

# Old Christians county champs

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Croagh/Kilfinny..... 0-1

The county senior camogie final at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday evening last may not have been as exciting as some recent deciders, but nevertheless the attendance enjoyed a skilful and entertaining game, as Old Christians swept to a deserved 0-8 to 0-1 win over Croagh/Kilfinny.

Old Christians, in their first season at senior level, were always in control, but could never relax against the younger and eager West Limerick girls.

The experience of Geraldine and Bernadette O'Brien, Pauline McCarthy, Vera Mackey and Betty Conway, was too much for Croagh/Kilfinny.

Although the losers were defiant to the end, they could never match the controlled camogie of the winners. The end result was never in doubt with Old Christians controlling all the vital sectors. It must be recorded, however, that the game was not one-sided. The winners were forced to fight all the way. The losers refused to concede defeat. The long passages of good play made it a game worth watching and both teams can look forward to a long innings in the senior grade.

Caroline McDonagh, in the last line of defence for Old Christians, was a capable custodian. Geraldine O'Brien at full back gave another top class performance, and the same can be said for the remaining defenders, Maura Hourigan, Vera Mackey and Eileen Ruddle. At midfield, Bernadette O'Brien and Pauline McCarthy played with their usual aplomb, and the newcomer to the camogie scene, Frances Garvey, giving a delightful exhibition. Betty

Conway was an able leader in attack and was well supported by Joan Touhy, Mary Halvey and Peggy Bourke.

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If there was an award for "player of the game" it would surely have gone to the Croagh/Kilfinny goalkeeper Helen Sheehy.

Phil Mann, Bernie O'Dea, Marguerite Guiry and Martina O'Donoghue played themselves to a standstill in the losers defence. Inter-county player, Helen Collins, received solid backing from Rosie Bracken and Jean Murphy in the centre of the field, while long serving Breed Stokes at full forward must have been happy with the performances of her youthful colleagues, Agnes Sheehy, Rose Fitzgerald and Sheila Murphy in the attack.

Scorers—Pauline McCarthy 0-4, Bernadette O'Brien 0-1, Frances Garvey 0-2, Joan Touhy 0-1 for the winners; Agnes Sheehy replied for the losers.

**Old Christians**—C. McDonagh, M. Hourigan, G. O'Brien, E. Ruddle, V. Mackey, P. McCarthy, F. Garvey, B. O'Brien, B. Conway, J. Touhy, M. Halvey, P. Burke. Subs.: K. Riordan, V. Long, E. Greene, A. Devareaux, M. Godfrey.

**Croagh/Kilfinny**—H. Sheehy, P. Mann, B. O'Dea, M. Guiry, M. O'Donoghue, J. Murphy, H. Collins, R. Bracken, S. Murphy, R. Fitzgerald, A. Sheehy, B. Stokes. Subs.: A. Sheehy, E. Kinnavane, R. Mortell, B. Hannon, C. Murphy.

Referee: M. Davoreen (Clare).

After the game, Rev. Fr. John Ryan, C.C., chairman of the Camogie Board, presented Betty Conway, the winning captain, with the championship shield.