Hurling and Football Club on Wednesday, December 8 next. Trophies will be presented to the successful members of the senior, under-18 and under-16 sides. Tickets for the social and

chicken supper are available from the Cork Co. Board.

Inniscarra won last Monday's question time and next week Na Piarsaigh, Redmonds, Blarney and Aghabullogue will take part.

The Co. Board meetings move to Paris Uí Chaimh on next Monday night. Delegates should note that arrangements have been made that those with cars will meet delegates outside the Imperial Hotel to transport them to the new venue.

## TOMORROW (Saturday)

Munster Colleges' Junior Championship: at Bandon, Presentation Bandon v Sacred Heart, 3 p.m.; at Cashel, St. Patrick's Shannon v Scoil Mhuire, 3 p.m.

Schools Senior League: North Presentation v St. Aloysius at St. Aloysius Grounds.

Junior: Cobh v St. Patrick's at Cobh.

## SUNDAY

At Blarney: I.L. Blarney v Cloyne, 12.00 (Ref. Inniscarra).

At Ovens: U-16L, Ballinora v Eire Og, 3 p.m. (Ref. Ballincollig).

At Ballypheane: U-18, Ballypheane v Nemo Rangers, 3 p.m. (Ref. S.P.P.P.).

At St. Finbarr's: J.L., St. Finbarr's v Douglas, 11.30 (Ref. Ballinlough).

At Youghal: J.L., Carrigtwohill v Youghal, 3 p.m. (Ref. Churchtown).

At Fair Field: U-16, Na Piarsaigh v Bishopstown, 3 p.m.

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## Camogie match is abandoned

DROM-INCH 2-0; AHANE 1-2.  
(Match abandoned)

THE Munster club camogie championship final came to an unscheduled halt at Inch, Thurles, yesterday when following the invasion of the pitch in the final minute, referee Mary O'Callaghan of Cork abandoned the game.

At the time, Drom Inch, the Tipperary champions were leading by a point, and the incident which led to the invasion of the pitch was the dismissal of one of the Drom-Inch backs by the referee for alleged dangerous play.

Drom-Inch had earlier had another player sent off, and the second sending off obviously incensed their supporters who came on to the field to protest.

The Limerick champions led 4-1 to 1-0 at the interval and scored another point early in the second half. Following the dis-

missal of their first player, ten minutes from time, Drom-Inch got their second goal from a Sheila Delaney free and were hanging on grimly to their slender advantage when the sudden end came to the game.

For Drom-Inch, M. Butler, R. Purcell, M. Tynan and K. Tynan were prominent while for Ahane H. Roche was outstanding in goal with K. Ryan, C. Clancy and B. Conway, also to the fore.

Scorers — Drom-Inch — N. Butler (1-0), S. Delaney (1-0), Ahane — B. Conway (1-0), C. Clancy (0-2).

## CASHEL GIRLS WELL ON TOP

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel 4-0; St. Patrick's, Shannon 0-1

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, qualified for the final of the Munster Colleges junior camogie championship at the expense of St. Patrick's, Shannon, by 4-0 to 0-1 at Cashel on Saturday. The extreme cold made it most difficult for the players and the standard of play suffered consequently.

The winners led 2-0 to 0-0 at the interval and added two further goals midway in the second half to give them a merited victory.

Eleanor Brennan, Margaret Maher, C. Bargary, C. Kelly, R. Mulligan were outstanding for the winners. Prominent for St. Patrick's were Clare Jones, A. Gallery and G. Foley.

Scorers — Cashel: R. Mulligan 2-0, C. Kelly 2-0. St. Patrick's: G. Foley 0-1.

The other semi-final between Presentation Convent, Bandon, and Sacred Heart, Cork, scheduled for Bandon on Saturday last was postponed due to ground conditions.

## SACRED HEART FOR JUNIOR DECIDER

Sacred Heart College, Cork, 3-3, Presentation Convent, Bandon, 3-2

Sacred Heart College, Cork, got through to the final of the Munster Junior Colleges camogie championship when they scored a narrow one-point win over Presentation, Bandon, at Bandon, on Saturday last.

The game, which was played in miserable conditions, produced some great camogie with very little separating the teams at any stage. Sacred Heart led 2-1 to 1-0 at the interval but Bandon fought back and the scores were level several times in the second half, before Rose Desmond tapped over the winning point with eight minutes remaining.

