



Kildare Camogie Team of the Century



KILDARE County Camogie Board is proud to recognize and pay tribute to the Kildare Camogie Team of the Century in honour of all camogie players in Kildare over the last hundred years. The Board wishes to pay particular tribute to fifteen players who exemplified the skills of camogie to the highest standards and made major contributions to Kildare camogie. Three players are also individually honoured for their sporting prowess and contribution to Kildare camogie.

It is a difficult and challenging task to select a team of fifteen players from one hundred years of camogie. The Kildare Camogie Centenary Committee entrusted this task to Mrs. Maureen O'Brien, Paud Malone, Marie Walsh, Marie Woods, Jimmy Donnelly, John Corley and Margaret Sexton who chaired the group. This selection panel all previously served various terms as county selectors over the past fifty years.

The team is drawn from the 1950s to the present day and includes players from nine clubs. It includes five Leinster championship winning captains. These are



- ★ Gloria Lee (1961)
- ★ Nuala Malone (1969 and 1981)
- ★ Miriam Malone (1986 and 1990)
- ★ Geraldine Dwyer (1987)
- ★ Bernie Farrelly (1989).

Gloria Lee was captain of the first Kildare team to win a Leinster junior title, the Smyco Sup in 1961. Geraldine Dwyer was captain of the first Kildare team to win a junior All Ireland title in 1987. Miriam Malone (1986 and 1990) and Bernie Farrelly (1989) were both National League and All Ireland winning captains.

The fifteen Team of the Century players all hold Leinster junior championship medals. Seven players, Anna Dargan, Geraldine Dwyer, Melanie Treacy, Miriam Malone, Bernie Farrelly, Patricia Keatley and Marianne Johnson are also All Ireland junior and national league medal holders.

Gloria Lee, Clare Monahan, Teresa (Terry) Lynch, Geraldine Dwyer, Melanie Treacy, Anna Dargan, Miriam Malone and Marianne Johnson all won Gael-Linn (inter-provincial) medals with Leinster. Sisters Miriam Malone captained the first winning Leinster junior side in the 1976 while Anna Dargan, captained the winning Leinster junior side in 1984.

Clare Monahan (1957) and Miriam Malone (1972 and 1991) collected senior medals while the other players, including Miriam Malone, collected junior medals during the 1970s, '80s and '90s.

Two players, Melanie Treacy and Bernie Farrelly, lined out with Kildare in 2004 and won junior National League medals. This achievement meant that Melanie and Bernie's national league medal collection was won over three decades and two centuries, the 1980s, 1990s and 2004.

KILDARE CAMOGIE TEAM OF THE CENTURY 1904-2004



(2) Right full back **Geraldine Dwyer** Athy, Prosperous and Clane

Played with Kildare and Leinster 1970s-90s
Most memorable personal camogie achievement:
 When I captained Kildare to the first All-Ireland
Most admired camogie player Miriam: Malone, Kildare



(5) Right half back **Nuala Malone** Rathcoffey and Prosperous

Played with Kildare 1960s-80s
Most memorable personal camogie achievement:
 Being Kildare captain in 1969 Leinster Final win
Most admired camogie player: Margaret O'Leary, Wexford



(8) Centrefield **Miriam Malone** Broadford

Played with Kildare and Leinster 1960s-90s
Most memorable personal camogie achievement:
 Winning All Ireland medals with my county
Most admired camogie player(s): Angela Downey, Kilkenny



(10) Right half forward **Michelle Aspell** Kilcullen (1984-92) and St. Laurence's

Played with Kildare 1990s
Most memorable personal camogie achievement:
 1995 Camogie Player of the Year and for August 1995
Most admired camogie player(s): The Downey sisters, Kilkenny



(13) Right corner forward **Marianne Johnson** Prosperous (1972-87) and Clane

Played with Kildare and Leinster 1970s-90s
Most memorable personal achievement:
 Playing in All Ireland Finals in Croke Park
Most admired camogie player: Miriam Malone (when I wasn't playing against her!)



(1) Goalkeeper **Anna Dargan** Broadford

Played with Kildare and Leinster 1970s-90s
Most memorable personal camogie achievement:
 Broadford GAA Centenary Year Championship 1984
 1987 All Ireland with Kildare
Most admired camogie player: Bride McGarry Kilkenny



(3) Full back **Teresa Lynch** Rathcoffey and Prosperous

Played with Kildare and Leinster 1960-70s
Most memorable personal camogie achievement:
 Leinster Final 1969 and winning Gael Lin medal with Leinster
Most admired camogie player: Miriam Malone, Kildare



(6) Centre back **Melanie Treacy** St. Laurence's, Islington Irish, London, Ballyboden-St. Enda's, Dublin and Bishopstown, Cork

Played with Kildare and Leinster 1980s-present
Most memorable personal camogie achievement:
 Being picked on the Centenary Team
Most admired camogie player:
 Eithne Duggan, Bishopstown and Cork



(9) Centrefield **Eileen Reilly** Rathcoffey & Prosperous

Played with Kildare 1960s
Most memorable personal camogie achievement:
 First county match I played with Kildare on 29th June 1969. Played in
 Gorey and I scored a goal from midfield, Kildare won 3-5 to Wexford 2-1
Most admired camogie player(s): Teresa Lynch, Kildare



(11) Centre forward **Bernie Farrelly** Crumlin (1991/2) and Broadford

Played with Kildare and Leinster 1980s - present
Most memorable personal camogie achievement:
 Winning Gradam Táiite (All Ireland camogie superstars) two years
 in a row in 1980s; Playing in Croke Park and winning
 3 All Ireland medals
Most admired camogie player: Club and county colleague Miriam
 Malone, Kildare and Broadford



(14) Full forward **Clare Monahan** Naas and Two Mile House

Played with Kildare and Leinster 1950s-60s
Most memorable personal camogie achievement:
 1956 Inter Provincial Final when I played with Leinster
Most admired camogie player(s): Kathleen Woods, Louth



(12) Left half forward **Patricia Keatley** St. Laurence's and Broadford

Played with Kildare and Leinster 1980-90s
Most memorable personal camogie achievement:
 Winning my first ever All Ireland championship medal in 1987
Most admired camogie player:
 Miriam Malone, Kildare and Broadford



(15) Left corner forward **Gloria Lee** Naas

Played with Kildare and Leinster 1950s/60s
Most memorable personal camogie achievement:
 Being captain of the first Kildare camogie team to win a title,
 the Smyco Cup Leinster title in 1961
Most admired camogie player(s):
 Una O'Connor, Dublin and Clare Monahan, Kildare



Stoirin Burke Carbury

Played with Kildare 1930s/40s
Most memorable personal camogie achievement:
 Playing for my county Kildare
Most admired camogie player:
 Liz Mangan (nee Brennan)



Molly Delaney Clane

Played with Kildare 1950s
Most memorable personal camogie achievement:
 Playing for Kildare
Most admired camogie player(s):
 Josie Doyle, Clane and Mary Jo Farrell, Clane



Mossie Donovan Straffan and Clane

Played with Kildare 1950s
Most memorable personal camogie achievement: Travelling to
 different counties (difficult in those days) and enjoyment.
Most admired camogie player(s): Kathleen Mills, Dublin



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