They now meet Cashel in the final but Bandon can consider themselves unlucky as they had to field without four of their best players and had to play the entire first half with only eleven players.

Best for Sacred Heart were Geraldine McCarthy, Rose Desmond, Pauline Fitzgerald, while best for Bandon were Paula O'Riordan, Merlynn Crowley and Una Lane.

Referee: Mary Moran.

## Replay fails to take place

The controversial replay of the Munster Senior Colleges camogie semi-final, fixed for Ballinure on Saturday did not take place as Presentation, Bandon, failed to field for the game.

The original tie was played a few weeks ago with the referee naming Presentation Bandon as one point winners over Immaculate Heart. But when the referee's report came before Colleges Council, she stated that she had omitted one point for Immaculate Heart and so the correct result was a draw. Consequently, after discussion the game was re-fixed for Ballinure on Saturday.



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# Convention On Sunday

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ITS convention time again and on Sunday next officials and delegates of the Cork Co. Camogie Board will meet at the Imperial Hotel for their annual meeting.

There will be plenty of interest in this year's Convention, with keen competition likely for a number of the offices, and many thought-provoking motions.

Mary Moran, of Old Aloysians who is completing her ninth year as chairman has competition this time from Mary Nott of Glen Rovers and Josie Knowles of Churchtown, and here a keen contest is likely.

Mrs. Nora Newman, the present Vice-chairman has decided to retire from that office after many years of dedicated service and in spite of her nomination for re-election from many clubs. This leaves the way open for newcomer Ide Ni She of Nemo Rangers, who is unopposed.

Also unopposed are Hon. Secretary, Rose O'Leary of Eire Og and Joan Morley, of Old Aloysians, the P.R.O.

There is competition again for the Treasurer with outgoing Mary Heelan of Blarney opposed by Ann Crowley of Sarsfields while Mary Nott, proposed for chairman and the outgoing Registrar has opposition from Mary Salter of Churchtown.

Imokilly have dominated the Cork Senior Championship for a number of years now, with their selected side being way ahead in standard of any club side. The discontent which this has caused is reflected in the motions where there are a number of changes in the rules governing championships called for. South Presentation Past Pupils, U.C.C. and Glen Rovers three senior clubs, call for a change in Bye Law No 24, the amendment to read "That a team who win the Intermediate Championship automatically go senior."

There are also a number of motions calling for changes in rule concerning upgrading of junior and intermediate players of which are bound to be subject of long discussion.

Killeagh are calling for the setting up of an East Cork Board consisting of the clubs of Imokilly with power to run their own competitions with winners going forward to interdivisional for Co. Title as operated at present with Under 18 and Under 16 Leagues, such a Board to be governed by Co. Board.

These are only some of the motions listed for discussion on Sunday, at a Convention which is a gathering where all clubs should endeavour to be represented as policies and rules for the coming year will affect every club.

There are no fixtures on Sunday on the playing fields but on Saturday Sacred Heart meet Presentation, Bandon, in the semi final of the Munster Junior Colleges. This game was postponed previously owing to bad weather conditions. Sacred Heart were surprisingly defeated by Loreto, Fermoy in the Cork Under 15 League last Saturday and will need to step up on this performance to reach the final against Cashel, as Bandon have a strong junior side and could come through.

In the Cork Schools League there are two Under 15 games listed. At St. Aloysius the home side meet St. Vincent's while Blarney meet Mount Mercy.

### FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday) at Bandon: Munster College (Junior) semi-final; Presentation, Bandon; Sacred Heart, Cork 3 p.m. At St. Aloysius: Under 15 St. Aloysius v St. Vincent's; Blarney v Mount Mercy. Sunday at Imperial Hotel, Cork Convention, 2 p.m.

Camogie convention

# CO-OPERATION IS LACKING

By JOAN MORLEY

WHEN chairman Mary Moran addressed delegates at the annual Cork Co. Board camogie convention in the Imperial Hotel yesterday, she put into words a problem which has been troubling the Board for some time now. This is the lack of co-operation, and tendency towards taking sides, which has been creeping into Cork camogie.

The chairman said: "You, the clubs, elect the Co. Board officers. Not alone do you give them the right to enforce the rules of our

Association, but you place an obligation on them to do so. When the Co. Board implements a rule on some other club, the practice is to sit by, take no part, give no backing. But when it comes to a decision against certain clubs, the reaction is to withdraw co-operation. Officials of the Co. Board do not create these situations, but they have an obligation to investigate breaches of rules which are reported to them.

"Of late, co-operation has not been all that it should be. Will we look back in a few years time and regret that we let what could have been better times go because we were looking at things from our own point of view only? Let us all pull together and give real support to whatever officers you elect today."

Miss Moran, of Old Aloysians, was later re-elected as chairman for the tenth successive term, when she defeated Mary Nott of Glen Rovers by 30 votes to 15. There was also a vote for the position of treasurer, which Mary Casey (outgoing) won by 27 to 17 from Ann Crowley of Sarsfields. Mrs. Nora Newman, the outgoing vice-chairman, did not seek re-election, and Ide Ni She of Nemo Rangers was unopposed for this office. The remaining officers of the Board, Rose O'Leary (secretary), Mary Nott (registrar) and Joan Morley (P.R.O.), were all unanimously re-elected.

Surprising absentees from the convention were the Killeagh and Cloyne club delegates, as they had a number of important motions listed.

Because of the success of a motion asking that the grading of clubs be reviewed, the championship draws for 1977 were not made. The G.P.C. will make their recommendations on this topic to the Co. Board meeting of January 17.

After missing last year's convention, it was good to see the president, Ide Bean Uí She, in attendance yesterday.



Eileen Ring, Dripsey, who was an Inniscarra club delegate at the Cork Camogie Convention at the Imperial Hotel, Cork.

### CAMOGIE CONVENTION

# Fines For Failure To Fulfil Fixtures

THE dominance of Imokilly in the Cork Senior County Championship in recent years had a bearing on a number of motions listed for Cork Co. Convention held at the Imperial Hotel, on Sunday.

South Presentation Past Pupils and Glen Rovers had motions to the effect that "A team which wins the Intermediate Championship must automatically go senior". After some discussion this was passed. U.C.C. and Glen Rovers also called for the adherence to Rule 85 of the Official Guide which states that County Championships shall be open to all affiliated Clubs in the county. This would mean that divisional sides could not participate in the championship. However, Cork have a by-law which permits the inclusion of divisional teams and as the motion was eventually defeated the division sides are still eligible.

But one motion which could eventually reduce the strength of Imokilly was a successful one from South Presentation Past Pupils

grading of all clubs within the county board be reviewed at convention. Four grades be set-up; senior, intermediate, junior 'A' and junior 'B', with league and championship in each grade. G.P.C. to allocate clubs to each grade.

This motion gives the G.P.C. a mammoth task but with such a big gap between different teams in the same grades — this is particularly obvious among junior teams — it could do a great deal to help the game.

Two clubs Eire Og and Douglas called for fines for failure by clubs to fulfil fixtures. Douglas eventually withdrew their motion in favour of Eire Og's which read: "That if a team fails to turn out for a league match without having given three days clear notice to the committee in charge of the competition, the club be fined £5, the fine to be paid within 14 days, and if not paid within the period, the club be suspended at the discretion of the committee concerned". This motion was passed.

Referees have always been a problem area of camogie and this year Old Aloysian

committee to be set up. The committee should comprise of five members. Their function would be to draw up a plan covering the recruitment and training of referees for the county and to implement the plan when it has been approved by the Co. Board. This motion was also passed.

The officers for the coming year are: Chairman, Mary Moran (Old Aloysians); Vice-chairman, Ide Ni She (Nemo Rangers); Hon. Sec., Rose O'Leary (Eire Og); Treasurer, Mary Casey (Blarney); Registrar, Mary Nott (Glen Rovers); P.R.O., Joan Morley (Old Aloysians).

Delegate to Munster Council: Mary O'Leary (S.P.P.F.); Delegates to Congress: Mary Casey, Rose O'Leary, Mary O'Callaghan, Ide Ni She.

Selection committees: Senior: Mary Nott, Mary Moran, Mary O'Callaghan, Eleanor Clinton and one from Co. Champions, Imokilly.

Junior: Pat Moloney, Mary O'Callaghan and Sheila Morgan and one each from junior champions Inniscarra and Intermediate champions Eire Og.

Under 18: Annette O'Donovan, Mary Moran, Mary Nott, Ide Ni She, Pat Moloney.

Under 16: Ide Ni She, Kay Dunne, Rose O'Leary.